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Branded a harlot for undoing a confining button on her blouse, Catherine Langton's finds herself rejected by the man she is to marry, leaving her in a predicament: mail order bride or the poorhouse. Her decision is simple and she arrives in Liberty, Montana to marry a man she's never seen, her only desire to be a pleasing wife.

Jake Bridger exceeds Catherine's expectations at first glance. He looks as if he stepped from the pages of the Western romances she knows she shouldn't read. But she's about to find out that the men of Liberty are not like other men. Here, a wife is expected to make all of herself available to her husband, even parts a good girl like Catherine never expected a man to plunder. It's not an easy adjustment, but Jake isn't a man to take "no" for an answer, and sets about training his new bride using techniques that soon have Catherine wantonly eager for his attentions.

But can Catherine live with her new husband's explicit requirements when it opposes everything she's known?

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From Reader Review Claiming Catherine for online ebook

Dakota says

Yuk!!!! Crude and unfeeling. The H is the ultimate sleezball. He's the kind of Husband you imagine the h to be saved from. The idea that the wives all have to have some drug laced butt plug to keep them willing sex robots is gross. Their sole purpose is being sex slaves to their husbands. But seriously he just wants a mindless sex robot something he can fuck and do what he says. ew.

"It was going to be enjoyment on my part, and a great deal of discomfort on hers..." Worst H ever.

This was a horrible book. I guess if you only read it for the sex then it's ok. The sex and such is hot but the romance is nonexistent.

This was also an audio book with deal narration. Worst Narrators Ever!! The guy was just.....EW. and the women sounds like a robot I couldn't follow along. I had to turn it off it was sooooooo bad.

SandyL says

Well, this was different! Catherine Langton arrives in Montana as a mail-order bride after her previous fiance left her and she had no other prospects. She's pleasantly surprised when she first sees Jake Bridger, but quickly learns things aren't quite what she expected. The men have set things up in the town of Liberty, Montana, to have their wives at the ready to be serviced whenever and wherever, no questions asked. Lots of butt plugs, corks, aphrodisiac suppositories, f**king chairs and more!

Cynthia says

I do not even know where to begin I am still in shock. I know in this time frame women didn't have a lot of say about issues. I have a hard time believing that every man in a town including the preacher and doctor would agree to this life style. I had no idea that this was an Erotica read I guess had I went to Amazon and not Audible to read the description I would have know this before signing up to review it. As with most Erotica reads there is very little story and I do not mind sex but I really would like a story with it which this book has very little of. When the preacher asked if they wanted him to cork her, my mouth fell open. I have a hard time believing a man of God would do this to an innocent or any women. The next place I have a hard time believing is when he thought it was ok for his brothers to see her with no clothes on or even touch her in private places. Had I been this women and got branded a harlot for undoing a confining button on her blouse (which would be correct in this time period) and then walked into a marriage of this kind I would have run for the hills never to have returned. I know they had BDSM very early in history but as a mail order bride that is an innocent and all the man in town are doing this I have a hard time buying that.

Dom/Sub relationships are based on trust this story was not. First they have to drug their wives up their butts with corks and plugs to even get them in the mood to do the deed whenever the husband wants. Then they have to keep them drugged for the rest of their lives so they can do the deed whenever and wherever they want to with whatever people might be around. There is no trust this is all about control and getting all they can get whenever they want by drugging the women to make them sick so she would understand that she needed to take her meds like a girl little girl. His reply is I am only doing what is right for you to keep you

safe and healthy I am only thinking of you. I found very little romance in this story. I will give the author credit for turning around Jake at the end to wanting to make his wife happy in return making him happy with what he wanted. The one thing about a story is if it is believable and the author makes you buy into it. This story is not believable yes it is fiction but it is not believable.

Narration by Lauren Sweet, Brian L. Hunter was really good they put emotion into the read. You felt Catherine pain, embarrassment, her sorrow and so much more. You felt how controlling each man were and the thrills they were getting from treating women like trash, from embarrassing them and making them feel lower than life. There are not any background noises or interruption just a clear listen with lots of emotions. You have no trouble knowing what each character is going through. The different character voices were good. I would have liked it better had the women been done by Ms. Sweet and the male by Mr. Hunter in no way does it take away from the listen. All in all these narrators did an outstanding job. I given them 5 stars and feel they deserve this after narrating this story.

I am so sorry this story has a pretty good plot but not much of a story. The only thing I got out of this story are the men are controlling and get off on the thrills of from treating women like trash, from embarrassing them and making them feel lower than life along with degrading them. Yes I will agree some of this went on all through history but a WHOLE town? This is what we know as abuse to demean, embarrass, control and put down. If it had not been every man in town even the preacher and doctor I would have bought into this story. Book 2 in this series does sound like a great read and I am hoping it will be a little better than this one maybe have a story with it. I have promise to review both books and will do so with an open mind as long as there is a story with the sex. I just cannot buy into a whole town going along with this. If it had more of a story and not just the deed of control and the means they gain that control I could go along with the rest of it. I really hate to give a bad review and do not take on a book I feel I can't give at least a 3 or above. I wish I could in this case. I know there will be people who will love this story. It will be right up their ally and that is great but sadly I am just not one of them.

"This audiobook was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of Audiobook Blast."

Lynn Reynolds says

What made the experience of listening to Claiming Catherine the most enjoyable?

It's not hard to get lost in the story. Made my commute much more enjoyable. It was nice to get lost in the past and forget the present for a little while. Had me looking forward to seeing what the author has in store for her readers in book two.

What did you like best about this story?

This story packs a lot in just a few hours. It brings a spin on the mail order bride from America's history - very erotic. Lauren Sweet did a great job of bringing Catherine to life.

Did you have an extreme reaction to this book? Did it make you laugh or cry?

It didn't make me laugh or cry but there were times where you had to feel sorry for Catherine. It's sad when men feel that they have to use artificial means in order to get what they want from a woman. But that just plays into the mindset where we don't think a lot of men back then were very smart. This proves that wrong.

Any additional comments?

One thing I liked was having the two narrators. It adds a little extra to my listening pleasure. My only issue

was with narrator Brian L. Hunter - he brings my brother to mind. You don't want to think of your brother reading you such a hot read - ew factor. And that was one reason that I had a hard time envisioning the Jake Bridger character as hot. I think that the author did a great job in creating a town that may have actually existed during that time period. The Dom/sub lifestyle had to start somewhere - why not here. This was a story where earbuds were a blessing because this is not a book for little ears or having coworkers eavesdropping on.

I voluntarily reviewed an audio version of this book.

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

Just my type of story. This is historical erotica that comes with a healthy dose of fantasy. A town where the men rule their wives - by keeping them so aroused that the only focus for the women is pleasure. Not only the man's pleasure - but her pleasure too. Love the new term "corking" - clever! I found the characters pretty engaging, the sex smoking hot, the various instruments and elements used to arouse super hot. However, hands down, it's the dialogue. I've said it multiple times before and I'll probably say it as long as I have my faculties - but I love me a man who can tell a woman what's going to happen using hot terms. It's not degrading to me at all nor humiliating - and here those elements that could have gone south for me quickly go instead in the opposite direction. Tantalizing! In spite of the fact the women don't know what's going on they certainly enjoy it. There may be D/s in here yes but no real pain elements nor really shame. It's all very accepted in terms of pleasure. The fact that they have some level of interaction with each other's wives - also hot!

Louise says

I stumbled on this book through Instagram and I just looked it up so I could read it! 3.5 stars and they are big stars! I enjoyed it so much, it's a quick read, so sexy and the characters I found well written! I loved Jake and Catherine that I can't wait to read the next book!

WTF Are You Reading? says

This tale of dominance and submission is quite the surprise at every turn. Set in the wild and untamed prairies of frontier Montana. Claiming Catherine brings together elements of Historical Romance and BDSM culture in a refreshing and unexpectedly tender way.

Full review to come in conjunction with my post on this tour for Rock Star Lit.

Gabrielle Hughes says

It was your typical Vanessa Vale book, butt plugs, wives that don't mind being seen by all the other husbands on the ranch in weird situations as well as men who like to show off their new wives (naked, scared, and humiliated) in front of the whole ranch, same formula as all the other books by this author...

TDCbookreviews says

The writing and plot was written beautifully, I just didn't want to believe the reality of this world. I felt so bad for Catherine. Once I was able to wrap my head around the story line and the background of the Montana town, it becomes clear that the women are there to serve the men and uphold a tradition that all women in the town must endure.

I thought the story was missing one key into making this book great and that was the romance and love towards the husbands and wives, while I know that the men and women were expected each different things and trained to what they are now, you would figure that you would see a little flicker of hope that the women, were shown some decency. Husbands lied to their wives basically made them sick to believe that they needed a pill to keep from being sick, when in reality the pill was to make them so horny that they couldn't think straight.

If you are into dom/sub books, this book is right up your alley. I am currently listening to the second book of the series and it does touch on love towards one another, I am not sure yet if this is because the main woman is from this town and knew her husband from the start.

It was such an interesting book and it is definitely original! I received the audiobook in exchange for an honest review. Catherine was great, her voice was exactly as I had expected. The narrator did a great job and I think that is what made me feel for poor Catherine, you could hear the fear in her voice! I was not a fan of the male narrator, the voice came off too strong.

Wendy says

While I like erotic romance this was mit my piece of cake.

Drugging a woman to have a willing sex slave is not adding an interesting twist to a wild west lifestyle....

Elizabeth says

It's a well written story but does require you to suspend your disbelief. All the married women in town receive a daily dose of aphrodisiac but none of them realize. They just think it's normal for women to walk around half naked and horny all the time. And some how none of the unmarried women realize what's going on? Uh huh, I believe that.

The men want the women constantly aroused so they can't function. Um Ok? Why? The story is set in frontier times but half the population is doing nothing but getting off every 5 minutes. I don't think the town would survive.

I'm not sure why the men needed to lie about the aphrodisiac. This detracted from the story for me as it made it hard to believe that a loving husband would purposely make his wife sick just to get what he wanted. It made Jake come across a manipulative and petty rather than the strong protector he was supposed to be. I would rather the author have followed the example of Jennie May's Church of the Illuminated series and just set this as the town's culture.

I snickered to myself every time they said corked. It came across as a little juvenile but I guess the author had to come up with a word for it.

I was also disappointed that there was very little spanking(just 3-4 whacks at the beginning). Given that this

was from Blushing Books I was expecting more.

Tash says

Listened to this as an audio book and loved it

Beth says

A Quick Series Review

These four books were fun, quick, and fast. I listened to them all over one weekend. If you are in the mood for straight up erotica then these might be the books for you. If dubious consent doesn't bother you, and you don't mind being a little shocked then these books might be for you. Even though the stories take place during wild west times, the setting doesn't come into play very much because the plot completely focuses on sex.

I love, love, love audiobooks and listening to great narrators. Now I wouldn't call any of the narrators in this series exceptional, but some were better than others. I did not like the narrators of book #2 at all, especially the male narration. Books #1 and #3 were my favorites.

Giveaway- The publisher has graciously given us copies of all four audiobooks to give away to one of our lucky readers.

Audiobook Giveaway: Montana Maidens series by Vanessa Vale

Sarah says

This book was ridiculous, not only using a woman's Naivete against them but their misogynistic ways are pure disgraceful. The whole book is just about forced sex through aphrodisiacs, the main man didn't even get to know his wife, all they did was have sex there was no relationship progression, no talking that didn't involve sex. It wasn't enjoyable.

Ndulgent Bloggers says

Review posted at <http://guiltyindulgencebookclub.blogs...> and also on audible.com.
