

**Brief Synopsis**  
***Porches***

In ***Porches***, Lea Marshall realizes that she put up with her abusive boyfriend for one day too long when she catches him in the sack with her best friend. Lea's an intelligent, well-educated and successful young woman and has decided to strike out on a new life of her own. She has always focused on the man in her life – now it is time to focus on herself. Who needs a man – especially one that seems bent on hurting and humiliating the woman he's with.

Lea buys a condo on the outskirts of town. She looks forward to her solitude and peace in the sleepy little suburb away from the crowded and bustling city. Just as Lea is moving in, her dream is shattered before she even spends one night in her new home. Lea finds that she is unfortunate enough to share her porch with the condo next to her and the condo next to her is owned by a man who is nosy, noisy and has the knack of saying just about every word he utters wrong. She doesn't fare any better on her back porch because he comes out every time she's out there. Worst of all, it seems that Marcus Brandt is intent on being Lea's best friend. Maybe emotional abuse wasn't that bad after all!

But as time goes by and after cutting through his crude ways, Lea comes to realize what a big heart Marcus has and that amazingly he has real soul. The two neighbors become close friends and share their hopes and dreams and their past disappointments and tales of lost love. Although circumstances cause their friendship to be a short one, Lea feels she has become a better person having had him as a friend.