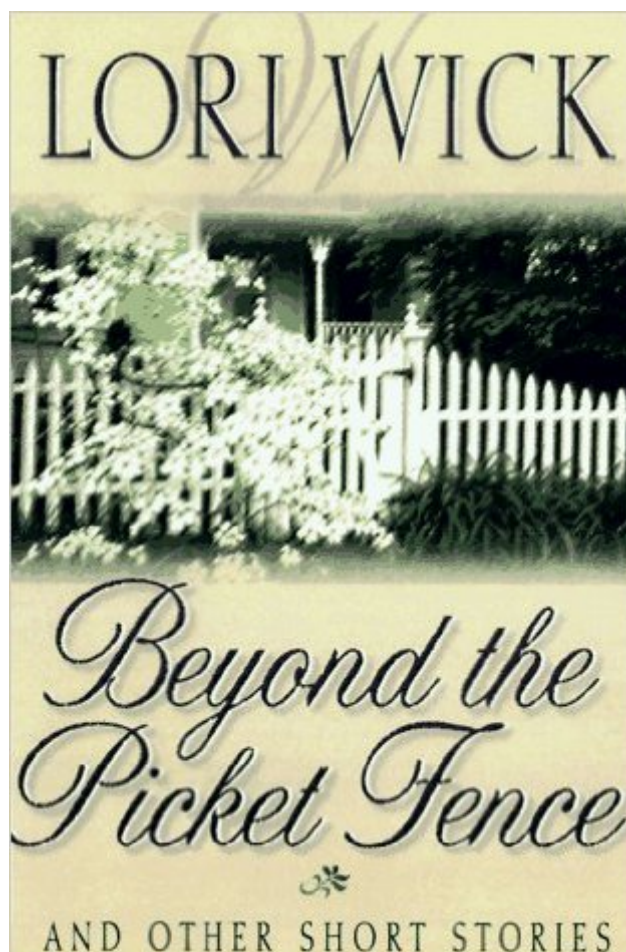


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Synopsis

Endearing characters, tender romances, triumphs of faith--these are the gems readers have cherished in Lori Wick's novels. Now Lori brings the same treasures to this very special collection of eight short stories.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big, I mean huge, Lori Wick fan and have read every single book almost. I had shied away from this one because I wasn't really sure how I felt about the fact that they were only short stories. I hadn't found it anywhere except for the web and wasn't sure enough about it to buy it. I shouldn't have been worried though. I found it in a bookstore and fell in love with it immediately. I read the entire thing within 24 hours and felt deprived when there wasn't anymore. The last one, "The Rancher's Lady", and "An Intense Man" were my favorites. Some are quite lengthy, lasting for 40 pages. Others are shorter, but just as satisfying. If you are like me, any time you start a Lori Wick book, you want to do nothing else but sit down and read. This is easier because it is not one long story and is easier to break away from. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Happy Reading!

This is a great book of short stories. I had never really read short stories before because they left me at a dead end, these leave you hanging but also give you a good idea about what will happen next. Kind of like sweet and sour sauce. My favorite is "Be Careful With My Heart". Its a great story about finding love after you have lost your first love. She couldn't have written a better book of short

stories.

All of Lori Wick's books are wonderful. Somehow I had missed this book of short stories. I am so glad I found it in our church library. While all of the stories were delightful, I especially enjoyed the Rancher's Lady. I wish it had been a novel, I did not want it to end. As always, Lori Wick does romance the right way!

Before I bought the book, I read the negative reviews and disregarded them, thinking that anything Lori Wick writes is excellent. Now after reading the short stories, I think that it is safe to say that she needs to stick with novels. Wick tried to put more information into the short stories than necessary, which resulted in a poor development of plot and characters. Even for a dedicated Wick fan, this was a huge disappointment.

I like Lori Wick's books well enough, but I was a bit uncertain about a book of short stories as I'm not a huge fan of short story writing, especially in a book format. I find I lose focus too quickly. This collection was a delightful surprise, however. Each story stood on its own and all had a message - something that not all Lori Wick books contain. In fact, I found that most of the stories have a greater impact and message, as well as more realism than many of Ms. Wick's novels. One tiny point annoyed me, however. I seem to remember that in "A Rancher's Lady", Shasta, an Australian, mentions that she used to work on a sheep ranch. I am an Australian and I can assure any disillusioned Americans out there that we do not have "ranches" in Australia. We call them "stations" instead. A silly thing for me to bother about, I know, but I must be truthful. All in all, a lovely addition to the library of any fan of Lori Wick.

As always, I was impressed by Lori Wick's fabulous gift to write down-to-earth stories with wonderful plots and loveable characters. Usually I am not a huge fan of short stories because I enjoy getting to know characters on a deeper level; however, Lori brought each person to life so when the charming story ended, I was sad to conclude a well developed story. A wonderful asset to the "Lori Wick Book Collection," and a great book to keep and read over and over again.

These stories are like the "heart" of one of her books. They can be read and enjoyed more than once. However, one story about an "intense" man is an example of how Christian women can be abused in the name of the Lord. Tread carefully with this story. Otherwise, I love Lori Wick's stories.

I have several of Lori Wick's books and have enjoyed them. I believe this collection of short stories is one of her best. The characters are endearing and again the writer makes believing in God personal and essential to our lives. I read it in one setting.

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