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Ilsa: (Sweet Historical Western Romance) (Pendleton Petticoats Book 3)



Synopsis

Do you love sweet historical romances? Ilsa will instantly draw you into a happy ever after! One of the most talented seamstresses of her time, Ilsa Thorsen could sell her creations anywhere in the world, but she ends up on her sister's ranch in the western town of Pendleton, Oregon. Disgusted with the dust, smells, and nearly every aspect of rural life, Ilsa wonders how she'll survive, particularly with the arrogant Tony Campanelli constantly underfoot. Enterprising and hardworking, Tony Campanelli embraces life in the small community of Pendleton with his sister and their friends, especially since Ilsa Thorsen moves to town. The uptight seamstress just needs to learn to have some fun and Tony's convinced he's the man for the job.

¶¶¶ If you enjoy reading character-driven clean romances, give Ilsa a try. ¶¶¶ Read the entire Pendleton Petticoats Series!

Aundy (Book 1) - One stubborn mail-order bride finds the courage to carry on when she's widowed before ever truly becoming a wife, but opening her heart to love again may be more than she can bear.

Caterina (Book 2) - Running from a man intent on marrying her, Caterina starts a new life in Pendleton, completely unprepared for the passionate feelings stirred by the town's deputy sheriff.

Ilsa (Book 3) - Relying on others to guide and protect her, Ilsa finally finds the strength and courage to take control of her life. Unfortunately, her independence drives a wedge between her and the man she's come to love.

Marnie (Book 4) - Giving up on her dreams for a future, Marnie finds her hope rekindled by one caring, compassionate man and the orphans who need her.

Lacy (Book 5) - Bound by the past, Lacy dreams of a future full of excitement, adventure, and the love of a good man.

Bertie (Book 6) - Riley Walsh only wanted to escape the pain of his past. He never planned on meeting the girl who would heal his heart.

Millie (Book 7) - Determined to bring prohibition to town, the last thing Millie Matlock expects is to fall for the charming owner of the Second Chance Saloon.

Dally (Book 8) - Eager to return home and begin his career, Doctor Nik Nash is taken by surprise when spirited Dally Douglas captures his heart.

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Customer Reviews

A solid four star story. Ilsa Thorsen, younger sister of Aundy (from Book 1 of this series), seems to be unable to care for herself. Her aunt has kept her locked away in her bedroom for years, forced to sew beautiful dresses for her aunt's shop. Ilsa would still be there if her older sister Aundy hadn't rescued her and brought her to live with her in Pendleton, Oregon. But even in Pendleton Ilsa isn't safe from her abusive ex-fiance and from the rowdy, drunken men that wander the streets. It seems like Ilsa will never be able to care for herself. And Tony Campanelli can't agree more. Tony, older brother of Catarina (from Book 2 of this series), thinks Ilsa is the most beautiful, delicate, fragile thing he has ever seen. Instantly in love with Ilsa, he is determined to marry her and protect her from harm. But Ilsa is sick and tired of constantly being the damsel in distress. She's determined to rely on her own strength to overcome any challenges. Will Tony allow Ilsa her independence? Or will their differences keep them apart? This was a good book. I liked both Ilsa and Tony's characters. However, Ilsa's character changes way too drastically. In the beginning she is very, very helpless with absolutely zero backbone. It's almost pathetic. But by the end of the book she makes a complete one eighty and is so self confident she's convinced she can protect herself against anything, including multiple men intent on doing her harm. The reality is one small woman would never be able to beat multiple men unless she planned on shooting all of them (which she didn't). Also, the story ended abruptly with Tony and Ilsa solving their differences in just a few paragraphs. Overall however, I still really like this book. It was definitely better than Book 2 about Catarina, but nowhere near as good as Book 1 about Aundy (which is one of the best books I've

ever read!)I would recommend this book and yes I plan on reading the next book in the series.

Ah, Shanna Hatfield is an extra ordinary author who puts everything into her stories and Ilsa is another great adventure in Shanna's style and in this series. Again a must read for all it has adventure, fiestiness and romance but twists and turns you would not expect at all.Lighthearted in so many ways, full of life characters, funny in many places and just a good read.When a young woman who has been sheltered all her life finally learns after some rough spots how to stand up for herself and tell the ones she loves that she doesn't need their protection or help that she can stand up for herself. It is story that turns her around in life instances that will surprise you.I loved this story as I did the first two in the series, Aundy and Caternia and you fall in love with them as well as the men and others in their lives. What a wonderful story to read and probably read again.I highly recommend this book, but also read the first two Aundy and Caternia and you will not put them down.Now I am reading the next in this series, Marny and so far it is just as awesome as the first three.Treat yourselves to a cup of tea, coffee or whatever you drink, get settled in your comfy reading chair and just read. You won't regret it at all.

It seems to me that each story in this this series gets stronger on the physical attraction of the protagonists and weaker on the story line. Other than the lack of acting out on sexual tension and attraction, this novel is not much different than those of secular romance theme. There are some exciting and dramatic moments and weaving in of characters from the prior books that I enjoyed. It was okay. Not a great winner or loser, but okay. I wanted to know what happened to Ilsa and see what was happening in the lives of past characters and I got to do that.

I just love all these stories. Can't wait to get into next book. Hope it's as good as the others. Done read marnie so jumping over to Lacy. Keep the good reads coming Shanna..Ã¢Â•Â¢

Loved this third book in the Pendleton Petticoats series. Watching Ilsa grow from a timid unsure young girl, to a strong, take charge young woman, was so much fun and I rooted for her the whole way. And then there's yummy, handsome Tony who falls in love with Ilsa, which creates a lot of sexual tension in this sweet clean romance. Throw in some suspense, include characters from the previous books and it's a fun book to read. Looking forward to the next one in the series. JudyE

Love it !

This wasn't my favorite in the whole series but I still loved the book. I felt the romance was well done and had a good build up. I love the characters. The stories may not be the greatest books I've ever read but the characters keep me wanting to buy the next book. I've been feeling sorry for the banker, he's always trying to catch the eye of each woman but ends up being friend zoned every time. Ilsa's story was refreshing in the way that it had a sort of moral teaching to it. She was a weak tiny woman who didn't have much confidence in herself then as the story unfolds and she struggles through a few things she discovers her strengths despite her weaknesses. She comes out of it strong in ways she never thought she could be and that made me love her. This was shorter than the other books but I felt the length was perfect and I appreciated that it was detailed in all the right places. Overall loved it and I even bought Marnie's story straight after reading Ilsa's. (also these are all clean romances for those wondering)

Loved the characters and could easily see them among my circle of friends. Isla has some struggles to overcome in her life but does so beautifully.

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