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Novella first published in **A Hero's Kiss**

For over a decade, New York Times bestselling author Diana Palmer has won fans' hearts worldwide with her tantalizing Long, Tall Texans tales. Now this treasured storyteller brings you the story of how it all began . . . Discover how legends were made when Jacobsville founding father Big John Jacobs weds the daughter of a prosperous railroad tycoon. Will passion blaze when the fortune-seeking Long, Tall Texan brands his sweetly unassuming wife with his soul-searing kisses?

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Laura Calderone says

Tutto inizia qui...
traduzione amatoriale

Amanda Sheila says

The founding father indeed.

This short book—43 pages in my ereader, is about the root of Jacobsville, fictional town that become legendary on Diana Palmer's books. Very sweet with minimum angst. But I enjoyed it even though it's not exactly my favorite.

Mostly because it's too short. I mean, both of main characters are way too important to be described very short. Quite disappointing. But still, I loved it.

I wonder, how's Ellen's Grandma by the way? :)

Kathryn A. Cardona says

Good

Not a typical Diana Palmer story. Very good background on the origin of Jacobsville. A lovely story of John and Ellen Jacobs

GuisBell says

Un gran inicio para la serie, aunque el protagonista me pareció mucho más sensato y centrado que los de más protagonistas masculinos de la serie que hacen sufrir innecesariamente a la chica, la protagonista se lució en este libro me encanto lo valiente y guerrera que era...

Fran Alsaud says

Qué cortito para tantas que debía contar. Fue bueno saber de los comienzos de Jacobsville y su fundador.

Annette Meier says

Great beginning to a new series . . . good, strong foundation in these characters and story.

Gloria Antypowich says

I am a fan of Diana Palmer's work and I was really looking forward to reading The Founding Father. It's hard for me to write a 3 star review for a book written by an author I really like, but this book really just didn't do it for me. The first half was acceptable, but the last part of the book felt more like a documentary of the character's lives to me. I was really puzzled, because I had just finished reading Fire Brand, and I loved it.

Sandra Patiño says

Interesante comenzar esta serie con la precuela, una historia corta con unos grandes protagonistas que le abrieron camino a esta gran serie de casi 50 libros.

Marie says

Im going to rate it a three star because it is diana palmer and she makes you flip through the pages more than any author ive known, although I did have some problems with this book. The man in this book does not even find the woman attractive and is not interested in her and only wants to marry her because of buisness with her father. They fell in "love" too quickly, after her believing he wants to be with her for no reason at all. Not only this, but the end of the book told what happened with the family and they had 5 children but it stated that all but two lived with no explanation what happened to them, which was very sad. Also the ranch was eventually sold after all of his hard work which is horrible to read after this is the begining story and would have been nicer to have the family and ranch go on for generations. Anyway my biggest issue is the mans lack of interest for this woman. Its not a love story in my opinion, just a sad story about a woman that deserved to be loved by a man that cared about her but never got that.

Jenny says

Very short but very sweet!

Tracy Hall says

Good

I enjoyed the book very much. The only thing I thought lacking was the generational wrap up at the end. It seemed to skip the ending and just became a laundry list.

Alexis-Morgan Roark says

Exactly what I would expect from the beginning of this series...NOT! This light-hearted bit of fluff was an enjoyable read despite the lack of the seemingly obligatory jerk, alpha-male. I only wish it was longer as I liked these folks a lot better than some of the later members of their line.

Caitlin Wyatt says

I have read probably 100+ DP books in my time. The majority of them centered around Jacobsville Texas.. All the characters talk about "Big John" the rancher who founded the town.. Now I finally get to read his story. I love to read historical fiction by DP.. Savage Heart is a favorite of mine for instance and spoiler alert it has a small mention. I just love her writing style.. I don't even care that her characters are usually old school even in her modern books.. I just like that for some reason. This book is no different, even though her heroines are virginal they are strong willed.. Ellen Colby is no different. She is raised an aristocrat with maids & lots of railroad money, but it doesn't stop her from building a ranching empire with her new found cowboy husband. She takes to life on Big Johns growing ranch like a duck to water. She shocks everyone but herself, she always knew she could do it. She is fierce, funny, kind hearted, Big John himself claims marrying her was the best thing he ever did...Big John is one of my favorite DP heroes. He is respectful, open minded, determined he supports & believes in Ellen he promises her a better life. They work tirelessly for years to make that happen..They work as a team he is fair to her she is his equal in all aspects of life. She works just as hard as him driving cattle, hunting, protecting their land from rustlers.. She does everything a man does.. All while cooking, sewing & teaching the freed slaves and Mexican ranch hands how to read!! Also the issue of race after the civil war was a nice touch.. Big John and Ellen welcomed all types of people into their little world.. Really great story, I enjoyed it so much..One of my favorite books by DP by far!!!

Dani "The REAL Cullens_Girl since 2002" says

I wondered when I saw that Diana Palmer had done a prequel to her LTT series how it was going to tie in with the rest of the series. This was a fun short read - definitely more of a novella. I was surprised to find that the hero in this story was actually down to earth and had normal feelings. Most of Palmer's heros are jerks. I loved Ellen - she had lots of spunk and courage to leave the security of her wealthy family to share a one room cabin with her new husband and two other families. I found myself laughing and smiling throughout this whole story. I would say my only beef with this story (and what keeps it from being 4 stars) is the treatment of Ellen's grandma. It seems Grandma was the alpha jerk in this book, but regardless of how horrid she is I feel like she deserved more respect then what was given.

5*****I loved this book, consider it an all time favorite

4**** Thoroughly enjoyed the book and will recommend it

3*** I liked it well enough

2** Brain Candy - It was okay. Writing mediocre, will keep/re-read if part of a series

1* didn't like/possibly not finished.

BETH BUSS says

I generally dislike Diana Palmer's books, but I'm on a mission to read/re-read all of the HQns in the house and purge them so had to read this and I liked it. Really liked it.

Fun little romance without the stupid hairy-chested jerk of a 'hero' and 12 years younger heroine.

If Diana Palmer wrote more books like this lovely little adventure, I'd read them. Much better than her regular schlock.
