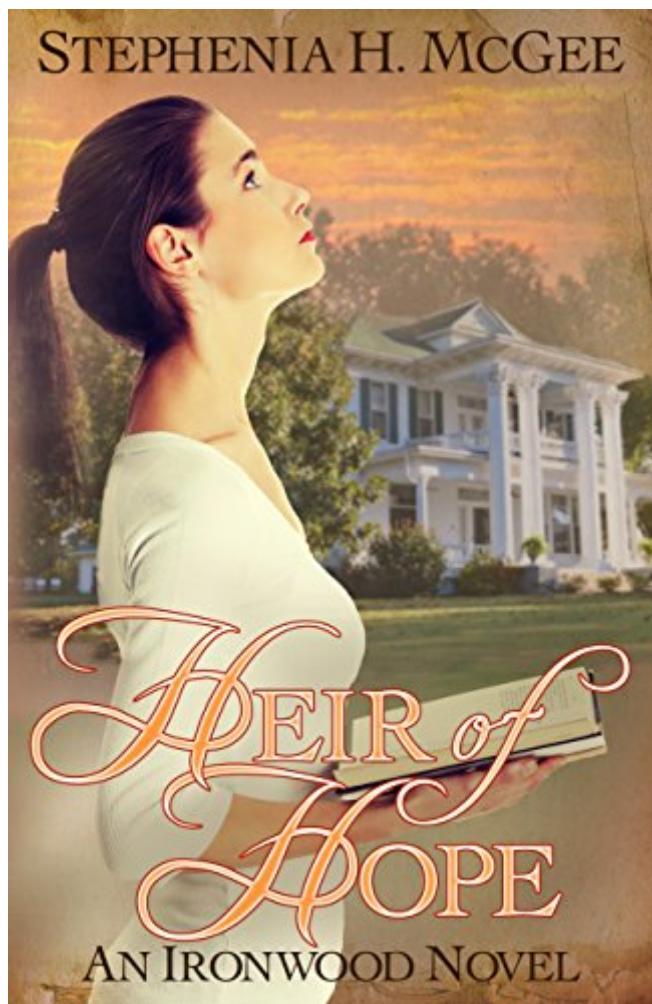


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Heir Of Hope: Return To Ironwood Plantation (Ironwood Plantation Family Saga Book 2)



Synopsis

My dear one, You come to me in my dreams and we talk of things that cannot be explained in this life. How we have been brought together is a great mystery, but I wish to someday see you again. A Mississippi Plantation: 150 years after the Civil War nearly tore a nation asunder, the battle for freedom still rages in the heart of Ironwood's newest mistress. Emily Burns grew up an orphan, so she never expected to inherit a southern plantation. When she discovers an old diary hidden in the attic, her life becomes strangely entwined with her Civil War ancestor and she soon begins to wonder how a woman long dead can keep showing up in her dreams. Torn between her strange desire to honor Lydia's wishes and practicality, Emily cannot decide if she will keep Ironwood. Yet the house calls to her like a melancholy siren, and Emily cannot resist its tune. Resolving to stay only for a little while, and telling herself her decision has nothing at all to do with the handsome handyman helping with restorations, Emily begins to unravel the history of Ironwood. "A tale of love and loss, hope and redemption. When the story seeps into her heart, Emily finds that two women separated by centuries can share the unique bonds of family ties, and that both her past and her future reside in the soul of Ironwood. *Heir of Hope and The Whistle Walk tie together, but can be read in either order.

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Customer Reviews

Emily Burns is an orphan, so when she receives news she has inherited a Mississippi Plantation by the name of Ironwood she is stunned. Grateful for the fresh start selling the plantation will give her, she never considers staying in Mississippi. That is, until she makes friends with the locals, learns of her past, and meets the dashing preacher/handyman who helps her restore the house. Oh, and the diary she finds in an old trunk in the attic that belongs to her great-great-great grandmother helps. Now you all know that I had to read this one! After all, it had two of my favorite things â “ history AND genealogy! First, I will say that I have been trying to space out my second and third reads on series books so as not to bore my readers. I picked up *Heir of Hope*, the second in the Ironwood Plantation Family Saga series, because of the genealogy and family history. *Heir of Hope* takes place 150 years after the first book, *The Whistle Walk*. Yes, Iâ ™m a nerd. I also like the idea of finding a great family fortune or solving a family mystery. (I previously reviewed *The Whistle Walk* on www.rosesndthorns.blogspot.com.) *Heir of Hope* was an enjoyable read, and it is not necessary to have read the first book in the series. As a matter of fact, reading the second so soon after the first was probably one of the more bothersome parts of reading. The author goes into long diary sections written by Lydia, the heroine in the first book, and they mostly rehash what happened there. Having just read that one, the events were fresh in my mind. Occasionally, a perspective was changed, but not often enough to keep my interest. I confess, there were times I skipped those sections, but had I not just read the other I might not have done so.

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