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Gold mining is in Jeannie Kelly's blood. But it's a dangerous time to be an honest miner in Nome, Alaska—claim jumpers have invaded the territory. Jeannie has set her sights on Clint Tilghman, the strong, quiet man next door to her family's claim. Clint fights his feelings for the impulsive lady miner, fearing he'll lose his independence. Jeannie tries to change her tomboyish ways to attract Clint and gain respect from others, but there's a lot to learn amidst gunplay and bar fights. Jeannie must woo Clint and beat the claim jumpers before summer's end.

## Quicksilver to Gold Details

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## Victoria says

The story of Jeannie Kelly and Clint Tilghman unfolds against the majestic background of Nome, Alaska. Jeannie has mining in her blood, but being a young woman on the verge of blooming into an adult, she's disappointed no one will listen to her.

In a claim next to her father's, Clint and his partner, Frank, work to fulfill their hopes of a major find. Clint and Jeannie soon meet and while they're both taken with each other, their romance falters. Clint doesn't want to give up his freedom and right to do what he wants and Jeannie isn't exactly sure he's the one. With sage advice from two women friends, she becomes a lady hoping to win Clint over and to secure other's respect. Unfortunately, claim jumpers move in and take their land and the judge has turned over the property to someone dishonest. For months they'd don't know the outcome. A big storm hits Nome and Clint and Jeannie pitch in to help the others, but what will become of their future?

Ms. Lovegreen gives the reader a real feel for what a miner of 1900 Alaska would have endured. The historic accuracy of the novel is precise. The details and the endearing story make this a great read for anyone from YA to adult.

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## Lynn Lovegreen says

My book, so I shouldn't say anything. :-)

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## The Book Breeze says

I loved returning to the gold rush days in Alaska with Lynn Lovegreen's latest release and her new characters, Jeannie Kelly and Clint Tilghman. Jeannie grew up mining with her father and brothers. She loves her adventurous life and has a talent for finding gold. She is thrilled with the opportunities that they will encounter in this new place, Nome, Alaska. Perhaps, they will make their fortune after all.

Gold mining isn't easy in 1900. Beyond the risks of injury when she is digging, sluicing for gold, Jeannie discovers another one to her heart, the handsome young man who has the adjacent claim. Beyond the everyday dangers to face and conquer, the worst is losing their new claims to outlaws or claim-jumpers.

Along with her family, Jeannie finds herself living in a boardinghouse operated by Ellie and Duke Masterson, the heroine and hero of Lovegreen's previous book, Fools' Gold. Ellie provides advice to a lovelorn Jeannie who longs to show Clint what she truly feels. Perhaps, if she wears dresses instead of pants, he'll see her as a girl. Meanwhile, Clint is busy falling in love for the first time in his life and wishes he knew how to reveal his feelings. This is when the reader goes, "Aah, they are so cute!"

It was impossible not to like these characters. Lovegreen has a talent for showing the heights and depths of these two young people. Still, it would have been wonderful to have more description of the ensemble cast. We don't get more than a cursory view of Jeannie's father and brothers. We never learn her mother's name and Jeannie would have known it. The same goes for the claim-jumpers. We needed to know more about

how and why they managed to get away with robbing people who had legally filed on their mining claims in the story, not just the Authors' Note. In addition, the setting in Nome was very well drawn, but could have used more details. Real-life characters such as Wyatt Earp who owned a saloon in Nome added an aura of authenticity to the novel.

Again, this is a terrific addition to her historical YA series and I can't wait to see what Lovegreen comes up with next time in Alaska.

This review was provided by Shannon Kennedy for her column Shannon's Space in the Oct 2014 edition of The Book Breeze

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### **Drea Damara says**

Lovegreen's knowledge of Alaskan history shines in this delicate romance. She deftly tackles the issues of finding your place in a man's world, family duty, and the complications of new romance in the time period. A lovely read.

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### **Dianna Skowera says**

Reviewed by Dianna Skowera for Readers' Favorite

In the untouched border wilderness of Nome, Alaska, Jeannie Kelly is not your everyday 1900s young woman. Jeannie lives to survey the next big gold strike, a passion she shares with her father, while she and her brothers follow his lead on their gold claim. Struggling to prove to her father she's become a worthy and capable adult, Jeannie finds an added dilemma when a handsome man, Clint Tilghman, stakes the neighboring claim to the Kellys. Is Clint the man for her? How can she win his attentions in her eighteen years of practice as a trouser-wearing tomboy who knows more about panning for gold than he does? Jeannie's quest for self-worth with her father and the affections of Clint is vexed even further with a common crisis of the times after both parties are run off of their claims. The Kellys and Clint must weigh survival and practicality in a lawless land that holds promise for only the most patient and wise.

Lynn Lovegreen's Quicksilver To Gold takes you back in time when the law was young, survival was an everyday chore, and family hierarchies ruled over individual thought. Quicksilver To Gold immerses the reader knee-deep in the gold rich waters of early 20th century Nome and the mindsets of those who lived that precarious lifestyle. Lovegreen's characters are your friends, neighbors, and family through a window of time accurately portrayed by the author's knowledge of her own homeland. Quicksilver To Gold doesn't cheat you with grandiose romances or boisterous heroes, but rather lays out endearing webs of love through earnest hardworking faces that become your own allies. Lovegreen makes you appreciate the complexity of falling in love with two characters who grow and blossom through their own inner turmoil with each chapter.

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### **Mary Anne Brady says**

\*I received a free digital copy of this book from the author, but leaving a review is my personal decision and opinion.\* First off, I have to say that fiction is not my genre of choice, and I almost never read romantic

fiction. That being said, I'm reviewing not based on my personal preference of what I like to read but on the quality of the writing!

I really enjoyed the glimpse into life in and around gold-rush-era Nome. I appreciated that the author seemed to have good factual accuracy throughout the book (I learned a few things!) and presented a realistic picture of that part of Alaska in that era (as opposed to many authors of "Alaskan" books who don't actually live here and present ridiculous, unrealistic ideas of life here). The romance seemed a bit grade-schoolish and rushed, but I suspect that's in part because of that era and the quick progression of romantic relationships out of necessity and convenience. Overall the book was entertaining and well written, with a good cast of characters. Gold mining was hard work and was fraught with difficulties, which you'll get a taste of in this book. I enjoyed seeing Jeannie, the main character, grow and learn through the book and become an even better version of herself by the end.

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