

Becoming Lucy



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In *Becoming Lucy*, the first installment of the Winds Across the Prairie series, Boston heiress Lucinda Bishop is shaken when a tragic carriage accident kills her parents. She moves to her aunt and uncle's ranch in Oklahoma Territory, where she struggles to face her grief and adjust to a primitive land.

She resists her growing attraction for one of her uncle's cowboys because he is not a Christian, and because he hides a shameful past. When he becomes a Christian on Christmas Eve, he reveals his secret and returns to Texas to face the law, leaving Lucinda wondering if he will return to the wilds of Oklahoma.

Becoming Lucy is populated with sweet, earnest characters whose simple faith in God remains strong even through horrendous circumstances such as the death of loved ones and the loss of earthly possessions. Though the dialogue at times could be more dramatic, the story takes a satisfying route to a happy ending. Rogers' debut historical romance will appeal to fans of the genre.

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