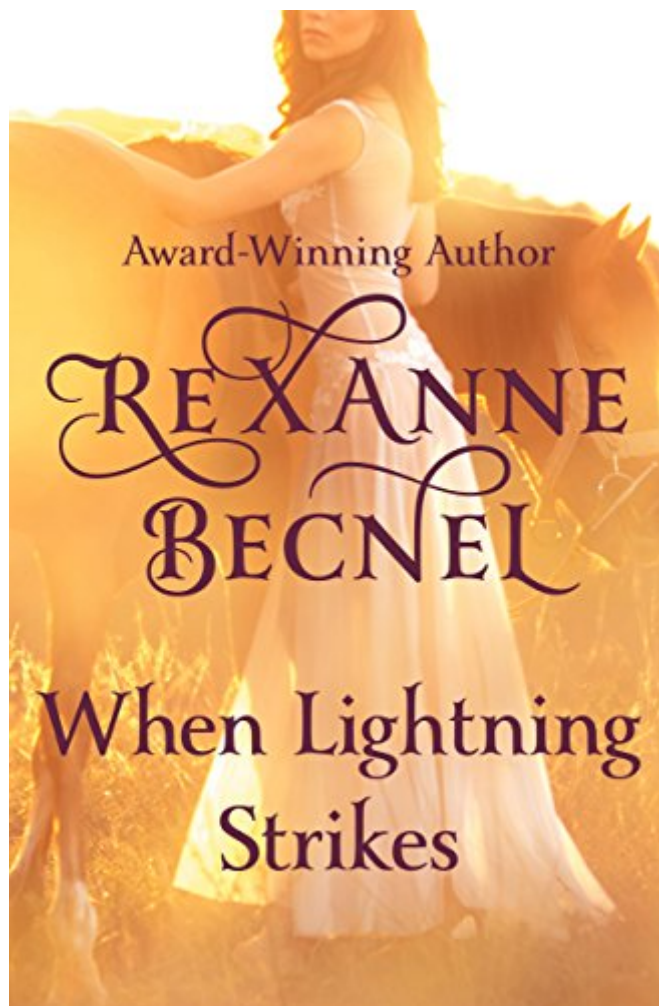




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Synopsis

Kidnapped from her Oregon-bound wagon train, a schoolteacher falls into the hands of a handsome bounty hunter and finds herself swept up in an entirely different kind of adventure. Abigail Bliss can't tell anyone her real name. Her father insists on using an alias for their sudden move to Oregon—a turn of events that signals trouble. When bounty hunter Tanner McKnight kidnaps her, determined to take her to her wealthy grandfather in Chicago, Abby vows not to go quietly. This lawless, untamed man is everything her father warned her against, yet as they traverse the perilous plains, Abby comes to view her abductor as her protector. What will happen to the unexpected passion that burns between them when they reach their destination and Abby must face a surprising legacy that could keep her and Tanner forever apart?

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Customer Reviews

at the Battle of New Orleans, the author displayed a sound knowledge of westward migration with its hazards and discomfort.

First time reading one of Rexanne Becnel's books. Very good kept my interest a Abby and Tanner

are a good pair although they have a hard road to go in convincing themselves of it. Wonderful with excitement, loss, love and a very enjoyable read. A lot of secrets start this story. Enjoy.

When I first received *When Lightning Strikes* by Rexanne Becnel to review for the Retro Readers program from Open Road Media, I wasn't too excited to read this western romance. However as soon as I started this novel, I could not put it down. This novel captivates the reader from the very beginning and you are left hoping the outcome you are rooting for will finally happen. *When Lightning Strikes* progresses at such a pace that you are not disappointed and left wanting more because it ended too quickly but you are left happy at the end at how all the strings were tied nicely together. Abigail Morgan is confused when she finds herself travelling in a wagon company on the Oregon Trail with her father shortly after her mother passed away. She is even more confused by it because her father is acting strangely and they had to change their identities; no one could know her real name is Abigail Bliss. When she finds herself attracted to Tanner McKnight, who is nothing more than a hired gunman, she finds everything in her world changing. Tanner, who was hired by Abby's grandfather to bring her to Chicago, kidnaps Abby and they begin the long and dangerous journey to Chicago. Who is this mysterious grandfather Abby never knew about? Will Abby and Tanner make it safely to Chicago? What will happen once they get there? Abby is a strong willed woman, who wants what she wants and isn't afraid to go for it, which I found to be a very endearing quality for this time period. This novel also has a story within a story with Abby's stories about two mice, Tillie and Snitch, which parallel her and Tanner. Even if you do not like historical westerns, I recommend trying out this well written novel of survival and romance.

The tale of a man who can't escape his past and a woman who can't escape her future. Tanner McKnight is a ruthless bounty hunter. Abigail Bliss is a churchgoing schoolmarm. A dissimilar pair filled with lust. A dissimilar pair who cannot possibly have a future together, or can they? Abigail and the reader think it is a possibility. Now the author must convince the hero, and this is where the book's complexity settles -- in the convincing. Abigail Bliss is traveling on an Oregon-bound wagon train. Hidden from her is the fact she is a very rich heiress; her father feels that withholding this vital piece of information is better. Tanner McKnight is the hard-core gentleman on her trail. His mission - to bring sweet Abigail home to Chicago. His downfall -- sweet Abigail falls in love with him. To Rexanne Becnel's credit, she pens a great historical novel. The information surrounding the traveling conditions in a wagon train is phenomenal. Likewise, the added bonus of the fictional mouse creatures is a wonderful attachment. It is definitely a source of humorous relief from the

journey's struggle. However, it is the off and on love interest that puts a strain on the story. Does he love me? Does he want me? Do I love him? Do I want him? Holy moly. End it! The story just ran out of steam. If only the author had cut some indecisiveness from the four-hundred and six pages, this would have been a dynamite story. Grace Atkinson, Ontario - Canada.

Robert Bliss and his daughter Abby a school teacher travel by wagon with a large group headed for Oregon, fleeing from Abby's grandfather who wants her brought to him. Abby doesn't know that she even has a grandfather, father to her recently deceased mother Margaret, and her father doesn't tell her. All she knows is that they left their home in a hurry. Tanner, a bounty hunter is looking for Abby to take her to her very wealthy grandfather. Knowing only the father's name (who by the way has started using the last name Morgan instead of Bliss as he is certain his father-in-law would stop at nothing to get his granddaughter), he sets out among the traveling wagons looking for the elusive heir. When Tanner meets Abby, after keeping her from falling in mud, they find themselves deeply attracted to one another. Robert does not like this 'no good outlaw' especially since he wants his daughter to marry a dull preacher. Tanner, hoping to find the girl he seeks, hires on with this group as a hunter. This way he can narrow down which of these women is really the missing Bliss heir and at the same time flirt with the beautiful Abby. When he finally discovers she is the missing heir (much to his disappointment), he takes her. This is a great story about a man who doesn't feel he is good enough for this prim, proper and soon to be wealthy woman although he is quickly falling in love with her. Abby can't help the way he makes her feel and will stop at nothing to make this handsome and wonderfully protective man hers. the first Rexanne Becnel book I have had the pleasure of reading but definitely not my last.

This is my first novel by Rexanne Becnel and it won't be my last. After her mother dies, Abigail is shocked by her father's decision to not only go by a different name but to pack up quickly and have them join a wagon train headed for Oregon. She diverts her attention away from the constant hardship of this grueling journey by writing children's stories. But that is until she meets Tanner McKnight, a handsome bounty hunter hired by Abigail's grandfather to bring her to him in Chicago. Romance, adventure, kidnapping and murder create a story that is not easy to put down.

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