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When Sarah Channing's fiancé hardens his heart toward a needy child named Mairi, the New York Socialite puts her wedding on hold to locate the child's only relatives, hidden deep in the Appalachians.

Arriving at Sawback Mountain, Sarah meets Wyn, Mairi's handsome older cousin, and finds herself wishing for something she doesn't have: a glimmer of beauty.

Wyn had his fill of beautiful city-bred women during his time in Washington, DC, as a senator's aide. Yet he's impressed by Sarah, working hard to gain the love and respect of the mountain folks.

But Sarah is making mistake after mistake as she tries to use her money and influence to improve the lives of the children.

Perhaps the proud mountain folk are right: a cultured socialite, even one without beauty, has no place on their mountain or in the heart of a mountain man who's vowed to never again leave the life he loves.

## REVIEWS:

"The mountain community... comes alive under Trana Mae Simmons' artful pen. Her romance charms."  
~Gerry Benninger, Romantic Times

"...a refreshing, fun-to-read American historical romance. This reviewer will gladly waltz to more tales by Ms. Simmons." ~Harriet Klausner

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## MEET TRANA MAE SIMMONS

Trana Mae Simmons lives in East Texas with her family and pets in a haunted house. When not writing romance, she loves to travel, exploring off-the-beaten paths. And when a ghost happens by, it delights her immensely. Learn more about Trana at [www.tranamaesimmons.com](http://www.tranamaesimmons.com)

## Tennessee Waltz Details

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# From Reader Review Tennessee Waltz for online ebook

## Judy Lovely says

### Lovely story in this series

This is the first book I've read from this author and I was pleasantly surprised. This story centers around a young woman who rescues a child from the mountains of East Tennessee who is lost in the streets of New York City. She is a member of the upper class but ignores the norms and takes the child into her home. We next see our heroine, Sarah, returning Mariah to her family in Sawback Mountain. The story centers around Sarah's discovery of herself through the eyes of this mountain community in the late 19th century. A great love story as well.

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## Jethad19 says

It would be a better rating if it hadn't ended so abruptly

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## Vera mallard says

In 1898, Sarah Channing is a very rich young woman; she is also very plain and has never been allowed to forget that she will never find a husband without the inducement of her father's money. New York City society is self-serving and shallow; Sarah doesn't fit into their mold of beauty and money. She wants a child; she must have a husband. She accepts Stephen's proposal only to gain a family; he is shallow, conceited, greedy, two-faced and conniving.

Upon finding a child, Mairi under a bush at the opera house, Sarah's heart bleeds. Over her fiancée many and loud objections, she takes the child home and nurses her to health, and returns Mairi to her family in Tennessee.

Sarah's adventure is just beginning for it is in the mountains of Tennessee that Sarah will find her true worth and value as well as a love for a lifetime. Wyn MacIntyre, cousin to Mairi, is determined not to like Sarah and he sees her as plain until she smiles. But Wyn will come to value Sarah above all else.

Ms Simmons has a knack for a heart-felt story. The writing was clear, clean and concise. I enjoyed the interplay she created between Sarah and Wyn and the story line. Sarah has many missteps in her involvement with the community, as mountain people are proud and independent. Wyn will come to realize that Sarah is not your typical pampered snobby rich girl. This is a beautiful love story; I found this story sweet and easy to read.

The day I downloaded this book it was free, check it out on Amazon or other EBook sites.

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## Nina says

good story, a light read

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### **William Simmons says**

#### **So slow I couldn't finish**

The plot was good and the storyline was slow. Prodded along like one of the horses mentioned in the story. I read 60% and even though I felt invested by then and wanted to see how things ended I just couldn't force myself to continue.

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### **Libby Geissinger says**

#### **Review of Tennessee waltz.**

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Having roots from this part of the country, it meant a lot to have the author truly portray the loving, hard working and deeply proud spirits of our southern mountain people heritage. Yes, they were as a whole very proud but also willing to give others a chance if they wanted one and usually admitted if they were wrong. They looked for the same qualities in others and Wyn plus many others found that in Sarah. As it does in most parts of the world, it was through the eyes of children that the adults were able to see things as they were and should have been! Would recommend the author to others, just don't shorten your stories! Nice to be kept on suspense for a bit longer!!

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### **Melanie says**

#### **Loved it!**

I fell in love with the characters in this book. I loved reading about the Appalachia mountain people and thought the author did a good job of portraying them. The heroine probably did not always act as a proper young lady from New York would have acted, but it did not detract from the story too much. My only disappointment is that the 2nd and 3rd books in the series do not continue with the same characters and setting. Ms. Simmons, if you read this, I want to read more about Wyn's family!!!

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### **Karen says**

Beautifully written story.

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### **Mary says**

Great read for my road trip/vacation in Tennessee with some distillery stops. Enjoyed the back story, plot and all of the characters. And, it fit perfectly with my travels!!

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## Delta says

2.5 stars

It was ok... The actions of the heroine and others' reactions to them were very unrealistic in places. Still, the story was kind of sweet. Not continuing with the series.

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## Shay says

Couldn't finish. I just didn't find it enjoyable or believable. Woman travels all by herself to a remote mountain town. She is a city woman and they are mountain folk. Upon first meeting the family is loud and she just swoops right in silently orders them to calm down(in a very loud room where the kids are running around yelling and singing) which they automatically do then she goes on ordering them all around and they do it with no complaint. Even tells a mother NOT to pick up her own child? Yeah I am sure this would really go over well.

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## Rosemarie says

I downloaded this book as part of Barnes & Nobles' Free Fridays. I'm not generally a reader of romance, but the description of the book made it appear that this was more a historical fiction than a romance (though romance is involved). I figured I'd take a chance with nothing to lose on a free book.

Was I pleasantly surprised! Trana Mae Simmons is a fantastic author! She did such a wonderful job of character description and development that I was drawn to the characters from the moment I met them. Simmons' description of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the mountain folk who lived there was outstanding, making me feel I was there myself.

I cared so much about the characters I couldn't put the book down, and I finished it in 3 days. A definite must read - even if you're not a big fan of romance.

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## Jane says

Sarah, the New York Debutante finds a child outside the opera one evening it starts a live changing adventure for her, when she takes the young girl back to her family in the Tennessee mountains. She meets Wyn, the girl's uncle and the rest of her family, takes the job as the school teacher and learns hard lessons about mountain pride before she finds permanent acceptance in the mountain community. The big question is will Wyn take a chance on a debutante and will Sarah and Wyn find their happy ever after ending for this unlikely couple. *Tennessee Waltz* is worth the read to find out.

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### **SouthernAngel says**

I absolutely adored this book. I got it off amazon a while back and honestly I couldn't put it down. The characters were frustrating sometimes, but in a good way. I would suggest this book to any of my friends that I know love reading. If you are looking for a good old timey love story this is the one for you. There are even a few absolutely hilarious scenes too.

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### **Hannah says**

Had some nice moments, but was poorly edited (typos everywhere), and very ham-fisted. Used every stereotype in the romance genre, and characters were annoyingly oblivious. I was most frustrated by how ridiculous character behavior was. sure, I expect to suspend reality a bit, but so many aspects to this story and/or characters were eyeroll inducing.

That being said, if you want a book to plow through in a day, and don't mind overly stereotypical plots, this did have some nice elements, and at its core has an interesting conceit (socialite becomes school teacher in the mountains).

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