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Copper-haired Annie Whitaker follows her father to mine-supply town Cañon City where they open their mercantile in the wake of the Pikes Peak gold rush. While serving her “potbellied biscuits” to mercantile customers, she falls under the lustful eye of the local hotel and saloon owner but does her best to avoid him. A mysterious cowboy also frequents the store and, like most everyone else, turns out to be much more than she expected.

One-time preacher Caleb Hutton has sworn off the pulpit and women, but Annie Whitaker’s warm smile and melt-in-your-mouth biscuits have drawn him up short. His experience with horses lands him a job at the livery until he can find work elsewhere. But an unexpected friendship with the Whitakers develops into more than he bargained for, and he wonders if maybe God led him to Cañon City for reasons he hasn’t yet discovered.

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June says

Caleb runs from God and his calling only to find that the job he's going to has already been filled. So he gets to do some re-evaluating of his life and what's important.

Annie has journeyed on an adventure with her father. She's excited about exploring the frontier and not being stuck as second best to her sister, who stays behind with relatives.

I enjoyed the humor in this story. Compliments gone bad were funny. A job well done by this talented author!

Marie Pinkham says

Another wonderful story by Davalynn Spencer. A romantic tale full of redemption, learning to trust, and finding new love in the midst of a new adventure. Wonderful, likeable characters, set in the old West, make for a fun read! I was given a copy of this book by the author. The review and opinions are mine alone.

Melody says

Loved this book, and I loved the theme of what is the gold in our life? What we do we put our value in and what do we treasure?

I for one treasure things such as books to read that leave me uplifted, optimistic, happy, and always wanting to put my trust and faith in the Lord and in his plan for me.

Such a cute love story, can't wait for the next in this series. :)

Ang says

I love reading about history. Davalynn Spencer brings it to life with Caleb and Annie. The challenges of the cowboys wasnt always so easy. Great romance story.

Sam B says

This is a very sweet love story!

I loved the characters and how their romance evolved. Annie is such a wonderful girl trying her best to do what's right. As for Caleb he is so nice with everyone.

This book is an easy read for everyone who wants to escape reality for a little while and be transported back

in time ;)

Val says

I LOVED THIS BOOK! No kidding I have read this book over 10 times! I can relate to Anne in feeling that she's a " plain Jane" compared to her sister, but I also know what its like to have a handsome cowboy notice you. I love Ms. Spenser's work and I cant wait to see what she publishes in the future.

Mary Beth says

Copper-haired Annie Whitaker follows her father to mine-supply town Cañon City where they open their mercantile in the wake of the Pikes Peak gold rush.

Pamela says

A western reader's dream comes alive. Everything you love about a cowboy is in Loving the Horseman. Caleb was a preacher who turned his back on God. His running from God leads him to Cānon City. Annie is a merchant's daughter who follows her Daddy to this lawless city. Once rich now so poor they sleep in a stall at the livery.

Davalynn writes in a way a reader can actually feel like we are sitting by the potbellied stove in the merchant. Hearing Caleb say something wrong then watching Annie get so riled up. Then you see the slightest grin from Caleb. I caught myself smiling a lot when it came to Caleb. So fun to read when these two get together. Caleb and Annie have their own battles to fight. Watching God work in their lives is amazing. Caleb turned his back on God but God was was right there beside him the whole time. Helping His lost lamb back to green pastures in Cānon City.

I really enjoyed this book and I gave it five stars because it has the cowboy, a bad guy and a lady in distress. Not a dull moment. But most of all our Heavenly Father never giving up on Caleb. Also helping Annie to learn she can't do everything herself. I highly recommend it to readers who loves Westerns.

Lisa says

Sweetest Love Story

This book was recommended to me by my mother who goes to church with the author. From the very first page I was immediately hooked. I found Annie very easy to relate to, being a strong-willed person myself, and Caleb a strong rough cowboy with a heart of gold (the pure kind, not the crumbs mixed with ore ;) I would tell anyone who likes a good clean love story and a love for God to read this book. Can't wait till May!!!

Kevin Parsons says

Spencer writes a compelling and interesting story that takes place in the 19th century. Annie Whitaker heads west with her father, leaving behind her domineering (and prettier) older sister. They head for Canon City, a gold town, to set up a mercantile. Caleb comes to town, broke and alone. What is his history? Spencer keeps it moving with conflicts with the landlord, between Caleb and Annie, and dad. The epilogue gives us a nice surprise too.

I read a few romances every year, and this is a good one.

Christy says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It was like watching a good hallmark movie, the kind that makes you feel good from beginning to end.

Jeanie McCarthy Pityinger says

This was a beautiful story! The characters, the story line, the time period that it occurred in...everything. Def b checking out more of her work :D

Linda Massucci says

Another great story by Davalynn. Her books provide a great escape for the reader. Her characters represent the innocence & flirtatious behavior of young love, viewing life obstacles as lessons to be learned and forever reminding us that with God's grace- we can persevere.

Glenda Parker says

My review today is on the Western Romance, Loving the Horseman. This is the first book in The Canon City Chronicles Series. I really enjoyed this book and I'm sure you will too. This story is well written, humorous, and heart warming. Faith is interwoven through out the entire story like a tapestry. I love that.

Annie Whitaker has been brought up by her aunt to be the perfect lady but that's not what Annie wanted. She moves with her father to Canon City, a young mining town to start up a mercantile for the miners. There is no place for them to live so they now live in a stall in the livery. She goes to the saloon and talks to the owner of the store to ask to live in the backroom of the mercantile and pay extra for it's getting very cold. Annie is pushed into the owner and felt that this was a serious mistake but he does agree leaving Annie very uncomfortable. Annie is angry with her father when he feeds a young cowboy and refuses to charge him, especially when she is so drawn to him. The man is hiding something.

Pastor Caleb Hutton left his church and rode west to work on a ranch. The woman he thought he loved chose another man.(a rich deacon member) How could he stand in the pulpit and look at them each week? When he

goes to the ranch, there is no opening and he returns to Canon City. Mr. Whitaker helps him get a job at the livery and befriends him. Caleb is drawn to Annie and soon forgets all about the other woman. How can he tell her how he feels when he has nothing? Besides he is still running from God and how can he explain it to her.

A journey of two lost souls drawn together by God's own hand. God has a plan for these two, a good plan and not for evil. God has a plan for you too, give Him your heart, surrender control, and watch Him turn your life around.

Ruth says

Another wonderful western-inspirational-romance from Davalynn Spencer! The scenes are written to make you feel like you are right there with her characters!! This book is written with so much heart, it had me in tears off and on throughout and at the end - tears of happiness, for the most wonderful and colorful characters and oh such a sweet ending! The Cowboy is definitely a knock-your-boots-off awesome story! I highly recommend it to anyone liking the western based romance genre. Thanks for sharing your God given talent with us Davalynn, and may He continue His blessing on you.
