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Wild Montana Sky (The Montana Sky Series Book 1)



Synopsis

When her brother announces his marriage, Elizabeth Hamilton suddenly becomes unwanted and unwelcome in the only home she's ever known. To escape the new mistress of the house, Elizabeth accepts the invitation of her best friend to journey to Montana. The dirt streets and wooden storefronts of Sweetwater Springs and the hardships of ranch living are worlds away from the refinements of Gilded Age Boston, yet Elizabeth is filled with new hope and buoyed by a wealthy banker's attentions. Yet it's cowboy Nick Sanders who slowly awakens her heart and helps her recognize her strengths. And when a deadly influenza epidemic strikes, Elizabeth will fight for those she loves and the life she's ready to claim. A USA Today bestseller and winner of Romance Writers of America's Golden Heart Award, *Wild Montana Sky* is historical romance at its best—a warm, uplifting story of new love and second chances. The Montana Sky series: *Wild Montana Sky*, *Starry Montana Sky*, *Stormy Montana Sky*, *Montana Sky Christmas*, *Painted Montana Sky*, *Mail-Order Brides of the West: Trudy*

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Customer Reviews

I have missed good, solid settling the West romances--like the sort written in the '80s and '90s, and was so delighted to find this wonderful romance by Debra Holland. Elizabeth is basically forced out of her brother's household when he marries a real witch of a woman, and so Elizabeth decides to move to Montana where her best friend lives with her husband and family. A handsome cowboy named Nick, who's been in love with Elizabeth's picture for years, is her traveling companion...but when Elizabeth gets to Montana, she has the surprise of her life when she meets a well-dressed man. A wonderful story. If you loved *Little House on the Prairie* and the *Wagons West* series, as well as the early Linda Lael Miller and Susan Wiggs books, you'll enjoy *Wild Montana Sky* and, I'm sure, its sequel, *Starry Montana Sky*.

I am a fan of clean romance novels and am very happy to have found an additional author who, evidently, adheres to the clean romance standard. This is the first book of *The Montana Sky Series*. The protagonists are Elizabeth Hamilton and Nick Sanders. Elizabeth is a true blue, upper class Bostonian who is used to being pampered by servants and all the amenities money can buy. But she has not been shielded from heart ache and sorrow. Her parents have passed away as did her fiancé, Richard, just weeks before the wedding. She is now the mistress of the house where she and her brother Laurence live. But, that all changes when Laurence surprises Elizabeth with the announcement that he has married. Genia Hamilton, her new sister-in-law, is replacing her as mistress of the house. Genia, a wicked-step-sister-type-person, makes life miserable for Elizabeth. She confides her new lot in life to her best friend, Pamela Carter. Suddenly, Nick appears at her doorstep. He has been sent by Pamela to escort her back to Sweetwater Springs, Montana. Realizing the opportunity is at hand to escape her miserable life in Boston, she hesitantly accepts her friend's invitation. Thus begins a true-to-life adventure that grips the reader with the twists and turns of a well written novel.

Debra Holland has quickly become one of my favorite authors, due in part to her emotional, believable, novels that she has created in the quaint town of Sweetwater Springs, Montana. In her novel *Wild Montana Sky*, Elizabeth Hamilton is forced from the only home she has ever known by her new manipulative sister-in-law. She decides to head west to visit her best childhood friend who has made her home in Montana far from the metropolis of Boston. Nick Sanders has known heartache when he lost his family to a buggy accident when he was a young boy, and he has spent a lot of his life creating a family with the Carter's who happen to be the friends that Elizabeth is coming west to visit. Nick has never met Elizabeth, but he has been smitten with her

because of the portrait that hangs in the Carter's house, and he volunteers to go east to bring her home. In order for Elizabeth to find peace in her new home she must be willing to let go of her past heartache and her preconceived notions of life, and then open her heart and her soul to new experiences. Do yourself a favor and take a trip to Sweetwater Springs and rest a spell because Ms. Holland has made it worth your effort.

I liked the start of this book but it failed to live up to its early potential. It has an intriguing premise, with the shy young cowboy entranced by the grand Boston lady before he even meets her. Elizabeth's gradual adaptation to her new life is well portrayed, but Nick turns out to be not so shy after all; he doesn't behave awkwardly with Elizabeth or have trouble expressing his feelings. In fact, he's just about perfect, and Elizabeth's blindness when it comes to choosing between him and his rival suitor is kind of exasperating. As for Nick, it seems as though for him there is no difference between the real woman and her portrait; I didn't get any sense of him falling in love with the person rather than the beautiful image. The storyline kept me reading, but I didn't really get the romance I hoped for.

I really enjoyed this book. I will warn you though. It has some sexual tension but not a sexy novel. That's not normally what I read but this was still great! There is also some religion in this book as well. I wasn't aware of that. It isn't prominent in the book but it is there. That being said I still would recommend you read this! I have since read all 3 in the series but have not read the novella that goes along with it. I would have loved to read her friends story as well! So our heroine lives in Boston with her brother who writes home saying that he has married. The new wife is a real snob and the pair don't get along. Nick comes to Boston to get her and bring her to Montana. She is reluctant at first but 1 dinner party with her new sister in law her mind is made up. She has to adjust to western country life from her high class Boston life but she's not one of those women that can't adjust. She is willing to learn and does. Even bakes a pie. She meets a man. The local banker who is the spitting image of her finance that had died. Same manurisms and everything. All the while as happy as she is to get what she feels is a second chance with her finance she fights an attraction to nick the ranch hand. There's a bear, a sick little girl, and lots of other twists that make the characters realize who they are and who they want!

Wild Montana Sky by Debra Holland is a book that will take you back to what life was in 1893, Sweetwater Springs, Montana. Wild Montana Sky is Elizabeth Hamilton and Nick Sanders story.

When Elizabeth travels to Montana from Boston her life changes in ways she never expected. This is a sweet, sentimental, heartwarming book. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

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