From the bestselling author of These Is My Words comes this exhilarating follow-up to the beloved Sarahs Quilt. In the latest diary entries of pioneer woman Sarah Agnes Prine, Nancy E. Turner continues Sarahs extraordinary story as she struggles to make a home in the Arizona Territory.

It is winter 1906, and nearing bankruptcy after surviving drought, storms, and the rustling of her cattle, Sarah remains a stalwart pillar to her extended family. Then a stagecoach accident puts in her path three strangers who will change her life.

In sickness and in health, neighbor Udell Hanna remains a trusted friend, pressing for Sarah to marry. When he reveals a plan to grant Sarah her dearest wish, she is overwhelmed with passion and excitement. She soon discovers, however, that there is more to a formal education than she bargained for.

Behind the scenes, Sarahs old friend Maldonado has struck a deal with the very men who will become linchpins of the Mexican Revolution. Maldonado plots to coerce Sarah into partnership, but when she refuses, he devises a murderous plan to gain her land for building a railroad straight to Mexico. When Sarahs son Charlie unexpectedly returns from town with a new bride, the plot turns into an all-out range war between the two families.

Finally putting an end to Udells constant kindnesses, Sarah describes herself as an iron-boned woman. She wants more than to be merely a comfortable fill-in for his dead wife. It is only through a chance encounter that she discovers his true feelings, and only then can she believe that a selfless love has at last reached out to her. . . .

This third book of the Prine/Elliott saga begins just as the second book ended, in 1906 Arizona Territory...
Forty-three-year-old widow Sarah Agnes Prine Elliott has just survived one of the most difficult years of her life. Her longtime friend and neighbor Rudolfo Maldonado has just tried to get back into her good graces after being discovered attempting to sabotage Sarahs ranch, but she still doesnt believe hes really sorry. Sarahs brother Harland, recently widowed with four small children, has come to stay on the ranch until hes able to get on his feet again. The entire extended family is still in mourning over the murder of Sarahs niece Esther, while all the young adults of the Prine and Elliott families are trying small steps toward independence.

Likewise, new neighbor Udell Hanna, who first indicated a romantic interest in Sarah in the second book, returns with an invigorated desire to win her heart. Part of her feels attracted to this hardworking, plainspoken man; another is guilty to move from the memory of her husband Jack.

As usual, life for the clan is interrupted by a number of factors, including a serious bout of influenza that seriously jeopardizes lives -- and Charlies return with a bride whose very presence on the family ranch spells trouble for the family. Still, theres little doubt theyll make it through -- largely due to Sarahs inner strength, which readers have been able to follow since her teenage years in This is My Words.

Well-written and beautifully characterized, the story of Sarah, her family and friends is bound to keep readers immersed. Turner skillfully combines research on early 20th century Western living with thoughts, feelings and ideas that are common to all human beings in any era.

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