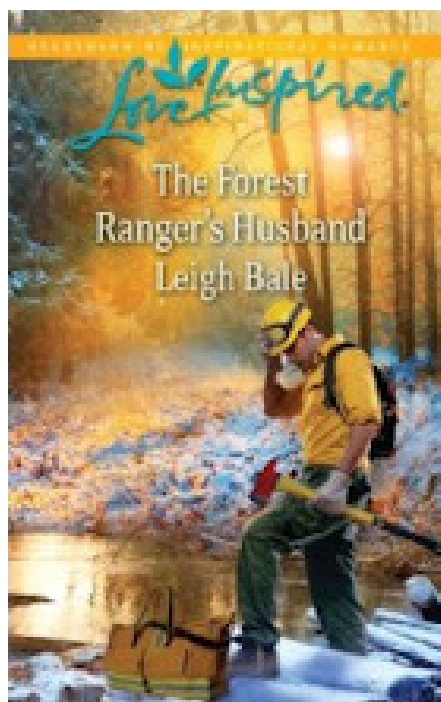




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Standing before Fire Control Officer Matt Cutter is a five-year-old replica of himself--the son he never knew he had. All Matt wants to do is hug little Davie and make up for the lost years. But forest ranger Andie Foster, the boy's mother whom Matt left behind, is understandably afraid. How can Matt possibly explain the lapse of faith--in God and himself--that drove him away from what he loved most? And will the lovely forest ranger give him a second chance to be a husband and father forever?

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Debra Ullrick says

The Forest Ranger's Husband by Leigh Bale is even better than the first book in the series, which is saying a whole lot because The Forest Ranger's Promise was excellent. Leigh's heroes are smokin' hot, super masculine, and just plain hunky. I love the romantic tension in this author's stories. Plus, it's a delight to read about something I know nothing about...being a forest ranger.

This story was fast paced, extremely interesting, and very romantic. Some places kept me on the edge of my pillow, others had me laughing, and others broke my heart.

Overall, I loved, The Forest Ranger's Husband, and I highly recommend it.

Megan says

Sweet story of finding what you lost and fixing the mistakes you made. Even if your not a religious person you can enjoy this book for the real problems faced. Not only having to overcome physical pain but emotional pain as well. You have to work as well has have faith that you are strong and can overcome your pain and move past it to the joy life can give you.

Brandy says

Great book!!! Unlike A LOT of LI books though, the main couple Andie Foster and Matt Cutter are married, but estranged.

Don't really feel like doing a storyline review....I LOVED Matt!!! Who wouldn't (you'll see why when/if you read this book! Even though he abandonded his family (of course, he didn't know Andie was pregnant when he left.) Leigh makes sure to explain why he did what he did, to the point that you can understand and even sympathize with him. (Not an easy thing to make a man who abandons his wife and child sympathetic and likable. But Leigh did. Too the point that, although I liked Andie fine! I LOVED Matt! But then, I do have a thing for firefighters. And of course, Andie isn't completely blameless. There's miscommunication, and misunderstanding on both of their parts. I absolutely LOVED little Davie! What a sweetie pie! I couldn't STAND Susan. Even AFTER she apologized for her role in Matt and Andie's 5 yr estrangment. But really liked her husband Brett.

Just, a good, heartwarming LI read. A bit of drama. ESPECIALLY at the end with the massive forest fire. And Matt being an FCO, and Andie a ranger.

Barbara says

Forest ranger Andie Foster (Cutter) is in her office and standing before her is her estranged husband, Matt Cutter, who is now an FCO (Fire Control Officer) and will be working with her in the Enlo Ranger District in Enlo, Nevada. He'd previously worked his way up the ranger corporate ladder in Oregon, neglecting to take his family with him. Now, in Andie's office, five years later, he is confronted with his spitting image in the form of their son, Davie.

This romance is terrific. You have a couple who are married in name only, with seemingly little in common and with a lot of water under the bridge. Matt has to convince Andie and Davie that he won't leave again, and Andie needs to believe and trust him. Throw in a meddling sister, Claire, who does something to protect Andie that may have caused more harm than good, and a precocious boy named Davie who only wants to play ball with his real father, and you have a good story.

Leigh Bale is a good storyteller. She accurately describes the inner workings of a forest ranger station as well as how fire lines are built and why, and how PTSD can affect a person. Matt is suffering from the latter as he survived a wildfire that claimed the life of one of his men. He insists he's doing okay, but there are a couple of scenes where the reader isn't sure that Matt is really all there. It's effective and creepy, and it adds to the reader's hope that Andie and Matt can work things out.

The reader can relate to Andie's emotional struggle as Matt slowly becomes part of her life (and Davie's life) again. The reader can also relate to Matt's newfound faith and his desire to be forgiven not only by God but by the wife he abandoned, which is realistic. It's also to the author's credit that Andie never badmouthed Matt to Davie, which is something that all divorced or separated parents can relate to. The issue of whether or not Matt was faithful to Andie is raised but never successfully answered. It's left to the reader to decide. Also, it seems as though Matt didn't try hard enough to get back together with Andie during those five years that he was in Oregon.

There aren't any real villains here, unless you count the deadly fires that break out after a long dry season. The main issue is trust, and good relationships are built on this. The reader roots for Andie and Matt all the way through. Highly recommended.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

He left years ago
Not knowing she was pregnant
Can she forgive him?

Sweet Christian romance
The power of forgiveness
Getting right with God

Stacy says

I received this book as a First Read.

The Forest Ranger's Husband is about Matt Cutter, a fire control officer, who relocates to the same town as his estranged wife, Andie, and discovers he has an almost 6 year old son. The book deals with the family's struggles of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The one thing that really bothered me in the book is that when the two first see each other again for the first time, Andie says it has been 5 years, 4 months, and 13 days since they last saw each other. She also says that is the day she found out she was pregnant. However, he is a few weeks away from turning 6 years old, meaning that he would have been a few months old when his dad left.

Other than that, I really enjoyed reading this book. The characters and their struggles were all realistic. I was very glad to see that as soon as Matt found out about his son, he was immediately committed to getting to know him and being there to help raise him. I also really liked the fact that no matter how frustrated/angry/hurt she was with her husband, she refused to badmouth Matt to their son. The author used some beautiful descriptions in the book, and the story flowed well.

Carol says

A satisfying read. I learned quite a bit about a profession about which I knew little.

Alysia says

It was a cute story. Didn't totally suck me in, but I did enjoy reading it when I did pick it up. It did take me a while to read though.

Tina says

Good, solid romance. Would recommend.

Linnette says

LOVED this book! More later. ;-)
