

DISTANT AUSTRALIA Reviews:

Five stars Settlers and Convicts Rosemary Morris

I am a fan of talented author, Tricia McGill. She has dedicated her series The Settlers, 'to the magnificent pioneer women who battled alongside their men to open new frontiers. The book was inspired by letters sent home to England from Australian women, who were often torn away from the family and homeland they loved, but faced every struggle with strength and fortitude... What must it have been like traipsing after your menfolk to settle in unknown parts, often over miles of dangerous territory?'

Remy and Sara the main characters, and all the other characters, some of whom appeared in Mystic Mountains, spring to life from the page, and I can visualise the places the author describes. Rich in historical detail, Ms McGill does not hesitate to show the brutality convicts suffered.

Remy a convict and Sara, whose father is a wealthy, insensitive bully, seem to be a pair of tender star-crossed lovers.

There are many twists and turns in this fascinating romance, which includes an arranged marriage, a woman sold to an uncouth man by her parents, bushrangers, kidnap and much more.

I look forward to reading Challenging Mountains the final book in the series.

5 stars "Excellent Read." By Minnie

"I enjoyed the first in this series so much I just had to read Distant Mountains. Tricia McGill's historical detail is spot on. It makes you realize what the early settlers had to go through to create a new life in a fledgling colony."

5 stars cp 56 Great Series

Love It, now reading the rest. ...Enjoyed the follow up book. Love at first sight and continued throughout. Easy read and history includes convicts hard time in early 1800. Worth reading both books Elle

5 stars Dawn Ward

"I would recommend this book to anyone who likes reading about convict days, murder and romance this book has everything Tricia McGill is a pleasure to read a page turner."

5 stars "ahsitan" I fell in love with this story!

"Tricia McGill created a story full of passion, adventure, hope, and lost love. This is much more than a romance or historical novel. It draws you into the lives of two people, Remy (a convict working on his sister's farm) and Sara (the daughter of a wealthy landowner). The story is set in colonial Australia, when England used the continent as a penal colony. Life was hard, and many didn't even make it to the new land.

Remy, short for Jeremy, was one of the lucky ones. His brother-in-law, Tiger, made an arrangement so Remy could work on his farm. Except, Remy destroyed his chance for a timely release from bondage because of his longing for a woman he couldn't dream of having. A foolish mistake plunges him into the most harrowing experience of his life.

The settings and characters are vivid in this story. It's something I'd recommend to anyone who loves romance, historical fiction, and adventure."

5 stars WELL RESEARCHED, GRIPPING STORY SET IN COLONIAL AUSTRALIA Margaret Tanner

"Another amazing, well researched story from the pen of award winning author, Tricia McGill. I have read several of her books, and can honestly say I have never been disappointed.

Remy spends time in Bathurst and Sydney, New South Wales. Also the convict settlement of Moreton Bay, where severe punishment and cruelty are rigorously enforced to break not only a convict's body but also his spirit.

Add to the mix, Sara, the daughter of a wealthy but bigoted land owner. Against all odds Remy and Sara fall in love, but can they overcome the many obstacles in their path and get their happily ever after ending?"

5 stars A BRILLIANT READ Jean (UK)

"Loved this book, it was a great sequel to book one. I'd love to see more of these books, and they should be made into films."

5 STARS "A Keeper for me." By icebear s

"This is a good book to read.. over time I read over 1000 books..most Historical and Paranormal Romance books.. Most are free from the Kindle store...sometimes it is hard for me to find a good book that will keep my attention... this book was good...the Author did a great job..."

5 stars By KC book lover

"This is the follow up to Mystic Mountains, following the story of the early settlers in Australia in the 1800s. This book focuses on Jeremy, known as Rem, the brother of Isabella whose story was told in the first book. Like Isabella, Rem is transported to Australia as a convict and his brother-in-law Tiger arranges for him to work out his sentence with him on their farm. However, Rem does not like the quiet life and yearns for the hectic life of the city. Things only get worse when he meets the attractive daughter of their neighbour..."

I loved this book just as much as I did the first. I couldn't guess how the book was going to end there were that many twists and turns on Rem's journey. I notice that a third brother, Carlos, also arrived in Australia as a convict towards the end of the book and I can only hope this means there will be a third book in the series. Highly recommended."

5 stars By F. Anderson

"Very easy reading and good to read about the Australian pioneers for a change and the hardships they had."

5 stars High recommended By ETP

"A very gripping story of migrant and convict life in Australia. Very moving."

Barbara M. Hodges 4 stars

"I loved this story. It has everything. Happiness, tears, love, hate. I recommend it highly for all lovers of romantic adventure tales.

Natisha LaPierre

I fell in love with this story the first time I read it. The characters and settings are rich, and the story is heart wrenching. The book has an undercurrent of passion that resonated with me. It's not only a love story set in the past, it's a journey of two lovers who face challenges and hardships in their attempt to be together against all odds. I read this story from beginning to end ten times and loved it each time. I fell in love with this story. The characters and settings are rich, and the story is heart wrenching.

Leanne Shawler for eBook Reviews Weekly

"The author has delivered an accurate and compelling story of a convict's life, touching on those of gold miners and the growing town of Sydney. The evocative writing and the increasingly dire straits that Remy and Sara find themselves in, make for an excellent read."

Rose. HeartStrings Romance at Heart

"Tricia McGill takes us to the Australian colonial period in this rather dark saga of Remy and Sara. I love books where the scenery is vivid, there are characters that "live", and the characters are truly to cheer and boo for. This book has all of that and more. It scores high on the "lost in the story" list... Thanks Tricia, now can I have another?"

Jennifer Macaire A Romance Review five roses

"This story had me riveted from page one. The historical facts ring true and add veracity to Remy's tale. The characters all come alive and the descriptions of places and events and people pulled me into the story and immersed me in their world. Remy is a stunning hero handsome, kind, intelligent, and witty. I found myself holding my breath to see if he would find his true love, Sara. Once started, I couldn't put this book down. It's by far one of the most enthralling romances I've read in years."

Brett Scott The Romance Studio 4ROSES

"Amidst the sweet romance and tenderness, Ms. McGill adds the excitement of spousal abuse, bushrangers, forced marriage, kidnapping, and Remy's imprisonment and torture. She shows that a talented author can take a romance and turn it into so much more. I couldn't put it down and I bet you won't be able to either. I've become an avid Tricia McGill fan!"

Five Stars By Bridget on 13 November 2015

"Good."

5 stars By Amazon Customer on 18 Nov. 2015

"Loved this thoroughly enjoyed"

Five Stars By mrs maggie on 20 April 2016

"Very good story"

Five Stars By Magpieon 8 March 2016

"Good read"

4 stars A light, easy-to-read author... By ChrisO on 23 Oct. 2016

"A light, easy-to-read author ... with a direct interest to me as I grew up in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales." **4 stars Pure love ele**

"Enjoyed the follow up book. Love at first sight and continued throughout. Easy read and history includes convicts hard time in early 1800. Worth reading both books."

4 stars Tough Love By Juliet Waldron on December 23, 2014

"Thwarted love, action, violence and adventure on the Australian frontier, as Distant Mountains, 2nd in the Settlers Series, continues the story of Bella and her brothers and sisters, as they immigrate (and are sometimes transported) from England. Colorful characters, each well-drawn and absolutely believable, though sometimes less than sympathetic. These "star crossed lovers" have years of trouble and trials before they reach their happily ever after— but don't lose faith--it does arrive, just in time and right at the end. Looking forward to book# 3 of this series!"

4 stars By Amazon Customer

"I liked this book. It had plenty of action and suspense. The characters were very clear cut and realistic considering the time and the place. A little more of the story describing a reunion of the families would have been nice."

4 stars A good adventure book. By Kindle Customer

"Having read both books in the series I enjoyed them. I read this one in a day. Did not get anything else done and stayed up half the night. The characters introduced in this novel further extended the first story. Do hope there is a #3 Settlers book. I do like books in a series. Gives you a chance to become very involved in the character's lives."