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Kayla Finley says

To be blunt - I did not like this book. I hate to say this, because Mary Connealy's Sophie's Daughters series is one of my FAVORITES and you should buy it RIGHT NOW. I put off writing this review for a long time because it made me so sad, and because it took me a while to figure out exactly why I didn't like it. However, I realized that I didn't like any of the characters. Even the minor ones.

First off, our heroine. Glynna. She was really dumb. First, she marries a horrible man. Then marries another horrible man. I understand that women in that time period left way too much stuff up to the man, but to have no idea that you have no money at all? Right. Then she was abused for ages, albeit surrounded by people she could have asked for help. Then told her son that she would ask his permission before she married again. That actually might not have been a terrible idea, since her own choices weren't so smart, but her son was horrible.

I didn't buy that Glynna suddenly fell for Dare and trusted him. After everything she had been through, I can't imagine a woman in that situation falling so quickly for a good man. Especially since she had income. But was too dimwitted to figure out that she was a horrible cook and embarrassing herself.

Dare, actually, was flat out whiny. Wah, I'm not a doctor. Well, then work toward becoming one if you're so passionate about it. Even if he had to start back in grade school, he could have easily found some way to test out and complete his requirements quickly. Educational standards weren't that strict back then. I didn't like his big strutting speech to Paul about this is what it means to be a man.

The rest of the characters...Vince was too full of himself, and then you had Ruby who was just completely dense. I just can't imagine this great author that I loved writing a pack of characters so unlikable.

The mystery was interesting and fun, although I will say there's one character that should have stayed under suspicion for a lot longer because said character totally deserved it.

Anyway, while I love some of Mary's books, this one rubbed me the wrong way. She's a good author and the plot moved along well, so all of the elements were there- I just spent the entire time being mad at all the characters, and I can't recommend it.

Laura says

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FIRE UP is the second book in Ms. Connealy's *Trouble In Texas* series. The books easily stand alone, but readers will want to read *Swept Away*. Glynn Greer was married to an abusive man...men... but she doesn't hesitate to stand up for herself. She is strong-willed, determined, and convinced that Dr. Dare is a half-wit. Dare is equally strong willed, but not determined enough to make sure he gets his way when Glynn Greer is determined to ride right into danger.

There is a lot of telling in the book. I didn't get as close to the characters as I would've liked—but there is non-stop action that is almost exhausting. Bang, bang, bang... everything at once, from rockslides and an Indian camp full of measles and on and on. The action will keep the reader reading. Fans of Ms. Connealy or western historical romances will want to read *FIRE UP*. She is the best western historical writer out there—and award-winning—with good reason. 4 stars—only for the telling and the distance from the characters. \$14.99. 336 pages.

Marianne says

This is not a time travel book, but I took another enjoyable Time Travel trip into 1868 Texas where it seems trouble is always brewing. This is the second novel in the *Trouble in Texas* series following the novel *Swept Up*, both by Mary Connealy. I did read the first one, but I do not think it necessary as the incidents in the first book are not only alluded to but briefly explained so that those that have read the first book are reminded of the happenings there while those that have not read it are brought up to speed in a seamless manner. The characters of the first book are very much present in this one, what with the men being a part of the Regulators. Cowboys and rustlers abound, but the story is also one of romantic comedy, which Mary does extremely well. She uses words to her advantage, and the imagery is so vivid you can almost smell the smoke, hear the clatter of the horses hooves, feel the sand in your eyes and see the fear in Janey's eyes. I enjoyed this one very much, as I do all of Mary's novels, and will be looking for the 'gang's' next adventures. I received this book free from Amy at Litfuse Publicity Group and Bethany House Publishers in exchange for an honest review. A positive critique was not required. The opinions are my own.

Melina says

This is the second book in Mary's Trouble in Texas Series, but you really wouldn't have to read the first book in the series to really like and understand this one. I really enjoyed this book. It had a little romance, and a lot of action. There was a little mystery to it also. Mary's books are so easy to read. They flow so well. This series is packed full of great characters and we get to meet a new character in this story, Jonas' sister, Tina, she seems like a firecracker and I am hoping the next book in the series is about her. This book was about Glynnna, who the regulators saved from her abusive husband. It is kind of funny that Glynnna decides to open a diner, and she can't cook at all! She promised her children she wouldn't get married again without their blessing, and when there are sparks between her and Dare, her son is not happy. Then Dare's life is threatened several times, it take the whole group to figure out who is after Dare. If you like a fun, action packed, faith filled book, this is the book for you.

I received a complimentary copy of this book for my honest review.

Shellie Nicholson says

I loved how the stories expanded for each of the characters, and getting to see them develop and grow as a community

Carolyn Tye says

I love this author for her humor. However, I wish she'd get a good proofreader. At least twice she wrongly named the characters, which messes with the flow of my reading.

Wendy says

Glynnna Greer is opening up her diner and the Regulators are helping her move her things to town after saving her from a long painful life with her husband Flint Greer. The diner business is doing good even though her cooking makes everyone sick. Dare Riker, the doctor in the group of Regulators, is doing a good business though, thanks to her cooking. The men go to the diner just to look at the beautiful Glynnna and won't give up eating her food.

As they are moving her things to town Glynnna and Dare are just about killed by an avalanche, next Dare's house catches fire and he just about dies in that fire. Dare doesn't know but the rest of the Regulators decide someone is trying to kill him so they start standing watch on his house at night. They have at least two suspects, Glynnna's son Paul and Lana Bullard, her husband was Flint's right hand man but had disappeared after her husband was killed. Lana holds Dare responsible for murdering her son and her husband and Paul doesn't want his mother to ever have anything to do with any man again after the way his father treated them and then Flint treated them even worse. Or it could be someone that is holding a grudge from when he was in the Andersonville prison during the Civil War.

I can understand why Paul feels the way he does and he's old enough to feel like he's responsible for his family now so he will do anything to keep his mother, his sister and himself safe from ANY man. Lana has her reasons, but does she really? People and their grudges, some just can't seem to get rid of them. It is so

much better if you can forgive, and that's for yourself, not the one you're forgiving.

I love Mary's books and she didn't fail me with this one. Just another one I can add to my favorite list!

Brittany says

Fired Up, the second book in the Trouble in Texas series by Mary Connealy, does not disappoint! It is full of attraction between the two main characters.

Glynn Greer is the widow of an awful man who was killed at the end of the first book, Swept Away. Glynn is trying to learn to stand on her own two feet without the need of a man. She has two children to support, a young daughter and a very angry teenage son who hates any man that even looks at his mom.

Dare Riker is the town doctor who is having a bit of a crisis regarding occupation. He learned his doctoring in Andersonville prison and never had formal training. He thinks he should get out of the doctor business, but every time he tries, there is someone else needing his help.

Dare and Glynn are meant to be together. It is obvious throughout the book that they are falling in love with each other. But, of course, it is not going to be easy bringing these two together! Where is the fun in that? Someone is out to kill Dare. It could be any number of people, including Glynn's angry son. If Dare can survive long enough for his Regulator friends to figure out who is trying to kill him, maybe he will have a chance at happiness with the beautiful Glynn. And can I just say that I LOVE THIS COVER!!! This is exactly the way I imagined Dare Riker to look. I am looking forward to reading every book in this series.

I received this book for free from Bethany House in exchange for an honest review, which I have given.

Cass says

Fired Up--Trouble in Texas #2

Mary Connealy fires-up the reader's imagination, grabbing and keeping their interest from first sentence to the very last. Couldn't put it down. Like the other books in this series, this story will lasso and keep you hog-tied. Well worth reading. Buy it. You won't be sorry. Now to download the next book in this series.

Molly Springer says

The nice thing about this series, is even though I read them out of order (oopsies) it still made sense!

Jenny says

It seems that there may be more books in this series that I have not read. The story itself can stand by itself but it does seem that a reader would benefit by understanding the other story lines.

I know that Glynnna is a prisoner to her circumstances in many ways, but it seems as though she was in denial about her own abilities. How could a woman not know that her cooking stunk? And why on earth would she try and feed others?? I know that women were scarce but honestly I would think that men of that time would have more care for their stomachs.

I liked Dare, and I understood his point that he was not a "real" doctor; but I thought the continual harping and moping about it was overdone. Then suddenly, a newspaper says that he can be considered a Dr. and then he is fine with it.

Aside from all that the story was entertaining. The many theories on who was trying to kill Dare held my interest long enough to finish the book, but honestly there wasn't much that captivated me, or was very memorable. There were also several intimations of things to come in subsequent books. Still it was a quick read.

I got an ARC from Netgalley in return for an honest review.

Teresa Snyder says

Another great Mary Connealy book. Honestly, I don't think she knows how to write a bad book.

Book 2 in the Trouble In Texas series, picks up where book 1 ended. This time the focus is on Dare and Glynnna. My favorite part about Mary's series is how she keeps prior characters involved in the story. Luke and Ruthy story, the main characters in book 1, is also continued in book 2. To me, that's one of the main reasons to read a series - allow secondary characters to tell their stories while continuing with the original story.

You don't have to read book 1 before reading book 2 - there's enough history included to be able to follow the story with little to no trouble - but you'll enjoy both books more if you read them in order.

Can't wait for book 3 to release so we can read Vince and Tina's story. Given the spit fire Tina is and how proactive Jonas is of his baby sister, I'm anticipating another great story.

Ralynn says

A good story I liked it.

Linda McDaniel says

Very entertaining. I love Mary Connealy's humor. I have read several of her books and would not hesitate to recommend any of them. It is good, clean entertainment. Excellent Choice. Choice

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Krista says

The series is enjoyable but not something I would highly recommend. It is a light, fun, and fast Wild West historical fiction.
