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Book Reviews



Ferrell, M., Johnson, K. R., Mayne D. & Perry T. (2016) In love and war. White Salmon, WA: Mountain Brook Ink. 289 pp. \$10.99. ISBN 9781943959013

This book is a collection of four Christian romance novellas by four established authors. There is a common progression of the stories. First, the heroine meets a person who she knew in high school; then she has a falling out or was never able to cement a relationship with them; then the heroine finds out the protagonist is a wonderful person; last, the heroine gives into her feelings and falls in love with the protagonist. All are set in the present time. There is definitely angst in all of the stories. The first novella is about horses and is set at a resort in Oregon. The second is also set in Oregon. This story is about landscaping with the backdrop of competing against two past loves in a landscape reality show. The author of the third novella sets her story in the South as she does with most of her novels. This story is about the restaurant business. The heroine is also involved in running a home for women escaping domestic violence. The fourth story takes place in Washington D.C. and is about advertising. Each novella is about 70 pages each. So, the authors pay more attention to the main characters and how the relationship changes in those few pages. This is not an academic book, this is recreational reading. If the academic library has a collection of popular contemporary Christian authors, than this book gives the reader a good overview of the Christian romance genre.

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