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He had given her his heart.



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After a year of teaching in a remote one-room schoolhouse, beautiful Elizabeth Thatcher, early 20's, is getting married to ruggedly handsome Canadian Mountie, Wynn Dylaney. A strong-willed but cautious young woman who grew up the daughter of a wealthy Toronto merchant, Elizabeth is still adjusting to life in the wild west of Alberta. Now that her first year of teacher is over, Elizabeth has thrown herself into planning her perfect September wedding.

However, the wedding plans are cut short as Wynn informs her that he has been given his orders sooner than he expected, and his new three-year post begins immediately. Elizabeth decides the wedding must go on. Plans for the grand ceremony are jettisoned for a simple service with a very brief honeymoon.

Elizabeth and Wynn go onto face the challenges of acclimating to a new life together as newlyweds in the harsh conditions of Alberta's isolated, primitive northern region. Elizabeth finds herself frequently alone as Wynn begins his new duties, hunting down murderous outlaws and whiskey runners. She is frequently overwhelmed by the hardships, bleakness and loneliness of her new life and home – until her Indian neighbors extend a hand of friendship.

In need of companionship, Elizabeth soon grows close and welcomes her new friends into her life. She also gets past her own conflict with Wynn, realizing in the importance of his duties as law enforcer, doctor, lawyer – all necessary hats to wear in the wild frontier. Wynn is forced to be away for long periods of time, fighting off the dangers of his job, while Elizabeth must battle her own perils not only trying to survive the harsh Canadian winter by herself, but also assisting the impoverished Indians who have become her only friends. It's a new life which severely tests her faith in God until she realizes that her simple acts of charity – even when she doesn't feel too charitable – are a contagious force for good in what had seemed a God-forsaken place.

And through it all, Wynn and Elizabeth find that their many trials and hardships serve to refine their love for each other as selfish conflicts fade into marital commitment. Just as winter always fades into spring.

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