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Leah says

Hill Country Cattleman is one of the first Love Inspired Historical books that I have read and it won't be my last! While it was a short story, it was very sweet and I found myself enjoying the story from start to finish. Violet has come to Texas in order to escape scandal back in England. She comes to her brother's ranch and decides she wants to write a novel. Dreaming of returning to her love, Gerand, Violet makes the most of living in Texas. The setting of her life in Texas makes for the perfect backdrop for her novel.

Raleigh's biggest dream is to own his own ranch someday. When Violet comes to town, he can't help but admire the pretty girl. But when he falls for her, he knows her heart is taken by someone back home.

When another cowboy starts to notice Violet, he begins to make trouble. Who will come to Violet's rescue?

Like I said, I enjoyed this book a lot. While some parts were slightly predictable, there were still things that caught me by surprise and the fact that things were predictable didn't take away from the enjoyment of the book. While the book was short, the author did a great job of creating the characters and developing an enjoyable story. I look forward to reading more from this author and also more Love Inspired Historical books.

I received a free ecopy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. All opinions stated are my own.

<http://mustlovereading.wordpress.com/>

Amanda Caldwell says

Hill Country Cattleman is my first Harlequin book. In the big scope of things, just recently did I start reading romances. I stayed away from Harlequin for the most part because I feared they'd be really cheesy. I didn't find that was totally the case though.

Hill Country Cattleman is about Violet Brookfield, who travels from England to Texas to avoid a scandal overseas after she became romantically involved with a playboy Earl. To save her good name, her brother Edward, packs her up and ships her off for Texas to stay with her other brother Nick and his wife Milly. While in Texas, Violet is determined to make the most of it by doing research for the western novel she is writing. While there she meets a sweet and good-looking cowboy named Raleigh. Raleigh is enough to make her forget all about the Earl she left behind in England.

This book was actually really good, it was sweet and had some action to it. The villain in this book would probably be in my top ten most annoying villains of all time. He was so nasty. I hated him. After the romance came in it did get a bit cheesy. Raleigh called Violet "sweetheart" so much that I felt nauseous. Every single thing he said to her seemed like it either began or ended with "sweetheart". It was a little much. It's just small details like that that can take a book from romantic to cheesy real quick. Despite that, the book was still good and I give my first Harlequin Love Inspired Historical 4 out of 5 stars.

This book is actually the sixth in a series called Brides of Simpson Creek. However, I feel I was able to read this book without any problems due to not reading the first five. Each book has different characters, but the

books focus on the town of Simpson Creek and a group of women called the Spinsters Club. In each book I guess each spinster finds love. I would really like to go back and read the first five now and find out in depth about the lives of the various couples that were mentioned in this book.

Review originally posted [HERE](#).

Sharon says

An aristocrat and a cowboy get together amidst impossible odds. Violet leaves England and a boyfriend to come to Texas with a brother to visit a brother. The Spinters' Club has been organized to help match up men and women. Violet attracts many would-be suitors to her refined looks and lifestyle. This is a good romance with a little suspense, some 'catty', jealous women, & some rough cowboys.

Jess Schira says

I received this book from Netgalley in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This book is a very sweet little romance novel that focuses on a love at first sight theme.

The Violet has been sent to visit relative in Texas after she finds herself embroiled in a scandalous romance with an unsuitable fellow. Instead of being bitter and angry about being parted from her lover, she sees the entire experience as a lark, something she can use as a basis for the novel she wants to write.

The fact that the first cowboy Violet lays eyes on is hot, sweet mannered, and generous makes the separation from the love of her life even easier.

Though he denies it, Raleigh , the cowboy Violet first encounters is immediately smitten. While he's a great guy, I found him to be a little too innocent, to the point he sometimes struck me as being a shade dumb.

What really impressed me with the story was how well Ms. Kingery handled the narrative. She managed to make each line sound like it either came from the upper class English woman, or the not so rough and tumble cowboy. I was very impressed.

The author did a great job of making each interaction between the two count towards advancing the plot, and she created a very vivid setting.

Objectively, I can see all the great things this book has to offer, but no matter how much I tried, I just couldn't get into it. There were entire sections I found to be cheesy instead of romantic. I gave it a four star review because I think this was simply a case of the story and I not being a good combination, and not a case of the book being badly written, or a weak plot.

Brittany says

As I began reading this book, I realized that I knew the back story to a couple of characters. I was pleased to realize that I had read the first book in this series about Milly and Nick.

In Hill Country Cattleman, Violet has been delivered to Texas by her older brother, Edward. She has barely escaped a big scandal in England and Edward is hoping that some time in Texas with their brother, Nick, will make Violet realize that the man she thinks she loves is not worthy of her.

Violet believes she will only be in Texas for a while and then will return to her true love. As time passes, and she meets Raleigh Masterson, Violet must determine the true desires of her heart. As she learns what it truly means to live for God, where will He guide her?

Hill Country Cattleman was a very enjoyable and well-written story. It is full of wonderful characters and an exciting story line. There is romance, danger, adventure and likeable characters. Even though I had only read the first in the series and this book is the sixth, I had no trouble at all following along. It can easily be read as a stand alone. I plan to read the other books in this series as well.

I received this book from the author when I won a giveaway on <http://christianfictionhistoricalsociety.com>.... I was not required to write a review, but happily do so.

Harlequin Historical says

Miniseries: Brides of Simpson Creek

Category: Inspirational Romance

Mom says

3 - the capture of Violet by Drew Allbright was interesting plot to the story when the author introduced Allen, Drew's twin. Raleigh to the rescue though with the Sheriff and Nick's help. How romantic that Violet should win the horse race and Raleigh and Violet get the ranch that was the prize. Now they have a place of their own and can get married.

Nancy A. says

I love this book also. When are you going to write the book I can't wait.

Nancy Wilson
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Danica says

I just really love Laurie's books, this series in particular. Plus I enjoy the English aristocrat in America themes. Fun to read.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

Simpson Creek, Texas—July 7, 1868 is the setting. Brides of Simpson creek book 6. This is the only of the series I have read and would love to go back and read them. I look forward to reading more from Laurie in the future.

Hill Country Cattleman is a cute old fashion western romance. It has a innocent Violet being escorted by her older brother to Texas where a different brother and his wife live.

Violet loves a older man Gerald the Earl of Lullington and was going to elope with him when her brother Edward, Viscount Greyshaw stopped her. Gerald was wanting to marry for her dowry. Violet does not believe her fiancé will forget her. She plans to use this time to write a western romance, till she is allowed to return back home to England.

When Edward and Violet finally get to Simpson Creek they found themselves stuck their and was not sure how to get them and all their trunks to the ranch. Violet sees a cowboy about to enter a store and asked him for help getting to the ranch.

Raleigh was going into a store to buy a new shirt than planned to get a bath and haircut when Violet stopped him. Raleigh had just gone on a trail ride and her brother was their too. He worked on the ranch next door to Nicholas's ranch. He would be glad to escort them and make arrangements so they can load all the luggage.

Edward and Violet went into the restaurant and was having a meal. The waitress Ella overheard them talking and thought she was a snob.

She was also jealous and over the next few days she tried to stir others to ignore Violet.

Raleigh was attracted to the beautiful Violet and he realized that one of his own two horses would be perfect for her to ride while she was visiting.

Violet thought Raleigh would make a good hero in her book and wanted to spend time asking him questions to help her. Violet told Raleigh that she was in love with a man back home in England.

Raleigh only owned two horses. He was forman but lived in the bunkhouse. He had just turned to God after he was saved with a miracle on the trail drive. He dreamed someday to have his own ranch.

Of course this is still wild country so you have a another rancher that wants to marry Violet one way or another. He wants her social connections and her money. Some drama, action, horse racing. It is a fun uplifting book.

I was given this ebook to read and asked to give honest review of it when I was through by Netgalley.
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June says

This is a great series. This time we get to meet the sister of the original groom who came from England. Nice to catch up with previous brides and see the good that has come to their lives and to see that there will more than likely be more books coming due to still single ladies in the Spinster's club.

Megan says

I've read all the previous books in the *Brides of Simpson Creek* series and loved them. So I just knew, barring something strange happening, that I would love this one too and I did :)

It's a little different from the others in the series as the bride isn't the one from Simpson Creek but I kind of liked the change.

I love how the couples from the previous books are in this one, which gives you a little update on how their lives together are going.

I would recommend *Hill Country Cattleman* and the *Brides of Simpson Creek* series to anyone who enjoys a clean historical romance. The books don't need to be read in order, they work very well as stand-alones, just know that some of the details from the previous books will be given.

I received a complimentary copy of this book to review. I was asked to give my honest opinion of the book - which I have done.

Ionia says

I love interesting characters with a back story and this book is filled with them!

As a fan of romances where the characters have a believable conflict stopping them from immediately falling into each others arms, this book made my day. The author, Laurie Kingery has a very pleasant writing style and a nice way of making her characters interesting. I loved Violet from the very beginning. Rather than coming across as stuffy and uppity the way that many female lead characters do in romance novels, she was a likeable character immediately. Similarly, Raleigh was also a likable character and the kind of hero you want in a romance.

Simpson Creek is a nice setting and the people there make you wish you could go live amongst them. I was involved in this novel from the first chapter. I particularly enjoyed the way the author built up the suspense for the reader of not knowing who Violet would end up with and what decision she would make.

One of the things that made this book stand out from the other romance novels I have read recently, was the descriptions. You get so much more than just a basic sense of the setting through vibrant and colorful language. I could picture everything the author was saying as if there were a movie playing in my mind's eye.

I thought the ending was good and was pleased with the resolution for all of the different situations. I would definitely read another book by this author and encourage other romance lovers to check this out as well.

This review is based on a digital ARC from the publisher.

Miss Pippi the Librarian says

Before Lady Violet Brookfield falls into disgrace in England, she is brought to her brother's ranch in Simpson Creek, Texas. Violet pines for her love, but is thrilled to experience the West. With her first hand observations she can write her novel! Meeting Foreman Raleigh Masterson adds to the amusement of Texas. He can share local information with her and be a friend as she lives temporarily away from home.

A beautiful fish out of water is a fun theme to read. Violet might be from England, but she relishes life in the West. Readers can predict bits of the storyline, but there are a couple twists along the way. Hill County Cattleman is book number six in the Brides of Simpson Creek series. Readers can read this as a standalone, but the previous stories add helpful background details to this tale.

Time Period: Western, 1800's
Location: Simpson Creek, Texas, USA

Reviewed from a NetGalley copy. Thank you, Harlequin!

IrenesBookReviews says

This story follows the relationship of Violet and Raleigh. They come from two different worlds, yet seem to be attracted to each other at first site. Violet is from England where she lived a very plush life. Raleigh is a farm hand in Texas. When Violet is sent to Texas to live with her brother she meets Raleigh and how they come to know each other is the whole of the story.

I gave this book 4/5 stars. I thought the idea of the story was a great one. How the characters meet and get to know each other is entertaining. The problems started with the main character of Violet who was a bit confusing. She could be bold at times and then be very weak at others. I did like the minor characters and thought they helped the story flow. The character of Drew, a man who steps in and wants to marry Violet, was written the best. The biggest problem with the story was there were not enough interactions between Violet and Raleigh. There was just too much introspection and not enough conversations. I do think the story itself is cute though and worth a read!

I would like to thank the publisher for the copy of this book I enjoyed reading. I gave an honest review based on my opinion of what I read.
