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Description

She had the darkest of pasts. And he had everything to lose by loving her. Laura Foster, free from the bondage of an unspeakable childhood, has struggled to make a new life for herself. Now the owner of an elegant boardinghouse in Glory, Texas, she is known as a wealthy, respectable widow. But Laura never forgets that she is always just one step ahead of her past. When Reverend Brand McCormick comes calling, Laura does all she can to discourage him as a suitor. She knows that if her past were discovered, Brand's reputation would be ruined. But it's not only Laura's past that threatens to bring Brand down---it's also his own. When a stranger in town threatens to reveal too many secrets, Laura is faced with a heartbreaking choice: Should she leave Glory forever and save Brand's future? Or is it worth risking his name---and her heart---by telling him the truth?

Insightful reviews

Nadia: Heart of Stone was my first foray into the Christian Lit genre and I'm glad it was. The book was an easy read with solid writing and interesting characters. However, the story line seemed a bit cliched to me: woman with 'sordid' past meets man of cloth and must decide to follow her heart and tell him about her past or run away from him and her heart. It reminded me of what I think a romance novel would be like, but without all the sex scenes in it. As far as religion goes, the book was not stuffed with religious references like I thought it might be - that was rather surprising. The 'message' of the book was rather dated, but still rings true: never allow anyone or anything to define you. Overall, it was actually a great way for me to get a taste of Christian Lit. And now I know that mild romance novels are just not my cup of tea.

Jelly Bean: Who is Laura Foster, she is actually Lovie Lane, an Irish immigrant who live in New Orleans. When her parents died of an illness she and her 3 younger sisters are sent to live with their uncle and his wife. Not have much of their own, they cannot provide for the girls so her uncle sends the 2 younger girls to an orphanage and sells the two older girls, Lovie and her sister Megan to a brothel.

She has to learn to harden her heart against all that is around her. This is no life for someone so young that has lost her whole family. As she gets older, the realization that money will help her in obtaining her dream of moving away and finding her sisters, she continues to do what it takes to make and save enough money to move to a small town in Texas. There, she reinvents herself as Laura Foster, a wealthy widow.

As Laura Foster, she is the most upstanding citizen you will find. Her kindness attracts the attention of the preacher who is a widower. She knows that if everyone knew the minister was courting a former whore he'd be shunned and she can't do that to him or his children despite how much she grows fond of him and his children and they of her.

Will her past be revealed? In turn, will the town's ministers secrets come to light? How will this affect their budding relationship? What will is do to them, each other and the people of the

town?

I liked the book. Would read it again and persue in acquiring the other books in the series.

R.L. Syme: This book was a great read. And this is the highest score I've ever given a Christian fiction book, except Redeeming Love. For all those readers out there who fell in love with Redeeming Love all those years ago and have been waiting for a book to come along that could compare to it, look no further. This is it. This book will have you laughing and crying. It will draw you into its story and suspend your disbelief completely. It will make you want to turn the page, every page, and it will touch your heart. While the story of Heart of Stone is somewhat different, the message is the same: God loves, and forgives. It is a very beautiful and wonderfully written Christian romance novel. Also, the opportunity it provides to love and not judge is an important call to those of us who profess to believe in the restorative love of God. When faced with the options, this book forces you to make a decision. Will you side with the Pharisees, or will you side with the Lover? Do you have the courage it takes to extend forgiveness the way you should? That is the true message of this book that is so beautiful: yes, wrong behavior is inevitable, for us all. But it does not define us. Not for us, and not for God, and not for each other. Fantastic book. I give it my highest recommendation.

Katie(babs): The widow Laura Foster has made a spot for herself in Glory, Texas as a revered member of this Christian neighborhood the place she owns a boarding condo that basically caters to ladies and families. that might all switch immediately if her friends knew who the genuine Laura Foster was. Laura isn't really her genuine name, it is Lovie Lane, former New Orleans prostitute who used to be bought into sexual slavery together with her more youthful sister Megan, who used to be 9 on the time. The Lane sisters, besides their more youthful siblings, who have been despatched to an orphanage simply because their uncle and aunt could not find the money for to maintain them, were separated for over twenty years. Laura is haunted on a daily basis simply because she could not keep her sisters, particularly Megan. She was once capable of break out and make a lifestyles for herself and searches for her sisters to allow them to be reunited. Laura pretty well retains to herself yet has a small crew of friends, commonly Amelia Hawthorne who lately married the landlord of town paper. whereas Laura is purchasing on the mercantile, she witnesses a father hitting his daughter. Laura cannot stand abuse of any kind, specially of a child, and forestalls the man. ahead of the fellow can flip his rage on her, Reverend model McCormick, the minister of Glory's merely church involves her aid. Laura thank you the reverend, even supposing she feels she can have dealt with herself. She expects model to move on his merry way, yet he deals to stroll her home. Laura is flustered simply because she does not wish the attentions of any man, together with a guy of God akin to Brand. model cannot comprehend why Laura is so skittish round him, yet he is enamored with the widow and may attempt his best possible in relationship her. model can be a widow with younger children, his daughter Janie and son Sam. model is a piece sneaky and makes use of his adorable, yet every now and then wild young children to get on Laura's solid side. She turns out to have a weak point in terms of them and shortly model and his offspring are inviting Laura to church occasions and socials. Laura makes excuses, yet model is just too insistent. Laura makes absolute to set barriers among her and the captivating and good-looking reverend. the city gossips imagine Laura could make an outstanding spouse for Brand, and he believes the same. He believes with slightly desire and God on his side, in addition to treating Laura with

respect, she'll come round to his approach of thinking. But Laura's past, in addition to Brand's catches as much as them. model is faced by means of the son he by no means knew about, and a guy Laura used to be concerned with years prior to desires to construct his roots in Glory. He additionally wishes Laura to develop into his accomplice in a brand new enterprise and isn't above utilizing blackmail. Laura feels all desire is misplaced and desires to run away and disappear back yet model will not allow her. He wishes her through his part and will not enable her go away him at the same time he needs to come to phrases along with his personal religion and of Laura's that has been lacking for thus long. Heart of Stone is the 1st e-book in Jill Marie Landis' Irish Angel Series. this is often an inspirational Western romance set within the mid 1870's that has a beautiful sophisticated romance among a fallen girl and a guy who seems to God and his religion for residing the perfect approach of life. Readers who're cautious of studying inspirational romance simply because they believe the tale can be too heavy on non secular preaching and God and Jesus do not have to fret approximately that during center of Stone. Jill particularly contains religion and spiritualism rather well in the story. crucial factor pointed out is the forgiving of one's self. Laura's course for forgiveness is an extended and difficult one. It takes model to teach her that she has not anything to be ashamed of. he is an outstanding help or even whilst he has his personal own difficulties to deal with, he's taking all of it in stride. those convenience and help each other as neighbors that at last lead towards a young romance among the two. The first bankruptcy is a really emotional and due to that i used to be hooked and had to understand what occurs to the Lane sisters. it is so heartbreaking what happens to Laura and Megan, realizing that those ladies who're slightly of their teenagers might be compelled to renounce their innocence due to greed. There are a number of kissing scenes and Laura's previous is pointed out in a really mature and grownup way. middle of Stone is a suggest learn for adults in addition to older teens. Jill Marie Landis has a superb ability at writing Western Romances, so those that think the necessity for a pleasant frontier tale may still choose up middle of Stone.

Dianna: enjoyed this book. First time I learn this author, yet i have already acquired middle of Lies (#2 in Irish Angel series). This is a narrative of love, forgiveness, being concerned and sharing. Laura and her relatives moved from eire whilst she was once 10 years outdated to the Irish Channel in New Orleans which used to be for the negative Irish. Shortly, after arrival either her mom and dad died. She and her three sisters have been taken in by way of an aunt and uncle who quite couldn't manage to pay for to maintain them. of the sisters have been positioned into an orphanage. Laura and her nine yr previous sister have been bought to a home of prostitution. After the 1st evening there, Laura by no means observed her sister again. Being that Laura used to be any such younger lady she was once thought of to be a "treat" for the gentlemen. Laura lived greater than part her existence during this place. She stored her cash and whilst she grew older she parted methods with the fellow who owned this brothel. She moved to Texas to begin a brand new life. She opened a mattress and breakfast for families. She had little interest in getting concerned with any man. Brand was once the preacher within the city the place Laura moved. He used to be a widower with 2 small children. He used to be no longer trying to find love. Life threw them jointly and that's the place their trip jointly started. Brand's illegitimate son indicates up in church whereas model is preaching and he faces wasting his congregation. males from Laura's prior appear and threaten her future. It was once a web page turner and that i could not wait to work out what occurred next.

Zette: I loved this tale of a former prostitute pulling herself out of that way of life and attempting to make a good dwelling via herself. Jill Marie Landis has a snug studying variety and makes it effortless to get to understand the characters and notice their personalities. the single unhappiness I had was once the curse be aware that was once further to the discussion of the villain. Yes, i am being choosy because it used to be light (the "d" word) yet i do not wish Christian publishers to begin down this slippery slope. They allowed one during this publication so the following they'll let two, etc. If i need to learn a booklet with cuss words, i will locate lots of them at the secular bookshelves. i purchase Christian fiction simply because i need to prevent cussing and intercourse scenes up to possible. Some, i am sure, will argue that it helped to teach us the evil aspect of the villain yet there has been no cause of that here. Jill Marie Landis did a great activity of unveiling that he was once the villain with no throwing in cursing to tip us off. In my view, it used to be absolutely unnecessary. Off my soapbox now....The total subject of forgiveness, either from others and for ourselves, used to be very inspiring.

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