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A Most Inconvenient Marriage (Ozark Mountain Romance Book #1)



Synopsis

Abigail Stuart Thought She was Jeremiah Calhoun's Widow. But Jeremiah Calhoun Is Very Handsome, Very Alive, and Very Perplexed. Most Inconvenient Indeed. With few options of her own, nurse Abigail Stuart agrees to marry her patient, a gravely wounded soldier calling himself Jeremiah Calhoun. They arrange a quick ceremony before he dies, giving Abigail the rights to his Ozark farm and giving Jeremiah the peace of knowing someone will care for his ailing sister after he's gone--a practical solution for both of them. After the war, Abigail fulfills her side of the bargain--until the real Jeremiah Calhoun shows up, injured but definitely alive, and wastes no time in challenging Abigail's story. Abigail is flummoxed. After months of claiming to be his widow, how can she explain that she's never seen this Jeremiah Calhoun before? How can she convince him that she isn't trying to steal his farm? And will she find a way to stay, even though this practical arrangement has turned into a most inconvenient marriage?

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Customer Reviews

I'm not sure why so many commented that the book was boring because I felt engaged throughout the whole story. It was a very unusual plot that I hadn't read before which was nice. I loved how strong the female lead character was. She worked diligently and sought God's purpose in her life. The reason I didn't award five stars is because when all was said and done I found the male lead to be pretty wishy washy and that didn't make him a hero in my eyes. He did some hurtful things to her and I thought he was selfish. This took away from the romance in the end for me. That's just my opinion though. Others may feel differently.

Abigail is a nurse during the civil war at a prisoners hospital, while there she becomes the nurse for a patient who is going to die. He has his arm amputated and then gets infection in it, he fought the infection more than most men did and becomes Abigail's favorite patient. And so this man asks Abigail a dying wish, he wants her to marry him and go to his family's horse farm to help his mother and take care of his sick sister. Abigail thinks and prays about it and says yes. When she arrives the family had already received the federal government's notice that their son Jeremiah had died. The mother loves Abigail from the beginning, but Rachel the sister is bitter to everyone, but Abigail gets right to work and they fall into a happy routine. Everything is going wonderful until Jeremiah comes home alive and shocked to find he has a wife especially when he's engaged to another, Abigail is shocked because this is not the man she married. Between this point and the end is where the real story begins. There's things told about the war that are interesting and you feel for people on both sides. Then there's the mystery of who Abigail married, that one I figured out faster than the author gives the answer. Then you have the neighbors kids pulling pranks on Abigail that made me laugh out loud to. And Jeremiah with a war injury that makes him need Abigail's help, and so they need to work together. Now add in stealing, murder, attempted murder from the bad groups that formed after the war, death, and then more than one romance and you have the perfect book.

I really liked this book. It had an intriguing synopsis and I just couldn't pass it up. How do you marry a dying man so you can take care of his sister and then, a few months later, meet the man you married.....only he isn't - the man you married, I mean. Is that confusing enough? Abigail, a Civil War nurse, married a dying patient at the end of the war. He was worried about his mother and his sister Rachel. Abigail needed a home so she married and buried Jeremiah Calhoun. Then she traveled to the Missouri Ozarks and introduced herself to her mother-in-law and her very ill and prickly sister-in-law. She pitched right in and did everything she could to help her new family. She

was pretty well accepted by everyone, even her husband's sweetheart, Laurel. Laurel was more than interested in the town doctor. Then Jeremiah Calhoun came home from the war. This plot made for a very interesting and engaging book. It was funny, tender, and sweet. No preachiness, but God figured into everyone's lives. I really enjoyed the book and recommend it. Grab it. It's a good price, too.

I enjoyed this author. To me the point of a review is not to retell the story, but to let the readers know if we enjoyed the book. I will definitely read more books from this author. She captivates you from the beginning with a great storyline and heart warming characters. I loved her humor. It added more depth to the story and characters. Don't hesitate if you're looking for a good book!

I would have chosen 3.5 stars if I had the choice. The characters did not illustrate much depth. They were pretty predictable. The various conflicts: robbed on the woods at gunpoint, Hiram being shot, were resolved fairly quickly. I appreciated the details about the internal conflicts plaguing their state in the aftermath of the civil strife of the 1860's. The feuds in the Ozarks are well known; however, I could wish for the young couple to have contributed more to its resolution. The author introduces several conversations between feuding families, but there are no hints of those fences being mended. I used it for light reading while traveling, and it met that need without much trouble.

This is a great book. It's well written, set post civil war, and has realistic characters. The story between the h and H is one of a hard working woman seeking to belong and a man who isn't quite sure about her or what might be best for him. As a nurse during the war, she married a man who soon after dies and she returns to his family home to care for his sister and continue to build their horse farm. The H returns to his farm to take up with his old flame only to find a woman claiming to be his wife. I highly recommend this if you like clean historical romances where the couple actually spend time together.

...good guys, bad guys, horses, nursing, strong female characters and the men who love them. It is a fast moving story that makes you wish it continued because before you know it - you're at the end.

I enjoyed reading this book. It had a different spin to it, which was interesting. The heroine character was likable. I liked the hero, but I believe one of his decisions could have been a tragic mistake, and he was very blessed when things worked out the way they did. I understand to some degree each of

their issues and choices, but at some point, when they were aware of their true feelings, a conversation should have been had versus just going along, but the conversation not occurring was part of the story. Romantic scenes are included as a part of the reading, but appropriate for a Christian book. Overall I liked this book, found the characters and story to be intriguing, and would recommend it to others.

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