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Fiona O'Rourke doesn't believe in love and certainly not in a marriage arranged by her cruel father. And even if her unexpected betrothed seems honorable and kind, can she trust his motives or the attraction between them? Ian McPherson came to Montana to salvage his family's dwindling fortune, not to take a wife. But he's instantly drawn to Fiona. He wants to protect her even if that means pretending that they're engaged. In a season of surprises and miracles, there's nothing he won't give to show Fiona his love is for always.

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Vicki says

Fiona O'Rourke has been promised in marriage to Ian McPherson since birth. Both families have fallen on hard times. Each family thinks the marriage of Ian and Fiona will bring financial help. When Ian meets Fiona it is love at first sight but not on her part. The unhappiness Fiona has suffered and the physical abuse at her fathers hand does not make marriage a choice she wants. She wants freedom. When Ian realizes Fiona doesn't want marriage he calls it off. Thinking he has freed her but her Da just starts hunting another buyer for Fiona. There is a lot a anger and mistrust to find a happy ending.

Barbara says

Fiona and Ian, the main characters in this book, are very down-to-earth and believable, and the plot development was at just the right pace to keep the reader's interest. Parts of the story were hard to read as they dealt with an extremely hard home life, but I couldn't wait to discover where God was leading different individuals and what would take place in the end. Jillian Hart shows an excellent understanding of how difficult it is for someone to trust a person for the first time in their life when so many other people close to them have been untrustworthy, and also the value that good, supportive friendships can have in our lives.

Judy says

An excellent story. And there are more to come from this one about Fiona's friends.

Fiona has a terrible loveless life with cruel parents.

Ian is her promised from their grandmothers.

They give up what each treasures to help the other.

Happily ever after ending.

Wendy Sparkes says

#1 Buttons & Bobbins

A lovely read, set during the Christmas season, and a nice introduction to the friends we meet in this series.

#1 #2 #3 #4

Jennifer says

I love this new series! Sad circumstances that the main characters experienced, but you see the difference one growing up in a loving home with no money, versus one who grew up in a bitter and harsh environment for a home. Jillian Hart's Characters are lovable and she makes them realistic and believable. She knows how to grab your attention and speaks right to the heart. Hitting the difficult issue of abuse in this one was probably a tough task, but she also showed that there are men out there who aren't out to get whatever they want, just like Fiona's Father. Ian is the exact opposite of what Fiona has known all her life and she doesn't know whether to believe his sincerity or the bitterness of her mother's words. In the end she knows whom she can trust and whom she can't. Can't wait for the next one!

Melissa says

I enjoyed this story of 2 people finding each other thru a situation from their Family, they have endured alot but, they are both hoping to find true love some day.
The descriptions of the countryside and the snow are lovely in this book!

Katrina says

Exasperating

Nancy Hammons says

I'm sorry I didn't care for this too much.

Susan Hollaway says

I've been a fan of Jillian Hart's writing for some time now. Once again, Hart had me pulled into her story from the very beginning and kept me there through the entire book. I felt as I was living right alongside her characters. I didn't want to put her book down.

Fiona thinks her life can't get any worse and dreams and plans for the day that she can escape the control of her abusive father and defeated, angry mother. Since her brother died, she has lived in a house completely void of kindness, caring, or love of any sort. Her only respite is when she finds solace in the barn with the animals and at school or church with her friends. She lives in fear that one false move will send her drunken father into a fit of rage and invite yet another beating from him.

Just when she thinks life can get no worse, she finds that Ian, the man who her father had "arranged" for her

to marry someday, shows up. Does he really want her or just her father's land? When terms cannot be met and he leaves, her father finds someone else for her to marry. Will she be forced to live in a worse place with a horrendous man even more abusive than her father? Ian comes to the rescue, but with terms she can't seem to understand. She tries to keep her heart uninvolved and out of harm's way. Will she keep her vow to never marry and let a man have control over her?

This is a wonderful holiday love story showing how God's love works through a patient man who lives as the Lord leads him and puts those he loves first before himself and his own dreams. This story is woven beautifully to show how God can heal the broken heart of a young girl who's lived a lifetime of pain and rejection, helping her learn to trust and even love a man who seems too good to be true.

In fact, I want to be a part of Fiona's sewing circle. I would love to read more love stories of the characters in this book, as well as see more into the married life of Fiona and Ian. The characters are so likable that you don't want their stories to end. I'm late getting this review out, but if you can get your hands on this book – read it - you won't regret it! I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Amanda says

A wonderful story of love, second chances, and Christmas. There's not at much about Christmas as I'd like, but it's a great read, and one that makes the heart swell.

MariaFernanda says

The main male character in this novel was awfully dashing!! He certainly was my favorite character! But this book also had a really heartwarming plot and themese. Once you open it, I think it will be hard for you to put it down!!

Svalora says

Usually I only read one book at a time, but this month I found myself traveling a lot so Audible had me listening to many other books, and I didn't find myself reading as much as usual — so it seems this book almost got lost in the fray - I enjoyed it, but feel like it didn't hold my interest to the point that I wanted to read at night. I usually like Jillian Hart's books so I'm disappointed that I didn't get into this book as I normally would. I might try reading it again at a later date when I have less going on and can concentrate on it more.

Melody says

I got this book as I had won it from one my Goodreads groups. This was my very first 'anything I ever won' and so getting it in the mail to read was doubly exciting for me. And I just love Jillian Hart, so very exciting indeed.

I had to laugh to myself when I saw the name of the heroine for that was what my Dad wanted to name me!

But my mom won out with Melody, and I have to say I like my name, so it's good. :)
She was a great Fiona, and I loved her from the start. The relationship development was real and believable, and I found myself laughing and crying. :)

Mauve7 says

Omg. So unbelievably SWEET! Clean romance and sweetness abound! Highly recommended.

Andrea says

I loved this book, and I am not a huge fan of historical books.
