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Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories)

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#### Synopsis:

A story of true love found by fate, and of nature reborn with vivid beauty, Dreaming of Tomorrow, will leave you smiling, and with a new appreciation Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) for the power of love, friendship, and the natural world:

Life on Mr. Dillinger's Midwest turn-of-the-century farm is tough but fun for Anna Petrova. His daughters are lovely and the hard work Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) is far more rewarding than any other kind, but something strange is going on with Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) Mr. Dillinger himself. Strange glances, and faint nighttime noises may be clues, or Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) may be nothing at all. Can Anna navigate the dynamics of her adoptive family, from the elder sister's upcoming marriage to Mr. Dillinger's frequent outbursts? With marriage on the mind, does something bright lay ahead? What solutions await her problems? What romance will she find toiling in the fields? How did a young, beautiful Russian girl even wind up on an American farm? As Anna's life blooms and brightens, like a morning sky, she will experience the new, see the world she thought she knew transform in every way imaginable, and become the woman she was always meant to be.

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# Chapter One

By the time the shimmering spring sun had just begun to peak its head over the horizon, Anna Petrova, as young and beautiful as ever, even in her working gown, was already busy caring for the livestock in the barn. Outside, distant birds sang their songs and, in the house, the rest of Mr. Dillinger's family was beginning to stir. Today would be a day like all the others on the Midwest farm: full of work and little play, tough but satisfying, at least for some. And as everyone awoke and soon got to work, the surrounding fields would ring with the sound Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) of tools.

Soon Anna was in the kitchen making Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) breakfast. The table was nearly set and food nearly prepared Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) when Elizabeth, the soon-to-be married eldest, and self-proclaimed wisest, of Mr. Dillinger's two daughters, poked her head bun-first into the room.

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“Hard at work already, Anna?” Elizabeth said with a smile.

“It would appear so,” Anna laughed.

Together, they finished setting and cooking in no time at all and sat down for a rest before the day’s labor truly began. Before they so much as started to talk between themselves, another, slightly smaller, head, dressed in smooth, flowing brown hair, slowly began to peak through the doors. This one belonged to Jane Dillinger.

“Hardly at work already, I see.” She whispered at the Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) sitting girls, squinting her eyes in mock scrutiny and poorly attempting to wipe a smirk off her face.

“It would appear so...” Anna and Elizabeth Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) responded in unison, Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) looking at each other. All three girls broke into a laugh.

On the other side of the house, loud, stomping footsteps began down the stairs. The thunder cut through the girl’s giggling and, as though dampened by rain, the Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) high spirits in the kitchen quickly vanished.

“All good things come to an end, no?” Anna mumbled to herself under her breath. The girls looked at their hands, twiddled their thumbs. In other words, did anything that could distract them from what they knew was coming. With each step the house seemed to shake, to shiver, to cower into itself.

The steps approached the kitchen now, and soon Mr. Dillinger stood in the doorway. A stumpy, strange looking man with a scrunched face and brooding eyes, he hardly

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fit Anna's idea of a farmer. And indeed, in some ways, was hardly one at all. Only a few years into his fledgling office career in New York City, already late in the 1800s, he had decided that a farmer's life was more for him, and moved out west with his new wife. When Anna first saw him, many years after that, at the time only nearing her thirteenth Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) year, she had found it rather amusing that his sausage fingers could handle tools at all, let alone do any meaningful work with them. It took her all her effort to prevent herself from laughing. That time had passed now, and the idea of laughing at Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) him, or Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) even laughing in his presence more generally, rarely crossed her mind, and, Rescued Hearts: (Western, Historical, Indentured Servant Romance) (Women's Fiction Short Stories) when it did, seemed awfully unnatural.

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