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Heartache and betrayal prompt Bonnie McKutchen to leave her wealthy husband, Eli, but, determined to win her back, he searches and finds her dancing for money in a Washington mining town saloon.

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Crisy says

remember this as clear as day spent one day and read this with so much zeal it certainly did not disappoint. 5stars a thousand times. This story was so captivating to me personally, because it was my first historical romance and i have read many since but none will ever fill me with such intense emotions.

As stated by the brief intro bonnie married to her husband and decides to leave him after a few years together. However, with every romance there is unhappiness- and that was the lost of their son. Bonnie and Eli the town's local rich kid fell in love when they were little more than teenagers and got married moved to the city - they got pregnant had the kid - the kid dies- neither of them knows how to get by. he distances himself from her by going to war of course having a final bout of passion before his off resulting in her getting pregnant again.

two years later after recovering from yellow fever and surviving solely to get back to the wife he left behind- well dang is he in for a shock she left him months after he was gone and went back to their small town and it seems that she had the gull to divorce him well he's not having it he still loves his wife. And by God if he has to he will pay every penny to dance with her and allow no other man to touch her. And of course there is a kid involved -question of paternity -which really isn't questioned at all because he knows the kid is his.

Apart from the love story of these two- the story also centers on the struggles the town is going through and the length the hero will go to - to ultimately save the town and his relationship.

I would definitely recommend this novel for an excellent read.

Melanie says

I was *not* a big fan of this book... I don't like adultery, no matter the excuse, and Eli was to much of an a** for me to forgive him the way Bonnie did... 2.5 stars

Lady Jaye says

I read this years and years ago, and picked it up to see if the story held up. It kinda did; somewhat. I liked it, although not as much as so did then, and the story dragged in some places. But I did manage to get some enjoyment out of it. Not bad.

Nancy says

The premise is good. Marriage breakdown after the death of a child; husband became a ho and ran off to fight in a stupid war, and the abandoned wife went back to hometown to find herself. Husband then went to look for her. Oh....the fights, the arguments, the drama with the m and ow...and then the HEA. Until the next time something happens, and the husband reverts back to a man ho.

Maura says

Set in late 1800's Pacific Northwest. Woman returns to her home town seeking divorce from her estranged husband. She was left by her wealthy husband back East after they lost a child and he cheated. Story was about being forgiven and seeking redemption.

Jeanne (love2cook) says

Another good historical romance story from Linda Lael Miller. Bonnie from the slums of the mining town in Washington state. Married the grandson of the owner of the smelting company, Eli McKutchen. She lived the life of luxury in New York until their son died and her world fell apart. She divorced her husband and moved back to Northridge. Eli followed her after he returned from the Cuban war. They were like oil and water, but still in love with each other. They had many issues to work through in order to have the life together that they always wanted. Good read!!

April Reader says

I didn't hate this book but got pretty frustrated with it several times.

The story effectively starts two years after the marriage between H/h fell apart (their young son died, H blamed h, cheated on her and then took off to a war in Cuba. h leaves NYC to go back to their hometown and he eventually follows her there).

I liked the premise of H/h having to reconcile their troubled marriage and come out stronger at the end of it.

While they did get their HEA in the end, it didn't feel earned.

For starters, the cheating that H did while he was married to h was completely glossed over. We know that h was devastated because of it and there were a few discussions about it but it was done so quickly that it didn't feel satisfying. Basically, H got off far too easily.

Spoilers below.

Towards the end of the book, we find out that H had an affair with a young lady (18 years old) in Cuba who nursed him back to health. He has somewhat reconciled with Bonnie when he tells her of the affair. She is devastated but then immediately jumps him and has sex with him. The affair is never discussed again. WTF!

Actually, that happened a few times throughout the book. H treats h badly and then kisses her and she loses her self-respect and immediately sleeps with him. One of my most hated romance tropes is when h's loins take over her brains and she sleeps with H after he treated her like crap. I can't stand it.

I was also frustrated with their communication levels. Early on, they're in a bad place so I guess it's somewhat understandable that they say things to hurt each other but it keeps happening until close to 80% of the book is through. It was so frustrating because I just wanted them to spit it out and say what they mean.

Instead, they both said/did stupid sh*t just to piss the other person off.

Tiffany says

I didn't like Eli at all but I couldn't put this book down so that is why I gave it 3 Stars.

Char says

I believe everything I have read by LLM she has written within the last 10 years (which I have loved) so this was her first "early" work for me. Just could not get into this story. It just seemed that her writing style was so different in this. I undersand authors often grow in their writing over years and maybe it was my problem to keep comparing this to her later works. Please don't let this keep you from trying it as we often know, alot of people like an author's earlier works to later ones.

Fre06 Begum says

Losing a child doesn't mean it gives you the right to sleep with OW in fact that makes it even more disgusting. He never truly explained or expressed his remorse over his cheating and heroine in the end didn't make a huge deal about it so I guess it would be waste of energy on my part to rant on her behalf!

karen says

Definately like linda's later books better. Bonnie was too much of a game player for me
