

Mike & Sully Love Story

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Michaela Quinn and Byron Sully are among the few couples in television history who have captivated their audience and touched their hearts enough to stand the test of time.

The moment the determined woman doctor from Boston meets the enigmatic mountain man in Colorado, a spark ignites. She doesn't know what to make of him, and he is drawn to her in ways he can't explain. He offers his abandoned cabin as a place for her to live, and by the time Christmas comes, a friendship is formed. With it, Michaela overcomes the oppositions from the townsfolk, the community, and the harsh land she now calls home.

As her thirty-fifth birthday approaches, however, loneliness consumes her. Her three adopted children attempt to comfort her, and the town presents her with a sign to hang over the clinic, showing their acceptance. But, it's the hand-crafted saddle bags from Sully and the sharing of their first kiss that gives her hope. Their friendship deepens, and when faced with the ultimate question of commitment, they admit their affection, but both agree they aren't ready for anything more.

Then, Michaela receives a letter that her mother is ill and announces she is returning to Boston. After she leaves, Sully realizes he loves her. So, he hops a train and follows her. But, it seems she prefers Boston to him. When he tries to leave, Michaela demands to know why, leading him to confess his love. Leaving her life in Boston behind again, Michaela returns to find Sully waiting, and admits she loves him too.

Their courtship, like with any couple, is full of ups and downs. When another woman enters the picture, Michaela doubts Sully's love, and not long after considers a marriage of convenience to another man. Sully tells her if marriage is all she wants, she's found the right man. Realizing that Sully offers much more, Michaela turns down the proposal.

During attacks on the town, Michaela is abducted by renegade Cheyenne Indians and Sully rescues her. Haunting dreams and the fear of losing her leads Sully to propose in a sweat lodge, and Michaela immediately accepts. When Michaela's presumed-dead fiancé arrives, Michaela is torn by two different types of love for both men. It takes Sully leaving her free to decide that leads to a return proposal from Michaela.

During a trip to Washington D.C., Sully's prior desertion from the army leads to a sentence of death by firing squad, and Michaela risks her life to save the man she loves. Then, tragedy strikes with the brutal massacre of a Cheyenne village. Michaela reacts in desperation, but Sully's assurance that she's still the same woman helps her regain her hope.

Just before their wedding, Michaela's family arrives. A disagreement over rings and last names leads to tension replacing the joy that had once been theirs. In a heated moment, Sully confronts Michaela about her viewpoint then storms off. Fearing he's changed his mind, Michaela knows she needs to compromise. Agreeing to make it *their* wedding, Michaela and Sully finally speak their vows and consummate their love in one of television's highly anticipated and most-watched events.

Their new life together is a big adjustment. Michaela relishes the intimacy, but her children need her too. When an unexpected death causes a rift between their sons, Michaela and Sully make their family a top priority. The eldest son accepts a dangerous position with the railroad to grieve his fiancée, and Sully and Michaela encourage him to lay her to rest.

Happiness returns with the announcement that Michaela is going to have a baby. Her worry brings danger to her pregnancy, and Sully's fears make him overprotective. He wants Michaela to slow down, but she feels the pressure to be everything to everyone.

Just weeks before their baby is due, Michaela's mother and sisters arrive, bringing a young doctor from Boston to help with the delivery. However, Michaela goes into labor in the woods and guides Sully through each step of the delivery. Together, they celebrate the birth of their beautiful baby girl.

Additional problems arise for this new family, from medical challenges and growing pains to heroic efforts to save the Cheyenne. Ultimately, Sully's clash with the army leads him to take drastic measures. He puts himself and his family at risk and during a fight with a sergeant, falls off a cliff.

Michaela searches for days to find him, then tells him he is wanted for treason and murder. Sully is forced to hide in a cave for nearly six months. Stealing moments together, they endure the pain of a miscarriage, the loss of friends and loved ones to disease and an epidemic, and the shattered hope of a denied pardon. Michaela's tenacity, though, brings Sully home in time for Christmas.

When Michaela is shot by a madman seeking revenge on all doctors, Sully's steadfast love and strength enable her to overcome her fears and face the world again. The hope of another baby leads to a bittersweet conclusion to the series as Michaela and Sully share in their daughter embarking on a new adventure with her own husband.

The first movie, *Revolutions*, takes Michaela and Sully on a harrowing journey to Mexico to rescue their kidnapped daughter. Caught in the middle of a war, Michaela is thrown in prison with a death sentence. Sully risks everything to free their daughter and come to her rescue.

The second movie, *The Heart Within*, takes the family to Boston to attend their daughter's graduation from medical college. But, the celebration is overshadowed by threats from unscrupulous businessmen and the declining health of Michaela's mother. When Mrs. Quinn leaves a substantial sum to be invested in a hospital in Colorado, a new path is paved for Michaela and Sully, their daughter and son-in-law. They say goodbye to their son, now working at the Boston Globe, and return home again, ready to embark on the next phase in their lives together.