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1900s Kansas

Ever since Charlotte Andrews bested four-eyed Harrison Gray in a shooting competition when they were teenagers, he decided a tough, show-off girl like Charlie didn't need him to look after her. Now a teacher at the local school, Harrison learns Charlie intends to marry a neighbor who comes from a long line of no-good troublemakers and, for some inexplicable reason, it falls to him to talk some sense into her...if she has any under that tomboy exterior.

Their heated confrontation unfortunately takes place right as a bad storm is coming on and, in the melee of arguing and taking shelter, Harrison's glasses are knocked off his face and broken when Charlie's horse crushes them under a hoof. Harrison and Charlie may have their differences, but she can see from his panic that the loss of his glasses is a blow to him. She volunteers to help him at school until his new pair of special order glasses arrive despite knowing the one place she can't best Harrison is in the classroom.

Readers will have fun being introduced to the characters of Melissa's Teaville Moral Society series!

Engaging the Competition Details

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Janet says

3.5 stars actually.

Liked the enough to check out the next one in the series.

I think all the characters in this books were so quirky you needed a much longer novel to actually get to know them better. The only somewhat normal person was Lydia, main character of the next in the series.

BlueJeansAndTeacups says

1901 Kansas

Harrison Gray and Charlotte Andrews get caught in a storm. After he loses his glasses in her barn they find themselves stuck together in her root cellar. They both realize feelings they thought they had pushed aside years ago are bubbling to the surface. The storm subsides and they go looking for his glasses only to discover them crushed in his horse's stall. Charlie determines to become his assistant at the school where he teaches until new glasses can arrive which forces them to spend even more time together. But, she has committed herself to another in order to save her father's farm. Working through their issues is a nice little story of people coming together in God's perfect timing.

Originally released in the book With THIS Ring? – A Historical Romance 4 Novella Collection but also available as a separate download.

Gifted by a friend. My opinion is my own.

Brittany says

What a unique and absolutely wonderful novella this was! The author did such a good job at creating two characters who have flaws, but are utterly likable, as well. Harrison and Charlotte (Charlie) have great chemistry, a problematic history, and I had to laugh at the fact that their first kiss wasn't all that great for them! I really enjoyed this story and loved watching these two characters grow so much from beginning to end.

I am really looking forward to the first book in this author's upcoming Teaville Moral Society series, as it will have a character who is introduced in this novella. I think she will have a very interesting story.

Kristen says

My least favorite of the bunch in the "With This Ring?" collection. I like my men stronger than my women, and didn't feel like that was the case here. She was overbearing and his eyeglasses/eyesight was just a major distraction the entire book.

Heather says

This is part of the collection "With this ring"

Dee/ bookworm says

Nice story, but did not draw me in.

ASC Book Reviews says

LOVELY! I LOVE the title of this one and it fits this story excellently! I loved and felt a kin to Charlotte as the story went on, but while I also like Harrison he did bother me sometimes with how he read Charlotte the wrong way at times. Misunderstandings stand between these two and trouble stirs around bullies as bad guys! Bringing these two together took some doing let me tell you! :) But it all comes together in a highly satisfying story!

Song: "God Gave Me You" by Dave Barnes
Songs etc. May be changed and/or added in the future. ~ASC

Isaiah 29:11

~ASC

*I requested and received this book in a collection from Bethany House for the purpose of reviewing it. This in no way affected my opinion and the above are my true thoughts and feelings about Engaging the Competition. ~ASC

Rochelle says

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THIS STORY WAS SO CUTE! I think I've only read one other story where the hero wore eyeglasses. When his eyeglasses get broken he has to rely on the heroine and what ensues is just plain heartwarming. This was also cute for the reason that they were friends when they were young. She, the future rancher, he, the future teacher.

**I read this novella as a part of the With This Ring collection.*

Cathy says

Really cute story with an unlikely hero and heroine. It was a fast read that kept me intrigued. This adorable couple will put a smile on a face and happiness in your heart. I highly recommend!!

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

What a fun and interesting premise! I loved how these two had misconceptions about each other and circumstances had to throw them together to make them act on their attraction and chemistry. Great moments of romantic tension made it a delight to read, and it was well-paced for the shorter length of a novella.

(I received a copy of this story from the publisher in exchange for my honest review)

Emilee says

I read this as part the collection *With This Ring*. I really enjoyed it!

Amanda Tero says

This was an easy quick read with engaging style. The characters were unique--practically blind Harrison and sharpshooter "Charlie."

Because it was short, it was kind of like a shot of romance. And, well, I'm just not a huge romance fan. There was a bit more references to marriage intimacy than I care for and there wasn't a ton of substance besides Harrison convincing Charlie that he really did love her.

It wasn't a horrible read, just not my personal preference. Romance lovers will probably adore this book.

Sherri says

A quick feel-good romance

Engaging the Competition is a short, sweet novella that left me smiling. Charlie and Harrison are a mismatched pair that are destined to be together. This is a good choice if you're looking for a quick feel-good romance.

Iola says

I don't know how I'd managed to not read this earlier, given I've read and enjoyed two Teaville Moral Society novels. Fortunately, this isn't a prequel as such - it's a lovely standalone novella with a huge aww! factor.

Sharon Maxwell says

I did not enjoy this story very much. Kept picturing the heroine as Doris Day for some reason. Just really didn't get captured up in the story and the way things played out in the storm cellar and the fact that neither of them had any idea about the others feelings. I don't know, I did like the characters, just not the way the plot panned out. Not my "cup of tea" I guess.
