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Rancher West Montgomery thought he needed Annabel Hurley's help just with cooking lessons. But the widowed single dad required more than great culinary skills to secure custody of his young daughter. Her maternal grandparents wanted little Lucy in a more stable environment. What could be more perfect than West's loving home with his new WIFE?

Marry West Montgomery? That had once been Annabel's dream until West had up and wed someone else. But now the cowboy needed her help and was willing to save her family's business in return. She'd do anything to keep Hurley's Homestyle Kitchen open. Still, living in the same house with West, and adding his adorable daughter into the mix? This was surely a recipe for another broken heart.

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Bonnie says

A Cowboy In The Kitchen by Meg Maxwell the first book in Hurley's Homestyle Kitchen series. West Montgomery lost his wife four years ago. He has a little girl. His wife's parents are saying West is not a good day and trying to take the girl away from him. West hires Annabel Hurley to teach him how to cook. Annabel has just moved back to town to work at her grandmother's restaurant while her grandmother is getting over being sick. A romance happens.

Clare says

I liked both the main characters West and Anabel in this book and I understood why West broke Anabel's heart seven years because if she stayed she wouldn't be able to what she wanted to do but I don't really understand why he had to break her heart with the girl who bullied her despite him not knowing that Anabel got bullied by her and by doing that in his eyes he basically proved his parents right about him being no good as he got her pregnant and Anabel was still in love with him even after all that happened, I would have been happier seeing Anabel moving on and actually being in a relationship instead of comparing every man to him and I thought it was a bit repetitive the way they both kept having flashbacks about that night.

I liked West's little girl as well as Anabel's grandmother but I wasn't too keen on her grandparents at the beginning seeing as they believed that West was an unfit father but I could see it from their point of view and I understood but I also understood why West acted the way he did as he had just lost his wife but they grew on me as the story I went on.

I enjoyed the chemistry between Anabel and West and I enjoyed the marriage of convenience plot and how she got her way with going to Vegas and I liked the way Anabel's grandmother plotted to keep them together and I liked reading about the town and the diner which makes me wish that there is actually a diner out there like that lol.

I liked the ending and how everything was nicely sorted but the epilogue I would have liked to seen what they were up to a few months down the line but I'm looking forward to reading the second book to see what happens next in Anabel's family.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Hurley's Homestyle Kitchen

Sarah says

2.5 Stars

I want to start off by saying that I didn't hate this book, but unfortunately there were more things in here that I didn't like, than what I did like.

I will start with what bothered me, so we can end this review in a positive manner :)

I really felt like I was missing part of the story, or that the whole sham marriage thing happened way too quickly. Annabel and West had a little fling 7 years earlier, and it wasn't even a fling, just a make out session in his barn one night. She had been in love with him all through high school. I just had a hard time wrapping my head around the fact that a 20 minute incident would stay in her mind for 7 years. I mean, yes she loved him in high school, but she grew up. Went to Dallas to go to school, worked in upscale restaurants in the city, but still carried the torch for a boy who treated her badly.

The other was the whole marriage. West was worried about his daughter being taken away by her maternal grandparents so he goes to hire the best lawyer in town only to find out they did first. So instead of maybe going elsewhere to find another, better lawyer; he decided a fake marriage would be best.

In the words of Ron Burgundy "Boy, that escalated quickly."

So he hires Annabel to play his wife and then his attitude towards her really had me rolling my eyes. He expected her to do all the cooking, look after Lucy (the daughter) and clean and make sure she's picked up from the bus stop, etc. Oh, did I mention Annabel had a job before all this. He just expected her to drop everything and pretty much become a live in nanny/housekeeper. That really bothered me a lot. If that's all you needed, why not hire someone for that purpose.

So even saying all that, the writing was good. I liked the other characters in the story and this is the first in a series. I will definitely be continuing on with the series, it was just that this one had a few too many things that bothered me.

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Amanda [Novel Addiction] says

Yes, I read this. I felt like I had to since I read the sequel (The Detective's 8lb, 10 oz surprise... what a title!).
