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Sarah says

Brilliant trilogy for any lover of historical romance. Its so much more than just a western, or bodice rippers.. it has a family that grows and struggles together but love each other more than anything. Each book features a different brother and the women who change their lives. It was deep, and beautiful, with great characters, emotion, action, and twists to keep you turning the page. These men and their families will stay with me for a long time to come.

Jennette says

I enjoyed this trilogy- the Leigh men are unforgettable. This is just what I want in a romance- rugged men on the outside and teddybears on the inside and plenty of struggle to keep the story moving. I would like to give this 4.5 stars not quite over the top amazing but better than really liked it.

Kristen says

I love all of her books. If you are looking for an easy read, romance then she is great for you.

Jane Stewart says

3 ½, 2, and 2 stars for three stories.

3 ½ stars for TEXAS DESTINY.

Better than average. Nice way to spend some time.

I couldn't nudge this one up to 4 stars. Not sure why. It's nice the way they fall in love. But they quietly accept that she is promised to marry his brother. Neither one of them tells the brother that they love each other. That was ok as a plot device, but it wasn't as entertaining as it could have been. The hero is kind of weak, not going after the woman he loves. He feels he doesn't deserve to be happy and he feels he is ugly due to facial scars from war.

Then the younger brother Austin did something stupid. He lied about something. It wasn't a big enough deal to require a lie, and it bothered me. If he had not lied, the brothers would have been alert to a danger.

For readers who don't want sex scenes, this is close. There is only one and it's vaguely described.

There is a nice happy ending. I might have liked more time with them being together at the end.

2 stars for TEXAS GLORY.

I don't like books where most of the conflict is based on mis-communication and inaccurate assumptions.

He loves her but never says the words. So she thinks he does not love her, so she's going to leave. But she won't tell him why. So he thinks she does not love him. He lets her go without saying anything. Of course this just confirms to her that he doesn't care.

Another example. She was a virgin. When they have sex for the first time, she thinks he feels pain based on his grunts and groans. So she says we don't need to have anymore sex. He thinks she doesn't want him. So now they don't have sex for a long time.

When he does nice things for her, she says to herself, he's not doing it for me, he's doing it for this other reason.

The book does not elicit romantic feelings. So then the author brings in a secondary story about an abused boy. His father sells him for sex, beats him, and starves him. I had tears during that part of the book. And I was happy for how things turned out for the boy. But I felt manipulated. The author couldn't engage my emotions with the hero and heroine, so she added the child abuse story to get me to cry. Not sure I wanted that.

2 stars for TEXAS SPLENDOR.

This book is skippable. Not a good story. Not good relationship development.

The author's goal was to write three books about three brothers. But when she sat down to write this book - the third one- she couldn't think of a good story. She should have waited until she had one. Was she pressured by the publisher to get it done?

Here's the relationship. Austin just got out of a five year prison sentence. He was innocent. He meets Loree. He feels he has nothing to offer her because of the stigma of being a murderer. But they have sex. He accidentally blurts out his former girlfriend's name Becky. Loree says don't have sex with me again until you can promise me you won't think about her. He was not thinking about Becky, it was some other kind of response, but he doesn't tell her that. So now they don't have sex again until toward the end of the book. One time they almost did and she said "Remember your promise?" He wasn't thinking about Becky, but her comment made him angry or ruined the mood or something. So he stopped sex and walked away.

The second plot/story is the mystery about finding Boyd's killer. That gets resolved, but I did not care for it. Kind of stupid. And the reason Austin went to jail in the beginning was for no good reason. He lied about something. There were other better solutions than his lie.

Actually, one of my complaints in book 1 "Texas Destiny" was about Austin telling a lie - a different lie.

DATA FOR ALL 3:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 780 pages. Swearing language: mild including religious swear words. Sexual language: none to mild. Number of sex scenes: 8. Setting: about 1878 to 1898 West Texas. Copyright: 1997, 1998, 1999. Genre: western historical romance.

Lisa Kay says

★★★★★ Epic romantic Western.

Melody Cox says

I read this some time back and I am reading it again. I loved this trilogy and recommend it highly. The characters were all people I would love to know had this been real life.

For more in-depth reviews on each of these books take a look at the individual books' page where I have expounded more.

Thank you Lorraine Heath for these three super books!!
