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A California girl dares to mess with Texas.

Lainie Johnson travels to the Lone Tree ranch in West Texas after her mother's death in order to meet her maternal grandfather--who doesn't even know she exists. Because of the twenty-five- year estrangement between her mother and grandfather, Lainie doesn't tell him who she is, wanting first to find out what kind of man he is before inviting him into her life.

But she soon finds that he isn't the only man she must contend with. Reed Smith, the bossy and cocky ranch foreman, figures that Lainie is the woman for him the first time he lays eyes on her. She feels the same about him, but because of the secrets she's holding, she fights the attraction. So ... just who's going to blink first?

Three strong threads run through Lone Tree, tying Lainie to the ranch and its characters and the nearby town. The sexy cowboy who won't take no for an answer supplies the romantic spark--and it's a hot one--and Miles Auburn, Lainie's implacable grandfather, provides conflict and opposition as well as familial love. When Lainie befriends Jackie Lyn from town, they're each marked for violence by Jackie's husband, who's in prison but is on his way out.

Romance, suspense, danger, laughs and tears along with unforgettable characters, fill the pages of Lone Tree.

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Mel says

[I can understand that she just left the ranch since she was hurting, I felt sympathy for her and although I was irritated at her for hiding from Reed, that made her even more likeable since that's how things often go in

Priscilla says

O'Keefe's newest is my favorite or hers so far. Searching for a remnant of family after her mother dies, Lainie finds her estranged grandfather, Miles, whom she's never met, on his Texas ranch. Knowing some of the family history, Lainie has prejudged Miles. So, hired on at the ranch as Miles' assistant, she decides to keep her identity a secret until she gets to know him. That complication spreads over into her relationship and budding romance with the ranch foreman. I found myself rooting for the whole cast of characters, with the exception of one sinister individual.

Lauren-Sophie says

The book started well but then it took some bad turns.
I didn't like the murder. Yes, he was a rapist, I just think vigilante justice is never okay.

Lindsey says

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Michael Tankersley says

I won this book thru the Goodreads Giveaway just in time for Christmas any my wife and my 30th anniversary.

After her mother dies, Lainie goes In search to find her family and ends up in Texas on her grandfather's ranch. Having a little knowledge of her family background, she decides that she would rather he not know who she is right off. Instead, she takes on the job as his assistant until she can get to know him better. Problems start popping up when she finds herself developing an attraction to the ranch foreman.

My wife loved this book and completely devoured it in the two days between Christmas and our anniversary.

Shunda says

I'm so glad I read this book. It had a little bit of everything!

Linda says

Good "Texas" story.

Tiffany Higgins says

I had the pleasure of reading Bobbie O'Keefe's Lone Tree. As a Texas girl myself, it was like having a taste of home for me. I loved reading some of the things those guys would say, certain phrases that are so Texas. Later in the book, when Lainie returns to California, and everyone notices her accent, put a smile on my face. Having been well into my talking years before my family moved to Texas, I know how easily that accent is picked up, and all these years after leaving Texas, I still have my twang and key phrases that mark me as a Texas girl.

Lainie's reason for visiting Texas was a powerful one. Every encounter between her and Miles leaves you holding your breath. You anticipate how this meeting will go. You may be wrong, but you are never disappointed. You are suspicious of everyone's motives, actions and thoughts. At times, you want to scream at Lainie for the choices she is making, but she seems to have a good reason for each of those decisions.

Enter in the sexy, Texas cowboy. I love the way O'Keefe introduced him to the story. I wonder if she always planned for him to be a major part of Lainie's adventure or if he was originally meant as a piece of eye candy for her to get a taste of Texas. Whatever her original intent, she did a wonderful job building his character and the secondary (or was it the primary) storyline.

Night after night, I hated to put Lone Tree down. I found myself lying in bed, speculating on where the Lone Tree Ranch was going to lead me tomorrow. When the story lines began to explode, one right after the other, it was in a totally unexpected way. I was caught off guard when Lainie was caught off guard. This is what makes a story all the better to me.

I try to anticipate where a writer is going; sometimes I have the whole story figured out within the first few pages. This was definitely not the case with Bobbie O'Keefe's Lone Tree. She left me wanting to see more of life on Lone Tree Ranch. This is not to say the story is incomplete, rather that more stories could be told.

O'Keefe did an excellent job with this story. I recommend it to all who love a good romance or a good story of coming home again.
