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Synopsis

A Stirring Story of Love and Faith and America's Great Promise
When her mother suffers a stroke, medical student Deirdre O'Leary makes the difficult choice to put her career on hold to care for her. Dr. Matthew Clayborne is renowned for his amazing results with patients, but when Deirdre approaches him about helping her mother, she finds him challenging and surly. Deirdre has had enough of complicated men in her life. After her fiancé left her, she vowed never to give a man that kind of power again. Widower Dr. Matthew Clayborne is devoted to two things: his work with wounded soldiers and his four-year-old daughter, Phoebe. He won't abandon either of these priorities to care for one older woman. However, when Phoebe suffers a health scare, they're offered respite at the Irish Meadows farm, where his daughter's weakened lungs can recover--but only if he cares for Mrs. O'Leary. Matthew intends to hate Irish Meadows, yet he immediately feels at home, and soon both Mrs. O'Leary and Phoebe are showing improvement. But since he has no intention of leaving his life up north forever, and Deirdre has sworn off marriage in favor of her career, how will they deal with the undeniable attraction between them?

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Customer Reviews

This is the third and final book in the Courage to Dream series. The entire series was based on the O'Leary family. This book centered on Deanna. She trained as a nurse but her dream is to be a pedestrian, however, something happens that will curtail her dream. Will she sacrifice her dream for love? Dr. Matthew Clayborne helps veterans work with their muscles after injuries sustained from war. He goes to Irish Meadows to help Deidre's mother after she suffered a stroke. His daughter has suffered the effects from tuberculosis, she finds country life healing. Will Matthew find his own wounds healed, along with love? This book was amazing! I loved everything about it! It was bittersweet because I had to say goodbye to this family. When you're reading a series with a family in it, you become attached to them. Five stars to Susan Anne Mason's Love's Faithful Promise! A true heartwarming and delightful book! I received a copy of this book from the publisher for my honest and unbiased opinion.

...because they get better as the series goes on. I gave this 5 stars to balance out the 4 for the second book. They're both 4.5 stars. My only problem with this book is that Connor's story suffers presented directly next to Dee's. First, Connor's story is the "female protagonist who dresses like a boy to get a job in a stable and is far more gifted at horse training than all the other stable men at a horse farm that trains the best of the best" story. It's not done badly here, but given that Dee's story is not cookie cutter, it makes Connor's story seem that much more so. I get the author's dilemma. The other books already have the two siblings for the price of one thing going on, but Dee's story could have been its own book, and Connor's would have been fine as a closure novella, ending with the final POV from James. We'd have been perfectly content to end this one with Dee and Matthew's final private chat and embrace, which wrapped up that rather lovely story just fine. Final thought: Matthew is a mess. All manner of pain and anxiety and self-blame. Thank you, Ms. Mason, for not trying to convince us that could all be fixed in four weeks, even if it was obvious the first time Dee had to move all his stuff and wipe the dust off the chair to sit down to talk to him (see? I see what you did there) that if anyone could convince him to stop living in the past and make room for love again, it would be her. I also appreciated the convincing chemistry. I wouldn't have believed that Dee would settle for less.

"Perhaps coming to Irish Meadows hadn't been a mistake after all." Deirdre O'Leary is determined to convince Dr. Matthew Clayborne, renowned for his progressive approach to physical therapy, that he must travel back to Irish Meadows and coax her mother back to full health after Kathleen's nearly

paralyzing stroke. Postponing her own aspiring medical career, travelling from Long Island to Toronto, Canada in order to meet with Dr. Clayborne face-to-face, Deirdre matches the dour doctor's excuses with every tool of persuasion in her arsenal, but in the end, the decision hinges on improving the health of the doctor's young daughter, Phoebe. Matthew Clayborne does not intend to disrupt his life simply to appease a wealthy New Yorker with a sick wife; his patients, mostly veterans of war, are more important to him. After facing off with the fiery, but quite beautiful, Deirdre, Matthew reluctantly makes arrangements to privately treat Mrs. O'Leary, on the condition that the therapy will be on a trial basis. He fully intends to return to Toronto, putting Irish Meadows and Deirdre O'Leary's dazzling smile and compassionate heart completely out of his mind. But there is more than one person on Long Island who desperately needs to feel the touch of God's merciful healing hand, and it isn't Kathleen O'Leary. Susan Anne Mason has written a beautiful conclusion to her three book series, not only penning a breath-holding romance between Deirdre and Matthew, but including a clever parallel story surrounding Connor O' Leary and his own unexpected rodeo of love.

I just finished reading Love's Faithful Promise, the 3rd book in the Courage to Dream series. It's a bit sad to leave my new friends from the O'Leary family by birth and marriage. Love, love, love how Susan Anne Mason builds each character until I have a visual of them and an understanding of each individual in the story. Love's Faithful Promise is a beautiful, inspirational love story I would highly recommend.

The series was great, and each book became a question to what was to come. Well written and it kept me wondering what was going to happen next. A lot of books are written in such a way that I know what is coming, but not your writing it leaves it hanging to the end. Great book will tell my friends about the series.

This series of books are definitely "can't put down" books. And while you don't have to read the three, it surely keeps your interest up through them all. I would pick up the next one immediately as I finished one. Will recommend this book to anyone.

But this one is the "bestest"! I loved Deirdre's strong determination to speak her mind honestly without hesitation. And I really appreciated Connor standing up to his father. Their mother was my favorite because she fiercely loved her children and asked the right questions to the ones she knew

they loved. You're just going to have to read this book to see what I mean. You will not be disappointed! Thank you Susan Anne Mason for this series. Please keep writing.

Mom really liked the book and finished it in two days. Now, I need to find the rest of them.

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