

Chapter 1 : Review of "Texas Destiny" (Leigh Brothers Texas Trilogy) by Lorraine Heath "Courtney"

Dallas had given his life to the land. Now he aimed to put West Texas on the map. But as he gazed into the eyes of the lovely stranger who belonged to him, he caught a glimpse of another ambition—a warm, radiant desire of the heart.

Jul 25, Julianna rated it really liked it Recommends it for: The road that takes them there is not always perfect and filled with bliss. The author makes her characters go through some heartache along the way too, which helps them to grow and change in a positive way. In the end, I felt like everything was perfect, even the bad stuff, because it all happened for a good reason. In this way, Ms. Heath manages to bring an amazing amount of depth to both her characters and her stories, making them a joy for me to read. The one and only thing that bothered me about the book, is how distant Dallas and Cordelia are from each other pretty much right up until the end. The previous book in the series, Texas Destiny, had this intense and vibrant romantic quality to it that was brought about through the personalities of the hero and heroine and how they interacted with each other. Even during their more romantic moments, it still felt like there was a barrier between them, making it difficult to feel that really deep connection. Both could be head-strong, stubborn and pretty clueless, especially Dallas. Normally this would drive me crazy in a romance novel, but I found myself being a little more forgiving of it in this book. He only knows how to give orders, which was something he learned from his father and his time as a teenage officer in the Civil War, trying to earn the respect of his soldiers. In the beginning, Dallas is so straight-froward he scares Cordelia, which makes him mad at himself and the situation. Then that anger came out directed at Dee, which make him even madder, creating a never-ending cycle. It was pretty fun watching him try to figure it all out. While Dallas could be a little irritating sometimes, it was clear that underneath it all he had a heart of gold and was an honorable man who could be trusted at his word. He was also good with kids, playing the doting uncle to his niece, Maggie, and later, a father-figure to the little street urchin, Rawley. Dallas may have been a hard man, but he was also a fair man and one I could easily respect especially as he started to grow. At the start of the story, Cordelia has been so sheltered by her father and brothers, it has gone beyond mere protection into the realm of mental and emotional abuse. She is a virtual prisoner in her own home until her father barter her away to Dallas in exchange for land and water rights over which the two families have been fighting for years. Dee comes to the marriage a timid shell of a woman who hides away in her room, preferring to escape into a book. She is frightened to death of Dallas, because of all the terrible things her family has said about him. As she observes him interacting with his family, she begins to wonder if her father and brothers were wrong about him. When Dallas realizes that he should have courted Dee and given her a choice in marrying him instead of trading for her, he becomes extremely patient, giving her time to get accustomed to him and being married. He also gives her the freedom that she had always longed for, and listens to her ideas, doing everything he can to support her and bring them to fruition. Dee ends up being the perfect mate for Dallas, because underneath her shy exterior lurks the heart of a lion and a savvy businesswoman who compliments him in every way. I loved how she stood up to her family when she finally realized who the better man really was. Texas Glory had a great cast of secondary characters. Houston and Amelia Texas Destiny were back along with a new addition to the their family, little Maggie who was as cute as a button. I had wished for an epilogue at the end of Texas Destiny, but everything I needed to know about them was revealed in this book. It was wonderful to see them still so passionately in love. Austin Texas Splendor is in this one too, and his was a heart-breaking ending which makes me very eager to read his story soon. It was great to see Houston, Amelia and Austin picking up the slack to make Cordelia feel at home until Dallas got a clue about how to put his bride at ease, and it was hilarious to see Dallas jealous of Houston and Austin but too bewildered to understand why. The abused little boy, Rawley Cooper, touched my heart and brought tears to my eyes. I was so glad to see him find some peace and happiness after experiencing so much grief and heartache in his young life. Precious, the prairie dog that Cordelia made her pet, was hysterical mainly because of the reactions she evoked in Dallas. Since Dallas had finally realized the dream of building a town in west Texas, there were plenty of colorful townsfolk too. All in all a great cast of characters that really brought the story to life. Since Cordelia spent a lot of time afraid of Dallas, and Dallas spent a lot of time

being clueless, theirs was not a grand passionate romance in the traditional sense, but there were plenty of sweet, touching moments to keep me reading and mostly satisfied. Their relationship was a more realistic one of two strangers coming together, slowly learning about each other, and then falling in love. There were a few events in the story that were somewhat predictable including a very sad tragedy, but as I also correctly foresaw it was a necessary catalyst to give Dallas a wake-up call and led to many positive things happening later on.

Chapter 2 : Texas Trilogy Series in Order - Lorraine Heath - FictionDB

Texas Destiny (Leigh Brothers Texas Trilogy, #1), Texas Glory (Leigh Brothers Texas Trilogy, #2), Texas Splendor (Leigh Brothers Texas Trilogy, #3), Tex.

Being a daughter of a British model and an American dad, her parents met when her father was serving in the air force at Bovingdon. Lorraine grew up watching movies together with her mom which inspired her to be an author. She started writing while still at a very tender age. She acquired a Bachelor of Arts from Texas University. This proved to be the stepping stone for her successful career as a renowned author of emotional romantic novels and young adult novels. Her career began when she started by writing computer codes and training manuals for the IRS International Revenue Service. Although she did the work at the required standards, she always felt that something was missing. Being a fan of reading, every time she picked a novel she became immersed in it to the end. From that time she began writing novels, she has never looked back. Lorraine Heath finished her first novel titled Sweet Lullaby and sold it in Among the earliest book series she wrote was English Rogues in Texas series. The series contained the following books: The book, A Rogue in Texas released on April talks about an illegitimate son of a British Duke by the name of Grayson Rhodes who moves to Texas in America to try and make his fortune. While in Texas he becomes involved with a widow by the name of Abigail Westland. The sexual tension between the two characters begins from the moment the two set eyes on each other and grows until neither of them can assume it any longer. Besides the physical relationship, their emotional attachment also keeps growing. The couple encounter many challenges but they later end up together in a scene that has not only sensuality but emotional. The other book in the series titled Never Love a Cowboy was released on April and it talks about an exiled British nobleman by the name of Harrison Bainbridge in the town of Fortune, Texas who meets with a nice girl by the name of Jessye Kane. Although both the characters have cruel pasts whereby Harrison Bainbridge was abused by his mother and his father never wanted anything to do with him while Jessye Kane was led astray and had an affair that led to a painful experience, they both end up together in spite of the challenges each of them face. They are able to heal one another by giving each other solace. Both the two characters are introduced in the first book in the series, A Rogue in Texas. Among the other series of the books she has written include: Lorraine Heath mainly carries out the writing work late at night while listening to a CD of a thunderstorm this assists in narrowing her focus to write without any other distractions. Among the books that have won her an award is a novel entitled, Always To Remember. The novel won the RITA award in The story is about forgiveness of wrongs both perceived and real. Her inspiration for the novel was a documentary from PBS special on the Civil War where she got the idea from a comment made about men who were from the same town serving in the same unit hence if a unit was wiped out so far, there would be no men to return to the town. She had the idea that what if only one man returned and the people thought he was a coward. From this Lorraine Heath was able to build her story to an award winning novel. She has the tendency of keeping her writing personas separate because it helps her in changing the mental shift from one character to another in the different novels that she has written. Among the authors who influenced her writing include: Richelle Mead, Sophie Jordan, Marissa Meyer, but Catherine Clark is the most influential to her since from her books is where she got her flavoring for her young adult novels and because she enjoyed her stories so much since they had a deep emotional feature and there was deft characterization and detail to history and mastery of the small moments. Lorraine Heath still writes together with her son by the name of J. She also writes popular contemporary, historical and paranormal novels under the names of Rachel Hawthorne and Jade Parker. Her dual nationality from a British mother and an American father has given her an opportunity to weave both heritages in her novels. Jack Reacher is back! Family secrets come back to haunt Reacher when he decides to visit the town his father was born in. Because when he visits there he finds out no-one with the last name of Reacher has ever lived there. It leaves him wondering - did his father ever live there? Recommendations Every 2 weeks we send out an e-mail with Book Recommendations. Insert your e-mail below to start getting these recommendations. If you see one missing just send me an e-mail below. Featured Author Our author of the month is Canadian author Opal

Carew who writes erotic romance novels. Opal has written over novels with multiple book series such as the Dirty Talk series and the Abducted series. Did You Know? Clive Cussler started working as a copywriter for an advertising industry after his discharge from the military. Later he became the creative director of two successful advertising agencies. He was assigned to produce radio and television commercials and was also given a reward at the Cannes Lions International Advertising Festival for many of his commercials.

Texas Glory is the second book in Lorraine Heath's Texas Trilogy and to be ho Finally on Kindle!!! I know people, including myself, who paid a small fortune on eBay for used copies of these books, but I just discovered they're FINALLY available got kindle!

Wednesday, April 06, Review: Been reading a lot of her older books - I mean, I even went ahead and bought some of them in e-book format. So look out for reviews of her books in the near future: Before starting though, I have a quick disclaimer: I have not read Texas Destiny, the first book Until everything changed when she was shamelessly traded in a battle for land and water rights, and thrust into an unfamiliar world as the bride of Dallas Leigh. He belonged to the land Dallas had given his life to the land. Now he aimed to put West Texas on the map. But as he gazed into the eyes of the lovely stranger who belonged to him, he caught a glimpse of another ambition--a warm, radiant desire of the heart. Was this the woman who would walk beside him as, together, they carved out a rich future with all the promise of love? Historical romance - Western Series: Texas trilogy, Book 2 The Story: Dallas Leigh is a man with big dreams - own land, build an empire, found a town; basically build a legacy. Thus, when Dallas learns that the McQueens have a sister, he decides sight unseen that she will do. He intends to strike two birds with one stone: Then why is it that she is so disappointed when she discovers that all he wants from her is a son? Can an union between two strangers really lead to happiness? So when I saw Texas Glory during a charity sale, there was no way I was walking away without it, even though it was a western romance. The focus was the characters, the romance and the flourishing of the new town. I really, really loved the characters in Texas Glory, most particularly Dallas. It was a joy to see her discover the world, enjoy her freedom and become more confident. Dee was just shy and innocent, but she caught on really fast and once she came out of her shell, it was great to see. But then, he totally surprises the readers with his gentle side: I also really enjoyed the romance in Texas Glory as it was well-written and developed. Dallas and Dee started off on the wrong foot not knowing each other and Dee being terrified However, Dallas was very considerate and decided to take his time to get to know his wife, to appease her which was the right move. Overall, I think Texas Glory was a great romance. I also really enjoyed the secondary characters, I thought they added to the book So why not an A? But when he is finally released, that life is no longer waiting for him. Determined to find the real killer, Austin goes on a hunt for justice and revenge. But what he finds is something quite different: Loree Grant, a woman with her own tragedies, whose strength scatters the shadows of his past and whose beauty eclipses the Texas sun Texas trilogy, Book 3 The Story: As a result, Austin spent 5 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Now a free man, Austin realizes how much those five years have cost him. First, his sweetheart has not waited for him Also, the music in him died and he can no longer play. Determined to find the real killer, Austin heads for Austin - the only clue he has. However, before he can reach the town, Austin falls ill Luckily, he is taken in by Loree Grant who nurses him back to health. Then, a night of loneliness leads to passion and to a new life But can Austin forget the past and forge a future for himself? I think Texas Splendor was a great sequel to Texas Glory and wraps up this trilogy very well: I really liked the changes in Austin between Texas Glory where he was young and carefree to Texas Splendor, where he has hardened. It was also sad that his family did not understand. They meant well and they loved him and wanted to support him, but they could not understand what he went through. It was also heart-breaking when Austin found out that Becca had not waited for him: Everything was really well written and very realistic and I thought Austin had really become a man after all he went through. Loree was an interesting character, another very admirable woman. However, I had a little bit of difficulty connecting with her After a while, I just got a bit impatient because I thought with Austin, she could get over what has happened in her life I also think Ms Heath did a great job with the storyline. There was a lot going on: I really like the last part of the story where Austin finally finds out what he wants out of life besides Loree and a family. I think it made sense and really fit Austin: She has did a great job inserting the familiar faces into the story and the characters stayed true to themselves: It worked, everything from previous books fell into place to lead to this ending All in all, I really enjoyed Texas Splendor and thought it was a very

satisfying ending to this trilogy:

Chapter 4 : Texas Glory by Lorraine Heath - online free at Epub

This is the second book in Lorraine Heath's Texas Trilogy. Dallas Leigh is still in want of a wife to give him a son. He discovers that the McQueen family has a daughter, Cordelia.

Chapter 5 : Texas Trilogy by Lorraine Heath

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Chapter 6 : Texas Destiny (Texas Trilogy , book 1) by Lorraine Heath

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Chapter 7 : Lorraine Heath - Book Series In Order

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This is the third installment in Lorraine Heath's Texas Trilogy. This book tells the story of the youngest Leigh brother, Austin. Austin has spent five years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

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