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Trouble in Texas

A battle of wills was raging in the Lone Star State in 1876. April Truitt didn't trust doctors, least of all handsome newcomer Gray Fuller, who opposed her efforts to offer the women of Dignity, Texas, an herbal alternative to surgery. He treated her like some quack, but April was determined to save other women from dying on the operating table, like her mother did.

Gray couldn't help admiring April's spirit and good intentions. Yet he couldn't let this bluebonnet belle steal all his patients...even if she was on her way to stealing his heart.

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Andeanna says

I wasn't sure I would like this main character much after the first chapter. She seemed young, closed minded and youthfully silly. As the story developed I began to like her more and more. I enjoyed her personal growth spurts and changing personal and business relationships. I love the way Lori Copeland uses the plot to showcase this historical periods medical and social science issues. In all, a fun and uplifting read.

Barbara says

Quite the fun, witty, romantic story that made me chuckle, smile, and even tear up on occasion. Just as in her Brides of the West series, Lori Copeland has a knack for allowing the reader to picture the setting as if he/she were in it him/herself. The only downfall is that she writes in such a way that after reading the Brides series, I have grown to predict certain events to where the suspense has waned; however still a very enjoyable story. I have some thoughts about the ending; however, due to a potential spoiler, I shall keep them to myself. :-)

Barbara says

April Truitt doesn't think of herself as flighty or impulsive, but she is. She acts without thinking for the better part of the book which made me wonder why Ms. Copeland can't write intelligent female characters. April is enamored of rake Henry, who is cheating on her with another woman, Grace. April also distrusts doctors after her mother's slow death, which puts her at odds with handsome Gray Fuller, the town's doctor, a transplant from Dallas society.

Copeland always injects humor into her books, and there are a lot of funny situations. Gray's fiancee Francesca DuBois comes to the little hamlet and redecorates his office. April gets into trouble selling a tonic water that promises to cure everything that ails a woman. But the romance between Gray and April falls flat. There's a subplot involving servants, Jacel (who aspires to be a Harvard grad) and Datha, who fall into illicit activity. Their love story is better than Gray's and April's. There's another subplot involving a woman called Porky (Beulah) and a man who fancies her, Raymond, a salesman. Again, their love story shows more promise than that of the protagonists.

It's a witty read, but it's not Copeland's best.

Ella says

Another good love story by Lori Copeland. This was unlike the brides of the west in the fact that she doesn't preach about her beliefs. I do in enjoy the humor she always brings to the books. It is always a pleasure to read a clean romance.

Kathryn says

I liked the refreshing setting of this story...1876 in small town Texas. Women were just taking a stand toward doctors in trying more natural remedies for "womanly ailments." I liked how in the end there was compromise on both April's way of thinking that all doctors are cutthroats and do unnecessary surgeries and on Dr. Gray Fuller's part in thinking that elixors are just hoaxes that don't heal and even harm. It is amazing what can happen when there is open minded thinking in the healing practice. The issues of noticing the beauty on the inside in regards to Beulah.

April was against the handsome Dr. Fuller from the start because of her mother's premature death due to bleeding after a hysterectomy surgery. She thinks that all doctors use surgery as the only remedy for womanly ailments and so she supports Mrs. Pinkham's elixor even though her grandfather would not approve of her involvement. Eventually, the doctor decides that he'll try the elixor on his patients and discovers that it does have its benefits. He also becomes friends and a protector of April when Henry her boyfriend is caught being a two timer and the other woman wants a "duel" April and Gray find an attraction for each other but find that there is a dilemma...Gray has a debt to pay to Fanscesca's father and until the debt is paid for his schooling, he feels he must be nice to her even if she refuses to believe he has called off their engagement and April refuses to be caught between two women and one man again. April really realizes that she loves gray when Beulah finds a man that appreciates her true beauty and is married leaving April without her childhood confidant. All ends well when the debt is paid and Gray is free to express his own love for April.

Readitnweep says

April is a Texas herbolist in the later 19th century. That's interesting. But she was mostly an annoying character. Gray Fuller is the new doctor in town, not fond of herbologists in favor of medicine.

Gray was likeable, but April was not. The plot was okay.

Angie Taylor says

Very similar to your other Copeland books, but this one reminded me of one of Georgette Heyer's books because of the witty banter back and forth with the main male and female characters. A fun little Christian romance.

Katelyn says

Predictable, but enjoyable.

Andrea Norton says

I loved the story of April Truitt. She has a serious mistrust of doctors and Dr. Gray Fuller's move to Dignity, Texas and befriending her grandfather upsets her greatly. I enjoyed how the two characters bantered with

each other over their personal convictions to how a patient should be treated by modern medicine or the elixir that April helps promote. The author created a good set of characters to weave into the story, each bringing depth to the story and helping the reader feel like a resident in the town of Dignity. There was romance in the book but it wasn't overly gushy or silly. The romance didn't seem rushed as is often the case in many books. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes historical fiction or Christian fiction. Although the book does mention the Christian faith of the characters it is not preachy or judgmental.

Karen says

Could not finish.

Amy L. says

I have enjoyed all the characters in the story - hero, heroine, a wealthy lady who can't leave the hero along (she is spoiled), and the others that I want to leave out to not spoil the story.

There was humor that kept me going...enjoyed the laugh. Some things that turned out ridiculous but solved. The heroine is hard headed and she listens to her silly friend doing things witty.

Finally things comes together at the end as happily ever after!

I give 5 stars for a great read - thanks for the laughs.

Cindy says

Sappy & predictable.

Sandy says

I couldn't decide if I should have given it 2 or 3 stars. I really don't know how I felt about her. There were times I liked April and then there were times she got on my nerves for being so dense.

Jessica says

This book was just ok in my opinion. I don't care for stories where there are jump forwards in time. Half the book was fine, but then it just started skipping 6 months at a time towards the end. I feel like all that time skipped led to the romance between April and Gray not really developing in my mind. And the whole duel story line? I didn't care for that at all.

Carolyn says

This book changed a lot about halfway through. The beginning was pretty slow and April sort of got on my nerves about her involvement with the Pinkham's tonic and her dislike of doctors. About halfway through the book when she stops thinking she's better than people with medical degrees was when I could truly get behind this book and enjoy it.
