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"Will You Take This Man..." The only husband Lorelei Wilkins ever wanted was Sean O'Brien, but she's wasted too long waiting for him to love her back. When another man proposes, she accepts- until she stands at the altar...and realizes she can't marry without love. Bolting out of town toward a fresh start, she never suspected her parents would send Sheriff O'Brien to bring her home! After an innocent mistake leaves Lorelei and her reluctant rescuer with compromised reputations, marriage is their only option. But first they must triumph over suspicious locals, shady characters, an inconvenient groom and the bride's own stubborn heart. Will it take their lives on the line for Sean and Lorelei to realize that only love can conquer all?

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MariaFernanda says

Great read! I loved the characters and the Christian lessons. It was a great follow-up to the first book, but I felt like there was a lot of potential for more... I mean I adored the Kate and Nathan story so much that I really wanted Sean and Lorelei's story to be just as romantic, but it left me hoping. Also, it was a little slow in some parts, although the humor was still great! Don't get me wrong- still a lovely book that gave me a lot to reflect on! Can't wait for Ellie's story!! (I'm betting on Lawson or Smitherson...;) Thanks, Noelle Marchand for another wonderful novel!!

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

I liked this one, but not as much as I wanted to. Lorelei just didn't make a lot of sense to me. I had a hard time relating to her. Same goes for Sean. I guess in that sense they are perfect for each other. I wanted to feel more chemistry between them than what I did. Some of their conversations were really anticlimactic. For example, when she confronts him and tells him why she doesn't trust him his answer is just so lame. There were a few conversations that really needed to be flushed out. They just lacked a lot of the tension that I so love. Especially since they were supposed to be enemies (but secretly in love), so you'd expect more sparks between them. It was a weird quasi-friendship/relationship going on between them. My other problem with the book was the bank robbery storyline, which also felt a little anticlimactic and seemed a bit contrived.

Having said all that, the book really was okay. I liked it enough that I'm probably going to go back and read the first book in the series and keep my eye out for other books from this author.

Content: Clean. Christian elements were pretty mild, a tiny bit preachy.

Colleen O' says

just finished reading this book I couldn't put it down it was such an easy read and had more than just the romance side of things going on, I completely fell in love with the character of Sean O'Brien I find myself wanting to read more about him. I hadn't realised that it was a three part story and I'm now reading the first book about Kate and Nathan and I'll definitely be reading Ellie's story after, this book was such an easy read and I recommend it to anyone looking for a historical romance because it's so easy to follow has plenty of storyline the character's are loveable and it keeps you interested and it's not too long as some books can be. Sean's story has become one of my favourites.!

Alisa says

Cute, clean Christian romance.

Lorelei runs out on her wedding to Lawson when she realizes that they will never love each other as a man and his wife should. She runs away to California to live with a relative, but her dad sends the sheriff, Sean O'Brien after her.

Sean is the last person Lorelei wants to see. He is the man she once loved, but was humiliated when he didn't return that love. He finds her in two days, but it takes another 4 days for him to convince her to return home with him. They hire a woman to be their chaperone, but she steals their money and leaves them to return home unchaperoned.

To protect their reputations, they must court for six weeks and then get engaged... and in the meantime they need to catch a band of bank robbers before Lorelei's father's bank gets robbed.

I liked Sean's sister Ellie who played matchmaker for them... I want to read the next book to read her and Lawson's story.

Content: Squeaky clean

Mistyblue says

I really enjoyed the story in this book and how the main characters grew. I also enjoyed how the author introduced a sub plot(aka a bank robbery) and then showed the characters growth through this event. However, the greatest thing that impressed me was that there continued to be growth after the robbery was over. The plot was not rushed so that the book ended at the same time as the subplot. A truly memorable book. :)

Annie says

Best Part:

"He cleared his throat and became all seriousness and sincerity as he captured her gaze. "Lorelei Wilkins, you are the most wonderful, beautiful and captivating woman I have ever met. I didn't fall in love with you to fulfill my plans. I fell in love with you because, as you informed me nearly ten years ago, 'We belong together. We'll always belong together. I don't know how I know it, but one day you're going to marry me and we're going to be happier than anyone who's ever lived.'" Lorelei laughed as tears filled her eyes, and she shook her head in slow disbelief. "You remembered that?" He smiled slowly, "I never forgot it...or you. Now—" he stood and pulled her to her feet along with him "-will you please prove yourself right and marry me already?"

Nancy Kimball says

Noelle's sophomore novel continues with the strong hero and feisty heroine formula she did so well in her debut novel. The story is different and I was surprised because having recently finished Karen Witemeyer's Short Straw Bride I was a little afraid to read another "forced marriage" novel. But Sean O'Brien made it worth it and there was enough of a twist at the end with one of the minor characters that overall this was an

enjoyable read. Category romance has such clearly defined parameters and reader expectations its almost impossible for the author to surprise the reader so that was a nice touch.

You know what's going to happen yet with most romances, its the execution that makes it worth it and the repeated head-butting by the hero and heroine and their banter read well all the way to the end. The subplot regarding the bank is fairly predictable, but again, done well and woven nicely into the romance. Or, rather, the lack of romance. But here's the kicker, that's the story! Usually two people so perfect for each other trying so hard not to be in love are the ones that already are. Sean and Lorelei are no exception. I always enjoy a perfect love lost once and regained by two people with very different perspectives than they had the first time. Enjoying Nathan and Kate on the sidelines, from the first novel, was a nice treat and I will look forward to Ellie's novel next.

Rachelle says

All of these Noelle Marchand books are like Hallmark movies. Cheesy, sweet, and pretty predictable.

Wendy Sparkes says

“Will you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband...?”

With those formidable words ringing in her ears, Lorelei Wilkins realises that she can't go through with her marriage to Lawson Williams. She doesn't love him the way a wife should love her husband. With that she picks up her skirts & runs down the aisle. Facing the town now after her failing to marry Lawson would be a nightmare, her parents would be disappointed, & as for Sean O'Brien (the guy she had loved as a child & announced she would marry)...Well, she had never met his approval anyway. Now that she had jilted his best friend at the altar, he was going to be unbearable. There was only one thing to do. Her bags were already packed & she had the train ticket – she would run away!

Sheriff Sean O'Brien is not impressed. He had spent several hours sorting out the mess Lorelei had left behind at the wedding so that his best friend wouldn't have to. Then he was sent by Lawson & Mr Wilkins to bring Lorelei back. Once he had caught up with Lorelei, he had then hired a chaperone to see them home. Only she drugs them, robs them, & leaves them with compromised reputations. Despite their innocence, Mr & Mrs Wilkins fear for the reputations of their daughter & the Sheriff. The solution? They need to get married. There will be a courtship of 6 weeks & then Sean needs to propose!

Lorelei is wary of Sean – she knows he disapproves of her. She mustn't let her guard down & fall in love with him again. A marriage where she loved her husband but that love wasn't returned would be intolerable. No! They would put on a good show for the town, but she must guard her heart & keep her distance. Sean has always dreamed of a wife, family & “happily ever after”. Now he has to marry impulsive, unpredictable, flighty Lorelei. Can 2 stubborn hearts let their guards down, reach out & take a chance on love & “happily ever after”?

A runaway bride, robberies, meddling gossips, a kidnapping, conspiracies...and rekindled love – another winning historical & faith filled romance from Noelle Marchand.

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It was really nice to again visit Peppin. Although “Unlawfully Wedded Bride” precedes this one & is where we first meet Sean’s family, hear about Lorelei & meet several other members of Peppin, you don’t need to have read it before this one.

Noelle Marchand says

Hi, everyone! I am happy to present The Runaway Bride to you. Of course, I think it's wonderful since I wrote it but I hope you will like it too. Review it to your heart's content. Thank you so much for being interested in my work! Be blessed. :)

Dawn says

I really enjoyed these characters and the writing very much. The hero (Sean O'Brien) was my favorite kind--the steadfast, consistent kind. I liked Lorelei, but there were times that her emotional journey throughout the book didn't quite make sense. For the most part, I liked everything that went on between Sean and Lorelei, but the execution of the story was just a little off. I felt the situations that brought about the major plot points concerning the forced courtship and the bank-situation needed to be refined and strengthened.

Katie says

Having read the first book in this series, I was eager to re-visit the characters. What fun to discover the two youngsters have grown up and Sean is now an adult--and sheriff of Peppin, too!

The fun-if-somewhat-forced romance between Lorelei and Sean was amusing, and the mystery they solved together was intriguing. I had a hard time completely accepting/believing all the reasons for their forced courtship, but it was fun! And the ending I couldn't help but sighing in satisfactions. :-)

Full review to come.

Barbara says

This was a very enjoyable historical fiction novel, and I loved the fact that it had more than one interesting storyline going. They were expertly woven together, too. There is romance set in Texas in the late 1880's, which is where the runaway bride comes in, and to add to the excitement of the story there is some small town criminal activity and an undercover investigation that really enhances the book. The main characters are well-developed, and, of course, you have to have the town gossip adding to the drama. I plan to read other books by Noelle Marchand.

I won an advanced copy of this book from the author, but I was not required to write a positive review.

Phylisha Stone says

I enjoyed this book. The h was a little bit dippy, but overall a fun read.

Lynsay says

It was amazing. A great continuation from the first. I never wanted to put the book down. So many great surprises and little twists in this story.
