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Audrey Norris is worried but determined. Her life has taken a drastic turn. A short year ago, she was a happily married woman with a young daughter and a warm, cozy home. Now she's a widow responsible for her daughter, her mother, and a big fat mortgage she didn't even know about. She can't pay the house note and she doesn't have a job. Her options are few and mostly undesirable.

Widower Caleb Jefferson is the successful blacksmith in the town of Cutter's Creek, Montana. His sister has been fussing after him to get married again, but he's managed to dodge her arguments. Until now. He finally sees that his daughter needs a mother. However, he'd been in love before and that ended in disaster and heartbreak. He has no desire to fall in love again, so he's hoping he can find a woman who will agree to his terms.

When Audrey and Caleb end up together, everyone around them is delighted that their families are joining. Caleb tries to make it work, but he can't seem to let go and move on with his life.

Audrey worries about their strained relationship. She prays every day for help and guidance. She hopes that soon a breakthrough will come. God is taking His time. In the meantime, the family grows closer while Caleb drifts further away.

One simple misunderstanding will sever the fragile balance they've created. Will this be the end of their relationship or the beginning of a lifetime of love?

Read about life, love, and hope in the late 19th century in Cutter's Creek, Montana, as two families try to blend together and help each other heal after tragedy and loss.

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Patricia says

Another great book

I received this book free from one of the book sites. I do not remember which one! This is my honest review. I really like the Cutter's Creek books. Different authors and one lovely little town.

Daisy, Audrey's daughter, stole my heart immediately. Beatrice, Caleb's daughter did the same. Audrey & Caleb brought a lump to my throat through most of the book, but I truly cheered when Audrey confronted him...something that I would have done!

The characters are sweet and I just couldn't help but get caught up in their lives. All were developed well & the dialogue was excellent.

Can you imagine leaving all you know to travel half way across the country to marry a virtual stranger? So many women did so! There weren't many options for women then, nor for the men. Both had to go on faith that the other was who they claimed to be.

This is a sweet, clean western mail-order bride series which can be read as a stand alone book. The series in order helps you get to know the whole town! Highly recommended

Cindy says

I did not finish this book. It bored me to tears. I felt like I was reading a plot outline of a book idea. It needed more conflict and more fleshing out of the story and characters. As it is, everything is very one dimensional. Nothing ever really happens. I'll move on to the next book in the series.

Brenda says

Good clean read

A bit predictable but still a good clean read with an ending that I expected but enjoyed reading anyway.

Another book provided by my kindle unlimited subscription.

Laurel says

Boring

I would prefer to give books good ratings, however this series, is going downhill fast. This was the worst of the three books.

Michelle says

New Beginnings is book three in the Cutter's Creek series by author Annie Boone. The setting is Cutter's Creek 1880. The town of Cutter's Creek is a lot like other small towns, everyone knows what's going on in everyone's family. So when two new women and a child show up the town starts talking.

Caleb Jefferson has been a widower for six years. He blames himself that his wife died. If only he had not been so busy with his work he could have saved his wife. He felt guilty and he simply couldn't let go of the past.

Audrey Norris and her mom, Kathleen Riley were widows. When their husbands died they became penniless, so Audrey answers an ad for a marriage of convenience.

This book can be read as a stand-alone in less than a day. I loved this quote from the book and I believe it sums up the story, "Always remember that what is done cannot be undone. You can only face what comes next."

I recommend this book to fans of western romance.

Disclosure: "I purchased a copy of this ebook and was under no obligation to post a positive review. The opinions expressed are my own."

Tonileg says

Historical American Montana romance between a blacksmith widower and a big city widow that travels like a mail order bride with her daughter and mother to start her life over.

Widow Audrey Norris needs help because she can't afford to feed her family nor keep the payments on her house so she packs up and moves in with widower Caleb Jefferson who needs help with his daughter. The smartest decision is that Audrey and Caleb decide to wait and get to know each other before jumping into marriage.

Fluff Christian romance and a little boring.

216 pages and kindle freebie

2 stars

KB says

5 stars

I purchased the novella Cutter's Creek Book 3: New Beginnings by Annie Boone and this review was given freely.

Single mom Audrey becomes a mail-order bride to single dad Caleb. A lower violence level than prior novels, this is a sweet and prayer filled blending of two families.

Judy A. Ptacek says

Two broken hearts

Not wanting a wife but needing a mother for his daughter, he is pressured to get a mail order bride. Widowed recently responsible for her mother and her daughter she was facing eviction from her home because she cannot pay the mortgage. Being a mail order bride is what she decided to do. Both want just friendship but will they be able to blend their families, even find love?

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Historically Romantic

The majority of what you need to know about New Beginnings before you decide to read it is in the story description blurb. Both Caleb and Audrey need a partner in life, for some of the same reasons – and don't want for even more. But they've made their choice, now they have to see if they can manage to blend two families together to create one brand new one.

Caleb is so overcome with unnecessary guilt that he cannot see what is right in front of him. Audrey is willing to try but she keeps coming up against a wall. It will take one final misunderstanding, one blow out yelling fight and a breakdown to finally put the past where it needed to be all along.

New Beginnings is an emotional story, one of forgiveness and self-discovery as well. I enjoyed Audrey and Caleb's journey. They're good people who bad things have happened to – now they need the courage to begin again, and to trust that all can be well once again.

I'd recommend this story for any reader who enjoys the clean and sweet Western Historical genre. Interesting people, unusual situations and some faith, hope and love can change just about anything.

I read this title through my Kindle Unlimited subscription.

Judy says

Don't be afraid to be a strong woman.

Audrey was a strong woman but seemed to be soft. She was very caring. But with all the things that she endured, you realize she has a lot of faith, and strong desire to help others, this was a very good story, well written. Sorry that it was so short. Would like to had more of Audrey and Caleb as a couple.

Lynda says

A 3 star book that dropped a star because the author had people arriving at Ellis Island when it didn't even exist. Authors RESEARCH. Took less than 10 seconds to find this: Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892.

Crystal says

Good read

I am really enjoying this series and look forward to reading more about Cutter's Creek and the people who call it home.

Kathy Heare Watts says

LIFE GOES ON. WE ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN AND RELY ON HIM TO SEE US THROUGH

I enjoyed this second chance clean romance story that is full of emotions and doubts. Audrey Norris of Boston was widowed leaving her with a daughter and her widowed mother and a large mortgage that she will not be able to pay. With the encouragement of her mother, Kathleen Riley, she checks out The Matrimonial Times for a husband willing to accept all three of them. Widower Caleb Jefferson lost his wife to a drowning leaving him with a young daughter. He blames himself for her death and vows never to let another woman into his heart. His daughter, Beatrice, needs a woman in her life, so Caleb agrees to read the responses from a mail order ad his sister placed. After several letters exchanged, Caleb sends three train tickets to bring Audrey, her mother, and daughter to Cutter's Creek, Montana.

The plot of the story kept me captivated and at times made you want to knock Audrey and Caleb upside the head for their attitudes. Caleb plays the injured party as if he is the only person to lose a spouse. Guilt is a bad bed-fellow and eventually can sour people that are around you. Audrey shows love and compassion to his daughter, and he is good with hers, but life needs to go on for these two adults. "For some reason, the impression that they were one happy family was more important than actually being that happy family." Sometimes it takes a shock, and a wake-up call to realize that what is right in front of you is your future, and you must leave the past in the past. Two people, neither one looking for love again, but with time, patience, friendship, and family, God opens the door to love and their future.

Bonnie says

And so it continues

The little red chapel, and it's changing congregation gives us a peek into small town life in the past. The characters in this series, features strong, kind, loving, Christian, men and women searching and finding their way, while trusting in God.

Gail says

While this book was rather short, I did enjoy it. At times I didn't "feel" the connection between Audrey and Caleb. I had hoped the characters would have been developed a bit further (which I'm still hoping for in further books in this series). But it was short and sweet, and I recommend it.

