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All he wants is a Christmas memory...

Trey Sheenan has cultivated his reputation as Marietta's resident bad boy, until one day he lets things go too far and he loses everything—his freedom, his fiancée McKenna Douglas, and his infant son.

McKenna has loved Trey since they were kids, but she's had enough. When Trey is sent away for five years, McKenna is determined to do what's right for her and baby TJ, which means putting her mistakes—namely Trey—behind her, and move on.

When Trey is released early, he returns to Marietta determined to beg McKenna's forgiveness and become the father TJ needs him to be, only to discover that he's too late. McKenna's marrying local insurance agent Lawrence Joplin in a candlelight Christmas wedding.

Or is she?

Once again, Trey risks everything, but this time it's for love....and the memory of one perfect Christmas together as a family.

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From Reader Review The Kidnapped Christmas Bride for online ebook

Jessica Alcazar says

Well this is Goodreads at its BEST. So this title says I read it on Dec 29th, 2014 but apparently decided to not give it a rating or review. Yea, NO! #sigh

Anywho ARC provided by Tule Publishing via NetGalley for an honest review.

OK, so if you keep track of my reviews at all, you MUST know that Marietta is one of my favorite places to spend a few hours in. This was a really heart-warming story about second chances, forgiveness, love, hope, family and faith! Kenna and Tray haven't had the best traveled road in life, but they have a child together and their love is STRONG. You can feel it. But is it strong enough to blur the past and not let it get in the way of the future. Is it really what's best for the family they have already created ? Well, of course THIS reader thinks so, but you just go on and read and let me know what YOU think, k!

Beautifully written and well executed story. Nice, quiet afternoon read!

Bette Hansen says

A wonderful read!! A story of forgiveness, hope, and love. I read this in one sitting because I just couldn't put it down. Kenna and Trey have a love so strong it has been able to survive the most trying times. But is it the love Kenna and her young son TJ needs?? Read this one and find out. You will be so happy you did.

Lady E says

2.5 I wanted to like this one a whole lot more. Story fell flat for me.

Jonel Boyko says

This is one of those rare stories that you will read and never, ever be able to forget. It is intense throughout, heartbreaking at times, and completely satisfying as a whole. Porter takes a look at a life most of us rarely think of, and if we do, it's with a frown. She humanized things in a manner that allows you to think about them logically while at the same time slowly drawing you into the story. At the same time, she tells us a brilliant story of love and redemption and takes you away to the picturesque Montana countryside.

This is one of those novels that embody the saying 'nobody's perfect, but you're perfect for me.' I thoroughly enjoyed the male lead. The bad-boy-trying-to-turn-good aura really drew me in. Combined with his long time love you have the perfect pair to capture your heart and your attention. This is all topped off with their young son who strengthens the story, taking it to a whole new level.

As a whole, this was a fantastic tale that I fell in love with. Porter made me laugh & cry. She made me contemplate things I wouldn't normally think about. Above all, however, she made me fall in love with her story & her characters.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Crista says

4 Stars!

There is just something about a bad boy hero: The type of hero who has just enough sweetness to qualify him as a “good decision”, and just enough bad-boy in him to make him interesting. Trey definitely qualifies under the “bad boy with redeeming qualities” category!

This book is the third book in a series, but can definitely be read as a stand-alone. If you love holiday romances, second chance romances, and cabin romances, this one is all three of those bundled together in one sweet book.

Trey has just been released from prison and is eager to reconnect with his son and ex-fiancée. When he finds McKenna, he realizes that she is about to marry another man. Trey is not about to lose the woman he loves and his son, so he does what any protective, recently released convict would do: he “kidnaps” them both.

The three of them end up in a remote cabin together and the magic of this book lies in the memories that are made in that cabin. The little boy TJ was such a sweet little boy, and his desire to have his family reconnected was so touching.

Trey and McKenna actually were very good at communicating and once they were given a chance to reconnect, it was so very clear that they shared a deep, all-consuming love for one another.

This was a quick read, but was not a shallow read. The characters were all highly likable, but I did knock off a star because I felt that McKenna should’ve never left Trey in the first place. Trey needed her and TJ, and when things didn’t go as planned, she bailed on him. I had a hard time with that and never quite got over that fact.

Overall, a lovely story about second chances and becoming a family.

Les Romantiques says

Posted on Les Romantiques - Le forum du site

Reviewed by Fabiola

Review Copy from the Publisher

The Kidnapped Christmas bride is the third volume in the Taming of the Sheenans series. I haven’t read yet (but I’ll do it) the first volume, Home to me, but I read the second which I liked very much (review here <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>).

After finishing Beauty’s kiss, I couldn’t wait to read Trey and McKenna’s story and I was delighted to see their volume was to be published before the end of the year.

As soon as I began *The Kidnapped Christmas bride*, I loved Trey. This novella doesn't really tell the story of the reunion between him and his heroine. It tells how he must improve for her to trust him again.

The love they felt one for the other has never been a problem. But Trey's behavior has always been an obstacle to a lasting relationship between them. Indeed, he is a real bad boy: he hangs out with rather unsavory friends, he has been arrested several times for minor (generally) crimes, he's often fighting with the objective to protect the weakest and he ended in jail after being convicted for involuntary manslaughter. Let's just say that he really perpetrated the crime for which he is punished and it's what put him in prison for 5 years and what makes McKenna realize she must protect their son. In Beauty's kiss, the reader learns she accepted to marry another man, and she didn't let Trey know.

When the story begins, Trey is released from prison with good behavior after 4 years of imprisonment. He learns even before arriving in his home town that McKenna is to be married the next day, when one moment before he was thinking about how to show her he had grown up. His feelings for the heroine never changed and he loves his son. He really doesn't accept McKenna marrying someone else, however he is conscious of his faults and at the beginning tries not to interfere. This decision doesn't last long.

I often think in this case that it's a pity one of the two heroes is very timely to prevent the wedding of the other. Sometimes, that can even make me doubt the happy end. In this story, I think it was absolutely necessary that the hero steps in. And I would absolutely not have been mad at the heroine for marrying another man, for once lol. However, I reassure you, there is no love triangle. The heroine's feelings are clear as are her wishes for her son. It's also up to the heroine to take the decision concerning her and her little boy's futures. Indeed the hero already knows what he wants.

I really liked their little boy, TJ. He can seem a little hard with his mother, but we understand his reactions when we realize the real nature of his mother's fiancé. TJ needs a man who really loves him, which is why he strongly insists on keeping touch with Trey. And even if Jane Porter has not had the fiancé be a mean future father-in-law in the novella, I think he wouldn't have been good for TJ's long-term well-being.

We meet again the previous heroes and the ending of the novella is wonderful. When I closed the novel, I didn't doubt for a moment our heroes' HEA, while knowing their relationship won't exactly be a walk in the park. But meanwhile, McKenna will really have learned to accept Trey as he is, and he will have really matured, therefore he will accept more easily the compromises necessary to a love relationship.

You'll have understood that I really liked this story and I'm anxiously awaiting the sequel with Dillon and Cormac.

Joanne Rock says

Love this series!

Gaufre says

Which one does our female character choose?

Man #1:

... he was sweet, and thoughtful, gentle and kind. If he said he'd be there at seven, he always showed up... five minutes early. If she needed anything, he was there. He treated her like she was the best thing since sliced bread [...] It felt good not to worry that he'd be out too late, drinking too much, getting heated, instigating fights.

Man #2:

[...] everyone said... that he was reactive, responding instinctively without regard to risks and consequence, and she'd seen that they were right. He refused to grow up, refused to control his temper, refuse to bend or yield which meant he could never be depended on.

You guessed right, she chose #2. What else can I say? This book is awful.

PS: Joan and I made up our own extravagant stories to begin to justify the characters' poor decisions.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Autry's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

McKenna is waiting for her wedding to start, any second she will be given the go ahead to walk down the aisle to her future. Fortunately for Trey he has been given a gift, after being gone for 5 years, he can finally speak to Mac (McKenna) and their son TJ. After searching for her unsuccessfully the night before he has no choice but to interrupt Mac's wedding.

Mac's world has just come crashing down around her, her first love, her son's father, the town bad boy has just walked in and interrupted her wedding. And he does the unthinkable, he kidnaps her and her son.

McKenna quickly realizes her feelings are flooding back to her, shes at risk of falling back in love with Trey, as if she had ever stopped loving him. Trey is enjoying himself for the first time in years, he has his son and the love of his life all to himself in the family cabin. McKenna has called off her engagement, and his heart is falling steadily for his high school love.

The Sheenan family is picking up where they left off until Trey risks it all to help strangers. Helping a stranger is what go him sent away for years, and now he is risking it all again. As McKenna watches Trey risk his life all of his reckless behavior begins to make sense. But is is too late for Trey and McKenna to put all the pieces together and salvage their relationship, will this last risk take Trey's life again?

This second chance romance will make you believe in life, love and happiness all over again, Jane Porter did a fantastic job with The Kidnapped Christmas Bride. I enjoyed reading about TJ and Trey and how they were interacting and bonding, and how McKenna was going to fight for their relationship after Trey's revelation.

The Kidnapped Christmas Bride is a great, quick read for the Holiday season.

Nikki says

This was a sweet reunited lovers story. The main couple dated through high school and after, even getting engaged and having a baby together. Unfortunately, the hero, Trey, wasn't exactly a model citizen and landed himself in jail. His lady love, McKenna, wanted better for their son so she moved on after a few years. When Trey was released early for good behavior, he decided he wanted to show McKenna he was a changed man. However, much to his surprise, she was getting married. So what does he do? Why, kidnap her and their son of course! Lol. While the premise of this book sounded right up my alley, I'm afraid it fell a little short for me. I did enjoy it, as I usually do with Christmas stories, but it lacked.... something. I'm not sure what exactly, it just didn't hit all my buttons like I'd hoped it would. I liked how McKenna and Trey communicated with each other while staying in the cabin and that she didn't want to keep their son from him and was even able to admit to herself that the man she was supposed to marry wasn't the love of her life, as Trey was. Trey was obviously still in love with her and wanted them to work it out and be a family. I felt for him and how he felt like an outsider in his family. I liked how they talked things out and got back together rather quickly. Not over night, but it didn't take the whole book either. Overall, this was a sweet clean romance about two people who were meant for each other and just needed to find their way back together.

Joan says

I have to admit I skimmed through to then end in the vain hope that Lawrence did turn out to be an FBI agent, (this was a buddy read and we had great fun trying to come up with plots that might JUST explain some people's behaviour in this book) but alas, it was not to be. Trey was one of the most unbelievable, self-centred, idiotic men I have ever had the unpleasantness to meet in a book. What sort of man thinks its acceptable to kidnap his own son? And what sort of woman was McKenna going along with him.

Dreadful.

Why it has so many 5 star reviews I have no idea. Do women really fall in love with oafs like Trey? Would YOU want to marry him? (Don't answer that. Really)

euw.

Wild_irish_rose says

Loved Trey, McKenna, and TJ.

Patty McKenna Van Hulle says

Can a BAD BOY remake himself, grab a hold of his forever girl & son & start anew?

McKenna Douglas is the town GOOD GIRL, but when she saw Trey, she was hooked! She even had to seduce him because he thought he wasn't good enough for her. When McKenna was 15, her family ranch was broken into & her parents & 3 siblings were murdered & Trey was the only person she felt SAFE with! After her son was born, she wanted Trey to be less chaos & more reliable, but with just 1 punch, her world fell part!

Trey Sheenan is an all American BAD BOY with drinking & fighting, but his heart has always belonged to McKenna Douglas. They meet in high school & have been HOT & STEAMY ever since, but with the birth of their son, TJ, he wanted to put a ring on her finger & live Happily Ever After as their perfect family! But it all fell apart, when Trey was defending a woman from her abusive hubby at the local bar, a punch was thrown, the hubby die & he was put away for manslaughter!

Now Trey is out of jail & all he wants is to spend Christmas with his son & maybe be friends with McKenna, but his brother tells him that McKenna is getting married tomorrow! McKenna is finally marrying a man who is steady, reliable & a good role model for her son, but a hilarious thing happened at the altar! Trey wants to straighten out visitation with TJ before McKenna says, "I DO" & her hubby-to-be is PISSED! The next thing McKenna sees is TJ running out of her wedding to be with, "HIS REAL DAD!"

That is how McKenna became a KIDNAPPED BRIDE as she, TJ & Trey are at his mom's cabin celebrating Christmas together! TJ is a Fairy Goddude-in-training sprinkling his PIXIE DUST all over his parents & soon McKenna is breaking off her wedding & thinking that she might have an HAPPILY EVER AFTER with her Trey! Trey just wants to earn McKenna's respect & friendship & to prove that he is a different man. Will McKenna think with her head or heart? Can Trey prove that he is a better man? Is TJ going to get his REAL DAD & MOM forever from Santa?

This is the 2nd book I have read by Ms. Porter & I absolutely LOVED Troy's, Trey's twin, romance, but I do have a soft heart for a yummy BAD BOY! I must say that McKenna is a ROCKING name that just so happens to be my maiden name & my daughter is always complaining that I didn't name her McKenna! McKenna was a grown up woman wanting a grown a\$\$ Trey, but she still craved his inner wildness! Trey had a great beginning in this romance as his jail journey was filled with shame, pain, loneliness & regret, but he REBULIT himself into a better & stronger man. Trey's tale had me UGLY CRYING my eyes out & that was only the first chapter! This romance would not of work as well without the Fairy Goddude-in-training TJ! He was the Christmas heart of this emotional rollercoaster ride romance! Now my romance peeps know I LOVE some scorching scenes, but Ms. Porter had a squeaky clean G rated romance & it totally worked for this tale & I didn't miss the scorchingNESS! Ms. Porter has a great Montana hometown feel & she even had all the Sheehan boys & their clans join in the holiday mayhem & she makes me want to GOBBLE UP all the other male Sheenans books! I am a BIG SUCKER for a gorgeous BAD BOY, a Fairy Goddude-in-training sprinkling his LOVING PIXIE DUST aplenty & a REUNITED LOVERS storyline, but Ms. Porter stepped it up with her warm & embracing Montana small town feel, so she earns my score of 4 fingers up & 8 toes & I will so push her Amazon AUTHOR FAVORITE BUTTON!

NetGalley ARC given for my honest review.

Monique says

I received this book as an e-ARC free from Netgalley. Below is my review.

I've been glomming the Montana Born books for some time now, but this is my first book about the bad Sheenan boys. As feel-good Christmas stories go, this is a really good one. As a standalone book, not so good, and as a complete story, not so good.

Trey Sheenan has a bad reputation. He's always been a little too wild, a little too quick to anger, a little too much for the residents of Marietta. When his "latest" display of "temper" lands him in jail for 4 years (5

minus 1 for good behavior), he leaves behind a pregnant girlfriend. Now, four years later, he's out and she's getting married.

So, what does he do? Why kidnap his son and McKenna from the church, of course. Up to that point, I was actually enjoying the story. It worked; it made sense. After that, it went off the rails into "are you kidding me? territory". No one calls the cops, no one comes looking for them, no one seems concerned. Yes, McKenna left messages that she was ok, but I'd want someone to come looking for me if that happened. No dice.

And once we get to our new location for the holiday, where does Trey get the money to buy stuff? He's been in jail for 4 years. Does he still have an ATM card? Is his driver's license valid? It takes ages to get all the paperwork and stuff taken care of, how does it happen in less than a day? Where is his parole officer?

As for McKenna, where is her backbone? It takes her all this time to be proud of Trey for protecting a woman getting beat up? Really? With friends like these...

And once they get home, no outraged ex-fiance, no nothing. It's like the wedding never even was on the radar.

Huge plot holes that are never explained do not a good book make. Yet I liked Trey and T.J. I liked how father and son bonded. I liked how eventually McKenna got the point. I liked how the Sheenans came together in support of Trey. Those emotional bonds held the story together enough for me.

Also note: This is a sweet romance: read "no sex".

Diana says

I would have to say I loved this story, it was so sweet and just made my heart melt in such a good way. Trey and McKenna had history together since high school. Trey was the bad boy in high school. After high school he still had that reputation that followed him. When Trey is sent away to prison for five years, McKenna tried, she has a son with Trey and it was just too hard to keep taking the baby to the prison. So she stopped going.

A year later, Trey was only in for four years, he couldn't wait to get home and see her and their son TJ. Except he came home to find out she was marrying someone else. So like any man who is in love goes to the wedding, he wants to see her before she gets married, he wants his rights as well to their son. Well the wedding didn't happen, you will have to read this sweet story to find out what happens.

Awesome story, the author did a great job.

Thanks to NetGalley and Tule Publishing for letting read this book and give it an honest review.
