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When a man sets out to tame a strong-willed woman, he'd best hang on to his hat.

Will Martinson, the town doctor, already has a heap of troubles on his plate, what with a pregnant whore, an ailing friend and a sheriff with a bad habit of shooting people. The last thing he needs is a strong hankering for a woman who thinks it's her duty to turn a man's life upside-down.

Eliza Jane Carter is a woman on a mission. She's going to improve the lives of the women in Gardiner, Texas before moving on to the next town. But when her finances take a turn for the worse and her chaperone heads for the hills, Eliza Jane is stranded in a town full of riled up menfolk, a gun-happy sheriff and one handsome doctor who makes her question everything she ever believed about the love between a man and a woman.

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MaryReadsRomance says

2 1/2 Stars

An ok light romance entertainment read with a direct and basic writing style. Characters and plot are a bit dated and reminiscent of Gunsmoke and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Texas vernacular was ok but sometimes a bit jarringly off (I have lived in Texas). Sex scene were basic and not frequent but were romantic and not jarring. Had a very well done surprise ending. The ending left such a good afterglow that it pulled up the entire book's rating for me. If the author's later books continue to grow and enlarge upon the glimmer of talent I saw in this book - especially in the humor and the surprise ending - then I will want to read more.

Joy says

I really enjoyed one of Stacey's contemporaries, so I moved on to her westerns. In this book, an early women's rights activist shows up in Gardiner, Texas, ready to raise consciousnesses. In addition, she more or less raises riots (her main method seems to be telling wives and whores to withhold sex for leverage), leaving the town doctor (one of the few men who actually like her) to help her when her trustee leaves town with what's left of her money. This book was enjoyable but lightweight. I am going to read the sequel, in which the heroine inherits the town whorehouse.

Kristen says

The Taming of Eliza Jane was a delightful and light read. I found this book to be quick, easy, and a lot of fun. The cast of motley characters were not deeply layered in characterization, but the plot, dialogue, and humor more than made up for it. After all, this book's purpose was not a serious study in character development or the perplexities of life.

I thoroughly enjoyed this sweet and funny romance. I recommend it to anyone who wants a simple, light, and fun escape.

Dina says

"My" Will:

That's all I have to "say" for now. Full review will come later...

Ruth says

This is such a fun read. Light, sassy, naughty writing, with lots of "oh shit"s and "darlin"s. You can almost hear the spittoon pinging in the saloon and jangling spurs. The men have practically no social skills, the women charge extra for spanking and the Sheriff's diplomatic skills begin and end with drawing his gun (no, not *that* gun!!!). The steamy bits aren't really steamy, but the story doesn't suffer for it.

It's wonderful to have a western heroine who stands up for herself, and others, but isn't sanctimonious or a spitfire, but equally doesn't spend most of the book in doormat-mode only to experience a revelation towards the end. She was essentially a sensible, passionate woman, and I loved her.

The hero is also wonderful. I mean, who can resist a gorgeous, sexy doctor, who spends a lot of his time trying to prevent the Sheriff from putting bullet holes into people, even if he does blub after too much booze?

4 stars. Great fun.

Peg Hughes says

Enjoyable

I love historical romance tho so far I've read mostly Georgian - th I s was a fab change, a west e tnx t h at I thoroughly enjoyed. I'll marry Will if she doesn't want him.....

Julie says

I had to check and make sure I hadn't already read this book because it's too much like "Becoming Miss Becky." Same location, many of the same characters, same formula. At this point, I'm not sure I'll finish this one.

Karla says

What a pleasant surprise! One of the most endearing love stories I've ever read. Think Maverick/Cheyenne Social Club/Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, all rolled into one. Eliza Jane, divorced women's libber has come to town, and now the townsfolk are in an uproar, and she is at the center of it all. The trigger finger happy sheriff, Adam, and town doc/deputy sheriff, Will, have made it their business to keep her in line. One wants to shoot her, and the other one wants to bed her. Quite the comedic duo. This book had me crying tears of laughter over Eliza Jane's antics, and sadness for her aching heart. Favorite moment for me was Sadie's heartfelt philosophy on marriage, so simple yet so profound...you'll just have to read it and see.

Gidday up!!

♥ Beth says

4.5 stars!

I am surprised that there are no GR reviews yet on this book! It was such a great read! It wasn't really what I was expecting, but I loved it and definitely recommend it! A light and fun romantic historical western with a quirky cast of characters that held my interest throughout and kept me laughing. I can see this one as one of those old fashioned westerns I used to watch on TV. The only thing that I would wish for was a little more detail and heat in the bedroom scenes, but overall I loved it and will read the next in the series *Becoming Miss Becky*!

Hilly says

2 stars.

This wasn't much of anything. Nice-guy hero/Naive heroine ... in the ol' West.

I didn't dislike it, exactly, I just didn't care for -- or about -- anyone or anything in it. Except ... I admit to being curious about the sheriff. Which is odd, because I already read the sequel (*Becoming Miss Becky*) and that story wasn't anything memorable either. I may reread that one, in fairness because I read them out of chronological order.

Vee says

This was a light and fun romantic historical western. Eliza Jane is a woman on a mission, trying to change the lives of women for the better, as she travels through towns, liberating women, she arrives to Gardiner Tx, and to Will. I loved the character of the sheriff - he had a twitchy finger and wanted to shoot everyone, especially anyone who called his horse ugly - he is the H of *Becoming Miss Becky*.

Suzanne ([Under the Covers Book blog](#)) says

This book was faintly ridiculous, silly even, but I really enjoyed it! It was a great funny and romantic little western romance full of quirky characters, from the Sheriff who threatens to shot everyone who annoys him, the benevolent and wise whore house Madam and her "chickens" and the over zealous bible basher. A book to read to get a smile on your fast which had some genuinely laugh out loud funny bits.

Favourite Quote:

"Doc likes to sit in his fancy leather chair and have me ride him like a horse," she cheerfully informed at least half the male population of Gardiner. "Giddy up Doc!"

"Giddy up Doc!" the crowd shouted.

Eliza Jane giggled, belched and then passed out stone cold on the floor.

Ann (Noumena12) says

Okay. I almost didn't read this book because I'm not a fan of historical romances. This book might have changed my mind. And I'm sure hoping that I will be reading about Adam (and Rebecca????) very soon.

Interesting notes: One of the tags for this book on Amazon is that it is a "contemporary" romance. So, of course, I had to go find a definition of "historical." Definition of Historical Romance (multiple sources): "Historical romance is set before World War II.[1] Many historical romances include contemporary attitudes, such as heroines with far more education than was the norm in their time period."

edzkie♥§*.*§♥ says

This book was utterly a surprise. Just saw it on one of my GR shelf favorite. Got intrigue by the cover (although its not that eye catching and I'm trying to figure out all the silhouette..LOL!) and I want to give it a try as my first book from this author before I starts her series of family book.

I love both the h/h, love the Gardiner people, the chickens and the Chicken Coop wise matchmaker old lady (although she doesn't stay long). Eliza Jane, divorced women libber's come to town to spread her philosophy and enlighten women on their role on the society and her family. It triggers commotion on townspeople resulting to men tending their children on their own, having them wear pink coz their wife put some coloring on their clothes, etc. Adam, the town sheriff assigned Will the deputy sheriff/town's doctor to keep her in line if he don't want the libbers to be shoot for destroying the peace in Gardiner.

“Could be she starts causing too much trouble I'll have to put her over my knee and spank some sense into her.”

Eliza Jane being strong headed was trying to prove that women can do what men can, started working on men jobs to gain enough money after her father lost her inheritance and her companion stole her money leaving her to Gardiner, with the people who hated her guts. With all this turmoil happening in her life she takes the whore mother advice to liberate her self and at least enjoy his attraction to Will.

“Eliza Jane, I know you consider yourself a liberated woman. Well, it's time to liberate yourself from feeling undue shame and go liberate that man from his clothes.”

This leads to doctors emergency call and sneaking for a urgent check up.

..You only get one chance, so it's up to you to decide if you want to go to your grave having lived what other people decided was a good life, or if you want to go out knowing you held on for one hell of a ride...Oh, it can be fun, but it ain't always easy. And if you decide to bed William, I don't reckon you should advertise it. But sometimes you've just got to do what makes you happy and damn anybody who doesn't like it.”

Their secret affair (although not so secret as they think) was quite entertaining and steamy.

Making love ain't about performing a procedure, darlin'. It's about pleasure. And when your woman has her legs wrapped around your waist and her hips lifted off the bed...when she's got one hand raking the skin off your back...and the other hand is holding a pillow to her mouth so her screaming doesn't wake the whole damn town and she can't even talk because it's all she can do to breathe...Then, darlin'... then you know you're doing it right."

Eliza Jane inner struggle was emotional and heart breaking and Sadie advice, one of the Chicken, was simple yet profound.

"I reckon a man wanting to marry a woman who can't cook, gets drunk in saloons and makes an entire town full of men so mad they could spit speaks to a mighty powerful love, too. I reckon everybody knows that, especially the doc. But it's just like you told me about Dan falling in love with a whore and not a perfect wife. Doc Martinson fell in love with a women's libber, and not a perfect wife."

I was teary eye when Eliza Jane was torn between staying to become Will's wife or catching the stagecoach. The epilogue was sweet, a fun romantic HEA.

"Ooh, are you going to give me another one of your special examinations?"

Every head in the saloon swiveled in his direction, but she was too busy giggling to notice.

"Eliza Jane," he warned.

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Kim says

cute little romance book, made me think wild west and stuff, but i think this was after the wild west. before womens vote, but after abraham lincoln. but it was a cute book, a womans lib rolls into town to share her message, meets the doc who is full of darlins and stuff. some funny moments regarding a whorehouse, and a sheriff that shoots people who calls his horse ugly.
