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Nils Lindstrom and Maggie Campbell have been circling each other for years. A strong attraction simmers between them, and their hearts beat only for each other. But a tragic secret keeps them apart.

Out of the blue, Maggie learns her U.S. visa has expired and she'll be deported. Nils offers marriage under the guise of a favor, but only if they can just remain friends. Despite the whisperings of his heart, falling in love again is a risk he won't take. Yet, regardless of how it begins, marriage can take on a life of its own—and true love is more powerful than either Maggie or Nils ever expected.

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Amanda R says

First off let me say, I am so sad that this is the last book in the Heart of Montana series.. If you haven't read the others you'll want to read them first because there are things that won't make sense if you don't. Go on, click on that link up there ^^ and add them to your good reads list. I'll wait... *waiting*.... *looks at you* Did you do it? I know you will LOVE them.

I have been waiting for Nils and Maggie's story for it seems like forever and I can say with all certainty it was well worth it. You get glimpses of them in all of the other books but you just see the outside. You don't get to see why Nils fights so hard to love Maggie. His secret is something he's carried since he was eighteen years old, something that he promised he would never let happen again. Loving Maggie was easy, she was a great friend but he couldn't let himself actually love LOVE her. One night though, he walks her home after shes been in her cups, shes drunk as a skunk and thinks he's Paul. The things she says hit him straight in the gut. He needs to bed me or wed me. In truth it scares him so much that he hopes she won't remember any of it. Then she really needs him and he's always going to be there for her, won't he; can he?

Maggie has loved Nils for so long she just doesn't know how not to. She thinks he has feeling for her but he won't let himself do anything. When she needs help he's always there, he fixes things and helps out around the coffee shop she owns. One day when he's there she needs help reaching some mail that's fallen behind the counter. One of the letters is from immigration, her visa has expired and she didn't even realize that it had. She called a lawyer and Nils offered to go with her to find out what her options were. While there Beck tells her he's not sure she'll be able to stay, the best way for her to stay would be to marry a U.S. citizen. She knows that Nils is the one she wants to marry, but will he be there to rescue her again?

I loved seeing Nils work through things, it was real. He didn't just flip the script and was all I Love you lets get married and have babies. He had a past that was scary and sad to him, he had to learn to love Maggie like a wife. Maggie needed to get Nils to open up to her. I just can't say how much I enjoyed reading this one. Once I picked it up I only put it down to do menial things like make dinner for my family and *cough* other things lol! Go and check out the Heart of Montana series. You'll love meeting the Lindstroms and all the others connected to them. I'll just be over here waiting for you to come back and tell me what you thought.
waiting

Nicole says

What a great finish to the Lindstrom series! I love how Katy brought all of the characters together in this books. Not only did she focus on the main story (Lars and Maggie), she brought back the love stories of Jenny, Erik, Lars, and Paul. It was perfect how the series wrapped up.

Nils and Maggie have been attracted to each other for 4 years, but never acted on it. Suddenly, they are thrown together when Maggie learns her visa has expired. What starts as a "green card marriage" turns into a fantastic love story where two people find each other. It has always been Nils for Maggie, and Nils has always loved her.

I'm extremely sad that there won't be more Heart of Montana books!! This was a bittersweet ending to a

great series. In each and every book I felt like I fell more in love with the characters and I feel like I actually know them.

I would definitely suggest this book and any others by Katy Regnery!

Jaime Fiction Fangirls Book Review says

In the final installment of the Heart of Montana series (sad face) we finally get to hear Nils and Maggie's story, which has been in the making for for years (or at least the last two books in the series). They are quite possibly my favorite couple in this series.

I just knew that there was something more between Maggie and Nils than we ever knew, but never imagined it would be what it was.

There is so much more to Nils than we got to read about in the previous books and the secret heartbreak that he's holding onto is heartbreaking and just makes me want to cuddle him so hard.

The love that Maggie has for Nils is infinite. She's just been waiting for him to act on the feelings that she knows he has for her as well.

When life gives Nils no other option than to be with Maggie, the story takes a romantic yet heartbreaking turn as you watch Nils struggle to accept his feelings for Maggie while trying to get over his broken past. In the end, what they share is too strong to be denied.

Their tale was the perfect ending to a fantastic series.

Nicola says

Review to follow!

Simona says

Yay, finally!! I was happy to download the last heart of Montana book when it came out. The series is just not complete otherwise. Katy Regnery is one of my favourite authors and I couldn't wait to get started on Nils' and Maggie's story, after hearing so much about them already.

I have to say, this is my least favourite out of the series, but it's still awesome!!!!

After having read the other books it was clear that Nils and Maggie had feelings for each other, but something was way off.

Well, we find out why: Her visa has expired and there is only one way to stay in the States à marriage. Yes, you heard right and I think you can guess who she marries. After that though there was silence between Nils and Maggie and she started dating someone else. I just couldn't understand this, because these two are just so made for each other and their chemistry is something else!!!

Of course this made the story very interesting and dramatic. It was great to read about both their feelings, them taking turns in telling the story. I enjoyed that very much and it gave a wonderful insight to the characters, which made me understand them better. I still didn't understand, why they couldn't just be honest.

That's not it though. He has a dark memory and this keeps him from moving on and planning a future with Maggie.

I was sure they would find a way to be together, but the question was: how?

There were things happening between Maggie and Nils in the previous books, now they finally make sense and we can see the whole story behind it. Very very clever Katy!!!

The ending and the epilogue were really sweet and totally fit the series. I loved hearing about Lars, Erik, Paul and Jenny again. I can't believe this series is over, it's so full of heart and emotions and the stories will always stay with me.

Rating: 4.5

Winnie Lim says

I have loved Katy's books ever since reading *By Proxy*, the first book of the Heart of Montana series and each of her books have been rated 5 stars. *What Were You Expecting*, the sixth book of the Heart of Montana series is no exception.

Nils and Maggie have appeared in the earlier books of the series and Katy has been teasing her readers with snippets of Nils and Maggie's affection for each other. Katy has also hinted in her earlier books that something had happened to Nils in the past, causing him to have baggage and holds himself at arms' length from Maggie. I couldn't wait for their story to finally arrive, to find out what happened to Nils and how they could get their happily ever after.

The style of *What Were You Expecting* is somewhat different. Most stories in a series happen one after another. However, the story of Maggie and Nils happened concurrently with Lars and Jane (from *See Jane Fall*) and Paul and Zoe/Holly (from *Meeting Miss Mystic*). Although it is still a great standalone story, I think readers would benefit more if they have read *See Jane Fall* and *Meeting Miss Mystic*. I thought this style of writing was very special and Katy wrote in a way that wasn't one bit confusing. Instead the story just blended together.

I love the Swedish and Gaelic used in the book. It makes it even more romantic. Although Nils was kinda stubborn, he was really a sweet and romantic guy. Beck was also a really sweet guy and I'm really hoping that he gets his happily ever after soon. I really loved what he did for Maggie and Nils even though he was in love with Maggie.

Venessa says

Pov: male & female

Main characters: Nils & Maggie

Minor characters: Paul (her best friend/his friend), Beck (town lawyer who likes her), Veronica (his dead girlfriend), Lars (his brother)

My thoughts:

I loved this one too. I love that the stories feel connected but at the same time separate. I love that each character is different. There didn't seem to be any real overlap. Each person was fleshed out and complete

There was emotion and depth and feelings that had nothing to do with sex. I could feel Nils's guilt over the baby and I could feel Maggie's loneliness over her adoption. You could see very clearly how these moments affected the characters personally, but at the same time it wasn't their only characteristic. But at the same time you could clearly see the passion and longing for each other.

This is another great book by a fantastic author. I'm sad it's over.

Synopsis:

Nils is the oldest of 4 kids. When he was a senior in high school he met Veronica and they fell in love. She got pregnant and the summer after graduation they moved away together. He told his family he was in a summer intern program.

She was terrified of anyone finding out she was pregnant so she didn't go see a doctor and planned for them to have a home birth. She planned to give the baby up for adoption.

She went into labor and there were complications. When she passed out from blood loss he panicked and carried her to the hospital. The baby had to be cut out of her because it was too big for her petite frame. She and the baby both didn't make it.

Nils felt guilty because his baby was too big for her. He never told anyone what happened and moved back home. He promised Veronica and the baby he would never do that again to anyone.

He lived a quiet life and figured he would be alone forever as punishment for killing Veronica. That he had his chance for love and lost it.

One day he went to the local coffee shop and Maggie was there. He fell for her instantly.

He thought about asking her out until one day he came into the cafe when she was hosting a story time for children. He could tell how much she loved the kids and realized she'd want some of her own.

He was drawn to her. When things got too intense for him he'd leave town for a few days with a tour. When he came back things would feel bearable again. Everyone knew he liked her but couldn't figure out why he wouldn't make a move.

Maggie was adopted in Scotland. She loved her family but longed for a baby. She wanted someone who was bound to her by blood.

She had an aunt who moved to Montana on a whim and opened a coffee shop. Her aunt got sick and Maggie moved to Montana to help run the shop.

Nils came in and she fell for him instantly. He was always careful with her and reminding her they were friends. She figured he didn't think of her as a woman.

One day she was out drinking with Paul. They went home and bumped into Nils. Nils walked her home but she thought he was Paul. She confessed how much she liked Nils and that he didn't feel the same.

Nils always assumed she didn't like him as more than a friend. Since her confession he couldn't concentrate and didn't know how to be around her.

Nils's sister wants to throw a surprise party for their dad and gets Maggie and Paul to help.

One day he goes to get coffee and helps her get mail that fell between the counter and the wall. He pulls out an old letter and she finds out her visa expired and she's in the country illegally.

She's terrified and calls a lawyer. She makes an appointment and Nils offers to go with her. He's terrified she'll have to leave.

They go to the lawyers office and meet Beck. Nils knows Beck likes Maggie and hates him.

Beck tells them if they get married she can get a green card. That after 2 years she'd be a permanent citizen and they could divorce. But if they're flagged and interviewed and it doesn't go well she would be deported and Nils would go to jail. That he only mentioned it because they came in together like a couple.

On the walk home Maggie can tell Nils is terrified. She realizes he isn't going to be able to help her. She tells him she's going to ask Paul to marry her.

He gets angry at that. He imagines them falling in love and is jealous.

He realizes it would just be a green card marriage. That nothing would have to change and she could stay. He tells her he'll do it.

She wonders if he's doing it because he cares for her as more than a friend and is hopeful.

They make the appointment and she mentions the secretary's daughter Tess will be a witness. He used to sleep with Tess and gets embarrassed. Maggie knows something happened and asks until he tells her. She's hurt and jealous.

On the drive to the lawyers office she mentions how she imagined her wedding to be. She tells him about the traditions in Scotland. He feels bad because she deserves more and stops at a market. He buys her white cupcakes and downloads a bagpipe song onto his phone. He takes her to a park and proposes with the music playing.

They meet with Beck to get married and he asks Maggie if she's sure. She tells him it's always been Nils for her. He tells her he's there for her anyway she needs him. Nils overhears and hates him.

She meets Tess and Nils can tell she's uncomfortable so he holds her hand. Tess sees and thinks Nils has finally opened up to someone and is thrilled for him.

They get married and their vows feel real to each of them. He kisses her and is carried away. Maggie steps out to gather her emotions. She knows that kiss was real and thinks it was the start of something. She's hopeful and excited.

Tess tells Nils how happy she is for him. He tells Tess it's not real. That they just got married for her green card. That he faked it all so it would look real to their lawyer. That Maggie isn't special to him. Maggie overhears and is devastated. Nils sees her and knows she heard everything. She asks Beck to take her home.

Beck consoles her and she gets drunk and tells him everything. He's understanding and they become friends. He shows up at the coffee shop and takes her out for lunch and dinner. She reminds him she's not over Nils and isn't ready to date anyone. He tells her he understands and just wants to be there for her.

Nils avoids her for the next month. Lars reminds Nils they have to meet Maggie to plan their dad's party. Lars tells him he's noticed Nils avoiding her and assumed it was because she's dating Beck. Nils is furious.

They go to the coffee shop and Beck is there flirting with Maggie.

They make plans to divide the work for the party and Maggie suggests a slide show. Lars suggests Nils do it and offers Maggie to help. She reluctantly agrees. Nils knows she doesn't want to but is thrilled to have her near him. He was miserable without her and decides to find a way to keep her in his life.

The next day she shows up at his father's house to look through pictures. She tells Nils he hurt her. He apologizes. She asks if he meant it and he says no, that it wasn't an act but he can't do anything about it.

She tells him he has no reason to dislike Beck and he tells her he's heard about them. That they're married so Beck shouldn't be trying to date her. She tells him Beck overheard what he said to Tess and knows the marriage isn't real. Nils asks if they're together and she says they're just friends.

She finds a picture of Veronica and he basically has a panic attack. She asks what's wrong but they're interrupted by his dad.

He comes back for their weekly card game but Beck stays anyway. They have a nice night and she asks him to help her clean up. She goes to Beck to tell him to leave and Nils realizes he's a good guy. That he's been good to Maggie and could offer her the life she deserves. He decides to step aside and let Beck have her.

She gets invited to his dad's house for a barbecue and she brings Beck. Nils shows up late because of work and sees them together. He knows that's what he wanted to happen but still hates it.

She decides to leave and bumps into Nils. He asks why she brought Beck and she tells him it's what he wanted. He tells her he didn't want any of it and almost kisses her.

She realizes he always stops himself and that something is holding him back. She decides to make the first move the next time they're alone together.

She invites him over to help with the slide show and they end up talking about babies. She finds out he loves babies but he tells her he won't have any of his own. She tells him she's adopted and he can adopt to build a family, assuming he can't have kids of his own.

She asks if he can't or won't have kids and he says it doesn't matter. She tells him it does. She realizes he's making a choice and figures out that's one of the reasons he keeps pushing her away.

She kisses him and they get carried away. Jenny comes and interrupts them.

He knows he can't control himself around her so he decides to take a month long tour and leaves a day early, missing his dad's surprise party. He hopes being away will give her a chance to get solid with Beck, and lessen the pull he feels for her.

Maggie thought the kiss was the start of something. When she finds out he took a month long tour she realizes he thought the kiss was a mistake. She was embarrassed and devastated but Beck came around to console her.

She decides she has no future with Nils. That he will never let himself have her, so she will never pursue him again.

She accepts a date from Beck, even though she doesn't have romantic feelings for him. She thinks maybe they could grow overtime. Beck knows she isn't there yet but she tells him she's not against it.

Being gone for a month made him want her even more. He knows he can't be around her as just friends anymore, but she has to hate him for leaving so quickly. He wonders if he can keep Maggie without breaking his promises to Veronica and the baby.

She gets a letter from immigration and finds out they've been flagged for an interview. Beck tells her she and Nils are going to have to spend a lot of time together because the interviews are intense.

She doesn't want to be around Nils so Beck has a plan.

Beck makes a huge questionnaire and they decide she and Nils can meet in his office every day to go over their answers so they won't be alone together. She texts Nils they were flagged and asks to meet him at Beck's.

He gets her text and knows she's upset with him. He thinks he's lost her.

He goes to the meeting and Beck gets called away. Nils tells Maggie they can answer the questions in person. She tells him no. He asks if they can talk and she says no. That the time to talk has passed. He tells her he had a lot of time to think in the park and she snaps.

She tells him it doesn't matter. That she's done with him and once they get the interview out of the way they can be done with each other.

Nils is ashamed and apologizes. He promises to have the form done in a few days and leaves.

Beck takes her home and tries to kiss her goodnight. She pulls away and he tells her he knew that would happen when Nils came home. He asks if Nils is still the one for her. That he's giving up on them unless she says otherwise. She tells him Nils is still it for her.

Nils is waiting on her doorstep. He tells her he can't learn everything by reading a questionnaire. That they should spend time together to learn about each other. That they should call a truce. That they should spend each night together learning about each other and when he has tours in the park she should come with him.

Nils plans to win her back while they have their truce. He knows the only thing keeping him from her is having kids. After finding out she's adopted he thinks maybe they can build a family that way. That way she's never in danger like Veronica.

She agrees to the truce.

The next night he comes over and makes dinner. He can't stop wondering what's going on with her and Beck and he snaps and asks. She thinks it's funny and doesn't give him an answer so he kisses her.

He ends up using his hand on her. When she finishes she asks what happens after the truce and interview is over. He doesn't know where she stands so he tells her one of them can walk away if they want to.

Over the next week they get to know each other. He can barely stand being around her without touching her or kissing her. One night he snaps and tells her he wants her all the time. That sitting around with her is torture.

She asks him to stay the night but he hears her nervousness and knows he can't. That he wants everything out in the open before they move forward. She thinks he doesn't want her that way. He tells her he always wants her but he doesn't want her to regret anything.

The next day they go on a tour. He tells the client they're newlyweds.

They have a great time together and she wonders if his feelings have changed. She doesn't want to get too hopeful. The clients have kids and she considers giving up her dream of children but only if he admits he's in love with her and they can be together.

On the last day she wakes up sick. He ends the trip early to take her home and take care of her. He calls a doctor and she's given pills.

She feels better and they resume their questions. They get to high school and he tells her about Veronica and that she died. She can tell how hard it is for him to talk about and stops him before he gets to the baby.

She knows he's falling in love with her so she decides they should move forward. She kisses him and they end up sleeping together. He tells her this isn't about the truce. That everything's real.

They talk about the truce and he tells her he just said that to get close to her. That he didn't know what else to do. He asks about Beck and she tells him she only wants him.

He has another trip and can't stand being away from her. They spend all their time together but she still doesn't know if they have a future after the interview. He wants to stay together but doesn't know how to bring up his baby.

One day she asks what happens next. He tells her he wants to stay together because he's in love with her. That he meant every word of his vows. That after the interview they'll tell people they're dating and get engaged in a few months then remarried.

She has a story time at the coffee shop and he shows up. She can tell he's uncomfortable but she doesn't understand why. She asks him to read a story but he walks out.

She finds him and tells him she thought if he saw how wonderful children are he wouldn't be so against having any.

He tells her everything and she feels terrible. She tries to tell him it wasn't his fault but he doesn't believe her.

She realizes she can either have him or have kids but not both.

He has a tour the next day and asks if he's losing her. He promises he wouldn't get her pregnant or put her in danger. She tells him all she wants is to have his baby. He tells her he can't and that they could adopt. She tells him she's never been related to anyone by blood and she wants that.

She tries to explain that they'd see doctors and his sister and brother had kids and everyone is fine. She asks him to think about it but he says he can't.

She considers adoption. She doesn't want to give Nils up. He considers having a baby because he doesn't want to lose her.

When he comes home from the tour they tell each other they've considered what each other wanted. They agree to think about both options.

They have the interview and she's nervous. He tells her even if they fail and she gets deported they'll figure it out because they're staying married.

She has her interview and she's terrified. She stumbles and skips some questions and guesses.

His interview goes smoothly but he skips on questions he thinks are too personal and invasive.

They meet afterwards and she knows they failed.

Beck shows up and knows the 2 investigators.

They meet with the investigators and are told they were borderline, which defaults to failed. But Beck vouched for them and they trust Beck. She's given citizenship.

She rushes to find Beck and thank him. Nils realizes Beck showed up on purpose to help Maggie. That he forced her into marrying him, but she chose to be with Beck. That now she's legal and she still went running to Beck. That Beck is a good man and could give her kids like she wanted. That he should set her free to make her own choice.

Nils finds her and Beck and tells her he'll wait in the car. She realizes he's walking away now that she's legal. That he's free to leave her.

On the drive home she snaps and asks what's going on. He tells her she's free to be with Beck. She tells him she only wants him. He tells her Beck could give her what she wants. That he trapped her in a marriage.

She tells him she's his wife. That she loves him more than any future child. He tells her he wants her to be sure.

She tells him she's always been sure about him. That he's the one who held back. She tells him she can't do this anymore. That she can't love him and always worry he'll pull away. She tells him he has to choose to be with her completely or let her go. That he has until morning.

He gets called away to help Lars and thinks about what she said. He realizes he's the one who made promises, that Veronica and the baby didn't demand anything. He finally lets go.

He comes home and tells her he belongs to her.

They tell everyone they're dating and everyone says it's about time.

Maggie starts to get sick. She realizes she missed 2 birth control pills when she was sick and never got her period. She knows she's pregnant.

Nils comes home for dinner and Maggie is distant. He doesn't know what he did wrong. She doesn't know if he'll stay with her when he finds out.

He has another tour and she finds out from her doctor she's pregnant. She explains what happened with Veronica but the doctor is confident she'll be fine. That they'll have regular appointments to monitor everything.

He wonders if she's still upset that they're hiding their marriage. He hates it and decides to buy her a ring.

He calls his sister for advice on a ring and she's thrilled. He asks about her pregnancy and she explains the baby was big and she had a c section. That their sister in law did too. He feels reassured that Maggie could be ok.

He comes home and she's terrified to tell him.

He takes her to a park and re-proposes. He tells her he loves her and when they're ready he wants to have kids with her. That he's going to research and be prepared.

She accepts and tells him she's pregnant. He's scared but happy.

They have a girl.

Huseina says

Just four words, 'what were you expecting?' But damn it was more than I expected, more beautiful, more sweet, more amazing and a really good reason to start looking forward to reading more of Katy Regnery's books... I may have just stumbled upon them then but once I started reading these books it was like I could not stop myself from getting more of it...

Seriously guys, if you haven't read her books I would really recommend you to try them.. and I hope you'll like them as much as me...

Tami Talbert says

Another 5+ Star Success from Katy Regnery.

What Were You Expecting is the 6th and final novel in Katy Regnery's Heart of Montana series and let me just start out by saying: Another Five Star success! We have been given tidbits of interactions between

Maggie and Nils from prior books in this series, and finally their story has arrived and it all comes to light. As I read through the pages of *What Were You Expecting*, images from the prior novels returned to me now giving me clarity and understanding of these two characters and dare I say now making them my favorite couple from this series.

Nils and Maggie's attraction to each other began four years ago when she arrived in the small town of Gardiner, Montana. But despite the pull of their hearts towards one another, Nils always continued to push her away holding tight to a tragic secret from many years ago which keeps him guarded and protective of his heart never wanting to endure that kind of pain ever again. When Maggie suddenly becomes aware that her green card has expired and deportation is looming, Nils agrees to marry her so she can remain in the country, but continues to make it clear to her that they will never be anything more than just friends. But when their marriage is flagged as questionable, Nils and Maggie are forced to spend time together learning intimately and extensively about one another in hopes of proving that theirs is more than simply a "green card marriage." As they both begin to share their histories with one another, Nils begins to feel the walls he has erected around his heart start to crack. But will the deep love they share with each other ever be enough to shatter them completely allowing Nils to open up his life and his heart to the beautiful green-eyed beauty whose heart beats only for him?

Despite Nils' persistence in trying to keep his relationship with Maggie strictly on the level of friendship, the chemistry between these two characters is magical and intense, and the electricity flies out of the pages of this story whenever they are together. After having read all of the prior novels in this series, I anticipated what a special and miraculous story their love would be, and I am overjoyed to say I was right. The bond and love they share is astounding.

As I sit here having just read the final words of Ms. Regnery's Heart of Montana series, I must admit I am a little bit saddened to say goodbye to the Lindstrom family and their friends. They have all become a part of my life and from the first book in this magical and wonderful series through the final page of *What Were You Expecting*, I'm realizing how much they have all meant to me. Thank you, Katy, for writing and sharing all of these amazing characters with us. It has been magical! Absolutely magical!

Amanda (Hootie) Clark says

THANK GOD THAT'S OVER! S*#@! I've been waiting on this one since the very first book. Maggie and Nils have some amazingly intense chemistry and I've suffered through four books to get to this one. I knew there was something secretive going on between these two and that it wouldn't be easy because I did pick up on Nils reserved behavior throughout. I wasn't prepared for the extreme emotional angst that kept me frustrated and angry at both characters in the first half.

Maggie and Nils have had a thing for each other for several years. Longing for the other quietly from afar, you'd think it would be satisfying when they finally got together but noooooooo! Nils' baggage from 15 years ago while sad and heartbreaking in it's own right has given him reason to use it as his shield against his growing feelings for Maggie. I have loved this guy for four books but seeing him jerk Maggie's heart around continuously kind of made me hate him a little bit. I got that he was hurt by what happened in his past (and I admit, it's a doozy) but poor Maggie kept giving him her heart at every turn and he seemed to stomp on it and hand it back. Maggie angered me many times too because she had a great guy waiting in the wings who would give her everything she wanted but Nils was all she could see. I wanted to punch her in the boob a

hundred times because I would have walked away from Nils a while back. She's a strong hot headed Scottish lass though so I understood her steadfastness. I almost put this book down for good at a little over halfway because I was just so FRUSTRATED by this pair of characters but thankfully I stuck with them because their story was amazing.

The secret that has lingered between them and intrigued readers of this series since the beginning was pretty predictable but the events that unfolded afterwards were what caught me by surprise. What began as a friendly favor on Nils' part for Maggie quickly grew into something real and sweet. They had to rely on their friendship and closeness that has developed through the years to handle a nerve wracking situation. I loved that all the characters from the previous books made an appearance and things have worked out for everyone. Regnery has become one of my absolute favorite romance authors and even though I have wanted to run her over with my new car a time or two she always manages to temper the sting with something beautiful by the end. Her writing is flawless and sincere and every word captivates you on every page. I am so glad that I gave not only this series but this author a chance to capture my heart because she didn't disappoint once. Do yourself a favor and check out her books because you'll love her words and characters just as much as I do!

Katy Regnery says

My entire career started with By Proxy, Heart of Montana #1, so it's bittersweet to say good bye to the Lindstrom's in this 6th book, which tells the love story of eldest Lindstrom, Nils, and his long-time love, Maggie.

I hope you have enjoyed my Lindstrom's. I have enjoyed writing them for you. xoxo

Kathy (My Nook Books and More) says

What Were You Expecting? is the final book in the Heart of Montana series. I am sad to see this series end but it is fitting that the final book be the one I've been waiting for to read. Ever since I first met Nils and Maggie in By Proxy (Heart of Montana Book 1) I've been dying to know their story. The first scene with this couple showed a blushing Nils (which is adorable to vision since Nils is a 6 foot tall muscular Swede) and the flirtatious Maggie (the towns gorgeous & feisty Scottish lass). You can tell right away there was chemistry between them but something was holding them back. In What Were You Expecting? we finally have the truth to their story. This was a heartbreaking story but I loved the chemistry and compassion between Nils and Maggie. I don't like to include spoilers in my reviews but Nils and Maggie's story is heartbreaking. But we see the two finding strength within each other. Their relationship was built on friendship that crossed into an attraction. But ultimately it is their friendship and respect for each other that keep their connection strong. And that is the main ingredient for a successful relationship.

I loved that we finally get to see Nils and Maggie's story but we also get to interact with the other characters from the previous books. What Were You Expecting? is in the same timeframe of books 2 to 5 so it is a treat to see the same scenes but in a different perspective. Even though this is the final book of the series it is written as a standalone. But I highly recommend you read all the books because these are characters I have grown to love and the stories are filled with hope and romance.

Katy Regnery is a very talented writer and What Were You Expecting? lived up to all my expectations. This

story was a sweet romance with just the right amount of steamy scenes. This made me laugh, cry and swoon – all the mixed emotions that I love in a story. I'm sad to see this series end. I highly recommend this book and the Heart of Montana series to all romance fans.

UltraMeital says

No doubt, my absolute favorite of the bunch! and a favorite in general. This book kept me glued to my seat with a constant stomach ache, the best kind to be had ;) First I have to say this book was not what I was expecting! hehe, I mean, we got glimpses of Maggie and Nils longing for one another from near and far and yet since we didn't get their POV up until this one, it was IMPOSSIBLE to guess what's behind the surface. Actually the timing of this book is mostly a little bit before the 4rd installment (Lars & Jane) and only around 3/4 in we are somewhere around the beginning of the 5th one (Paul & Zoe). So though Maggie and Nils behave as "nothing is going on", there is actually SO MUCH going on, it's a wonder no one in this small town and especially their close group realized what was happening beneath their noses.

Maggie came to Montana 4 years ago when her aunt was dying. Mesmerized by everything she read about Gardiner and the romance in her aunt's life she decided to go on an adventure herself and run her aunt's cafe house. When Nils came in she was a goner.. but he was also deeply affected by her. Yet with Nils stoic appearance Maggie totally missed his true reaction to her (from that day on). Of course everyone in their close group knew fairly well Maggie is interested in Nils, and also that Nils is interested in her and yet she somehow never saw it and she wasn't about to make fun of herself in offering herself to him only to be rejected so she kept her interest to herself, quietly longing for him to somehow see her as a woman. For Nils that wasn't a problem at all! Which is why he kept his distance. He was a friend to her, even a good friend, but one that never stays too long or too close. I knew there are secrets keeping them apart, and I guessed it was mostly Nils' secrets since Maggie was all for him to make his move, but I didn't see the heartache that was coming my way once his past was revealed. I could see why he was reluctant to live, to love, after what he experienced and the fact it all happened so many years ago solidified it more than made it peacefully go away.

Nils and Maggie are "thrown in together" when she realizes her visa expired a few months ago and her only chance to stay in the country - in Gardiner, her home, with the family and friends she acquired is getting married, and as it seems Nils is the best or rather only candidate.. Nils is confused by all of this, but somehow he makes the right choices even if along the way he makes A LOT of mistakes. I could totally get his POV, even though he was hurting Maggie, he was hurting himself, he was confused, and he had promises to keep, ones he made so long ago. Yet JUST getting married isn't enough when the legitimacy of their marriage is being questioned they have no other option but to LEARN how to be a real couple so they can pass as one. All of that with literally 3 more people beside themselves knowing about the whole ordeal. There was a lot of heartache, but also a lot of sweet and sexy times between these two. Though they have been friends for the past 4 years they have many things to learn about each other, and even though they wish they could keep some of them to themselves, they really can't considering they'll be questioned about them.. NOT knowing means deportation for Maggie and jail time for Nils.. This is not the time for secrets, yet it doesn't mean they both feel very secure in exposing themselves when neither is sure what would happen the next day, will they remain a couple, a true one, or if everything would crumble away leaving them heartbroken and alone.

I could go on forever about this book. It was so beautiful and yet so painful to read. I read it in two days,

stopping once when I was too tired to continue (and also didn't want to be a zombie the following day..) and on the second sitting I finished the book. The ending was somehow expected, it was the only way to go as I saw it, though it's not a turf I personally like it was just fitting in this story, it made both of them make a step forward they needed. While Maggie was so tormented by wanting Nils and him playing hot-cold, Nils himself was tormented not only with how much he wanted her and how much he wished he could treat her right, he was also unsure about if she should even consider being with him when there is someone else - Beck (their lawyer) who is interested in her, and she seems to be interested in him as well. I felt sorry for Beck, he was really a good guy, he deserves someone who loves HIM for who he is. I think though it was a losing game, trying to win Maggie, he never made any cruel act towards neither of them. He was a true friend even if he always wished for more. In my mind I can see his HEA, 5-6 years from now when he finally gets his own HEA.

This book finishes the series and leaves me with a longing to visit Yellowstone park, and a nice quiet town where everyone knows and cares for one another. This is also me finishing Katy's published work and hoping the next one will be released soon :)

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Jenny - Book Sojourner says

It's been 4 1/2 years since I read the previous book in this series. I finally stopped procrastinating and finished this series. It's hard to finally let them all go. I loved this lovely family. And to finally get Nils and Maggie's love story was a real treat. Now admittedly, they were killing me with their tip-toeing around each other and Nils neverending secret, so the story dragged in parts and I found myself skimming because my patience was running thin. But then to see their relationship finally develop was so tender, and also so explosive. They were such a perfectly matched couple. It was all worth it to finally get their HEA. And that epilogue was the cherry on top.

Krystle ~A Booknatic~ says

I put reading the final chapter of Katy's Heart of Montana Series off long enough. At the same time, I couldn't wait to read this book, but I also didn't want it to end. This is the series that made me fall in love with this author, but, all good things must come to an end.

With this book, this series went out with a bang! I couldn't have asked for a better ending. Ever since the first book, I've been waiting to see how Nils's and Maggie's story would be written, and Ms. Regnery didn't disappoint. Although there were plenty of times I wanted to clock the giant Swede in the head for being so stubborn when it came to letting himself feel what he wanted to feel for Maggie! LOL! I love books that make me talk to them, when I'm so caught up in the story and voice my opinion to it like it can hear me.

Something happened to Nils that made him grow up way before he should have at the tender age of 18 and ever since that traumatic event, he never allowed himself to think that he could find happiness with another woman, let alone to have a family of his own. And then Maggie Campbell came to Gardiner. For 4 years they danced around their friendship, flirting with their eyes, never voicing that either of them had feelings for

one another even though everyone around them could see the obvious attraction. But, sometimes all it takes is a lot of liquid courage and what you feel deep inside comes pouring right out of your mouth, which in Maggie's case, happens one night as her best friend – Nils – helps her home from the bar.

The next day as Maggie nurses a whopper of a hangover and Nils tries to wrap his head around what she said to him the night before, they discover that Maggie has let her VISA expire and she's now on borrowed time with the threat of being deported hanging over their heads. So, with Nils being Nils he offers to marry Maggie so she can get her green-card and stay in the states on one condition. That they remain friends, and only friends.

And how I loved watching their friendship turn to much, much more after that!

I really loved this story, and all of the other books that went with this series Katy. I am so sad to see all of the Lindstrom's grow up and carry on, but I can't wait for new readers to discover and love them as much as I did!!!!
