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Beloved Author Tracie Peterson Concludes Her Popular LONE STAR BRIDES Series

Texas born and raised Jessica Atherton is a wealthy young woman whose heart was broken when the man she intended to marry wedded another. But her world is upended when two men come into her life and both manage to stir her heart. Harrison Gable is a rich young lawyer who intends to travel the world and live a life of opulence. His ambitions match Jessica's dreams, but her heart has begun to change.

Austin Todd, former Secret Service agent, enjoys working now as a Texas Ranger cattle inspector. But learning of forged gold certificates and missing printing plates, he's drawn back into the world of intrigue and agrees to help solve the case. Austin is well-thought-of and admired in the community. Jessica is drawn to his kind nature and the unspoken pain she sees in his eyes.

Will Jessica choose financial security or follow her heart?

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Mom says

Third book in a series - this one was the best with all the twists and turns of who stole the gold certificates and taking down the counterfeit ring.

? Grammy ? says

The characters and main story plot were interesting and likeable.

For some reason, that I am having difficulty pinpointing, I was not as captivated by this series as I thought I would be. But after reading the first two books, I trudged on through this final book.

Again, there are so many different characters and subplots that vie for your attention, that it is hard to keep up. I was sure that this book would finally wrap things up and answer all the questions. But it didn't! I was truly disappointed with the outcome.

Just who was Harrison Gable, really? Was he part of the counterfeiting ring? What happened to him?

I prefer a series where each book in the series is able to stand on its own and delivers an HEA. Therefore, I was perturbed by the unanswered questions.

Mary Wilkerson says

This book was a successful read! A heart-warming story of romance with conflict as well. A easy read, Tracie Peterson has written this in character perspective (as she does with many of her novels) which makes the emotional aspect so much more powerful.

-Jessica meets two guys she is falling for, but she doesn't know what to do with her life yet, she just got out of a serious relationship which was hard for her to overcome at first. She found a peace in God and began to move forward, and changed her perspective on everything. As one guy begins falling for her lovely outside appearance, the other falls for her compassionate, stubborn, lovely, and charismatic personality.-

This novel is truly a breathtaking and captivating read! Especially when it's a rainy day, wrapped up in a big ol' blanket! :)

Joyce says

I rate this book 3.5 stars. A Matter of Heart is the 3rd novel in the Lone Star Brides series and was my favorite of the 3 novels. Jessica Atherton and Austin Todd are the main characters in this novel. In the 2nd novel of the series, Robert Barnett tells Jessica who has been a close friend since childhood that he does not

want to marry her. Austin Todd was introduced in the 2nd novel. Jessica is beautiful, wealthy and spoiled but comes to the realization of what kind of person she has been and desire to change. She also has a spiritual awakening. Austin Todd is burdened by grief over the loss of his brother, wife and son, and both of his parents ---and he feels he was to blame for all their deaths. Austin also formerly worked for the US Treasury Dept as a Secret Service agent specializing in dealing with counterfeit money. He gets involved with a situation involving other family members whose stories are told in the previous 2 novels. Although I found so many of the characters "too perfect" which often happens in Christian fiction. Jessica is definitely not and Peterson uses her emotional upheaval to deliver great Christian messages on how God works in a person's life. However, Austin Todd was a memorable character for me---there was more depth developed in his character than any other mail character in this trilogy.

As always, I enjoyed Peterson's Christian messages interspersed in the book. It was also interesting learning more about the history of the Dallas area in regard to the ranchers. My main complaint is that nearly all the characters are either completely evil or almost "saints." I wish authors of Christian fiction would be more realistic in their depiction of people. Very few people area as perfect as the characters in Christian fiction.

Letia says

Another great series by Tracie Peterson! Felt like friends while reading! I've become a fan!

Pianosue says

Jessica Atherton is a wealthy and spoiled young woman. He life has changed recently and she realizes has selfish she has been. Two young men come into her life. Whom will she choose? Also read about the continuing stories of Marty, Alice and the rest of the families. Will they finally find the fake gold certificates or will they continue to threaten Alice about them? Read the conclusion to this series.

Crystal says

A Matter of Heart is the conclusion of a series I did not fully enjoy. Lone Star Brides was an okay series for me. This final book I did enjoy more so than the previous two, just barely. The characters were a bit more interesting, though repeating the same inner turmoil over and over again was a bit tedious at times. I like to see honesty with self and others become something valued in a story line, which was a topic of importance between the two main characters. Some scene changes seemed abrupt but conclusions popped up in dialog further into the story. Not my favorite writing style.

Joan Arning says

Spoiled, self-centered Jessica Atherton comes to the realization that she needs to change. Harrison Gable is a successful lawyer who intends to become president! Austin Todd, a Texas Ranger cattle inspector, feels responsible for the deaths of everyone he loved. I enjoyed this historical book in the Lone Star Brides series.

Hannah says

A pleasant story set in old Texas. I only give it three stars because in many places the writing was choppy (for example, at one scene the girl is pulling a shotgun on someone, and the next scene we see her in her home parlor with a gentleman visitor), and I felt like there was a great deal of telling. But I really did enjoy the Christian message.

Jean Sheffield says

How A Heart Can Change

This third book in the Lone Star Brides series shows how a truly selfish person can turn their life around, with God's help. Jessica did just that.

Shauna says

I wanted to like this book, but I found the main characters too caught up in mistakes of the past and thinking back on them and not so much with getting on with life. Jessica still seemed pretty self absorbed - even though she was concerned about it, if you really are you start thinking of others instead of dwelling on how selfish you are and how you need to change. Jessica's mother is very unconcerned and just tells her she's fine as she is. Apparently when you are beautiful you don't need much in the way of character.

Austin Todd's character and that of Harrison Gable are so stereotypical they aren't even interesting in the least. Jessica and Austin seem to fall in love rather suddenly. They really don't spend much time together and all of a sudden they are pining for each other.

This was not Tracie Peterson's best by any means, but there's nothing terribly objectionable about it either.

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Vikki Vaught says

It's rare for me to give 2 stars, but this book has so many issues. It felt contrived. Jessica's character was redeemed for the most part, and I liked Austin but I cannot buy the story. The plot had glaring holes. And inconsistencies. For me it just did not work. Also the writing is choppy. No transition from one scene to another. Sorry but I had to be honest. Oh, and the narrator isn't strong either. Happy reading/listening!

Katherine says

DNF

Bailey says

When I found out that the third book in this series was about Jessica I didn't know how much I would enjoy following her around as a main character. She was very annoying in the second book. However, I am very happy to say that the Jessica presented to us in *A Matter of Heart* is very different from the previous one. Rather than seeing a self centered girl, we see one who is trying to change, recovering her faith, and realizing what is really important in life. Also apparently headstrong, outspoken, princess girls who live on ranches are named Jessica (looking at you *A Man from Snowy River*). There is a lot of wonderful growth throughout this book, not only for Jessica but for other characters as well. Once again Tracie Peterson is the queen of deep and moving backstories. These combined elements make the emotional side of this book very stirring. Add to that the counterfeiting adventures that are being resolved from the first book and the intrigue of this book just keeps coming. I very much enjoyed how all of the beloved characters are still present in this book. Everything was tied together splendidly in an ending that was both exciting and heartfelt. This very much makes me want to read the other series to find out the full stories of the older generation of characters in these books.

Barry says

I have serious personal issues with anything Tracie Peterson and Tamera Alexander write. I give this book a biased solid 5. Taken from that what you will
