

## **WELCOME TO PARADISE**

**You can't go home again. Or can you?**

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*When Bridget Grant is forced by circumstances to return to the hometown she couldn't wait to leave twenty years ago, she discovers, to her surprise, that everything she ever wanted was right there all along.*

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In my 75,000 word contemporary romance, *Welcome to Paradise*, Paradise is more like Hell for Bridget Grant. Her marriage and her career as a chef are gone, her daughter's in trouble, and her confidence has hit the skids. Retreating to her home town of Paradise, she's confronted with her still strained family relationships. She's been at odds with her mother for years, blaming her for driving away her much beloved father. Her sister Celia betrays her confidences by telling the town gossip her secrets. But Bridget will put up with family problems as long as her daughter is safe and happy.

But it's not to be. When her daughter faces expulsion from the local high school, she is afraid that without help, Rebecca will make a mistake that will affect the rest of her life. Bridget turns for help to Jack, the man she'd left behind. For the sake of her daughter, she gathers her tattered confidence and makes a deal with Jack; she'll prepare an important business luncheon at Jack's guest ranch in exchange for Jack giving Rebecca riding lessons. Bridget hopes that contact with the horses she loves will help Rebecca come to terms with the new realities in their lives.

Working with Jack brings back all the old feelings Bridget had for him. Their growing attraction has Bridget hoping for a new future. But the problems that drove them apart twenty years ago still exist today. And new problems have arisen. Jack has a hard time accepting Bridget's help with his mentally handicapped daughter and an even harder time believing that she will stay in Paradise this time. Until Bridget faces the truth about herself and her family history, she and Rebecca will remain prisoners of the past.

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