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Kasie Moore had run from a planned marriage 8 years ago. Now kidnapped by her father's choice of husbands she must battle old hurts. The blizzard is doing nothing to keep her hidden passions intact. Seeking to keep her heart and regain her freedom she must fight Chayton's attraction. Chayton might have agreed to the kidnapping, but would he be able to prevent his heart from falling in love with hers? Would he capture her heart as surely as she had years ago?

Heart of the Wild Details

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elaine m. suda says

Awakening Hearts

Thank you for this moving love story about Kasie and Chayton and all the misunderstandings that drove them to eight years apart. It's amazing that love always finds a way to your heart. I loved the characters and the storyline and look forward to reading more of your work.

Sarah Carp says

I really enjoyed this book. It was easy to get into. You get involved with the characters and you grow with them. Chay is a logger. He is strong, stubborn, and caring kidnaps Kasie the day before her wedding by request of her father. Kasie and Chay has a history built on mix feeling and misunderstandings. A blizzard traps them in Chay cabins which causes them to grow and clear up some misunderstandings. Kasie goes from the naive young girl Chay remembers into a grown fire cracker of a women. The stubborn male ego and need for revenge sizzles out of Chay. He is able to admitt to himself how he feels. It is a must read adventure, romance, growing up book.

Iris says

I enjoyed the premise of the story, however I have to say that at times both Kasie and Chayton were quite annoying. If you get over the need to shake Kasie and tell her to grow up and smack Chayton in the back of the head for conviniently forgetting to tell Kasie he loves her but expecting her to marry him anyway, it's actually a very good book. Would I reccomend it? Yes. Would I read it again? Probably not, but it was a good, light and sometimes funny read.

Lyndi W. says

What the hell? WHAT THE HELL?

W H A T . T H E . H E L L ?

Stupid, stupid woman. Gaaah!

Stuck in a mountain cabin during a blizzard. No electricity...

"You want me to cook on a wood stove? But you have an electric one!" **Are you for fucking real?**

"I want to go home! You drove me up this mountain, you can drive me down!" **In a god damn blizzard!**

"Well, what about flying out of here?" **In a god damn blizzard! And if Chay can't DRIVE you down the mountain, what the fuck makes you think he can FLY you out? Invisible airplane hidden in the forest?**

How fucking stupid and unreasonable does this girl have to be? She comes across as PAINFULLY idiotic and completely naive.

I just... agghhh! *head desk*

Chandra says

AUTHOR: Rita has written approx. 34 books to include children's books, poetry and romance, along with plays and short stories. The grownup stuff is written with taste..

GENRE: Romance fiction, Western, Native American, Multicultural romance

SETTING: Modern day Cascade Mountains

CENTRAL FEMALE CHARACTER: She has parents with money but she has always tried to be independent and find her way. She doubts herself but is stubborn.

CENTRAL MALE CHARACTER: Native American and handsome. He appears to be a push over. He knows nature and the Cascade Mountains better than anyone.

SYNOPSIS: With her wedding just days away, she is kidnapped at the request of her father and taken to the Cascade Mountains. While waiting for her father to arrive, she gets stuck in the cabin of her kidnapper.; a man she walked away from many years ago.

ROMANCE: He takes his kisses remembering that his bed was made for a day that never came between the two of them. He will not however, take her virginity so use your imagination. **PASSION** as in sexual content is "none"; just clean romantic moments.

WHAT I LIKED: I can appreciate that a romance fiction does not always have to contain sexual acts. He was just downright handsome. The book made it easy to visualize him.

WHAT I DID NOT LIKE: Her stubbornness and acting like a brat was a bit overcooked.

MOST OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE: None

TYPICAL ROMANCE STUFF:

He does not want to admit that he loves her and visa versa;

Almost nil sexual references to include (7) breasts, (6) nipple, (0) tongue, (0) flick'n (0) hardness, (0) cupping, (3) caressing and over (10) kiss'ns. Penetration (0). Well, you get the picture.

This book gets (FIVE) out of (5) STARS because it was just romantic. I enjoyed the entire storyline.

Joy says

I really wanted to scream at the characters in this book. It seriously needs an pre-quel. It didn't take long to catch on to the story line but I really would have liked to read what happened before that caused the rift.

LadyCalico says

Cute idea, nice protagonists, great setting for romance--this could have been a better novel than it was. There was something about the dialogue and characters' responses that lacked a natural flow and often seemed awkward and stilted. It was kind of like the author started with a good outline and fleshed it out sloppily, anyway she could. Overall, it was a cute and entertaining read, but nothing special--it could have been with a re-write and more natural or wittier dialogue.

Donna Hatridge says

The book was an easy quick read. The characters were all likeable. But the dialog seemed to jump around at times.

Chayton Amory kidnapped Kasie Moore the day before her wedding at the request of her father. Chayton was to take her to his mountain cabin until her father could talk to her about the rock star she was getting ready to marry. When a blizzard struck and they were stranded at the cabin they had to face their true feelings for each other. 8 years ago Kasie overheard her father & Chayton talking and thought it was her fathers idea for Chayton to marry her so she ran away and started a life for herself. Now they need to clear the air about what happen then and what they feel now.

Mara says

If there was a way to have a "minus" star sign, this book probably would get it. :(

I'm sorry to say I could not find a redeeming quality in this story, not in the cardboard characters, the unbelievable plot and christian undercurrent.

Moreover, I believe that the native american portrait is slightly racist (the brother as a wise man...)

Nothing in it is fantasy, but nothing is realistic. (Would you believe that a famous rockstar is restraining from sex? A rockstar! A lawyer would have been more acceptable with the rest of the plot, too... :)

Jane says

Sometimes it is hard to follow what's going on cause it seems to randomly and abruptly jump to hours later in the story line. The girl alternately acts like a brat and a good girl scout. Not quite feeling it. I can only hope the backstory becomes more coherent as I continue to read cause I feel like something doesn't add up there either. If I didn't like the basic plot idea so much I'd stop reading.

JP says

The story is quite nice though I didn't get the whole kidnapping farce. She keeps telling him no, he ignores her and she doesn't do anything, at all. I kept shaking my head. Still, the story was nice. The rekindling love kept surprising me, even in the situation they were in. The setting in the mountains in a snow storm was really beautiful.

It was just not my kind of story, I guess.

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

Well, I decided after a 4 hour update & automatic downloads of all the books in my ibooks shelf on my ipad all of a sudden from no where, that I would pick a random book to read and voila this was it.

I should have known from the beginning, when it said not to curse after someone said "hell" that this was a Christian Romance... I can't even remember who said it! OR my *second warning* when it said Chay was into his faith by saying some prayer for trees and such. **OR** when on page 175 out of the 195 they had not done the deed. OR when poor Kasie ran out telling her dad he needed to get a preacher. **OR** at the end... (view spoiler)

Sorry, not my thing. I enjoy plenty of sinning & I have no idea how I got this book or where it actually came from, because this is my original first release ipad that was updated for the first time last night & having these books in that app was a surprise.

One final disappointment was that the cover dude is absolutely **not even close** to the hot looking half Indian that was described. AND the description of the hawk nose was taken WAY too literal in choosing him.

Otherwise, the story itself was pretty cute & it could be rewritten by someone else tweaked into adding more

sin. It was a no-brainer 3 hour read. It was as written. Meaning, no reading into anything. I would highly recommend this book to my mother. This just wasn't my style of book, no blame on the author at all, she told a good story.

Lady Raven RAVE! says

This was a full length freebie, and I was pretty excitedb, but I don't know, I wanted to like the book because the description seemed pretty interesting, can't say the same for the book cover. Normally i have much to say but not with this it was ok, Chay was ok Kaise was ok, it didn't draw me in I was thinking to myself how many pages are left to read again, not to insult the author. If the book was tweaked some this could have been a good read.

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Lisa Collins says

I feel headlong in love with Chayton Amory even though he kidnapped Kasie (Moore). There were times when Kasie made me want to scream at her! LOL But the love story between the two was one that I just couldn't put down and I am looking forward to the series.

Pam Koenig says

Something missing

I really wanted to like this book, it had a good beginning, but quickly went off the rails. The main characters just did not mix, she was wishy-washy, and all over the place in statements she made. It read like parts were missing, things would happen without knowing how they happened. Blizzards happened, but instead of taking injured people to a hospital, a doctor comes there, treats them and leaves. Characters popping in and out just to prove he's a hero. It could have been good with a good rewrite and editing.
