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The Lady And The Mountain Promise (Mountain Dreams Series Book 4)



THE LADY AND THE
MOUNTAIN PROMISE

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Synopsis

A Christian Historical Romance Novel Lilly Arendale has fought the anger of prejudice all her life. Her Guatemalan mother and wealthy English father were very much in love and gave her the best of upbringings, but their family was never accepted in either country. Now, orphaned and alone in the mining town of Butte in the Montana Territory, the effects of racism have left Lilly with a one-year-old daughter and a fierce desire to avoid men at all costs. Marcus Sullivan is a born adventurer, and the new preacher in town. He's not afraid to take a few risks and his ways may be unconventional, but he's determined to add some joy into the lives of these townspeople. Especially the beautiful young mother who won't have anything to do with him. When the threat to Lilly intensifies and her worst fears comes true, how can she find the strength to release control of the one thing that matters most—her daughter's life? As Marcus steps in to help, the danger only escalates. Has he finally taken a risk he can't overcome?

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Customer Reviews

This is the fourth book in Ms. Beller's Mountain Dreams Series. Like I've stated in previous reviews,

you don't have to read these books in order to enjoy them, though you'll appreciate some of the supporting characters a bit more if you do read them in order. As for this entry in the series, it was a real treat! Lilly and Marcus' story is about overcoming old wounds and finding the perfectly flawed person to complete oneself. Definitely worth a read!

I enjoyed this book very much. Have read all the books in this series prior to this one and they were all great. Wonderful story lines and excellent character interactions. I must say that Misty Beller is one of my favorite authors.

I really enjoyed this book as I did the other books in this series!! I felt the pain and the self worth doubts that Lilly went through. How she came to depend on herself to take care of her and her little girl. Then would history come back to distort what life she had? Oh this was just a wonderful book of learning to trust our heavenly Father and know He always has our best interest taken care of. Then Lilly gets to finally marry the preacher! I thought that would never happen!! I hated for this series to end I'm all wrapped up in the lives of Dr's Bryan and Alex and wife's respectively Claire and Miriam. Then preacher Marcus and Lilly with little Dahlia. The series needs to keep going! After all the docs sister just got go town in this one she needs a love now and Lilly needs a baby!!

It is so wonderful to trust Misty to write a clean inspiring book. I enjoy the way she reminds us that God is always with us ready to lead us as we go through each day. We don't have to wait for a specific time He is there to help or support us always.

A great story. I loved getting to know Lilly. This is the 4th book in the Mountain Dream Series and it's as great as the first. Some series run out of steam, but not this one. Misty has did a wonderful job keeping each book fresh and exciting. Make sure to add this to your library!

Misty M. Beller has outdone herself with this adorable western romance tale, *The Lady and the Mountain Man*. Ms. Beller demonstrates strength in her writing through the development of her characters, who are multi-faceted. Ms. Beller introduces us to our female protagonist, Lilly Arendale, in the opening scenes of this book. The scenes she describes are descriptive and transport the reader into this story. Lilly Arendale is a striking beauty of mixed bloodâhalf Guatemalan and half Englishâwho because of her ethnicity faced discrimination and loneliness, especially after her parents demise. Lilly experiences distrust when she is cruelly taken advantage of at the hands of

one of her father's business associates. As a result of this bitter experience, Lilly finds herself alone to fend for herself and her daughter. For self-preservation, Lilly distances herself from any contact with men as she continues her life as a cook in a café in a western town. She works hard at being invisible, but, she is haunted by her past. The male protagonist, Marcus Sullivan, is a preacher who strives to reach out to his congregation and give them the best church that he can. Marcus is kind, caring, determined. After seeing Lilly at his sister's wedding he is determined to get to know her. I like the way Ms. Beller introduces intrigue into the plot line with the sudden emergence and disappearance of elusive Lilly that sends Marcus on his quest. Additionally, I liked the way Ms. Beller interweaves the theme of trust as her characters learn to overcome fear and open themselves up to trusting with the assistance of Divine intervention. It is not difficult to see why readers are drawn to these characters. To find out if Marcus finds the elusive Lilly or if Lilly's secret is uncovered or if she and her daughter are safe, you must read *The Lady and the Mountain Promise*.

Marcus works hard to track down the mysterious pianist from his sister's wedding; when he finds Lilly, he works to get her to agree to play piano for church, to spend time with him, and to let him love her and her daughter, Dahlia. Best bits: Lilly is a bit of a hermit, very focused on protecting her daughter and herself, and doesn't believe she can trust anyone, especially men, and certainly not God. Marcus is drawn to her and Dahlia right away, and devotes himself to helping her. He knows quickly that he loves her, and can't keep his feelings secret for long at all. When he realizes his fervor is scaring her, he tries to back off, but honestly doesn't do a great job of it--which comes across as fairly endearing. When she and Dahlia are threatened, he promises to keep them safe, and tries to do so on his own strength. Only when the danger comes does he realize he needs to rely on God, the only one who can really save any of them. Lilly comes to trust God through that situation, too. Theme of trusting in God, not ourselves, in times of trouble. Issues: A few typos (missing h in whine at least 3 times) and minor inconsistencies (Lilly "learns from Claire that his name is Marcus," when he had signed his full name in the letter to her earlier; one place Lilly is called Dahlia, and another place Dahlia is called Lilly). Some side plots seem a bit unnecessary (like Marcus getting lost in the snow) and some are dropped and left unexplained (like the vandalism of the church, and the mysterious shooting that killed the rapist). Lilly's difficulty finding friends in her early years in several places and cultures is mentioned, but we also hear of her friends and home church in England, which feels inconsistent.

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