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During her cross-country escape from ruthless relatives, private tutor Ara Taube ends up in a storm—physically and emotionally. Can she find her way out in time, or will she fall for the handsome horseman who threatens to capture her heart?

## **The Snowbound Bride Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Snowbound Bride for online ebook**

### **Rebecca says**

When Arabella Taube vaults into the back of a wagon with a snarling watch dog, she has no idea of the outcome; she just knows that she needs to escape from the clutches of her uncle's henchman; the man with the cold eyes and the brown bowler has been following her on the train all the way from Denver. Her Uncle Victor is determined to "sell her off" in marriage to the highest business bidder and Ara is just as determined to secure her freedom.

It was dark. It was cold. It was starting to snow and Nate Horne needs to get home before the full force of the approaching Colorado snow storm prevents his return. Imagine his surprise when a dainty sneeze escapes from the tarp behind him; and his even bigger surprise when enormous dark eyes peer at him from the end of his pointed gun. Frightened, half-frozen and at the point of tears, Arabella Taube blows into Nate Horne's life like a blizzard. Just what is he going to do with this lovely creature?

Snowbound for days and unable to retrieve her belongings or continue on her trip to Leadville for a tutoring position, Ara finds comfort in the Horne's remote ranch. Nate's mother, Lilly and his Uncle Buck become like family; a family that Ara has never experienced. As days turn into weeks and weeks approach months; Ara realizes that she never wants to leave this place. But Nate is a man of few words and an unknown danger still lingers; this enchanting Christmas story is a page turner until the very end.

I received a copy of this novella from the publisher in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **ann goldman says**

#### **Another great read from this author**

A read to make you smile. Davalyn's descriptions are vivid. You feel the cold and the snow on your face. I love this author's style and have never been disappointed. If you want a heartwarming feel good tale this is for you. Thanks for another great Colorado story.

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### **Deanna Stevens says**

This is the eleventh book in the 12 Brides of Christmas series. Arabella Taube has left home to get away from the marriage arranged by her uncle in a business deal. She has taken a job to be a tutor for a Banker's family in Leadville. She takes a train but has found herself at a train stop for all night stay. Seeing one of her uncle's men following her and thinking he is there to take her back to her uncle's, she hurries to get away from him by ducking into the back of a wagon, with a barking dog snapping at the man she feels she is safe. When she hears the wagon owner returning to the wagon she stays hidden hoping for a ride to the hotel safely before being found. Nick the wagon owner is headed back to his ranch. When he discovers her it is snowing too hard and they are too far from town to turn around. Nick also knows the hotel is full and there would be not room to stay and wait out the snowstorm. Ara finds Nick is a man of few words, but his mother is quick to welcome her and she finds she is welcomed warmly invited to stay until the storms pass. This was

a warmhearted story and I enjoyed reading how Ara coped with being snowbound with strangers at Christmas time who became more like family to her in a few weeks than the family she grew up with.. I was gifted a copy by Barbour Publishing for my honest opinion which I have given.

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### **Nikki says**

I loved this novella! It was amazing! I didn't think I would like it in the beginning and there were a few parts that were kind of confusing but I still really loved it. I fell in love with the characters and I really enjoyed the plot and idea behind the story. Once I got interested in the story I found it really hard to put the book down and had to continue reading until it was over. I wish it had been a longer story because I hated not to keep reading about the characters in the story and to not have more details about their lives. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and recommend it to anyone looking for a short Christmas romance novella. It was wonderful!

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### **Carrie Schmidt (Reading is My SuperPower) says**

Escaping from her Uncle and his business deal of an arranged marriage for her, Arabelle Taube spies one of his henchmen and hides out in the back of a nearby wagon until he's gone. By the time the wagon's driver discovers he has a stowaway, it's too far and the snowstorm is too brutal to turn back toward town. Forced to wait out the storm for days at Nate Horne's remote ranch, she quickly forms a friendship with his mother who sees Ara as the answer to her prayers. When the weather clears, will Nate - and her heart - let her leave?

Davalynn Spencer's The Snowbound Bride is another from the collection that I would like to see expanded into a full-length novel. I grew quite fond of Ara, Nate, his mom, his uncle, and (especially?) Beetle the dog. A bit of a plot twist at the end affirms his mother's prayers, something I thought was really sweet and unique.

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### **Ann says**

What a delightful read! I was caught up in Nate and Ara's story from the first page and enjoyed every minute of it. This is the first I have read by this author, but it won't be my last. The only complaint I have is that it ended too soon. I was furnished with a copy of this novella in return for an honest review. It's one I definitely recommend.

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### **BlueJeansAndTeacups says**

Spruce City, Colorado 1885

Danger & Determination

Ara is being followed by one of her wealthy uncle's henchmen. In a desperate attempt to escape she jumps into a wagon and hides under a tarp. A stubborn dog won't let her sneak out when the wagon pulls away. She soon finds herself stuck in a cabin with a strange family and no way to leave during a blizzard. Nate has grown up in the cabin and works the ranch just like his dad taught him. His ma tends to the cooking and mending and general female influence about the place. His uncle helps him run the ranch ever since his pa passed away 12 years ago. They are all extremely kind but Nate is a man of few words that Ara can't get to

open up. The warmth and safety she feels in the cabin is unlike anything she's ever felt in her life before. As Christmas gets closer she wonders if she can leave her plans behind and be accepted for the first time in their life.

I enjoyed reading this one very much. ?????

**This novella is also featured in the book Christmas Wedding Bell Brides with 3 other authros/novellas.**

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### **Susan says**

Once again a fun little novella in the 12 Brides of Christmas series. Arabella dumps into the lap of Nate on a snowy night and both their lives are changed. A neat Christmas story of how we have our plans for our lives and God has His master plan. A snowstorm keeps Arabella from continuing her plans as she had hoped and now is stuck with Nate and his family until the snow clears. Besides being a stranger in this area and family's home, there is also a danger coming after her. It's a perfect pairing of danger in the background while people get to know each other and sort out the misunderstandings. Good dialogue and story line make this a fast and fun read!

I received this book for an honest review.

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### **Sunnie says**

This cute Christmas novella takes place in 1885 as Arabella Taube, a young German woman, whose name means "dove", travels to accept a position as teacher for a man in Colorado. As she arrives she finds she is being stalked by a man who was probably hired by her Uncle Victor to return her home so that he can make a wedding arrangement for Arabella, something she was trying hard to escape from. As she tries to elude him, she finds her belongings on a wagon and tries to retrieve it and a growling and menacing dog does his all to keep it outside her reach. As the man nears, she hides in the wagon to avoid being caught by him.

Before she realizes what has happened, the wagon is heading out and she has no way to get off. She later finds that the wagon driver is a very kindly and handsome man, Nate. She ends up away from her destination and in the home of Nate and his mother. She finds herself very happy to be in this situation and becoming quite fond of Nate, but doesn't know whether he feels the same way. As the snow continues, she remains quite content to stay where she is. But Nate doesn't feel that this city woman would be as happy in the country and also has no idea of Ara's feelings towards him. It's a sweet story and a very fun Christmas read.

This is the first book that I have read from this author and enjoyed it very much. I hope I will be able to read more of her work in the future.

I received an e-book from the publisher for my honest review.

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### **Wilani Wahl says**

This is the 11th book in this series of 12 Christmas brides. Each are stand alone but all have been wonderful and this is no exception. I fell in love with these characters. This is the first book I have read from this author and look forward to reading more.

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## **Sarah says**

Trying to escape her Uncle's henchman, Arabella Taube hides in Nate Horne's wagon in a small Colorado town when her train has to stop due to a sudden winter storm. Discovered by Nate while making the trek back to the family home, he brings her home to wait out the storm where she also forms a friendship with his mother who is convinced Arabella is an answer to prayers.

Stuck at the remote ranch for days due to the storm, Arabella begins to find comfort and the meaning of family as she's never experienced. As time passes, Ara realizes she does not want to leave, but with Nate being a man of few words is unsure if he shares the same affection she has developed for him.

The Snowbound Bride is book 11 of the 12 Brides of Christmas, and is probably my favorite thus far of the Christmas collection. I wanted it to be a full-length novel instead of a short story so I could get more development and more background of the characters. This was my first story by Davalynn Spencer and after finishing I immediately went online to look for other books as I truly enjoyed her storytelling skills.

I received this ebook compliments of the publishing company in exchange for honest reviews.

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## **Norma says**

### **The Snowbound Bride, a sparkling story of Christmas love**

The Snowbound Bride, by Davalynn Spencer, is a Christmas treasure of picturesque scenery, the tension of an unexpected meeting, and sweet, surprising love. From the first sentence, Spencer's mastery of descriptive language and masterful weaving of a web of love, drawing two lonely people toward each other will draw you in. The reader is kept guessing until the last moment, wondering what the outcome will be.

I highly recommend this winsome story of winter love in the Colorado Rockies. It is a Christmas must, for the romantically inclined.

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## **Robin says**

This is an absolutely charming love story. From the beginning, I was engaged with the believable characters and their dilemmas. The story line moved right along and I loved the ending. Highly recommend this wonderful book.

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## **Kathryn Steffen says**

I think this was hands down the best one of the advent book season

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## **Jane says**

4.15 stars - pg - 48 pages

Historic American frontier 1885 Colorado. Sweet, very short romance; too short, but perhaps perfect for busy holiday season. Heartwarming. Hero is strong silent type. Liked all the characters, especially Hero's mother and his dog, Beetle

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