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Synopsis

A Fresh Voice in Historical Romance! Lydia King knows what it's like to be in need, so when she joins the Teaville Moral Society, she genuinely hopes to help the town's poor. But with her father's debts increasing by the day and her mother growing sicker by the week, she wonders how long it will be until she ends up in the poor house herself. Her best chance at a financially secure future is to impress the politician courting her, and it certainly doesn't hurt that the moral society's president is her suitor's mother. Her first task as a moral society member--to obtain a donation from Nicholas Lowe, the wealthiest man in town--should be easy . . . except he flat-out refuses. Despite appearances, Nicholas wants to help others but prefers to do it his own way, keeping his charity private. When Lydia proves persistent, they agree to a bargain, though Nicholas has a few surprises up his sleeve. Neither foresee the harrowing complications that will arise from working together. When town secrets are brought to light, this unlikely pair must decide where their beliefs--and hearts--truly align.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoy reading Melissa Jagears's writings. She is a very talented author. This novel, the first in her new series, delves into some really heartbreaking, gut-wrenching material. I don't give away book details because I don't want to mess anyone's read; but, suffice it to say, this novel is definitely going to make you look inward at your own self. I disliked greatly the main character at first. I thought she was vain and fake, which she was...so, I had to question myself about why I had such a negative reaction to the female lead in this book. Had to then go and pray and ask God for forgiveness. Now, aside from my own personal revelations, this novel is packed full of action. It's a great historical novel...some parts as gritty as the squalid, beat-down characters and settings. I learned a lot from this novel. The romance is sweet and tasteful. The Biblical references are apt, and smoothly included throughout the novel. And, the message is not heavy handed, but subtle and absolutely applicable to anyone today. This is a great read. I look forward to book #2!

This book was fairly good, a bit slow in the beginning but it really picked up the pace towards the middle! It had a lot of intrigue and banter in it. I really liked how Nathaniel and Lily stood strong together to rally for those in the red-light area. And I also like how Lily had such a transformation within herself.

I enjoyed reading about the growth of each character . I could in many ways relate to the pastor's wife .

The story kept me engaged throughout, well written, great characters. I am looking forward to reading more of this author.

You wouldn't be able to guess the plot from the cover of the book. Well worth exploring.

I read Christian authors because I like clean stories. This Christian writer did something different than others often do. Instead of reinforcing the story with appropriate scriptures, the story evoked the essence of the scriptures and were the story. The personalities and motivation of each character was infused with scripture. This author showed us how individuals used the bible and their own interpretation for good and also for misplaced judgements. Sometimes looking at problems with a different attitude can actually clear our vision. Well written story and I love her characterizations. Would read another by this author.

My first thought of this book was WOW! A Heart Most Certain is a book full of substance! It is not some fluffy historical romance. (Don't worry, there is a romance.) The book is set in the town of Teaville, 1905 Southeast Kansas. From the description provided on this page, you know a bit of what this story is about. Now, I will try to tell you a little more, without spoilers. The Teaville Moral Society marches against the Red Light District, they say all the right things but do not get their hands dirty in trying to help the women there. Heaven forbid, a member be seen talking to one of them lest she sully her own reputation. But in working with Nicholas, Lydia does see the need to help those women and innocent children. Nicholas learns he can't always do things by himself or his way. Both Nicholas and Lydia learn from each other. Melissa Jagears has very well-written, well-developed characters. (There is a bad guy I'd like to see strung up.) I did not find any person in this story that did not contribute to it. I enjoy this author's writing style. She is very descriptive(without over doing it) and does a good job putting bits of humor in her stories. Melissa also knows how to write a kiss!! I loved this book! I am happy to know there will be more from The Teaville Moral Society. I look forward to seeing how they change and grow. Though things are vastly different for women today, the message found in these pages still apply. Do we get involved in really helping? Do we donate to a cause and let others do the work? Or do we just sit, doing nothing, letting things happen as they will?***I must thank Melissa Jagears and Bethany House Publishers for gifting me a paperback copy of this book. That in NO way affects my opinion or review. My thoughts are entirely my own. I will be giving away my copy and purchasing a copy for my Kindle very soon. Book read and reviewed by "A" of A&D

Typically it takes me a few chapters into a book to become really immersed, but this book had me from start to finish! I was captivated! It is very well written, the characters are very well put together, and the writing style will sweep you away. This isn't your typical written historical romance fiction book. It holds so much information, and really a great look at how some people are, good and bad. Thought provoking doesn't even begin to describe this book. At first I was so annoyed by Lydia. I know her background isn't great, but her way of thinking and going about things got on my nerves. It didn't last throughout the whole story thankfully, and without giving too much away I will leave it at that. It isn't just a great read, but rather a book that will make you think. Particularly about judging others without knowing them, about love, compassion, charity, beliefs, etc. There are a lot of twists and turns in this book. It's like a roller coaster ride if I must be honest. Definitely not in a bad way because I can't sing enough praises for this book. I definitely recommend this if you like historical fiction novels, especially Christian ones. I do have to say it has some sensitive topics, and some

characters that young readers shouldn't be introduced to. There are prostitutes in this book, but it does talk about how sometimes women back then had little option. Despite prostitutes being in this book it is a clean romance novel so no worries there if you don't like to read more in depth on that topic. This is book one in this series, and I cannot wait to read book two. There are some secondary characters that I would love to learn more about as well. Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book from Bethany House Publishers in exchange for my unbiased review. All opinions expressed are solely my own.

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