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SHORT STORY

Rachel's Eyes features characters from the author's western historical romance novel, Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold. Rachel Miles Ross has shunned her former best friend, Anne Wells Bennett, since the day of Anne's marriage to half-breed Cord Bennett. Yet when Rachel's life crumbles around her, she turns to Anne for help. Anne can give sympathy, but Cord is the one whose help Rachel really needs. Will he help a woman he considers an unworthy friend and first-class snob?

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From Reader Review **Rachel's Eyes** for online ebook

Jill says

A short but satisfying look at the continuing story of Cord and Anne Bennett (and family).

Mei says

A very cute and very short story!

I loved meeting again with Anne and Cord and I remembered how much I loved Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold!

Bgurl (don't h8 me cuz I'm honestful) says

Rachel's Eyes (EOS 1.6), by Ellen O'Connell: 4 “Fun Sized” Stars

Cord: “Think he’ll leave without more prodding?”

Frank: “You have no idea how scary you looked with that knife.”

Cord: “Thought the same about you with the gun.”

Luke: “What about me? Don’t I get credit for the bloodthirsty act?”

Frank: “Oh, yeah. If you get tired of the cattle business, you can go on stage.”

~Cord, Frank, & Luke Bennett

Rachel's Eyes, by Ellen O'Connell, is the resolution to Rachel Miles Moss's story; the estranged BFF of Anne Bennett, the heroine in *Eyes of Silver, Eye's of Gold*. After 4 years of shunning Anne for marrying the half-breed Cord Bennett, Rachel finds herself in need of their help. Of course, Cord rises to the occasion. He wouldn't be the awesome, protective, kick-ass hero we've come to know and love if he didn't.

Once available as a freebie on O'Connell's website, *Rachel's Eyes*, is the literary version of a fun sized Milky Way: as sweet and satisfying as the original, only smaller.

For information about my rating system, see my profile page.

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My review

Luke's Eyes (Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold #1.5): Click Me!

Val's review

Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold: Click Me!

Frankly Frankie says

Cord as a daddy?

My ovaries went something like this while reading:

Short but humorous.

Leona says

This is actually more an epilogue, than a short story. I finished it in less than 15 minutes. But, even as an epilogue it doesn't work very well. The plot is weak and poorly executed.

Rachel goes to her friend (Anne) for help when she has refused to acknowledge her for the past 4 years. Cord agrees to break the law risking jail and the safety of his family for this so-called friend (Rachel won't even acknowledge him publicly because he's a half-breed). On top of that, I'm also supposed to believe that his scare tactics work and Rachel's miserable, abusive husband gets scared enough to actually leave?

In a way, I'm glad this wasn't an epilogue because it would have spoiled the ending for Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold

KatLynne says

Short story - 22 pages that follows Eyes of Silver...Free from author's webpage.

Duchess Nicole says

This is a really quick story that resolves one issue in Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold. While it doesn't neatly tie up all of the loose ends (like the spineless Reverend Pratt), it does give a little insight into Annie's friend Rachel and why she let the friendship go so easily.

We also get to find out the sex of the baby, which was one thing that I was disappointed in about the end of the book. Oh, and we get some tenderness from Cord, both for Annie and their child. And if you've read the book, you know that tenderness was in short supply.

Great short! A nice rounding out of some things left out of the main story.

Sophia Triad says

Cord and Anne have created the perfect little family and Anne's friend Rachel visits them to ask for their help.

Domestic violence existed in 1885 and there was no supporting from the local community for the woman.

It is a good thing that Cord always answers if someone cries for help – even if that someone is a person that he does not particularly like.

Very cute, short story. It is nice revising Cord and Anne.

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

If you've read *Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold* you know that Rachel Miles Ross was Anne's best friend, but when Anne married Cord, Rachel stopped coming around. In *Rachel's Eyes* we learn the truth about why she stayed away, and we get some insight into the abusive life that was her marriage.

This is a sweet, funny story, and I'm glad the author felt Rachel and Anne's friendship was deserving of a *best friends happily ever after*, too. But I'm especially glad for the chance we had to revisit Cord, Frank and Luke.

MBR says

Rachel's Eyes is a short story that continues from one of the most wonderful historical romances that I have read to-date i.e. *Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold* by Ellen O'Connell. I loved the story that unfolded between half-breed Cord Bennett and Anne Wells amidst the violence and prejudices that life was back then so much that I have pimped it out on several occasions when fellow book lovers like me ask for book recommendations from the American-Western romance genre.

I was delighted when my friend Jill on Goodreads told me about the release of this short novel which sort of continues Anne's and Cord's story, giving the reader glimpses of their happily ever after which makes me one ecstatic reader all around.

This novella tells the story of Rachel Miles Ross, Anne's best friend before her marriage to Cord. When Rachel comes calling, in dire need of help from Anne and her husband, Cord certainly cannot say no after hearing about what married and family life has been like for Rachel all along. And it is always heartwarming to see Cord through the eyes of secondary characters, bringing to light what it is that made me fall so hopelessly in love with his character.

For a novella that wanted to bring about a part of Anne's life that was left without a happy ending in Anne and Cord's story, this one does a swell job of tying up that loose end quite effectively.

And once again, let me not forget how Ellen O'Connell weaves her brand of magic that even in a short story like this manages to grab the reader right from page one. Literally can't wait until the release of her next book which is to come out later this year.

Definitely recommended for those who have already read and fallen in love with Cord upon reading *Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold*. If you haven't already read their story, buy a copy and immerse yourself in one of the finest American-Western romances out there. Most certainly worth your time & money.

Rating=4/5

Mari (Smut Duchess) says

Good short story catching up with Cord and Anne from Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold plus gave Rachel her much needed happy ending.

Deborah says

This is a cute short spin-off from Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Golds.

Rachel Miles Ross was friends with Anne when they were younger. But since Anne married Cord Rachel doesn't even acknowledge her.

Cord is surprised and totally unimpressed to discover Rachel sat in his house one day. It turns out the woman who's ignored his wife now wants their help.

This is a great little catch-up with a few of the characters.

Eyes of Silver is one of my favourite books so any spin-off is good with me.

My 3* is a result of length rather than content since the content is fabulous.

Zoe and the Edge says

A cute little story with a bit of edge and a pleasure to revisit a favourite couple's HEA.

Cord and Anne 4eva.

That scene with Ross. A real classic. Teehee. Justice.

Ian says

A very short story revisiting the characters from Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold. It works on its own but was obviously written to provide fan-service. Entertaining but there isn't much to it...it's probably worth the 80 cents it's being sold for.

Nadine says

This short story is more of an extended epilogue to "Eyes of silver, eyes of gold."

We visit Annie and Cord three years after their HEA. It was so sweet to see Cord as a daddy. That alone was worth reading this short story.
