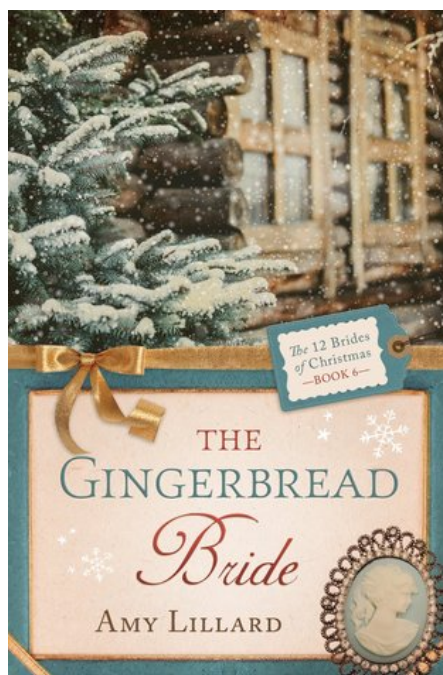




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Janice Sisemore says

The gingerbread bride

Maddie thinks Harlan is saying he loves her because of what she put in the cookies, she thought it was some kind of love potion. Loved this short Christmas story , funny and sweet story. I have purchased all the series and will be reading some after Christmas,even though this book is a Christmas book it can always be read at any time. I enjoyed the humor in this book, they kept trying to keep Harlan from talking to her Dad about proposing since thought it was only because of the potion.

Virginia Winfield says

This was a fun read. It was fun to see what two girls do when they think they have given a guy a love potion. Great novella. I received this ebook from Barbour publishing for a fair and honest opinion.

Brittany says

If you are looking for a fun, sweet Christmas story that will have you giggling, look no further. The Gingerbread Bride is such a cute story!

Harlan is a heartwarming hero and Maddie is a flustered young lady who regrets an impulsive decision. She is now trying her hardest to make things right, but her doing so makes for a truly fun ride.

The Gingerbread Bride is book six in The 12 Brides of Christmas novella series. I enjoyed this light-hearted story.

You can read this review on my blog. It will post on 11/16/14 at <http://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.co...>

Wilani Wahl says

A delightful Christmas Novella! I thoroughly loved this short story. There was just enough humor as Maddie tries to put a love potion in cookies to make Harlan fall in love with her. I have loved all the stories in this collection so far.

Laura says

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New--The 12 Brides of Christmas! You're invited to a Christmas wedding...that is twelve of them! Discover the joy of an old-fashioned Christmas romance with these twelve heart-warming stories. Brand-new stories from renowned inspirational fiction authors will take you into the heartland of historical America. Releasing each week starting October 6, you'll want to read them all.

#6: The Gingerbread Bride

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THE GINGERBREAD BRIDE is such an adorable story! I have never read any of Ms. Lillard's books – not even her Amish which is what she's most known for – so when I was offered a chance to review her Christmas novella I jumped at it—for several reasons.

I absolutely love Christmas stories and if they are laced with fun, snow, cookies, and mistletoe all the better. Ms. Lillard includes all of the above in this fast paced novella.

If you are looking for a good Christmas story to read, you'll want to read Ms. Lillard's THE GINGERBREAD BRIDE. Highly recommended. I'm going to go look at a few now written by some of my favorite historical authors. Ebook only.

Don't be late! Watch for all 12 stories:

Available Now - #1: The Advent Bride

Available Now - #2: The Nutcracker Bride

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Available Now - #5: The Yuletide Bride

Available Now - #6: The Gingerbread Bride

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November 24 - #8: The Christmas Tree Bride

December 1 - #9: The Festive Bride

December 8 - #10: The Christmas Star Bride

December 15 - #11: The Snowbound Bride

December 22 - #12: The Fruitcake Bride

BlueJeansAndTeacups says

The Gingerbread Bride by Amy Lillard – The 12 Brides of Christmas (Heartland Christmas Brides - 4 Novellas)

•°•:****:•. FUN CHRISTMAS ROMANCE.~:****~:• °°•

This was the third novella in this book. I got a big kick out of Maddie Joy who has purchased a “love potion” in order to cause Harlan Calhoun to fall in love with her on Christmas eve in 1870 in the Ozark Mountains of

Arkansas. She has baked it into some amazing gingerbread cookies, but then regrets her decision to do so and not trust God. But, it is too late! She spends most of the story, along with her sister trying to avoid the topic of love and marriage, while poor Harlan spends most of it trying to get up the courage to propose. Very funny, sweet story.

I give it **5 out of 5 stars** and would recommend it as a cozy Christmas read.

Included at the end of the book: Recipe for "Common Gingerbread Cookie" from 1827. It calls for a "teacup" of ginger! And a small teaspoon of pearl ash (aka cream of tartar). Fun to read old recipes like that!

I purchased Heartland Christmas Brides BOOK #1 with 4 authors/stories included at WalMart for \$9.97. I am reviewing each story separately as I read them. There are also 2 other books: Book #2 White Christmas Brides Book #3 Christmas Wedding Bell Brides or you can download any of the individual stories alone.

I am offering my honest opinions for no compensation.
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75 Pages (approx.)

June says

Very comical story. Totally loved it. Magic potions and love. Cameos and mistletoe!

Deanna Stevens says

The Gingerbread Bride. The 12 Brides of Christmas Series By: Amy Lillard

The Gingerbread Bride is the sixth book in The 12 Brides of Christmas Series. This story begins on Christmas eve, 1870 in the tiny town of Calico Falls in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. Madeline Joy Sinclair has had her eye on Harlan Calhoun for awhile now as the man she loves and wants to marry. Maddie feels she is not the prettiest of the two sisters in the household. Maddie thinks she needs a little help in getting Harlan to fall in love with her as her prayers are not being answered quite fast enough for her. Maddie feels maybe the Old Lady Farley can help her with making it happen faster. She barter for some herbs that are suppose to be a "Love Potion" to help Harlan fall in love with her on Christmas Eve. Harlan is invited to supper and Maddie serves him a generous portion of Gingerbread laced cookies made with Miss Farley's "Love Potion". When Maddie's older sister Grace finds her out, she makes Maddie feel guilty about not trusting the Lord to answer her prayers and the evening is now laced with antics to keep Harlan from asking Pastor Sinclair, Maddie's father, for Maddie's hand in marriage. Harlan had been planning on proposing on Christmas Eve all along but Maddie now won't believe that the "Love Potion" hasn't tricked him into proposing. This was so fun watching how many ways Maddie and her sister tried to stop Harlan from proposing while under the influence of the potion. I really enjoyed this sweet romantic Christmas story and I think you will too.

I was gifted The Gingerbread Bride from Barbour Publishing for my honest opinion which I have given.

Stacey Barbalace says

Maddie Sinclair loves Harlan Calhoun and will do anything to gain his attention and love. She gets crazy one day and visits an eccentric woman who lives in the Ozark Mountains. The woman sells her a “love potion”. Maddie bakes the herbs into a batch of cookies that Harlan eats. When Harlan proposes, Maddie is unsure if it was the herbs or his heart talking? Did her plan backfire?

Amy Lillard produced an adorable, witty, and well-written story. I fell in love with the characters from the start and could not wait to see what happened next. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a great romance...what better way to get into the holiday spirit!

Jaquelyn Scroggie says

A sweet short story on how one mistake can blind us to the truth right in front of us. Taking things into your own hands instead of trusting God only causes trouble. But some of us learn that the hard way. The Gingerbread Bride is book number six of the 12 Brides of Christmas Series. Maddie Sinclair loves Harlan Calhoun and can't wait for him to return her love. Instead of being patient Maddie decides to try and take matters into her own hands by baking a herbal concoction into a batch of Gingerbread cookies. When Harlan proposes, Maddie is scared that she ruined everything. Can Maddie forgive herself for what she's done? Does Harlan really love her or was it just the love potion? I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a quick satisfying read. I received a copy of this book from Barbour Publishing in return for my honest opinion. All opinions expressed are my own.

Sunnie says

Maddie was in love with Harlan and wanted to be sure he felt the same way. In this historical fiction, which takes place in 1870 in the Ozarks in Alabama, an old woman convinces Maddie she has a love potion that will do the trick.

Maddie begins to feel guilty about what she has done to cause Harlan to have strong feelings about her and is convinced those feelings stem from her love potion.

This story is probably very true to the period and is a sweet story that will keep your attention. Perhaps is was a bit too hard to convince Maddie of Harlan's feelings than it could have been, but I enjoyed the story and Amy Lillard's books have always been enjoyable to me.

I received an ebook copy of The Gingerbread Bride for my honest review, which I have given.

This book is part of a 12 part series in the called The Heartland Brides.

Pamela says

Wonderful

Loved this Christmas romance, Harlan and Maddie were fantastic. This story made me laugh out loud and then sigh. Absolutely heartwarming. This is a must read, Amy Lillard has done it again.

Susan says

Beware of the gingerbread cookies!! This whole cute, humorous and charming tale of love and misunderstanding gave me that “feel good” Christmas spirit. I was giggling with the banter and antics of the sisters, the poor boy who just wanted to fulfill his Christmas Eve wish and the father who had no clue what was going on. Maddie loves Harlan but doesn’t think he feels the same way for her – so she goes to desperate measures! Poor Harlan is just trying to declare his love – will they be able to correct the misunderstanding? Will everyone forgive her?

This was well written and flowed throughout the story. It is full of Christmas spirit and family love. I recommend! I received this book for an honest review.

Diana Montgomery says

The Gingerbread Bride

By: Amy Lillard

I love Amy's books, this novella was really sweet. A sweet love story. Maddie decides she loves a guy and goes out of her way to seek help to have him to fall in love with her. A lesson of having faith and trust in God for what should be ends her into all kinds of troubles. Wonder if there will be my gingerbread cookies in the future? Great novella and loved the characters. I love Christmas stories.

Judy says

Cute Romance!

This novella takes place in the Ozark Mountains, Arkansas in the year 1870, on Christmas Eve.

Maddie Sinclair is in love with Harlan Calhoun. She will go to great lengths to get Harlan to love her back. Maddie comes up with an excellent idea in which to make that happen. After she puts her plan in place she immediately regrets the decision she made. Is this decision reversible?

Harlan Calhoun secretly adores Maddie Sinclair. He hopes to ask her to marry him soon. So, he sets out to put his plan in place. He doesn’t know about Maddie’s plan but he does know she is acting a little strange around him. She seems a little nervous. What is up with Maddie?

This was a delightful story. I really enjoyed it.

Author Amy Lillard has a gift for storytelling. I have read all of her Amish fiction novels. I am looking forward to reading more of her books in the future.
