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A Woman in a Man's Job

Filling the shoes of her late husband as town marshal hasn't been easy for Danna Carpenter. She's not only fighting criminals, she's also fighting to earn the respect of the townspeople. So crossing paths with tenderfoot detective Chas O'Grady is the last thing she needs. He's hunting a band of cattle rustlers and isn't used to the rugged Wyoming landscape. Teaming up is their only option, but when circumstances place them in a compromising situation, the town forces a more permanent partnership — marriage. If they can let down their guards with each other they might find that love is the greatest catch of all.

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Christine Lindsay says

I wish I could give this book more than 5 stars.

Marrying Miss Marshal is such a delight. I loved it. Fast-paced but one of the sweetest love stories I've ever read. Which is surprising when the heroine is a tall, strong, willowy girl who is tough enough to stomp out a bar brawl, ride straight into a cattle stampede to save the male hero, and then go after cattle rustlers and murderers.

Author Lacy Williams is brilliant in the way she fills out the characters, Danna Carpenter and Chas O'Grady, the tenderfoot detective that comes into town. Nothing stereotypical about these characters, but fully complex human beings with all the longings of any man and woman.

It's not just that Danna wants to fill the shoes of her late husband, the Marshall, she wants all that entails the life of a woman—love, children, learning how to be feminine. As the reader we feel those emotions through both her and Chas.

This debut author has a great career before her. Her writing is wonderful, a voice that is soft at times, but packs such an emotional punch.

Laura says

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Danna Carpenter is trying to fill the shoes of her late husband as town marshal. A super woman, she fights criminals, and is even earning the grudging respect of the town. So when she sees a tenderfoot about to get trampled by a cattle stampede, she thinks nothing about riding her horse into the fray, scooping the man up with one hand and tossing him behind her on the horse.

Chas O'Grady is supposed to be hunting for cattle rustlers, but not being the brightest crayon in the box, Chas is unable to obey even the simplest of instructions. "Stay here." means to step off into the pitch black darkness and fall off the cliff causing him to dislocate his shoulder. And forcing Danna into another rescue.

When the town realizes the pair has been in a "compromising position," they force them to wed. But will they survive long enough to find love?

MARRYING MISS MARSHAL is Lacy William's debut book. A super-strong heroine, a hero who is definitely the polar opposite, and a rugged Wyoming landscape come together to make this a western straight from the movies. And not a block-buster one.

Okay—I admit to some questions. There are men in town. Why didn't one of them step forward as Marshal since they didn't respect her? I won't go into the other things that crossed my mind, except to say "It's in the script" or "It's fiction..." But to me, it was unbelievable.

If you like western historical romances, then you might be interested in **MARRYING MISS MARSHAL**. Discussion questions are included at the end of the book. \$6.75. 279 pages.

Brittany says

Marrying Miss Marshall has a great combination of action, danger, and romance. I listened to this book through Audible and I had a great time following what was going on in the lives of Danna and Chas. I have enjoyed listening to this narrator before and I enjoyed most of her telling of the story. A couple of scenes where she had to read in a voice where a man was yelling were not really to my liking, but those were only a couple of times and otherwise I very much liked the narration.

This was a fun and enjoyable book. There are many misunderstandings between these two main characters. The guilt that Chas carries impacts many of his decisions. And the lack of self-confidence that Danna sometimes deals with in regards to how she feels as a woman keep her from understanding how others view her.

I thought the author did a good job of creating many twists and turns in the story and the way she tied everything up at the end was very nice. A sweet, western romance.

(4.5 stars)

I received a complimentary copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest review.

The review of this audio book will post on my blog tomorrow (1/14/2016).

Jeffrey says

This book reminded me of shuffling a deck of cards together in that it was the perfect melding of a highly unlikely romance with a murderous conspiracy. The author fits these two dramas together in a perfectly knit story of love, survival, revenge, and redemption.

Widow Danna Carpenter struggles as she inherits her role of town marshal from her murdered husband. City slicker Chas O'Grady is from a patrician Boston family and is hunting down cattle rustlers when he is overtaken by a stampede but rescued by Danna. Danna was a child bride, tough, primitive, illiterate but highly intelligent and totally unaware of her own femininity. Chas sees through all of that and this ultimate odd couple know they need each other to solve two terrible crimes that are somehow connected.

Although innocent of any wrong-doing they are declared "compromised" during a snow storm tracking bank robbers together and are forced into a marriage by the town council. The approach/avoidance chemistry

between these two is scintillating and smoldering. Can they solve a complicated murderous conspiracy that involves tragedies from both of their backgrounds before they end up murdered themselves? This mystery, artfully combined with a most unusual romance, had me drawn in from the very first page.

Vickie McDonough says

A fabulous debut novel!

As marshal of a rugged Wyoming town, Danna Carpenter had her hands full, especially since no one will serve as her deputy. Then citified detective Chas O'Grady comes to town and offers to team up with her if she'll help him tack down a gang of cattle rustlers. But Danna and Chas rustle up more than cattle thieves, and two loners discover that being alone isn't so inviting any more.

Lacy William's fabulous debut novel is a perfect rollicking romance set in the Old West. From the heart-pounding beginning to a heart-tugging ending, *Marrying Miss Marshall* will have you crying and cheering, all in a span of a few chapters. An unconventional, independent heroine clashes with an overprotective, hurting hero, and in the process, saves a town. Lawmen, rustlers, stampedes, an ugly old dog, and a romance that brings tears to your eyes, *Marrying Miss Marshall* has it all.

Tonileg says

Straight from the start, the reader knows that this is an original historical western romance because Ms. Danna Carpenter is the marshal of the little town of Calvin, she is dressed as a man which says a lot about her with out having to explain anything. This is a time when women's roles in society are fixed and inflexible, so there is something shady about Danna being asked to be the lawman. She starts off by saving the life of a stranger, Chas O'Grady. There is a lot of mentions of the connection between the two, but I didn't feel like there really was anything except the words of the author. This has a lot of story but I didn't feel the attraction between the H/h.

Danna doesn't know how to cook, sew, make bread, wear a dress, etc... all the womanly talents were never learned because she was raised by an older brother and orphaned very young. She does know how to incapacitate a drunk and she is a sharpshooter, but she is still a woman trying to do a man's job at a time when that was far from being acceptable (too bad when she is clearly able!).

This is a clean inspirational 'christian' romance but it is really light and no heavy handed religious testimony is hitting you in the back of the head like some other authors. So there is no sexy scenes, just a kiss or two and the rest is hinted. I didn't feel like this story needed any hot sexy action because there is a lot of plot and intertwining mysteries and even more history that gets resolved for Danna and Chas.

2 stars bought used on Amazon for 3.50\$

Bryanna Plog says

This is a clear "it was okay" book for me. Lots of plot twists (maybe too many?) and fun characters but not super believable and could have been flushed out more. But a quick afternoon read if you want a clean

western romance.

Elizabeth Dragina says

Great book..... I love the country background and the Out West story line.

Kellyn Roth says

I wasn't a fan of the idea of a "Miss Marshal" concept, which seems historically accurate, but it was actually well-done - more so than I expected. I liked both Danna and Chas, and I felt the plot progressed well and was interesting (if a little confusing at times).

I felt that the writing was amateurish, especially the description. Danna and Chas's relationship was a little juvenile.

It was pretty clean. There were a few kisses. The townsfolk accuse Danna and Chas of inappropriate relations based on the fact that they camped out alone together while searching for the bad guys (nothing actually happened). A mention of childbirth. Some mild violence.

Overall, not an amazing book, but it wasn't terrible. More personal preference than anything.

This is a Goodreads- and Amazon-Only Review.

~Kellyn Roth, Reveries Reviews

Alana says

this was my first love inspired and i really enjoyed it. loved the characters and plot. and as i usually end up saying, loved wrong tree and would've like to have read more about him. i was definitely surprised who the cattle rustler turned out to be. rescues, gunfights, and cattle rustlers, can't ask for more. very descriptive writing style.

additionally, i liked that there was a discussion guide, there were some interesting questions. overall, great plot, characters, and setting. can't wait for another. (i would love to hear about katy!)

(Received free through Goodreads First Reads)

Angie Thompson says

Not really my cup of tea. The romance wasn't inappropriate, but very centered around physical attraction. The characters were sometimes confusing, and I was never sure which side of them was going to come out in any given scene. There was enough backstory given that I thought I should be able to understand them, but I

never felt like I connected or really cared. And the writing style just wasn't my preference. Nothing I can point to and say "this was bad", it just wasn't what I was looking for.

Regina Jennings says

Danna Carpenter doesn't understand why the town council of Calvin, Wyoming, elected her Marshal after her lawman husband died. They show her no respect and don't support her efforts to catch a gang of rustlers. To make matters worse, city-boy Chas O'Grady arrives in Calvin and Danna has her hands full keeping him from getting hurt in his attempt to hunt down a murderer. Just when she's getting used to O'Grady being her deputy, their relationship becomes more complicated and much more personal.

Marrying Miss Marshal is chock-full of excitement. From the opening scene of a life-threatening stampede to the last outlaw apprehended Lacy brings the action. And just when you think it's safe to relax, she introduces complications between the Marshal and her Deputy like a forced marriage of convenience and a mysterious journal from someone in Miss Marshal's past.

Lacy has gifted us with two intriguing protagonists and a lively town full of interesting characters. I hope to spend more time in Calvin, Wyoming, soon.

Deborah Andreasen says

In a Man's World

Great story of a woman with every disadvantage making her way in a man's world. DeAnna is headstrong and smart, but she keeps tumbling into trouble. Luckily Chas is there to bumble his way around helping her. The two fight the attraction, but it can't be helped that they're perfect for each other.

Great clean read. Interesting story, lots of twists. I appreciated that the main characters were believable, likable and flawed. I loved the epilogue. :)

Christina says

I loved this book and highly recommend it to everyone who loves historical fiction. The book was so well written and told such a great story that I couldn't put it down and I didn't want it to end. There was a good balance between story and action. I enjoyed the backstories about Danna and Chas, because they really filled out the characters and made their struggles more personal. The whole concept of a woman marshal was so unique and Danna was a great character that I really admired. I also don't believe I ever read a story where the main character couldn't read, but when you think about the time period, it was probably more common than historical fiction would lead you to believe. Lacy, please tell me that you have another book in the works. I can't wait to read it!

Terri Harr says

This is a wonderful first novel by Lacy Williams. She has a flow to her writing that keeps the reader involved in the story. I loved Danna. She is a strong and independent woman who shows no fear when it comes to the job she is committed to doing. But she hides away the softer side of herself and the fears that lie within her heart. Chas is a man who holds himself responsible for something beyond his control and carries that with him along with the hatred towards the one who really is responsible. Can he allow the Lord to be the judge and jury or will he take justice into his own hands? Will Danna find her true worth hidden behind a "mans" job and clothing? You will have to read *Marrying Miss Marshal* to find out. I look forward to more books by this wonderful writer.
