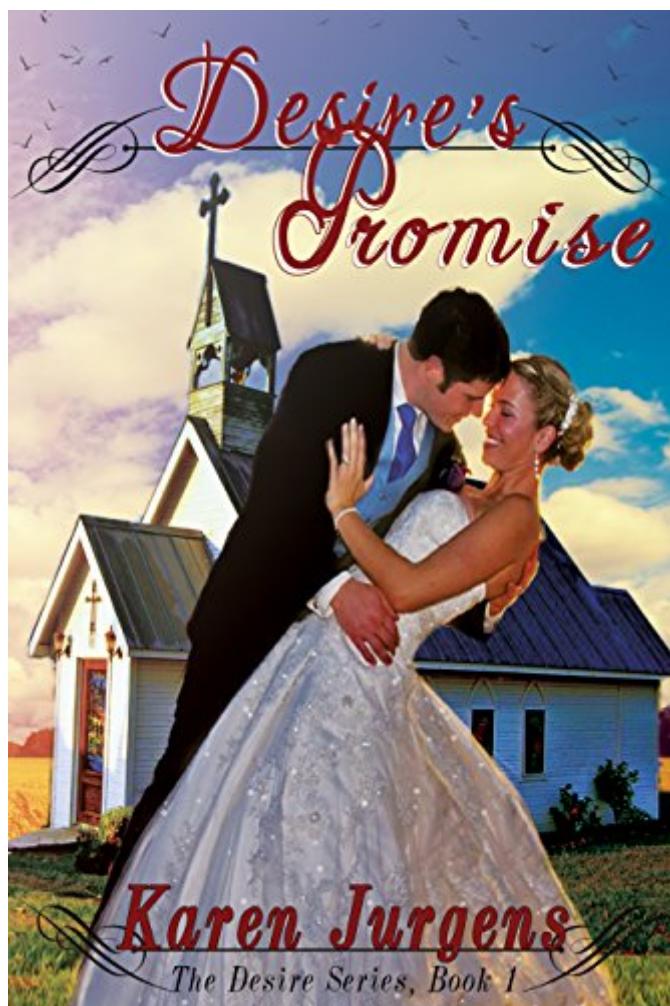


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# Desire's Promise: The Desire Series Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Carlie Livingston is steering into her last year of college in Oxford, Ohio, confident that she and Lance Holloway are headed to the altar after graduation. Those plans are wrecked, however, by her dad's infidelity, causing her parents to walk through a messy divorce. Will she have the same fate if she marries her college sweetheart who comes from a secular family? Her mother insists she will. She tests God's Word by letting Him take the wheel of her life. But if God is in control, why are all her close relationships crumbling? Nothing makes sense. Just when it appears hopeless, Clay McKinney two-steps into Carlie's life, promising to provide everything she's looking for. But if he's God's answer, why can't her heart release Lance? Where will her final destination be on this journey of trust?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Carlie Livingston is ready for her last year of college and to start a life with her long time boyfriend, Lance Holloway until her mom warns her about relationships with a non-believer. Moreover, her

mom should know! After her dad has an affair, he left her mom. Realizing her life could end up the same way, Carlie decides to give God the wheel. Suddenly, everything starts falling apart. Where is God leading her? Will He remove Lance from her life for good? It seems so when Clay McKinney comes walking into her life. Clay is perfect. He is a believer and could give her everything she wants. So why is her heart refusing to let go of Lance? How will she know the right choice? Karen Jurgens has done a wonderful job writing about a subject often avoided and ignored. Should believers marry non-believers? Some people think not, while others think it's okay. Jurgens asked the hard questions and then set out to answer them through her characters. I think young adults will enjoy Carlie's story.

Ms. Jurgens painted a wonderful real life love story amid the pain of confusion and deception forced upon our young adults. She illustrates the faithfulness of God to do exactly what He says He will do... "work all things together for our good and His glory," when we belong and are obedient to Him. Now I'm waiting to read Book Two. Good job! Great read! I highly recommend Desire's Promise!

A heartwarming and inspirational story. I am a fan of Karen Jurgens.

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By: Karen Jurgens  
Desire's Promise is book one in The Desire series by Karen Jurgens. Wow, This is Karen Jurgens first novella and I think she has did a great job writing the story and the characters. Desire's Promise is a YA Christian Fiction Romance which is geared for the younger generation , but I am sure adults will love it as I have. It is a good , clean Christian romance. I enjoyed this novella and hopefully I will get to read more by this new author. Carlie a young girl in her last year of college and sure that her and her boyfriend will be getting married. She gets unsure of her future when she gets news that her dad has been cheating on her mom and now they are getting a divorce. Lance is not to nice and can't understand what is wrong with Carlie. She does not want to end up like her mom. Carlie is a Christian and Lance is not, could this be a problem between them in the future? Will he stay true to Carlie and give her time to work her fears out? I was given a complimentary copy of this book, but was not told that I had to give a positive review. All options are my own.

I am delighted to read a fresh, unique perspective in a Christian romance. Basing the plot of the novella on the Bible verse, 2 Corinthians 6: 14 "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what

do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?", Carlie's mother encourages her to think very hard about the fact that her boyfriend, Lance, is not a Christian. Her mother and father are going through a divorce and her mom does not want Carlie to experience the same fate. Carlie is truly in love with Lance though. Plus it further complicates the situation because Lance's twin, Meredith, is her best friend and college roommate. Carlie wants to trust God and she wants to positively influence Lance and her other friends to follow Christ. Can she do that or is it God's job and not hers at all? Can she trust God to resolve the situation without her help? I don't think I've ever read a Christian romance written from this perspective and presented in the same fashion. I find this very refreshing. This novella will hold the appeal of adults as well as young people. This novella could really be helpful to high school and college age readers. Adults will definitely enjoy it as well. This will certainly be a wonderful book to curl up by the fireplace with as you are wrapped in your favorite blanket with a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or tea. I rate this novella 5 stars. This novella was a gift and all words are my own opinion.

This is a quick, easy to read YA Christian romance story. The story is centered around Carlie's desire to please God and be obedient to His Word, and the struggle of holding to her Christian principles, even if she loses her best friend and her boyfriend. I loved that Carlie realized that she may be the "only Bible" they would ever read. I was glad to see that it is listed as book one, so there will be more to come. I wasn't at all ready for the story to end.

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