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## Whippoorwill Details

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### Angela says

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### Lacey says

I've never read anything by Sharon Sala before so I had no expectation going into this book. I really loved the premise, a whore and a drunk trying to fool the townspeople into believing the drunk is now a visiting preacher. I could just imagine the hijinks involved with that one, unfortunately, what I imagined didn't occur until the last 2/3 of the book.

We begin with learning the background story of Letty Murphy, the whore and how she ended up in her situation. We also learn about Eulis, the drunk and why he's in his situation. Then we move on to other characters such as: two trappers, a banker and a widow, a miner and the object of his affection, the preacher, a halfbreed Indian, an Irish immigrant and two incompetent troublemakers, and a boy with no name. These stories all seem a little random but they all come together in the end. I just wish they were a little more relavent to the story then the way they were presented.

My only other objection to the book was that most of the characters aren't very likeable. They are completely self absorbed and mean. But once Eulis impersonates the preacher things pick up and conclude in a very satisfying way. I will be reading more of the adventures of Letty and Eulis in the Amen Trail.

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### Mcfree says

I really enjoyed this book. It is a curious collection of stories about the people of Lizard Flats, each one introduced in a separate chapter until the preacher steps off the train.

Suddenly, the lowest of the low in the little town begin to win out. Each solution for the different characters' problems brings the whole town closer and closer to a final resolution. Sala pulls it all together during a rip roaring prayer meeting. By the end of the book, the bad have met their well deserved fate, and the good have won the battle.

Sorry about the vague descriptions, but this is one book that needs to be read without knowing the details beforehand.

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### Laurie Stoll says

First, let me say.....and I mean absolutely NO disrespect to the author that this was one of those books that I

like to call a no brainer. What I mean by this is that it is a story that is easy to pick up and put down, read a few pages between busy times, etc. without having to backtrack to reread and catch up.

The ONLY reason I gave Whippoorwill only three stars is because I am not a big fan of Historical/Western Romance.

Other than that, it was a really cute, light-hearted read. As I said, one that is easy to pick up and put down during a hectic life.

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### **Lori says**

I know this book had mixed reviews, but I absolutely loved this book! It was full of wild and crazy events and adventure! This book made me laugh so much that my sides hurt! I can hardly wait to see what adventures Letty and Eulis have next. The story is set in the old west, news of a Preacher coming to Lizard Flats has everyone excited to finally have the word of God come to their small part of the west. You will meet every sort of character you can imagine. From the town whore, the town drunk, a lonely widow, a scorned virgin, a notorious gunman, outlaws, bandits, a romantic banker in love, a gentle miner, a trapper who lost his best friend, dead men to bury and a Preacher who gives in to sins of the flesh way too often. This is one wild ride after another! I loved every part of this book!

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### **Dawn says**

This was very different than Sala's usual stories, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I like Western Romance by Linda Lael Miller and I thought this book was very similar to her style of writing. I heard there are two other books (Amen Trail & Hen House) that continue this story. I would like to read them also.

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### **Jessica says**

I love Shara Sala's books, but I just couldn't get into this one. There is a publisher and an author foreword about this book being very different than the author's usual works, so the reader is warned to depart from preconceptions. But for me, I just couldn't keep expecting more from the book. It wasn't a bad book. There were some good characters, situations, suspense points. But overall I prefer Sala's other works.

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### **Anne says**

This was an amazing historical novel. So many characters skillfully woven together. And it all made sense! Not a romance, but I think it becomes one in the next book.

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### **Louise says**

I didn't like this Sala novel as well as the first two I read.

From back cover:

"With the news that their first honest-to-goodness preacher is coming the whole town is in a stir, including Leticia Murphy, the only whore left at the White Dove Saloon. What they don't know is that the good reverend is actually a rake on the run from a cluster of angry widows, disgraced virgins and their aggrieved men. But before he gets to dupe this town full of sinners, he meets his Maker in Letty's bed the very day he arrives.

In her line of work, Letty has known a lot of men, but never has she had one die on her. As sure as the sun sets in the west, she'll be hanged for killing a man of the cloth. But miracles come in all shapes and sizes, and to Letty's desperate eyes, salvation is sitting at the bar downstairs. Eulis Potter may be the town's grave digger and resident drunk, but he knows where to hide a body and fits nicely into the preacher's clothes. With a bath and a shave and a Bible in his hands, maybe even a no-account cur like Eulis can hoodwink the town while getting back on the straight and narrow, and give Lizard Flats the redemption it needs."

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### **Nicole says**

\*Spoilers Included\*\*

I was kind of confused reading through this who the main characters were. It wasn't until the second half of the book that I could confidently say, yes, that is them. There were a number of shorter snippets about different characters in the first half of the book that came together to make sense towards the last few chapters. That said, I liked the gutsy female main and the 'preacher' who replaces the original (he was an \*ss) and the trouble they get into made me laugh.

Not my usual cup of tea, but good for a light read.

This review has also been posted on the blog [A.Biv.A broad](#) .

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### **Rosie says**

Pretty good...will read the others in this trilogy. I enjoy reading about this era of history.

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### **Gloria Albritton says**

#### **Funny but intense**

This was a very entertaining and good reading. It was my first book by Ms. Sala, it will not be. my last. I am already lining up more of her books on "My Wish List". It was a depiction of the hard life in the early settlers

lives; but, it was a good rendering of the hilarity of things that happen even in the worst settings. Also it encourages people to not think less of people who they believe are beneath them as those same people will be the ones to support you when your so called "friends" disappear!

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### **Donna says**

Didn't really care for this book. Can't really put my finger on why. I so like everything she writes.

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### **Karen Scott says**

This was seriously the most pointless Sharon Sala book ever. It was so nonsensical that I must confess to thinking that alcohol must have been involved somewhere along the line. Yeah, it was pretty bad. Sorry Ms Sala, I still mostly love your books. Erm, well I did. Anyway, moving swiftly on...

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### **Christine says**

This was a pleasant read that the author wrote a forward warning is not her usual genre. I felt it was great! Salsa can tell a story, I happen to enjoy several genres and didn't think negatively as many of her regular readers did. Disliking a genre doesn't make the book bad, it may not be to your taste, but it was a well told, enjoyable story. Salsa visits the old west and introduces us to several characters who come from different backgrounds to all come together for the same need. From prostitutes to preachers. There are two more in the series that I look forward to reading.

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