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Book Reviews



Davalynn, S. (2017) *An improper proposal*. 273 pp. \$ 7.99. ISBN 9780998951201

An Improper Proposal is the first of a series called Front Range Brides. This book is set in Colorado in 1880. Mae Ann arrives in Olin Springs, Colorado to be married to Henry, her soon to be husband. She is greeted at the train station by Henry. He insists on stopping by the bank on the way to the chapel. This turns out to be a bad decision and he ends up being shot and killed during a hold-up. So, Mae Rae is now in a new town with no money and has to come up with a plan to survive. She makes a deal with Cadre, a rancher in the area, to marry her. For giving her security and a place to stay, she agrees to cook, clean and do other chores on the ranch. Though they get married in the sight of God, they get married in name only. The story is about the growing fondness for each other. The ups and downs of a new unexpected love between two strangers; complicated by the harshness of ranching. The story does give the reader a feel of what it was like in the 1880s in the frontier. It is definitely a Christian novel. Even though they are married in the sight of God, they still live a platonic relationship until they truly believe they love each other. God, Bible verses, and prayer are sprinkled throughout the book. It is a well written story. Davalynn Spencer is a best-selling author and the winner of the Will Rogers Gold Medallion for Inspirational Western Fiction.

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