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A hot mess runaway bride and a smokin' hot biker lock eyes at a red light. Lord have mercy . . . is our little town of Charmed, Texas ready for this?

Never one to do things by the book, Micah Roman couldn't just chalk it up to bridal jitters, or even quietly call off her wedding to her long-time fiancé. No, she has to high-tail it out of the church sporting a dress that cost more than her car, and jump on the back of a smoking-hot stranger's motorcycle. Her knight in all-black is headed to a town called Charmed, so that's where she'll go and try to lay low. Except their appearance raises plenty of eyebrows . . . and a sudden, intense attraction she has no business exploring.

Who knew picking up a damsel in distress would lead to lust at first sight? Leo McKane headed to Charmed prepared to deal with some family secrets--including his status as long-lost brother. This runaway bride is an unexpected distraction his set agenda and loner lifestyle doesn't include. She's *everywhere* he turns, getting under his skin with her quirky, headstrong ways and eyes he can't forget. But when Micah's jilted ex comes looking for her and opens up his shady past, Leo knows he has a choice to make.

They both do.

Run to safer ground again? Or take a leap that their untrusting hearts are wary to take.

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A Klue says

Though this book started out similar to some other bride on the run romantic tales I've come across, I must say the bizarre big reveals/turn of events at the end were not what I was expecting, folks.

With a leisurely paced, stereotypical setup, we find Micah, the heroine, getting her breath and bearings back after jilting her long term boyfriend at the altar. As bad luck would have it, she winds up in a town where most people recognize her name without ever having met her. She soon gets to know Leo, the hero, up close and personal as they find themselves often face to face in this quaint, small town. For some time, the storyline flowed and followed a pretty much business as usual as far as romantic reads go.

With quite a few sub-characters intermixed into the writing, we see the main couple interact in one way or another with them. Not surprisingly, you will learn all of Leo's secrets and past history. That, my fellow romance book loving friends, was a turn that set in motion a last minute, bizarre chain of events that I had a hard time accepting. Instead of finding it original, I found it downright odd and didn't like one particular aspect at all. Sure, it proved a point that one particular person was downright evil, but the shared history of two unlikely people was distasteful to me. It felt wrong to have the heroine dragged into that hot mess.

Overall, the ending kind of ruined this one for me. Here's to hoping it's just me, folks. I just didn't like the direction the writing turned near the end.

Romance Safety Gang: (view spoiler)

Title: Charmed at First Sight, Charmed in Texas (Book 4), Author: Sharla Lovelace, Pages: 244, stand-alone but part of a series, very steamy scenes, dirty talking alpha protective hero, bizarre big reveals and turn of events at the end didn't appeal to me.

(I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own. I was not given any payment or compensation for this review, nor is there any affiliation or relationship between this reviewer and the author/publisher/PR firm.)

Cathy Geha says

Charmed at First Sight by Sharla Lovelace
Charmed in Texas #4

This is a runaway bride story with Micah Roman, flower grower, getting cold feet just before walking down the aisle. Micah jumps on the back of a motorcycle with a man completely unknown but with whom she almost instantly feels comfortable with. Jeremy, a man she has spent almost a decade with, is the man left behind and a manipulating man like him who could hide his true colors for so long...questionable. Anyway, Micah ends up in Charmed with only what she is wearing and unsure what will happen next she is definitely front and center in the small town's drama-gossip-fest that ensues shortly after her high heeled foot hits the

pavement. But she is also quickly taken in and given a helping hand and offered friendship by more than one who meets her.

Leo McKane, motorcycle savior, is on his way to Charmed to try to mend fences with his brother, Nick (book one of the series). With bartending and land clearing and perhaps other means of income he does not hit it off with Nick immediately and some effort is needed before the brothers manage to begin mending fences.

Leo and Micah have instant attraction and chemistry but there are also issues and secrets and people that might keep them apart.

I liked Gabi and found out she will be starring in the next book of the series and her love interest will be one of Micah's brothers. I am curious about both Tucker and Jackson, Micah's brothers, and wonder about Gabi's sister Drew. Charmed sounds like a "charming" place to live with that small town vibe and happily ever after endings for most. I enjoy this author and have enjoyed this series though this is probably not my very favorite book in the series...it was still very very enjoyable.

Thank you to NetGalley and Kensington – Lyrical Shine for the ARC – This is my honest review.

3-4 Stars

Reading In Pajamas says

♦Review: CHARMED AT FIRST SIGHT (Charmed in Texas) by Sharla Lovelace <https://wp.me/p3d0RZ-aOB>

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Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated: 4 Stars

This is a lovely little contemporary romance with some suspense thrown in for thrills. I connected with Micah right off and loved the panicked confusion driving her. Since it was told in Micah's point of view, I had to guess at Leo's motivations and thoughts. Because a lot of the suspense involved his past, it would have been nice to hear his thoughts as well – it would have made the pace of their relationship clearer also. I enjoyed the townspeople, the emotional undercurrent and the romance. It's a fun summer read that will leave you with a smile.

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Klarissa Shaninghous says

I just finished reading this book and I can't wait to go back to Charmed again. The cover is what caught my eye but once I got into the story, I was even more hooked. The story of Micah the runaway bride who goes and hitches a ride with a complete stranger named Leo and how their lives interact was so good, Micah thought she had a future with Jeremy and Leo had his own past story involved his own past story and when they both land in Chsrmed that is where the fun begins. I can't wait to read the next story in this series.

Sascha says

Where to begin?

Well, if you're a fan of romantic comedy and you haven't read a Sharla Lovelace novel, you must immediately remedy that. I have read all of the entries in her Charmed in Texas series so far, and I just looked back to see if I said what I'm about to say (I have, just so you know), Lovelace keeps getting better with each book in the series.

In Charmed at First Sight, we have a runaway bride, Micah, a biker, Leo, and the incredible, magical town of Charmed, Texas with its ensemble of eccentric characters and weird goings-on.

The novel is told from Micah's point-of-view, which is perfect. The funny, witty, snarky conversational style resonates. At times, I did wish that I could be privy to Leo's pov, but that was just me being greedy, and it totally wasn't necessary for my enjoyment of the story.

Most of the action takes place in less than a month's time, which would normally have me nitpicking about the instalove-thing and how unbelievable this is. But, it wasn't unbelievable. The way Lovelace has drawn Leo had me falling for him too. He's sex-on-a-stick, but inherently decent despite a past penchant for bad-boy ways. The banter and chemistry between Micah and Leo result in some sizzling scenes. Yes, I could believe this instalove.

So much happens in Charmed at First Sight, and there's so much to love, as well as enough drama to keep you on your toes. I am already looking forward to the next entry. Keep 'em coming!!

If you're in the need for some escapist rom-com, check out Charmed at First Sight and the entire Charmed in Texas series.

Charmed at First Sight goes on sale July 10. You can pre-order here: [Charmed at First Sight](#).

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Bookgasms Book Blog says

There is something about Charmed, TX that gets me every time. No lie, I had a giant moony grin on my face before I even cleared the first chapter, and that grin held steady for almost the entirety of this story. It just *felt* good and because of that, I never wanted to leave.

Honestly, *Charmed* is the perfect name for this pleasant, quirky little town. It's how I've felt while reading every single book in this series. The writing is smart and laced with humor and heart - a combination I find completely irresistible. And the characters? Talk about a band of zany, lovable little misfits and I'd be hard pressed to pick a favorite. But, since this is Leo and Micah's story, let's talk about them for a bit...

Heart. Eyeballs.

Oh, you want more? They - well - they *charmed* me. Utterly and completely. Their story moves very quickly so we're dealing with a bit of insta-love here, but I didn't *feel* that. It didn't feel rushed and I didn't feel like I didn't understand the attraction the way that I sometimes do while reading an insta-love story. I felt like their chemistry was on point and their interactions were written in such a way that *my* heart started banging around in my chest from nearly the first encounter - which made it a little more believable to me that Micah's might have too. In any case, I completely bought into their fast and furious attraction and feasted on all the warm, ooey gooey things it did to my heart.

Beyond the romance? So. Much. Goodness. The friendships. The loyalties. The easy-to-hate villain. The small-town quirkiness. I am completely in love with this town, I swear and every new book is starting to feel a little bit like coming home. *Charmed at First Sight* was another fantastic addition to this wonderful series and I'm *already* excited for more! ~ Shelly, 5 Stars

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Micah Roman is a desperate woman. So, jumping onto the back of a stranger's bike in order to run from her long-time fiancé and her wedding is what she decides to do. However, she never imagined her savior would tempt her the way he does and soon she finds herself falling for him. Will Micah and Leo fight for their shot at happy ever after or will Leo's shady past be too much for Micah to be able to handle?

Having really enjoyed the previous books of this series, I couldn't wait to read this book, and I've got to say that Ms. Lovelace has penned another wonderful read for this series where the main characters have plenty of chemistry; the dialogue was riveting due to the main characters back stories because Leo has a lot to make up for with his brother while the heroine discovers more and more that she made the right decision in running from her wedding because her groom-to-be is an absolute piece of work that doesn't deserve her. However, it was from the moment the hero and heroine come face-to-face for the first time that completely drew me into this story, as Leo just happens to be in the right place at the right time for Micah and she couldn't be more thankful.

As for the dialogue, it was intense due to the main characters back stories and everything these two go through on their journey to happy ever after including dealing with an ex that can't let what Micah did go and the heroine learning about Leo's past and how it ties into her present. Moreover, the heroine is strong and brave when it comes to confronting the man she left at the altar and I liked that she didn't stop fighting to get back things that were rightfully hers. I also liked the close relationship she has with her siblings and that they would do anything for her, especially since she did the right thing by not going through with the wedding. Yet, what I liked most of all about the heroine was that she took a chance on Leo, even though there are things in his past that have proven he lets people down. Then again, Leo is doing everything he can to make

things right, so he's got that going in his favor.

While the hero, he's been through a lot in his life, which wasn't always easy. Really, he has a lot of regrets, especially when it comes to the one person he cared about and tried to take care of, yet ended up failing. Will he be able to make things right with his brother? Will his brother give him a chance, considering how badly Leo let him down in the past? Moreover, the hero was kind in doing what he did for Micah and I liked how protective he was of her when it came to helping her deal with the man she ran out on before she was to be married. I also liked his confidence and how he's managed to turn his life around to get to where he is.

Overall, Ms. Lovelace has delivered a really good read in this book where the chemistry between this couple was tangible; the romance was well worth the wait once Micah and Leo realized they could no longer fight their feelings; and the ending had me worried for the main characters, but had me liking how protective the hero was of the heroine. However, what I liked most of all about the ending was that Micah realized life was so much better with Leo in it. So, how could she not want to fight for a future with him? I would recommend Charmed at First Sight by Sharla Lovelace, if you enjoy the mysterious strangers trope, small town romances or books by authors Kelly Moran, Marina Adair, Miranda Liasson and Jill Shalvis.

E-Reader Addict says

Micah Roman was seconds away from walking down the aisle to get married when she realized she didn't like who she had become. So at the spur of the moment, and with absolutely zero plans, she fled the church. When a man on a motorcycle offers her a ride, she hops on the back. And ends up in Charmed, Texas! Home of colorful characters, quirky town traditions, and some of the best people you'll ever meet. I mistakenly thought book three of this series was the final one, but I'm glad I was wrong!

However, after reading this fourth book, I'm kind of conflicted. On the plus side, Charmed is indeed a charming town - full of as many quirky people as there are kind ones. The town also has a bit of its own personality, with traditions that facilitate all kinds of hijinks and the hilarity that inevitably ensues. And it's always fun to see beloved characters from the previous books! Also, the heroine's internal dialog was really funny. Paired with Ms. Lovelace's effortless humor and skilled dialog between the characters, this was a fun, enjoyable book to read.

The minus side of this book is that it was missing the emotional connection between the main characters that was present in the previous books, and fell far short in the romance department. When they first meet, Leo is willing to help Micah get away, but he's rather begrudging about it. Then he doesn't seem pleased to discover they will be living next door to each other. Every interaction they have for the first couple days is combative and uncomfortable.

The next thing you know, the two are kissing, followed rather quickly (like a day or two later) by the steamy times. I've come to expect a decent amount of relationship development from this series, so feeling like that's missing was a disappointment. And for some reason I just didn't buy it this time. It's hard to feel broken hearted for a couple whose relationship lasted a grand total of a week (?) and then falls apart.

Add in some bad guys who really were bad guys (instead of the goofball bad guys from the previous books), and this wasn't the feel-good story I was expecting. And again...the bad guys did some REALLY bad things, and it's just sort of glossed over. Which, maybe that is the way of Charmed, Texas, where even the terrible things that happened aren't all that terrible after all.

For me, book one was good, book two was better, book three was great, book four, however, was back to good. Even the cover for this book had a totally different look than the previous ones in the series, which should have been an indication that I was in for something a bit different.

I'm not sure how I feel about there being more to the series. Because on one hand I liked the previous couples in this series and will be glad to see them again, but *Charmed at First Sight* only charmed me with the writing and not so much with the characters or their story. But I am sure that I'll be looking forward to reading more from this series!

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Mary says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

3.5 stars rounded up to 4 stars

These two outsiders struggle to find themselves and a place for themselves in the quaint little town of Charmed. Leo left town a long time ago in a effort to keep trouble *away* from his little brother. Now that he's back, he's having to come to terms that leaving his family protect them did just the opposite.

Micah is literally the runaway bride. Standing in the anteroom just before she was to walk down the aisle, she realizes that she can't spend the rest of her life *playing* a role she doesn't like. Yes, she wants to be a wife and mother someday, but only if the man in question respects her for who she is, not what he wants her to become.

I found that Leo's reasons for returning now wasn't fully explored and could have used a little more explanation. Micah's reasons for giving up on her marriage before it began are fully believable. Many times I think women find themselves agreeing to a relationship in order to please others, not that it necessarily fulfills a need within them. Micah's method may not have pleased her family, but it gave her the time she needed to figure out exactly who she wants to be.

I enjoyed this story and can't wait to see what happens next in Charmed.

~~Wicked Reads Review Team~~

Heather says

This book has both cussing (including a ton of f-bombs dropped by everyone) and on-page sex/sexual situations. If those things will cause you to leave a bad review, you should skip this one.

Although this is part of a larger series, it can totally stand alone and you don't have to read the books that come before this...but you really should because they're great and knowing those characters (while not required) adds so much to this one.

I really enjoyed the humor that ran through this entire story. There were so many little things that cracked me up as I was reading that I found myself chuckling a lot as I read. Micah's inner voice was hilarious and the exact kind of snarky humor that I have come to love in a Sharla Lovelace romantic comedy.

Micah was a hot mess, but I loved that she was relatable and she wore her hot mess status. She knew she had fallen apart at the seems but she was doing her best to find herself again, which I respected so much. Leo was also a really great character. I liked how hard he worked to make amends and to get back into Nick's life. Without spoiling anything, his big gesture when Nick needed him most made my heart pound. Just wow.

I also absolutely ADORED Micah's relationship with her brother Thatcher. Some of my favorite moments in the story belonged to Thatcher and even though this book is just coming out now, I am already counting down the days until the next book comes out and we get more of him.

This is going to be completely vague so as to avoid spoilers but something that happens in this book really, really shocked me. It isn't often that an author can really surprise me, but a certain turn of events made my jaw drop and made me tear up. While I understood why it happened and how it advanced the plot and I loved what came from it, I gasped out loud when I read it.

I would recommend this book to anyone who has read the previous books and enjoyed them, or to anyone who enjoys a story about two lost souls finding not only each other, but finding themselves in a charming little town full of honey and magical moments.

Heather 123 says

A cute story about a runaway bride who leaves her groom at the alter, hitching a ride with a stranger on a motorcycle. The jaded groom is from a powerful family who has the means to destroy her and her family's business.

A few things I didn't like:

- * The way everyone in Charmed was overly helpful and willing to do anything for a stranger. You lost me when she's loaned a car by someone she knows for only hours.
- * I was pretty good until the end when the author felt the need to remind the reader it had only been one week since the wedding. The insta love just didn't work, especially so soon after leaving a guy she had been with for 8 years.
- * The end was just over the top for me.

Christine (Shh Moms Reading) says

I love the Charmed in Texas series... each book and each character even better than the last. They are the

type of feel good romance stories that just give you that happy feeling while you read and you ALWAYS close the book with a satisfied smile on your face. I do it EVERY SINGLE TIME. lol

Charmed at First Sight begins and we find Micah Roman at a crossroads in her life... does she continue down the aisle to marry her fiancé Jeremy after being with him for 8 years or does she jump on the bike of a stranger (aka Leo McKane) out of dodge to remember and find who she once was?

I have to say when she jumped on the bike I fist pumped for her strength to find herself, I loved that she trusted in her inner voice telling her that what she was about to do was the right path for her and I fanned myself knowing that we would be in for a freakin HOT RIDE meeting Nick's older brother Leo. And boy, was I right.

Their chemistry and attraction were palpable from the get-go but I loved the slow burn of this book and Leo's constant rescuing of our damsel in distress. Not only was he protective but he also held back and showed his patience being able to read Micah and recognizing her fight or flight mentality and always threading with care when it came with her seeing that she wanted her independence, she WANTED to be her own person while also showing her that he had her back.

I had so many questions and so many theories running rampant in my mind while reading this book and WOW when everything connected and I got my answers... just WOW. I love how the author is still able to throw in twists and turns while still packing in the romance and heat and love.

Sharla Lovelace is an author that I can rely on to write great stories... stories that touch my heart and without a doubt make me teary-eyed with emotion. I just love her words and have since the very first book I have read of hers. She has found a lifelong fan and seeing the preview at the end of this book for the next one, I CAN'T FREAKIN WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THE NEXT ONE! GAHHHH!!!

Sharla, you amaze me time and time again and I just LOVE this series (so much so that I wish I lived in it! lol)

Bette Hansen says

This was a fantastic story and it was so much fun to visit Charmed, TX once again. It's a pretty good place for a runaway bride to land. This is Micah and Leo's story. She's running away, he's coming home. Together they might find it all. If they're brave enough to give it a chance. The people of Charmed were happy to embrace them and hopefully they will find their HEA right there.

I loved this story and the quaint little town of Charmed that Ms. Lovelace has created is one of my favorites. The books in this series have all been wonderful and this book is an exceptional addition to the series. I highly recommend this one to everyone. You don't want to miss this wild ride!

Carma says

Micah is all of us. Charmed at First Sight is the first book I've read by Sharla Lovelace. And can I just say, I want to move to Charmed, Texas sooooo badly.

Micah Roman is running, running in a wedding gown and stupid stiletto shoes, she's a runaway bride. She doesn't know what finally triggered her need for fight or flight but she needs to get as far away from Jeremy Blankenship and Cherrydale. She has somehow lost herself in the past almost decade of being with Jeremy and his controlling ways and needs to find herself, right now. Running from the church up Main Street, she sees a man on a motorcycle stop right in front of her. He seems to have a magnetic pull on her to go toward him and the motorcycle. She makes a split second decision to jump on the bike and head wherever the man is headed.

Leo McKane is headed to Charmed to start a new job and start over, hopefully, with someone from his past. When he drives through Cherrydale and is stopped at a light, a woman in a wedding dress makes eye contact with him. Crazy as it sounds he offers her a ride. Even stranger is the immediate chemistry he feels with her. What was he doing? He wasn't looking for a relationship right now, too much was up in the air.

Micah is alone in a new town, with no money, no car, no house and meets some women who quickly befriend her. She hasn't had true friends in a very long time. Leo doesn't have as good of luck as she does though as the person he was looking forward to seeing isn't excited to see him.

Micah and Leo have to navigate their way through a new town, new friends and new situations without losing their focus for their futures. Too bad they want to lose focus, and with each other. They find out in the course of one very, very long week that they have a friend in common, and they're a few fries short of a happy meal as the saying goes. What exactly will this little tidbit of nostalgia mean for them moving forward? Or for the town of Charmed, Texas and her residents?

Micah is my new favor person, as is the phrase holy shitwaffles. I think this is the book I've been waiting for my whole life. Micah is quirky, Micah is honest, Micah is a hot mess. She is all of us. She speaks a common truth that most authors shy away from writing. Morning breath is not ok.....

I received an advance copy of this novel without any expectations for review. All opinions expressed are my own. I would HIGHLY advise you to one click, order, ship, drive to bookstore to get a copy of Charmed at First Sight today. My only regret is how my bank account is going to suffer having to purchase all the other works by Ms. Lovelace. Not a bad problem to have I'd guess.

Ami says

Micah is a runaway bride. She leaves her boyfriend of eight years and hops on a bike driven by a Leo McKane who heads to Charmed. There are new friends being made, new relationship to explore -- but can these two deal with baggage of their past?

Sharla Lovelace returns to Charmed, Texas and brings new set of characters for readers to root for. Lovelace also continues using only the heroine's first person perspective in *Charmed at First Sight*. While I am quite familiar with it, having read the previous three books in this series, I admit that this might be my least favorite *because* of that.

Before I get to my reason, let me say what I like about this book first. I really liked the FRIENDSHIP between Micah and Gabi -- whom I assume will have her story soon. How people in Charmed easily and without asking too much questions, embraces Micah like one of their own is pretty nice; though that may not be as realistic as it sounds *laugh*.

However, I missed Leo's thoughts in this book SO BAD. Why? Because he has been estranged from his brother, Nick, for more than a decade (PS: Nick is the hero from the first book). I wanted to know what he was doing, between falling for Micah AND trying to mend bridges with Nick. I hated not knowing.

Also, this book feels more like a woman's fiction genre, where the heroine is trying to *find herself* again after realizing that her self-identity has disappeared by being in relationship. Like a book of personal development rather than romance, you know? Without Leo's counter-thoughts of Micah, the romance was underwhelming. I wasn't sold, at all.

It doesn't help that Lovelace then reminds readers that everything happened in the span of ONE WEEK. Yeah, insta-lust, insta-attraction, insta-love, whatever, is a trope that doesn't sit well with me *shrugs*

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