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Cast adrift during the War Between the States, Shannon Conner grew to womanhood in a lonely cabin high in the Colorado Rockies. Though stubborn and courageous, Shannon is ill-prepared to deal with the predatory Culpepper brothers - and the intoxicating ardour of the man who defends her honour, Rafael 'Whip' Moran.

A loner and a wanderer, a man tied to no place or promise, Whip aids the wary young 'widow' who has a walk like honey and a determined grip on her shotgun. But neither the Culpeppers nor grizzlies are as dangerous to Whip as the passion Shannon offers him - a passion that could cost Whip the freedom that is as much a part of him as his soul.

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Copper78 says

I simultaneously loved this book and wanted to bash the hero's skull in at times. I enjoyed the ways in which Whip "wooed" Shannon in the beginning. First by defending her honor and then with all the "gifts" he kept leaving for her. He sure wanted to get in her pants pretty badly!! But good lord did he struggle with to understand that Shannon could and would be his greatest adventure. And she took his rejection a little too well and readily. I would have loved for her to kneed him in the balls or shot him (somewhere non-fatal) or something. He rejected her so many times it was embarrassing that she kept allowing him more opportunities. BUT, they had great chemistry and so. much. angst!! Everyone knows I'm a sucker for good angst. So even though this book was super frustrating at times and probably could have been a bit shorter, the writing was good, the epilogue was sweet and I was well entertained while reading Only Love so I'm giving it 4.25 Better Than the Next Sunrise stars.

SheLove2Read says

Started out great. I loved the intensity of the hero and the vulnerability of the heroine. By the time I was done however, I just wanted to smack them both upside the head.

Maddux says

Elizabeth Lowell WRITES the bold words. And I love her for it. She doesn't tell you about it, she SHOWS you. Thank you, Elizabeth Lowell.

Whip is one of those heroes that makes me stop and think, "Is there such a man as this in existence?" If there is, I don't know that I've ever heard of him. But there's always that fantasy that he IS out there, crossing over mountains, fording rivers, sailing across an ocean, learning to fight, learning to love...

A man so well-rounded and well-endowed that he fills every space in his heroine's life so succinctly, so perfectly... I wonder if he CAN exist.

He feels larger than life.

Don't think me silly for giving this 5 stars. It was just a perfect story for me at this time. This is the second read-through of this book for me. And my original feelings are still the same from the first time.

Can't wait to read the others in this series.

Vero Rinconin says

3'5

Rafe es mejor que Matt pero aún así tuvo sus momentos de pichote, madre mía estos hombres son demasiado tercos para mi salud mental XDDD Aunque saben compensarlo, jijij.
Reseñando...

?Reseña completa en Mi Rinconín de Lectura?

Judy says

This fourth book of the epic Only series features Moran brother, Rafe, called Whip, and Shannon Connor Smith. Theirs is a heart wrenching tale that gives us maximum angst before they find their happiness with each other. If there is one shortcoming to all these Only books I have read so far, it is that the ending comes late in the book and gives up mere general glances of the happiness that follows all that heartache. These are all wonderful stories, beautifully written, but I could use a bit more of the happiness at the end. Still, they have all been great reads and very much worth it!

Karen Boruff says

The book started out interesting, but the longer I read, the less interesting it became. It was constantly repeating things. The male didn't strike me as a hero, he was trying to get exactly what he was keeping the Culpeppers from getting. The girl has to have been the dumbest thing on earth. When in "survival" mode, one learns to use anything and everything in nature. She lacks protein source...can't shoot a deer....but there is a lake with fish...which means also crayfish..etc..all protein. Maybe I have a jaded view here, I am ex-Air Force and did survival training, I was already pretty "Woods" savy, but by the end I knew I could survive with no help. she had a huge dog...why not use it to wound...cripple something till she could shoot it, etc. Also what happened to gardening. I could go on here....but don't want to bore you...like the book bored me. It was the first book I read by this author, will read one more just to see if the failure of this book was a fluck...but suspect not. Reading an authors work, is getting a peak into their private fantasies...etc. Some are compatible with your own....some are uncomfortable fit, an horrors in some cases..a shocking jolt. This was just an uncomfortable fit. Didn't really care what happened to the characters, and kept falling asleep while reading it...a sure indication, the storyline wasn't holding my attention.

Sarah says

Liked the beginning, but skimmed through the end. The story started out sweet and satisfying but ended with me wanting to gag every time I read about the sunrise never seen and the words "yondering man" (god I think both phrases are repeated a million times in this book). I never really bought into Whips need to "yonder," it quickly turned into an annoying plot device to cause conflict rather than a realistic problem the hero had with settling down. I loved the start of this series so much (Only His), but have found the rest of the "Only" books I've read do be disappointing.

Anna says

Con los dedos cruzados y mirada reticente, me pongo con "Sólo Amor". Rafe cae del cielo como un ángel justiciero (?3?)

Rafe es un Chris Hermsworth demasiado terco y algo extremista/dramas (Blanco o Negro, no se ha enterado que existen los grises). Shannon no se queda atrás, cabezota, terca y un poco imprudente, no ha conseguido llegarme tanto como Eve o Jessi (perdónadme, Rafe acapara toda la atención). Aunque me ha gustado, tampoco es una gran historia, es rápida de leer con sus dosis de acción y humor. Y cómo no, un final precipitado.

PD: Esta opinión no es nada objetiva, puede estar "ligeramente" favorecida (^ . ~)

Responder

Lea's Audiobooks Hensley says

Years ago when I read in print, I thought this was a DIK - the audio was a disaster by comparison.

When it comes to a flat-out failure for male narration of a romance, my vote goes to Richard Ferrone, narrator of Elizabeth Lowell's Only series. His narration is actually pretty impressive until his heroine utters her first words and you can't help but think of Diana's Monty Python reference. Even worse is the occasional injustice done to these manliest of men heroes. In the printed version of Only Love, Whip is a strong, considerate hero but Ferrone's verbalization of Whip's repeated claims of being a yondering man always seeking the sunrise he's never seen, while referring to Shannon as Honey Girl, cast him forever in my mind as a slightly effeminate silly man. What a waste!

This review was written by Lea Hensley for the 6/08/09 Speaking of Audiobooks column.

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Melwin says

This is the best of the "Only" series, in my opinion. Rafe is actually pretty sweet to Shannon (what a change from how the men treated the women in the other three books of the series!)

Peg Hughes says

Love them

I love this series. Wonderful series. Sizzling love stories with amazing settings. Truly delicious heroes and Spicy heroines. Each one a great read !

Myself says

3/5

Bueno, pues pensaba que Rafe sería el maromo que más me iba a gustar y va a ser que no. Demasiada tontería tiene este hombre, se pasa de cabezón sin sentido. Todos los de la serie son un poco así pero este se lleva la palma. Anda que no hace sufrir a la chica pa na...

Buena boa según parece pero ya está.

shirley fisher says

Been a while since I picked up this series (deep into Recency but needed a break) so glad I picked this series. Of all the Onlys think this is my favorite. This whole series puts the western woman where she belongs. The hardships of frontier life are unbelievable but all the Lowell women are strong resourceful and when she finds her man not other will do. Each hero is determined but the woman more so. So the guys are hard headed, stubborn, sexy, and mostly wrong about the heroines but they finally get it. Each journey different great read but result the same (we ready knew that). Think Whips hangup the hardest as he didn't really know what was driving him, just that dream. Sure stories bit old fashioned by today's standard (feminists get off your soap box) this book is close to 25 years old. We've always known what we are and the world is discovering our strengths and this highlights how far we've come. No more old movie helpless females here. Just enjoy for what it is great piece of history and the final epilogue is great. Hope you get to all and on the Hunter who we've met and his brother Case. Also hope you took time to read her Essay at end of e-book. Great insight into what makes a great talented author. No one dimension here.

Heidi says

Wow! I flew through this book!

I loved Rafe "Whip" Moran! He was a a great guy, but a stubborn ass at some points in the book. Then he would turn around and be a plate of habaneros with a side is hot sauce! Hot, Hot, Hot! Wish he wouldn't have done a bit more groveling at the end, I kind of felt the end of the book was rushed

Shannon was awesome, sweet, honest, yet headstrong when it came to all things she believed in, especially HER MAN! Way to go Shannon!!

I loved the return of characters from previous books and the roles they played through-out the series! Caleb & Willow, Wolfe & Jessi and Reno & Eve! all nice to see them again!

This series was the first books I have read by Elizabeth Lowell and I will certainly be reading more of her work!

Angela says

Concluding my Elizabeth Lowell "Only"-athon, last but not least we have Book Four, wherein Rafe "Whip" Moran, thusly nicknamed for his skill with a bullwhip (cue obligatory Indiana-Jones fangirly snicker), volunteers himself as the protector of the young 'widow' Shannon Conner Smith. She's living all alone in a remote cabin, and she's roused the interest of the predatory Culpepper brothers, who are very, *very* interested in the location of the gold claims worked by her alleged "husband".

Villains Du Jour: The Culpeppers, who are fairly interchangeable in their general assholitude, and who are mostly notable for being the main villains for a related duology of novels that Lowell does later.

Big Misunderstanding Du Jour: Holy Crap! She's a Virgin! (There's a lot of that in these novels, too.) Only this time around, it's with a side helping of But Wait, I Thought She Was a Widow! ('Cause of *course* Shannon was lying about the man who was reputed to be her husband, in protective self-defense!)

Hotness Du Jour: The Indiana Jones fangirl in me has to be a sucker for Rafe wielding a whip, I must admit. Also, of the four heroes in this quartet, he's the only one that takes the time to actually do some nice things for the girl he's interested in: working for her, hunting for her, and playing music for her; his only real issue is a pathological fear of being tied into marriage, since he's an inveterate wanderer. Yep, he's made of the most amount of Win.

Julie Barrett says

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1860's Colorado Rockies after the Civil War.

Mitt Moran a wanderer.

Shannon Connor Smith, a widow that's never been a wife.

The Culpepper's are the family that want control over everybody. They think Shannon's husband is the bounty hunter-Silent John and nobody's seen him for years.

She traded her gold wedding ring for food at the market-enough for just a few weeks.

Love book for the story and how she's survived on the land all this time, her friends and her dog.

Mitt had caulked the logs in her cabin, chopped her wood, killed a deer and other animals for her to cure for the winter and a lot of other chores she was not able to do herself.

Slow hot sex scenes and I love that she shared John's secret locationss with him.

Loved all the outdoor things in this book and learning new tips on tracking animals. Love how he just takes care of her.

I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

Usagi Tsukino says

To quote Kathryn's review: *I think I gave this one too many stars! Lol. =__=*

Zoe says

I really like the pace of this writer and the fact that she writes her stories without a plethora of secondary characters who do nothing but fill the pages with meaningless conversations.

Shannon and Rafe are good characters but I got a little bored with their dance around each other in the first half of the story. Rafe wanted to sleep with Shannon and Shannon was trying to deny him and herself. Maybe it is because I just read *Only You* and the intensity of the writer's style wears off on me. I find *Only You* a much better entry than this book and liked Reno and Eve better than Shannon and Rafe. Not much happened except Rafe was trying to get under Shannon's skirt. I don't know about Shannon. She was understandably reluctant in the beginning then confused. Even when the villains came to harm Shannon, the book read strangely bland to me. Some couples/romances just have it. I can only say that Reno and Eve from *Only You* had it whereas Rafe and Shannon didn't. But that's just my opinion. Overall it's a well written historical western story.

Katie B-K says

Oh lord. So many secret virgins in this series. This was fine, and actually the communication between the main characters was better than the previous stories, it was just sort of trite and dated (she says about 15 year old romance novels). I waffled between 2 and 3 stars.

Kathrynn says

I thought this one had a lot of potential, but failed miserably for me. It's a western-romance.

This turned out to be how can a guy get a girl into bed. Then he finds out she is a virgin and becomes irrationally irate with her. Then, the book becomes mainly about: how to have sex without going all the way. Well, it sounds stupid, but so was the book.

I was confused because it starts off with the guy having visions of where he was "supposed" to be in his life and this girl who he finds alone in the wilderness is the girl of his visions. When he finally meets her, "he is very nice and romantic: he brings her flowers, meat, etc, but only wants to get her into bed. And that point gets beat to death throughout the book.

I think I gave this one too many stars!
