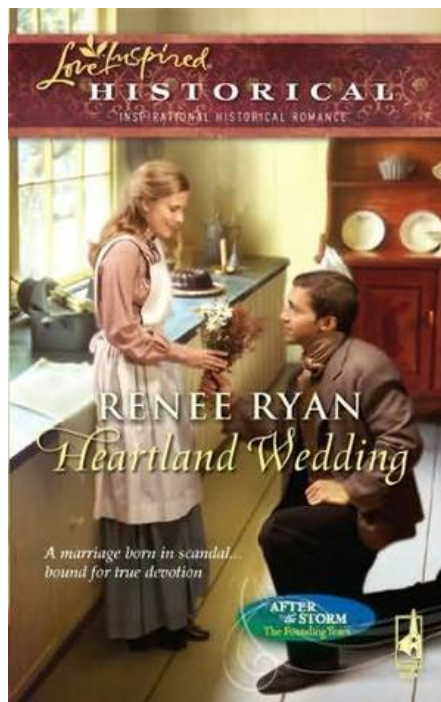




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Michelle says

I have read and loved many of Renee Ryan's books and this one was another excellent work!

This is the second book in a three book series in the LI Historical line: After the Storm. It is a continuing series, so to fully appreciate and understand what's going on, they should be read in order.

A tornado hit the land a month ago (it happens in the first book). The citizens are still trying to recoup from the devastation and aftermath. The twins are still missing, yet some can just not give up hope that they will be found.

During the storm, Rebecca was dragged into the cellar by blacksmith, Pete Benjamin when her life is in great danger. Now the town busybody makes it known that perhaps she lured the poor, vulnerable widower into the cellar and took advantage of his weakened condition...In true Renee Ryan solution, she has them married in a quick ceremony.

Not living back then, I don't quite gasp the concept of why a marriage would make everything right, but it makes for an interesting story to see how they finally become husband and wife. The sexual tension builds throughout the story, leading to a couple passionate kisses. But Pete has a heart full of guilt for his dead wife and just cannot bare the thought of putting his new wife through that sort of torture...

You must read to the end to fully appreciate this book!

Barbara says

This was a very satisfying, enjoyable book to read; it held my interest from start to finish. The characters were well developed, and the historical details and background seemed authentic. The touches of Norwegian culture were a nice addition. I didn't want this saga to end, and plan to read the other two books in the series.

Debbie says

This is the 2nd book in the After the Storm series. I had a hard time putting this book down! It kept getting better and better the further I read into it, and it kept my interest until the very last page. I liked the character development and the plight of the characters.

Robin says

Second in the series

Very good second book in the series! Strong characters, well written plot, read in one day. I rooted for the characters to find each other and love each other through the entire book!

Jenna says

This was a fun, pure fluff read. There were a lot of loose ends that didn't get tied up because it's part of a mini-series but I enjoyed it.

Kristen says

I get frustrated when books, like this one, end before there is actually resolution for the characters. I do not believe the main characters have worked thru their problems enough to achieve a happy marriage. I feel like I've been left hanging. We were just getting somewhere and it ended. Uh... What about the twins?

Val says

My favorite of the whole series! Mrs. Johnson needs to mind her own business. That being said Rebecca and Pete are happy finally at the end, so I guess all's well that ends well?

Natalie says

I highly recommend this novella. Heartland Wedding is about a young lady who moves to High Plains to be with her brother. A tornado comes through the town and forces her to share a storm cellar with the town's blacksmith. A month later, the town has gossips going everywhere about that afternoon. The gossips becomes so intense that the blacksmith marries the lady to stop the gossips. But after they are married, Pete reveals that they can only have a marriage in name. Rebecca wants a real marriage...will she ever know what a true companionship is?

SheLove2Read says

This is a Love Inspired Christian romance set in the 1800s Kansas. It was a decent read, but I had a few problems with it.

Pete was very much a beta hero, which is not my thing. He was also very back and forth with his feelings and could have done a much better job in dealing with his wife Rebecca. Hot and Cold are just cruel to a woman, but especially a woman who has been done wrong by society, and even more so to a woman who is truly good inside. I also thought his coming to his senses was a little rushed and didn't feel genuine.

Rebecca was an immigrant and didn't have an excellent command of English, but in any language, standing up for yourself is not a hard thing to do. She needed more backbone, even for the time period. I also felt she forgave Pete too quickly. He needed to earn her forgiveness.

C+

Krissie says

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Veronica says

This book was cute but not amazing. It was very different from the norm of the romance books I read and I liked it better than the "After the Storm" books of "today". I had a few problems with a few of the scenarios in the book but if given the chance I may actually reread it.

It made me grateful that we live in a day and age where you can spend time alone with a guy and not have people speculate that you were doing anything wrong. Even if they do it would not create the kind of chaos like what happened in this book.

Judy says

Excellent book in a great series. This is the 2nd book in the After the Storm: The Foundling Years series.

Rebecca Gunderson is treated rudely just because she is from Norway. She and her brother have lived in High Plains, Kansas for awhile now and she has made only a few friends.

Pete Benjamin has been mourning and living in guilt for a year now. His wife Sarah died in childbirth as well as his son.

As the tornado hits Rebecca goes searching for Edward, her brother and only living relative. He works for Pete in the livery. She can't find Edward but as the storm worsens Pete takes hold of her to bring her to the cellar and shelter from the tornado.

The nasty and gossipy mercantile owner's wife, Matilda Johnson, has a hate for Rebecca and uses it to start rumors about her being a loose woman and forcing Pete into the cellar to weave her wiles on her.

What happens in most of the book is related to the nasty women gossip.

Great story.

Jennifer says

Totally in love with this series! I think this one is my favorite so far. I just love the fact that redemption is seen throughout the whole story...actually the whole series. The characters are so loveable! Forgiveness is an

issue we all struggle with and have to come to terms. The hardest forgiveness comes in forgiving ourselves and I think Renee portrays that beautifully in this story. Rebecca's patient loving finally does get through Pete in the end. Despite the fact that their marriage wasn't planned and that it came about rather quickly, the lessons they both learned were ones that are something everyone struggles with. And, I love the fact that she brings in the stigma that immigrants had back then! It's a key element in the story that ultimately is used for God's glory. Can't wait to see how the series ends!

Michele Benchouk says

This was an enjoyable and quick read. The two main characters were very likable and easy to understand. The female lead was strong and bold and inspiring. She really did go after what she wanted in a Godly, "mannerly" way.

Jeanne says

Rumors force a man to propose to a woman. He's a widower with lots of baggage. She's an immigrant with lots of . . . okay, only two bags, but emotionally, she's a bit of mess. She wants to marry someone to love her, to include her in his life in a way she has been left out of in her other relationships. Nothing like looking to a man to fulfill all your emotional needs.

Not a bad story, I guess, though the rumor mill and the trouble-making boys seem like straw men. "Oh, there's a problem," but it disappears into nothing.
