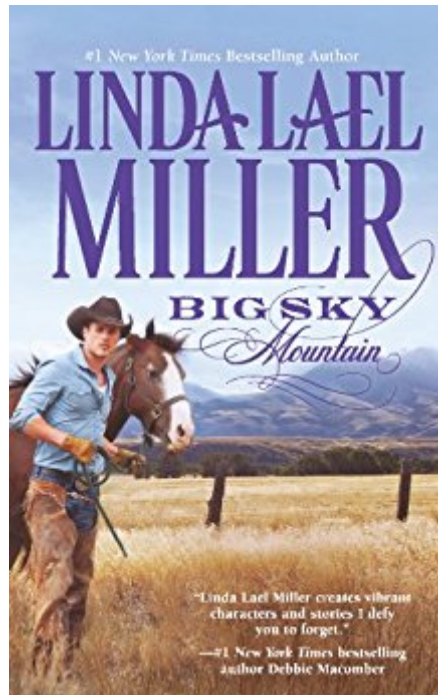


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# Big Sky Mountain: Book 2 Of Parable, Montana Series (The Parable Series)



## Synopsis

With his rugged good looks, vast wealth and family name, hell-raiser Hutch Carmody is still the golden boy of Parable, Montana. But he's done some growing up—making peace with his illegitimate half brother and inheriting half of Whisper Creek Ranch, which should have been all his. These days, Hutch knows there are some things money can't buy: like the heart of loving, ladylike divorcee Kendra Shepherd. Kendra's quiet mansion reminds her of what she wants most—a devoted husband and the pitter-patter of little feet. She can't get Hutch Carmody out of her mind. But a rough-and-tumble cowboy like Hutch, coming home for family dinner? Seems crazy! Then again, crazier dreams have become reality under the vast Montana sky.

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## Customer Reviews

The second installment in Linda Lael Miller's Parable series, Big Sky Mountain begins and ends with wedding scenes. While the groom is the same for both weddings, the ceremonies have completely different endings. What happens in between is a beautiful second chance at love story that will tug at your heartstrings. Once a couple, Hutch Carmody and Kendra Shepherd's relationship fell apart and Kendra married another man. With Kendra now divorced, the attraction is burning hotter than ever between them. Will Hutch and Kendra forgive the mistakes of the past and find love again? Big

Sky Mountain is an understated romance between two ordinary people who need to come to terms with their issues and emotional baggage before they can have a healthy relationship. With no grand gestures or big dramas, Hutch and Kendra's story unfolds in a realistic fashion. The conflict in the story is internal and both characters are quite introspective. They are able to see their past relationship with new perspectives and figure out why it failed the first time. Hutch and Kendra also make peace with their respective childhoods. They accept that their parental figures did the best they could given the difficult circumstances facing them. The growth of the characters, both as individuals and as a couple, is phenomenal. Ms. Miller is well-known for her ability to create homey, close-knit communities and she certainly does that in Big Sky Mountain as well. The residents of Parable are wonderful and their concern for one another always comes shining through. Details about old and new characters are revealed, leaving readers eagerly awaiting the next novels in the Parable series.

This was my first introduction to Linda Lael Miller's work. As a horsewoman, I certainly enjoyed the setting. This is picky, but since the author is a horsewoman, I was a little disappointed in the technical detail in that regard. I was a disappointed reader, as I found this book just a rather slow character study, pretty much devoid of any substantial plot, and about 99% predictable. While I liked most of the characters, sometimes I didn't understand why some of them were in the story, unless it is because this IS just published as one chunk of a series. But I think these book(s) should stand alone and so I found myself asking (for instance) why McQuillan was even in this story, as that seemed to go nowhere. I found it just filler rather than any understanding about the point of Kendra's (or any of the characters') personal interaction with him and there were other loose ends like this. So, is this mostly spinning a long yarn to keep readers buying "serial" books or is it best seller material? I say the former. Perhaps it was not meant to be, but this book is not best seller caliber in my mind! Really it's just a sluggish story of mistrust; a lot of milling around of people with respect to Kendra's personal dilemma of agonizing over and resisting giving Hutch a second chance. The breakup happened due to immaturity and a lack of communication. Fast forward a few years later, that lack of communication is still pretty much the basis of the entire plot here and all that is left to save the day is a bit of maturity in how they relate to each other. Much like a sudsy soap opera, if the two of them had just sat down and had a conversation, this story and all of the pages of dialogue would have totally dissolved into a single chapter.

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