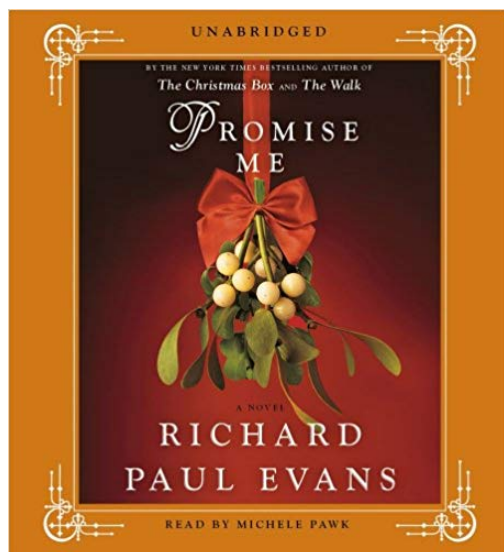


Promise Me by Michele Pawk, Richard Paul Evans



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A new novel from the bestselling author of *The Christmas List*, *Grace*, and *The Christmas Box*.

The New York Times has called Richard Paul Evans "the king of Christmas fiction." The bestselling author of *The Christmas Box* (29 weeks on the New York Times list; 5 at #1; more than 1 million copies netted), *Grace* (10 weeks on the list), *The Gift* (13 weeks), *Finding Noel* (11 weeks), and *The Christmas List* (10 weeks), Evans is best known for his charming Christmas stories.

Now he returns with a story of hope, love, and faith, in a heartwarming and powerfully written new novel.



Reviews of the Promise Me by Michele Pawk, Richard Paul Evans

Jia

Every year I read a Richard Paul Evans Christmas book to get in the holiday spirit, but I have to say

this one was very disappointing. It started out great, got me involved in the characters, and had an intriguing mystique about it. However, just after halfway through, it begins to break down. It devolves into almost a travel log of the characters' European vacation, which bored me to death, and the twist involving the romance was just weird and kind of gross.

I think this is the first Evans novel in which I did not shed a tear. I was not even moved slightly. I think this was in part because of the materialistic wealth-making aspect of the book. It made me like the characters less that they were so willing to use inside information to gamble at the expense of people without this information. I found them unethical to say the least, and the characters became unappealing quickly from there. I was glad it was over, but because I enjoyed the first half, I give it two stars instead of one. No Christmas spirit in this one.

Maximilianishe

I have always been a fan of RPE's books. My favorite is The Looking Glass. I even enjoyed his recent The Walk and am looking forward to the next one in that particular series. However, I was extremely disappointed with Promise Me. While I realize Mr Evans was probably trying something different, I don't think it worked for him. Actually, I questioned whether he wrote Promise Me because to me, it just didn't feel like RPE at all.

The Good: Great title. Great cover. The essence of family, in a variety of forms, acceptance, and love, are ever present in RPE's novels. I have always appreciated those aspects in his writing. The message, even in the turmoil of our often messy lives, love can endure. It was a quick read. That's about the only good I can come up with for this novel.

The Bad: When I finished the last page I felt....um, weird. I enjoy a good paranormal story, however, RPE seemed to have a little trouble with this twist of the tale. I could never quite connect with the characters, any of them. I always felt outside the bubble. And then the whole premise...which I won't divulge because that's the heart of the story, was just off for me. The writing was stilted. The dialogue felt amateur, as if this were a first novel and RPE couldn't quite find his voice, rather Beth's voice. It all just didn't fall into place and basically, as I stated early, felt weird. I think he should have used a different direction with the Matthew, Charlotte, Beth angle and the reader wouldn't have been left with such an odd ending. Another word that comes to mind, awkward.

I really feel bad to diss RPE's book because I do like his writing style. However, I was disappointed with Promise Me.

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Promise Me

"PROMISE ME" WILL TAKE YOU ON AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE, TO A PLACE IN YOUR HEART YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED.. IT IS A PROFOUNDLY HEART WRENCHING LOVE STORY BETWEEN A MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER AND AN AMAZING MAN WHO CHANGES EVERYTHING. TRULY AMAZING AND UNPREDICTABLE CHAPTER AFTER CHAPTER. ONCE YOU ENTER IN, THERE IS NO WAY YOU WILL WANT TO PUT IT DOWN, AND YOU WILL NEVER WANT IT TO END.. SOMEHOW IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY, IT NEVER REALLY DOES END. ITS SECRETS AND TWISTS WILL HAVE YOU RESPONDING OUT LOUD AS YOU JOURNEY THROUGH IT. THE DETAILED PLACES WILL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT THERE.

IT'S A STORY THAT WILL HAVE YOU LAUGHING, CRYING, THINKING, AND BELIEVING IN MIRACLES.. I FOUND MYSELF HUGGING MY DAUGHTER MORE INTENCELY AFTER READING THIS STORY AS THE CHILD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOCUS, AND I RELATED TO THIS FABULOUS BOOK SO MUCH, BEING A YOUNG WIDOW AND HAVING ONE DAUGHTER. I KNOW ILL BE READING THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND CHERISH THIS STORY FOREVER. THE YUMMY BONUS RECIPIES ARE A SUPRISE GIFT, THAT MAKE YOU FEEL EVEN MORE PART OF

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THANK YOU RICHARD PAUL EVANS, THIS BOOK WILL JOIN THE MANY OTHER MUCH TREASURED RICHARD PAUL EVANS BOOKS IN MY SPECIAL LIBRARY.

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Beth Cardall has a secret. For eighteen years, she has had no choice but to keep it to herself, but on Christmas Eve 2008, all that is about to change.

For Beth, 1989 was a year marked by tragedy. Her life was falling apart: her six-year-old daughter, Charlotte, was suffering from an unidentifiable illness; her marriage transformed from a seemingly happy and loving relationship to one full of betrayal and pain; her job at the dry cleaners was increasingly at risk; and she had lost any ability to trust, to hope, or to believe in herself. Then, on Christmas Day, as she rushed through a blizzard to the nearest 7-Eleven, Beth encountered Matthew, a strikingly handsome, mysterious stranger, who would single-handedly change the course of her life.

You'll absolutely love this book what a plot twist.

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