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**"Last Chance captures the essence of Southern charm and quirkiness. I'm totally captivated!" ---  
Sherryl Woods, *New York Times* bestselling author**

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*See you real soon,*

*Ruby Rhodes*

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## Last Chance Bride Details

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## **From Reader Review Last Chance Bride for online ebook**

### **Rebecca says**

I really enjoyed this short story. Stone and Sharon were planning to go to college together, but Stone changes his mind and decides to go into the military instead. He doesn't tell Sharon until the last minute. She is hurt that he didn't discuss it with her before deciding to enlist. I can't really say too much without giving away the entire story.

I got the book in exchange for a review from netgalley.

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### **Vanessa says**

Good way to introduce background of stone as a younger man

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### **Darcy says**

This was an interesting short. Through all the books we have heard about Stony and Sharon, their courtship, their runaway wedding. It seems like the whole community put them on a pedestal. So it was interesting to read this one, the true story. Sharon is a real person, one with faults. Stony seems so different as a kid. All in all it was an interesting point of view for a past event that lives as an epic event within this series.

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### **Michela Walters says**

I received this book as an ARC from Grand Central Publishing and I'm not entirely sure what to make of it.

This short story is based around a couple who's lives have both been mapped out by their families and the town's expectations. When Stone secretly decides to sign up for the Marines instead of going to college, he changes the course of his life and the life of his long time girlfriend Sharon.

The story was okay. It was well written, but it was so short, I honestly kept expecting it to flash forward so we could see into their adult lives. I guess seeing that the book was only 40 pages, I would have been prepared, but I wasn't.

I didn't love it, but it was a fine, light and very quick read.

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Last Chance Bride is a really quick read. I haven't read all four of the previous books. I've only read the first

one, Welcome to Last Chance. With that being said, I don't know how much Sharon was talked about. I like this book in that it gave me a glance into what Sharon was like. It also allowed me to see what Stone was like as an eighteen year old.

Last Chance Bride is only about two weeks in the lives of Stone Rhodes and Sharon McKee, in August of 1990. You already know that Stone and Sharon get married, but this book is more about how and why they got married. I must say I was very surprised.

I wasn't a fan of Stone before, but after reading this book I am. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series, Last Chance Christmas.

I do wish the book was longer. I would like to know more about Sharon.

I purchased this book personally, in order to write this review.

Reviewed for Read Your Writes

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## **Romancing the Book says**

Reviewed by Crystal

Book provided by NetGalley for review

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

Last Chance Bride is a great inspirational read and it will leave you with a great feeling. I really loved this book. Sharon is a lot like me as she makes lists and that's something that I do all the time. I couldn't tell you how many times I make lists and how many times that I rewrite them. The story is just giving you the background for Sharon and Stone and how they became to be. The author did a wonderful job with both characters. Sharon has a really tender heart and wants to help everyone and Stone loves that about her. When Sharon finds out that Stone has done something behind her back then, they both have to stop and think about their relationship. They both know that they are meant for each other and they need to stop listening to what everyone is saying and just go with what is in their hearts everything will work out in the end.

I can't wait to read the next book!

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## **Michelle the Romance Witch says**

To start this was just a short novella about Sharon and Stone, two young lovers planning to begin their lives after high school. Both Sharon and Stone have their own ideas of how their lives will move forward, but they are clearly in love and want to stay together after high school. When Stone decides he doesn't want to follow along with Sharon's plan, she feels a bit betrayed and let down. Working through their issues, in the end they decide that just because their paths have veered into different directions doesn't mean they can't travel those paths together.

The story was very cute and full of youthful love. Both Stone and Sharon had to deal with their inner desires and get over any selfish and adolescent attitudes so they can make the mature decision to move forward together and hopefully build a good life together. I enjoyed the story itself very much.

Small side note: While this story was very cute, I was looking forward to reading a more in depth and grown up story of Sharon and Stone at some point down the line. But I must say a lot of the enjoyment of this story was lost for me when I realized that Stone does get his own book later on... but Sharon is not the woman in the story. I have no problem with widowers finding love again, but this little novella built me up for a life-long love between Sharon and Stone and, when I read the blurb for the next book, I was crushed. The story itself was good and I'm sure if you've read other books in the series you'll enjoy it, but for fair warning don't read this novella thinking they will have a true HEA.

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### **Viviane Crystal says**

Stone and Sharon are an “item” in town. Everyone has their future predicted, it seems. But all of a sudden, a head-on collision occurs!

For Stone doesn't want to do what his family desires, go to college. Instead he's enlisted in the Marines and wants to tell his love, Sharon, before his family. What will happen to that perfect future they had both talked about – sharing a room and college life before they married, far off in the future of course?

Sharon is making lists, lists, and more lists. She intent on getting everything she needs for a cause she's sponsoring, raising money and blood donations for a young girl hurt in an accident that left her crippled with severe spinal injuries. Sharon wants to be a social worker, a person who makes a difference in the lives of others. She's also excited about attending college and has no intentions of marrying soon. But she's about to be shocked down to her toes to find her dreams aren't going to progress as planned. How will she handle it?

How will the town chatterboxes handle this change of plans? Should Sharon and Stone mind their predictions and prophecies for the future?

Last Chance Bride is a brief fun read with some predictability but also some mystery. It moves fast and furious toward an unexpected read and leaves some room for another novel in the future! Good read!

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### **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Published: What I'm Reading

Today I needed something quick and fun. So, I decided to read Hope Ramsay's novella Last Chance Bride. Here's what's it about:

Sharon Anne McKee is a planner, you know one of those girls who has there life planned out to the minute. In away she has to, because she's involved in everything. She's about ready to embark on a new adventure, college. How exciting, especially when she will have her high school sweet heart with her?

Stone Rhodes, isn't financially ready to go to college nor does he really want to. So, he decides to enlist in the Marines and not tell anyone, especially Sharon. Yeah, I know, big mistake.

Let us not forget the local matchmaker, Miriam who predicts everyone's soulmate. She predicts Sharon and Stone will be together. However, when Stone sticks his foot in his mouth and suggest something that was the completely inappropriate to say, makes you wonder if they are going to end up married.

A cute little novella set in the south. You gotta love the south and how everybody knows your business. If you are looking for a longer story, this isn't it. Basically, this story is setting up for the next book. A teaser, as you might say. However, it got me wanting to know what happens to Sharon and Stone. So, I will be looking forward to reading the next book.

On a side note there are other stories from Last Chance and you know what I think I might go back to see the other stories. Overall, I liked the story. Don't get discouraged over the fact, it's a short story. I think sometimes they are great, just in case you really don't want to commit to a series.

That's all for now and happy reading.

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### **Lisa Filipe says**

Short Novella sharing the story of soulmates and true love that can live beyond the grave. I would recommend reading the first three Last Chance books so you are caught up on the characters, and ready for Stone Rhodes story in Last Chance Christmas.

From <http://atastyread.blogspot.com>

Last Chance Bride is a flashback to 1990, giving Last Chance fans a look at Stone and Sharon's relationship right before they go off to college, or so Sharon thinks that is what their plans are. Stone is headed in another direction and when he tells Sharon his plans, well...lets just say they don't go over very well.

It was fun to see all the Last Chance characters back in the day, especially Rocky with her bare feet and dirty knees. I loved the small scene where Stone has a heart-to-heart with his Aunt Arlene, who we have seen in previous books, but never really got to know her all that well. I enjoyed the intimate scene between aunt and nephew, Arlene sure is a smart lady!!

Even though the novella is very short, it is really all we need to get a small taste of where the Stone/Sharon magic came from, and it is easier to understand why Stone is so closed off in the love department. I can't wait to finish Last Chance Christmas, where Stone might just meet the one woman who throws him off his balance...and I am lovin it!!

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### **Cynthia Miller says**

## **Last Chance the place to be**

This book fills in some of the blanks from previous books. A must read if you like the little town of Last Chance.

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## **Marilyn says**

Great read!!!

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## **Kari Anderson says**

From Goodreads.com:

Dear Reader,

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This series by Hope Ramsay is super fun! This is the fourth Last Chance book and the second one I have read. All the books play on the same group of characters. Each book is focused on a pairing off of one of the main character.

Last Chance Bride is a prequel to this series. In Last Chance Beauty Queen we hear a little about the wonderful relationship that Stone and Sharon shared and that Sharon's life was taken away too soon. It was one of those relationships that you only hear about in love stories (pun intended). In Last Chance Bride, we see how that young love started and grew into something so much more.

These books by Hope Ramsay are cute, quick reads that will give anyone with a doubtful heart another look at what could be and what it should be when you find that special someone.

I give Last Chance Bride 4 out of 5 bookmarks and look forward to Last Chance Christmas, which I have ready for me on NetGalley.



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**Jamie says**

**A fun read**

In the other books, there is talk about about the watermelon queen who ran off and got married. It is portrayed as a scandal and an amazing romance. This short story is perfect. I just wish it was more than a novella

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**Hediqe Hacizade says**

So cute :)

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