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Michael is a fixer. Michael Davidson knows the demise of his marriage was his fault, and now, as a new Christian, he's determined to make things right. But when he finds his wife, he discovers she's given their child up for adoption. And while she has new friends and seems to have made a life for herself, Michael can't stand the way those people take advantage of her. So he steps in to help Jeanie get it right. Jeanie has spent the last year rebuilding her life. She knows God loves and has forgiven her. She finds herself stronger in that knowledge every day—until Michael arrives and brings with him all the regrets and shame of the past. Will Jeanie ever be able to trust herself or her husband again? Can Michael overcome his hurtful, controlling ways? Only God, the true Fixer of mankind, knows the answers.

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Brandi says

This book was pretty good, but I must admit that I expected better. It just didn't seem very Mary-Connealy-ish. It wasn't that romantic, didn't have enough action, and was short on humor too.

And I didn't like the characters. Michael was annoying, and bossy, and selfish. And Jeanie was, well... kinda... well, she was annoying too. She would duck out of things and try to avoid the problem and stuff. I think I would've liked it better if she'd just yelled.

I didn't laugh or cry.

I would give the cover a 2 star rating. While it looks professional, it doesn't catch my interest. If I hadn't been written by an author I know and love I probably wouldn't have read it. I think the title is a great attention-grabber but the rest of the cover is weak. I mean, what do you see? Boring little cabins. It makes me think the books gonna take place at a rented house while they go fishing (I hate fishing, by the way. It's so boring.), which doesn't interest me. Not a bit.

Gina Hott says

Hott Review --

What I liked: I thoroughly devoured The Bossy Bridegroom. It's a fun read but it's quite deep and profound. I think that this book not only shows us how important or wedding vows are but also the lines that can be crossed so very easily – for both husbands and wives.

What I didn't like: My only concern with this book is that someone would mistake the intent of this book and stay when they should leave or visa versa.

Phyllis Swain says

Can Jeanie Davidson andher husband Michael find their way back to each other?

Nellie says

Michael knows the demise of his marriage was his fault. Now he's a new Christian, and is determined to make things right. When he finds his wife and discovers she's put their child up for adoption, he starts to lose his temper...again. Will Jeanie ever be able to trust her husband again?

I am a fan of Connealy, I liked this book, but didn't LOVE it. It was hard to read because of the subject matter. I guess I don't believe a man will change as much as Michael needed to. Maybe it's possible, and most women hope it is. It was about verbal abuse, and a woman who wouldn't or couldn't stand strong against it. It really is a good book club book, for the discussion afterward. Women could go nuts with this topic. The author brought up many issues for me! That's for sure. I loved that the community held their feet to the fire, and made them accountable. I believe we, as a society don't do that. Unless fists are involved we turn the other way and ignore it.

Worth the read. It's a short book.

Lisa says

I'm sorry but I just didn't care for this book. I almost put it down 1/2 way through but decided to stick it out so that I could leave a review. I didn't care for the hero or the heroine at all. He needed a smack up side the head and she was too chicken to stand up to him. I didn't feel this was a 'love' story. He spent the whole time cutting her down and she just kept making excuses for him. I found it very frustrating. Then it ends with a short confrontation and him promising to do better. I suppose if you want to read about verbal abuse and learn how to attempt to deal with it then you will like this read. However, it just wasn't for me.

SheLove2Read says

First let me say I absolutely LOVE Mary Connealy. This is the first time I've attempted to read one of her books that I totally could not get into.

This is about Michael and Jeanie Davidson. They had a volatile 10 year relationship filled with emotional and verbal abuse. When Michael left Jeanie, she was so distraught and down on herself as a woman and person that she gave their child up for adoption. Two years after this, Michael comes back a changed man. He has accepted Christ as his Savior and is trying to right previous wrongs in his life, starting with his marriage to Jeanie, which was never dissolved. Jeanie, independently of Michael, has also accepted Christ and tried to move on with her life. When Michael comes back and wants to try again, she initially refuses and kicks him out. I skimmed the rest of the book and I while I know people change and can be 199% different after giving themselves to the Lord, I just wasn't able to see a woman who endured that kind of abuse from her husband going back to him.

Hopefully this was a fluke in what has been to date, a great writing career for Mrs Connealy.

Mariah H says

I didn't really like the male character, but I was glad that he was trying to fix his marriage. I still thought he had a ways to go.

Carolyn Tye says

This is a different type of book than I normally read from this author. I'm used to romantic comedy from her, and this book tackles a serious subject. I thought the ending came too quickly after the intervention. Even though I read Buffalo Gal and remember Buffy's reason for seeking to adopt Sally, I think in this situation, it was too drastic a measure.

Catherine Richmond says

For a little book, this packs a punch.

Michael stomps back into his wife's life, determined to find out why Jeanie gave up their daughter for adoption. He's just become a Christian and has vowed to stop acting like a tyrant. Well... we all know how those vows work! Michael's abuse is subtle - no fists. His little digs wound. His dictatorial ways take Jeanie away from the work she enjoys. She, too, is a new Christian, struggled to find out who she is when not under Michael's domination. Fortunately, this couple has a pastor, family, and community calling them on their behavior, calling them to a higher standard. Excellent portrayal of realistic struggles in a marriage.

Cass says

Bossy to the Nth Degree

The Bossy Bridegroom by Mary Connealy examines an abusive, brutal, relationship from a Christian perspective. For anyone familiar with such relationships, this book rings brutally true. This book exposes the dynamics of abuse with honesty and sensitivity. It's not a sweet, cuddly, soft story, but rather illustrates graphically what happens when Christians ignore Scripture's clear directions for living loving lives. This is an excellent book for anyone who wants to understand the dynamics of abusive relationships. Five Stars for sure.

Nona says

Although Mary Connealy has been one of my favorite authors, this book is not the fun diversion that I read her for. It's a written soap opera so I hope she doesn't waste her talents on another book like this. I realize all people go through problems and are helped by the strength of their religious beliefs. That being said, this story is so depressing and drawn out, I nearly quit in the middle, even though I knew Mary would have the characters solve their problems in the end. Sorry Mary and, please, keep writing more light hearted stories that we've come to love you for!

Jennifer says

The first half of the book was fantastic. Michael, a work-driven control freak/tyrant spent years verbally abusive to Jeanie, the kind submissive doormat wife until he deserted her and their daughter years ago. Since each accepted Christ they both truly transformed into respectable loving characters. Michael returns to find Jeanie thought so little of herself that she gave their daughter to her sister. He assumes his share of blame and attempts to reunite with Jeanie and prove he has changed his ways which he does well until halfway through the book. If the last half had been first, I probably wouldn't have finished it. I understand them going through with the adoption, but It bothered me that he never even tried to get to know his daughter. Too much time spent on destroying all the good in Jeanie and the town.

Cindy Winder delong says

Too real for me. Off to find something fun to read.

Joanne Sher says

a fun, light escapist read. enjoyed it
