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Do You Take This (Faux) Fiancée?

Rust Creek Ramblings

All the single ladies in Rust Creek Falls know Travis Dalton. And they all know the sexy, rascally rancher is *not* the marrying kind. So how is it that our town's most notorious bachelor has wound up engaged on a Western reality TV show?

We here at the *Gazette* are pleased The Great Roundup has chosen our hometown heartbreaker as a contestant. And we are definitely rooting for Travis's unexpected union with childhood friend Brenna O'Reilly, the one girl we believe can keep this cowboy on his toes. But is it true this betrothal is strictly a fabrication for the cameras? Pass the popcorn, dear readers. We suspect this made-for-TV romance could be headed straight for a Hollywood happy ending!

The Maverick Fakes a Bride! Details

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Camy says

I had only read one other book by Christine Rimmer before this one, and both them proved to be very entertaining. I know absolutely nothing about ranching or cowboys so everything seemed fun and interesting to me as the author immersed me in this new world.

I had never read a book set in a reality TV show before, so it was interesting how the author showed how invasive it could be to have your every move and word recorded. The contestant dynamics were also intriguing.

Some parts in the middle were a little slow and low-conflict, but the story kept me engaged and I wanted to see how everything would end. There was a nice surprise at the end that I hadn't seen coming, although the author set up the heroine's emotional state really well to explain what happened. And of course it had a very happy ending.

Overall, a good book!

P.S. I'm not sure why, but I thought the cover on this one was absolutely adorable.

Hilda Etherton says

For a quick romance story, this is the book for you.

Travis Dalton wants to be a contestant on The Greatest Roundup and know just how to act and answer the questions for the interview, but he now has to bring his girlfriend to the party, but he doesn't have a girlfriend. The top prize is one million dollars and for the prize he will have a girlfriend, but who is the question. He has asked Brenna O'Reilly, who has had a crush on him since she was eight years old. Brenna agrees to be his girlfriend and split the prize. As the reality TV show is filmed, there are many surprises.

If you want a short story about romance, this is it. I loved it and now my interest is peaked to read more about the Mavericks series. Thank you.

Hilda E.

Cathi Lange says

I just love all of Christine Rimmer's books and "The Maverick Fakes a Bride" is no exception. This book deals with a Western Reality show where Travis Dalton wants to be a contestant. During his interview with casting he leads them to believe that he has a girlfriend, which in turn they want him to be engaged to this girlfriend. So for the last audition with all the contestants they expect his girlfriend to be there. He only has a few hours to find someone to be his fake fiancee. He then asks his childhood friend Brenna O'Reilly to play the part. Brenna has been in love with him all her life and agrees to play his bride to be. They get engaged

and make the cut to be on the show. See how they do and if these two will find love and win the million dollar prize.

Norma says

This was a really fun read by Christine Rimmer. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

I received a copy of this book for my honest review

Therese Lopez says

Lights, camera, "I do"? Travis and Brenna are life long friends who decide they are going to be on a reality show and get married, no problem they can just get divorced after a certain amount of time. One problem Brenna has loved Travis for a very long time. This was a great story of how this love them and leave them bachelor learns to truly love that special woman. They were the perfect couple, and they showed that when you find that special someone you will do be there for them and no one can break them apart. Another awesome story in the Montana Maverick series.

Deanna Vrba says

Brenna had a crush on Travis but when he need a fake fiancé, she was happy to play the part but in the end she and Travis both realize that love was the most important things. they fell for each other for real. and knew they were only for each other.

Kimberly says

The book, " The Maverick Fakes A Bride!" by Christine Rimmer is sensational story is written for the Montana Mavericks series. Travis Dalton is the town of Rust Creek's charismatic ladies man. He decides that he will audition for a Reality Television Show. Travis jumps hoops for the audition and he is one step away from being chosen as a contestant. He woos and wowed the executives but one small fib may end it all and his chance at a million dollar prize unless he finds a fiancée fast. Enter Brenna O'Reilly, she has loved Travis Dalton since she was six years old. She is known for flying by the seat of her pants much to her families dismay. She tells herself that she is going to start making more rational decisions. That was until her dream man proposes that she help him by pretending to be his fake fiancé. Hello, a chance to spend time with her long time crush and possibly win a half of a million dollars. You bet Brenna ready to jump feet first even though her family would disapprove.

Things I love about Brenna are that she has made some bad decisions but she owns them. She is outgoing, feisty yet loving. The camera eats her up. Travis and Brenna's personalities complement each other in front of the camera and behind the scenes.

For Brenna, spending time with Travis only cements her long time crush and forces her to realize that she really does love Trav. Travis has always thought of Brenna as being to young for him. However, being in such close quarters makes him realize that Brenna is really hot. He is drawn to her like a moth to a flame.

Contestants come and go but Travis and Brenna hold their own until the very end but will they win. You need to read the book to find out.

I absolutely loved this book. I couldn't put it down until I read every page. I would highly recommend it. Christine Rimmer has a unique style and way of drawing a reader in the book. What Travis and Brenna found was worth more than a million dollars. They found love and a chance to spend their life together. They found their happily ever after.

Julie says

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What a cute story!!

Homer makes a small appearance in this reality show based story centered around Travis Dalton and Brenna O'Reilly.

Travis has auditioned for the reality show, 'The Great Roundup', but before he can make the final cut, he must convince his fiancé to join him on the show. The problem is, he doesn't have a fiancé!! With a million dollars on the line, Travis convinces his long time friend, Brenna to join him on the show and pretend to be his fiancé.

Brenna has loved Travis since she was six years old, but he has always said he was too old for her. Her feelings haven't changed, so the chance to play the role of his fiancé is too good to pass up. But, as much as she would like to win that million dollars, she would like to win Travis's heart, even more.

However, once they make it onto the show, they are informed of one more shocking task the show's staff insist they perform- if they win, they will have their wedding during the show's finale! OOPS!!

This may be the hottest reality show, ever!!

Okay, in all honesty, I do not watch reality shows. But, if you are on social media at all, it is impossible to avoid snippets of them, conversations about them and comments between friends, or on Twitter trends. So, I 'get' the general idea of how it all works.

I think the author did an admirable job of authentically presenting these shows and the various ploys contestants use to give them an edge.

But, for me, the romance between Travis and Brenna was the main focus and would have worked in any setting. Brenna's one-sided love affair with Travis makes the story slightly poignant, because all of her proclamations of love have a note of truth to them, while Travis is merely acting... at least at first.

The story is light, very fast paced, and truly delightful. Watching Travis realize his feelings for Brenna was very romantic and I loved the little surprise twist at the end!

I really had a lot of fun with this one! It may not convince you to start watching reality TV, but it will convince you of true love, and happily ever after.

Judyrudys says

The Maverick Fakes a Bride is Christine Rimmer's contribution to Harlequin's Special Edition Montana Mavericks: The Great Family Roundup series. I loved the premise of this book- a reality series. It was another fantastic read by Ms. Rimmer. I loved watching Travis and Brenna deal with the aspects of the reality show, learn to trust the other contestants and blossom as a couple. This is a wonderful summer read that I devoured in one sitting. I received an advance copy of The Maverick Fakes a Bride. I voluntarily read and reviewed it and this is my true and honest opinion.

Perrin Larton says

Ripped from the headlines...Christine Rimmer takes us on a hilarious romp! Can you tell I LOVED this book?

Our story begins with Travis Dalton and his quest to become a contestant on the reality TV show, The Great Roundup. Travis will do ANYTHING to get on the show, even tell a fib as he's hoping for his moment in the limelight! His fib? He has a fiancé and she'll be on the show with him. His problem? He has no fiancé. Now to find one.

Brenna O'Rielly is a kick in the pants! She can do anything she wants, so when Travis asks her to partner with him to try out for The Great Roundup, she's thrilled. Little does Travis know she's had a thing for him since about forever! As her older brother's friend, Travis has always figured he's too old for her, but Brenna begs to differ. When Travis drops the 'I told them you were my fiancé' bomb, she's a bit put out, but agrees.

What follows is a tour through the reality TV world, getting to know each other after years apart, and realizing who you and your fake fiancé truly are! Funny, funny, scenes with the contestants doing crazy stunts to try to win! There is a 'bad girl' who's paired with Travis, leading to a bit of drama, and some absolutely hilarious muddy tasks! Alliances are made and severed, since you all know THE SHOW MUST GO ON! The ending is thoughtful and touching.

You won't be disappointed with Ms. Rimmer's latest! It was a great 'grab a glass of your favorite beverage, take a seat, and enjoy a good story' afternoon read!

Coral says

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 3/5

How much I enjoyed it: 4/5

Susan says

Very good book. It had me hooked from the first page to the last, and has me hoping to see more of Travis and Brenna in later books. Travis is determined to win a spot on The Great Roundup reality show. The winner gets a million dollars and he has plans for that money. But he runs into a snag when the producers want to know if he has a girlfriend. So he stretches the truth and says yes, not expecting them to insist on meeting her. Not only that, they turn said girlfriend into a fiancée. Desperate to make the final cut, Travis goes to Brenna and proposes a deal: she pretends to be his fiancée and he'll split the money with her if they win.

Brenna has loved Travis since she was six years old, but he always considered her too young for him. Helping him out with this will do two things for her: earn the money to make her future plans happen, and give her the chance to show Travis that she's a grown woman.

I loved the development of their relationship. From their appearance at the Ace in the Hole and Brenna's "audition" for the show, to the very end, their chemistry is fantastic. Spending as much time together as they do, thanks to the show, just confirms to Brenna that she loves Travis and nothing is going to change that. For Travis, his attraction to Brenna comes as a surprise and he does his best at the beginning to fight it. It's a losing battle, and I loved watching him fall. There is some drama provided by a rodeo queen who has set her sights on Travis, and some terrific scenes of Brenna staking her claim. There's a sweet scene involving Travis, a bottle of whiskey, and some alcohol induced confessions, that brings hope to Brenna that they may have a future together, even though he is still fighting his feelings. I loved seeing them give in to their attraction as it deepened their connection. Their night back at the Lodge was steamy and funny too, and I loved their appropriation of some of the room's "amenities". The end of the filming, including the agreed upon special event, brought everything to a thrilling conclusion. I loved their big moment at the end, with Travis finally realizing his feelings. His sensitivity to her fears opened the door for them to really talk. I loved what they decided and would love to be a fly on the wall when they are finally able to talk about it.

I really enjoyed the reality show setting. It was fun to see Travis's preparations and how he dealt with the audition process. Once the filming started, I loved the various challenges and seeing how they were handled. The diverse personalities made things even more interesting. I loved the friendships that were made, especially with Steve and Roberta. I even enjoyed the rodeo queen, Summer, because her actions helped show what a great guy Travis was. I'd love to see reactions when the show airs.

*copy received in exchange for honest review

Anita Hayes says

I love Christine Rimmer and have read a lot of her books over the years but this time, she outdid herself. I loved this different type of story line and plot. Travis and Brenna made me laugh throughout the whole book with their antics. I highly recommend this book.

Marie Campbell says

The Maverick Fakes a Bride! by Christine Rimmer is a fun summer read. Brenna O'Reilly has been in love with hometown heartthrob Travis Dalton since she was 6 years old. Travis thinks of Brenna as too young and too innocent for him to pursue for his usual fun and games. When Travis decides to try out for a reality show, Brenna becomes the key to his success.

If you love reality shows and sweet, hometown romance, you will love The Maverick Fakes a Bride! Travis and Brenna are at their best while working together to win The Great Roundup and it is not long before they will each start seeing each other in new light.

Travis is a wonderful, daredevil, and a sexy hero and Brenna is an impulsive woman seeking to change her risk taking ways. The chemistry between Travis and Brenna is magical and you will love the fun of The Great Roundup!

I love Christine Rimmer and she never disappoints. The Maverick Fakes A Bride! is a great summer read! You will love the competition of the reality show and the sweet, hometown romance between Travis and Brenna. I can't wait for Christine Rimmer's next captivating romance!

Kimberly Lund says

When I was a new mom, I devoured romance series books and one of my favorite was written by Christine Rimmer. In the twenty plus years since then, I've had more babies, gotten a master's degree, started teaching and raised three children. It's only now as my nest is starting to empty that I've found time to really get back into reading and when I saw this book was by Miss Rimmer, I was excited to read it and see if I enjoyed her writing as much as I did all those years ago. Spoiler alert -- I did. It was a fun premise, the characters are as well written as I remember, and it was a fun read. That's what I remember about her books -- that they were fun. I discovered she's written about 50 books in the 20 years that I haven't been reading, so I've got some catching up to do. Recommend this is you're wanting to get yourself lost in a little fun romance.
