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Patricia Kemp Blackmon says

This is the second book in this series and is a great compliment to book one.

In 1866, Colorado Audra Gilliland agrees to marry Ethan Kincaid because she feels like she has become a burden to her newly married stepdaughter.

Ethan has become attached to Audra's two small children and is so afraid he will not be able to protect her and the children. Plus he is confused about the feelings he has developed for Audra.

Audra is not wanting to be dependent on anyone. She wants to be able to stand on her own to feet and not be treated like a fragile little china doll.

The author picks Audra up out of the rubble of her past giving her faith in God to protect her and her children. In the character Ethan shows a yearning to be a father to Audra's children. As a family unit I believe Audra and Ethan will bring out the best in each other and the children showing that God has mad a blessed union.

I highly recommend this book.

I rated this book a 5 out of 5.

Disclosure:

I received a free copy of this book from Bethany House Publisher for review. I was in no way compensated for this review it is my own opinion.

Melanie says

Ever read a book with a stolen fortune, outlaws, marriage of convenience, and a cavern? Want to? Then read In Too Deep!

Back in November of 2011, I read Out of Control - that was the first book I read by Mary Connealy! She is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors, and if all of her books are as good as these two, I will HAVE to read them! :)

I could hardly wait to read In Too Deep, since Ethan Kincaid was the character that intrigued me most from Out of Control. Reading Ethan's story and getting to know him (and the other characters) was just fantastic!

In Out of Control we learn that Audra's first husband stole a fortune, and in In Too Deep, there are outlaws after it! This added a lot of adventure/danger and it's just another reason why I loved this book!

Ethan made me laugh many times in this book. He was just so funny! I loved learning more about the reasons why he smiles a lot and seeing his character grow.

There is still another book in The Kincaid Brides series (I wish there were more!), Over the Edge, and I am anxiously awaiting it! In Too Deep gives some hints as to what to expect, and I'm pretty sure it will be great!

While I recommend reading Out of Control (because it was so good) before you read In Too Deep, I don't think it is entirely necessary. In Too Deep is great on its own!

I loved In Too Deep - it's now a favorite of mine. I recommend it if you like romance, historical, or western novels!

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

Was my review helpful? If so, please click yes on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/review/R3CZKX0Q...>

Becky Fenn says

I'm glad I ignored the negative reviews & gave this book a chance. I didn't read the first book in this series & had no problem following the plot in this book. Ethan & Audra the main characters both had insecurities & issues to face. I loved the romance between these two. I also liked how Ethan treated Audra's two daughters from her first marriage. I'm so glad I gave this book a chance.

Sarah Smith says

WOW!!!! :-). Gee whiz!!!! :-). "In Too Deep," the second novel included in The Kincaid Bride Series is a SUPER, SMASH HIT!!!! :-). I ABSOLUTELY ADORED the continuing saga that intertwine the lives of the Kincaid brothers and their growing family!!!! :-). Because I knew nothing about Mary Connealy and her work when she introduced me to Rafe and Julia, Ethan, Audra, Maggie, and Lily, and Seth in "Out of Control," I found it rather difficult to become attached and root for happy endings for any one of them -- until the final 100 pages of the novel, that is. By the time that I finished it, I was TOTALLY HOOKED!!!! :-). I was SO ANXIOUS to learn more and develop a deeper, more meaningful relationship with each character. Unlike its prequel, I devoured the pages of "In Too Deep" voraciously from beginning to end!!!! :-). Mary Connealy has earned my deep respect and has captured a special place in my heart!!!! :-). EXCELLENT, TOP-NOTCH SUCCESS!!!! :-).

Tressa (Wishful Endings) says

2.5 stars as well. Another low rating from me for this author. Again, I just couldn't really connect with her characters. Still a little crazy and unrealistic. Conversation and thoughts still too redundant. I ended up skipping parts where there wasn't anything important or new. I will finish out the series just because I want to see what happens to Seth (the third brother).

Tweety says

This book is so hard to rate and review.

If the story had made Rafe and Julia more side characters (after all, they already had their own book), and had focused, really focused on...um, what's his name? The hero and heroine. See?! I can't even remember their names, and it was supposed to be about them, not their relatives. If it had, I'd have given this book four stars because is good, but not as good as Seth's story in *Over The Edge*.

What I remember most about the "main characters" is that the hero nearly always had a shallow grin on his face and the heroine was always trying to prove she had a backbone. I like that the two of them really talked to each other though. And because of that they helped each other overcome feelings of worthlessness and cowardice.

But, other than those few conversation I enjoyed this book best when Seth was in it. He was the highlight of all three of these books. He was to me at least the most relatable. Not that I'm crazy.

PG A few swears, some violence and a talk of wedding nights, being married all the way and so on. But all respectfully and nothing beyond kisses. Which there seemed to be a lot of.

Kav says

"Six full feet of stubborn and another few inches of dumb." (p.34) is an apt description of Ethan Kincaid, Connealy's latest reluctant hero. The descriptor also gives you a sense of the author's unique style and her wry sense of humour. Laughter ricochets off every page like bullets in a cavern. There's a staccato rhythm in both her comedy and drama that sets a fast pace to this intriguing plot.

Fans of *Out of Control* will be thrilled to become reacquainted with familiar characters. And while Rafe and Julia and Seth definitely play their parts well -- this is Ethan and Audra's story. Though be forewarned, you'll want to read the first book in the series before you delve into this one.

Fear is a recurring theme throughout the plot. It acts as a catalyst that propels the characters into action and reaction, including the dastardly villain. From Audra's determination to grow a backbone to Ethan's valiant struggle to put the horrors of the past behind him, Connealy deals with a prevalent issue with surprising depth and clarity for a romantic comedy. And she does it with panache. Add in the toe-curling romance and an air of mystery and you come up with another winning read from Mary Connealy.

Abbi says

I know I say this a lot but it bears repeating, Mary Connealy is an AMAZING author! Honestly I have yet to read a book of hers that I wasn't instantly drawn into.

So needless to say I loved this book. I was laughing so often my sister is probably ready to kill me. I really enjoy all the ribbing between the brothers, whether spoken aloud or thought. They just have such an interesting relationship that it makes for some great times. Ethan and Audra were a great couple and I loved

watching them bond as they struggled to overcome their fears and discovered that “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear” 1 John 4:18

Regina Jennings says

I so wish I'd read the first book so I could've spent more time with these delightful characters. Starting on book 2 wasn't difficult, though. Mary Connealy does a great job of starting the story with enough hints that you don't feel lost. Even though I hadn't read the first one, I could understand why Audra wouldn't be excited to be married to flippant Ethan. Of course, Ethan isn't nearly as cavalier as he pretends and the love of a good woman might be all he needs to straighten up.

The banter between the three brothers was pure genius - bossy oldest, irresponsible youngest and poor Ethan, the peacemaker in the middle. In a way both Ethan and Audra are learning to stand up for themselves, but unfortunately they are practicing on each other.

And Mary knows how to write a cliff-hanger, that's a fact. There's no disguising that book three (Over the Edge) is going to be chock-full of adventure. The letter that Seth gets at the end of this book...it makes me chuckle to think about it.

So I guess I'd better buy the first book, Out of Control, so I can get the scoop before Over the Edge is released.

Kara says

In Too Deep by Mary Connealy
Review by Kara Grant

Before I go into the review I want to make comments on Out of Control by Connealy also. Both books are part of The Kincaid Brides. I won Out of Control in a blog contest a while ago and decided to finally read it before reviewing In Too Deep.

Minor spoilers included: Out of Control introduces us to a cave; the three Kincaid brothers, Rafe, Ethan, and Seth; and archaeologist/cave explorer Julia, her stepmom (more like a sister) Audra, and Audra's two kids Maggie and Lily. Audra is married to Julia's pa, Wendell, but Wendell is not a likable character and doesn't survive. Out of Control centers around the Kincaid brothers, although Seth doesn't come into the story until later, and Julia & Audra escaping trouble that Wendell has caused from greed, gambling and reckless behavior. Like I mentioned, he is not a likable character and the story improves when he's no longer in it. Connealy does an excellent job writing about these two families and how their lives merge together starting with Rafe rescuing Julia from the cave she gets stuck in while exploring fossils. The only problem was I just didn't connect with the story. The villains didn't create suspense for me and I couldn't wait for Wendell to leave the story so there could finally be peace for Julia and Audra. I also love when there are kids in the story (Colleen Coble does this with her books and it enhances the book tremendously), but in this case I had no attachment with the younger characters. I will mention this, though. When Connealy first sent me Out of Control, it got lost in the mail. I was heartbroken and embarrassed about that. I contacted Mary about it not knowing what she would say and she ended up sending me the book again with another cowboy book to bless me and make up for the loss!!!! So even though I only read the first 100 pages of Out of Control; that does not reflect on Mary's writing at all, it just didn't grab me.

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My Review

This story takes off from where *Out of Control* ends. There was an instant connection between Rafe and Julia, Ethan and Audra. Now Rafe and Julia are married while Audra is a widow with two kids and they're not settled yet with dangerous caverns still lurking. Seth is now in the story and he can't stay away from the caves. So the story opens with Audra's daughter, Maggie, missing; Ethan and Audra go looking and find out that Seth takes Maggie with him not understanding the danger he puts her in. This also illustrates the mindset Seth has; he has been traumatized both by war and an accident in the past that his mind has never recovered from.

Ethan has a panic attack in the cave and safely retrieves Maggie, but once they exit the cave and meet up with Julia & Rafe, a decision is made. Rafe states (this man does not ask permission or makes suggestions, he speaks his mind and there is no arguing) that Ethan and Audra get married. While they're initially shocked and confused about this notion, they both give in to it for the safety of Audra's two girls. Neither one of them is ready for marriage, but there is an attraction between them and they both want to protect the girls. There's an understanding between Ethan and Audra that later turns to romance.

While I didn't connect with this book either (I only read 150 pages), I enjoyed reading about the brothers and their relationship to the only two women they've ever known or cared for. It was fun to see how inlove Rafe and Julia are and how they protect their families. Ethan loves to observe the family when they're together, but he quickly grows a protective streak for Audra as well. He adjusts to being a father quickly and it was endearing reading how well he does at being a husband and father so suddenly. This is a man who has stayed away from his parents and brothers most of his life, but after meeting Audra and her kids he never wants to leave again. Ethan and Audra also live with Seth so it's quite an adjustment taking care of him and his nightmares as well as their two girls, but despite their differences this couple works together to make the living arrangements work for everyone.

The cave is another character in this story that makes Connealy stand out from other authors. Even though it's not a person, the cave does more damage and traumatizes all three brothers more than any villain could. Seth can't stay away from it, Julia is fascinated with its findings, Rafe, Ethan and Audra want no part of it and the danger it offers. Even though this book wasn't for me, I recommend it for anyone looking for a cowboy adventure with two feisty women that are determined to protect their loved ones while finding their own happiness.

Visit Mary Connealy's website to check out her blog and her newsletter... www.maryconnealy.com/index

Here is the link for the book trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SskpS2...>

I want to thank Mary Connealy and Bethany House Publishers for sending these books for review purposes. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions expressed are my own.

Margaret Metz says

I always look forward to books by Mary Connealy because of the humor and great dialogue she inserts into all her novels. I have to say this one had the perfect title. I felt as if Ethan and Audra were almost like two inexperienced boaters tied to a canoe that was speeding down raging rapids. I think it was the first book I read where both main characters were forced into situations pretty much totally out of their control.

Now that isn't to say they didn't make any decisions or were unlikeable. They were unique. I loved watching Audra and Ethan first plan to avoid and work around each other and then learn to love and rely on one another. It was a wonderful journey. The author didn't take it easy on them though. This is a story filled with tense action and danger as well as tender romantic moments. It's the kind of thing that keeps you from eating, sleeping, and doing anything but flipping pages.

This one makes my favorites list. I want to thank Bethany House for providing my copy in exchange for my honest review. They did not influence my opinions or require that I provide a positive review.

April Erwin says

In Too Deep is Mary's follow up to Out of Control, the first book in the Kincaid Brides series. I loved book one, the suspense and humor mixture always hooks me right in, but I was anxious to read Ethan's story, because as much as I enjoyed Rafe, Ethan was the one that really intrigued me.

Ethan may be clueless about women, but he's a good hearted soul looking for healing and validation as a man. Audra has been beaten down by pushy men her whole life and she's had enough. Both want to be seen for the strength inside of them, but struggle to stand their ground with bossy Rafe and Julia always making choices without consulting anyone else. That's how Ethan and Audra end up married in the first place. But their good for one another, they see each other for who they really are and together are stronger. I loved watching them find their true feelings for one another.

And of course it wouldn't be a Mary Connealy book without a lot of humor and action to go with it. One of my favorite lines in the book is where Audra is describing Ethan at a moment when she's frustrated with him. "Ethan looked like six full feet of stubborn and another few inches of dumb." :)

Laura Napier says

This was a perfect second book to this series. There was just enough of the characters from the first book to keep it realistic. I mean, you should expect that those characters would be in this book because they are family. Life got in the way so I didn't get to read it as fast as I wanted, but I enjoyed every minute!

Abbie says

Book two picks up on the heels of book one. Ethan's older brother Rafe is now married to Julia. Audra does not want to be a burden now that Julia is married and is thinking about heading back east to her uncaring father. Rafe will have none of that and come up with the idea that Ethan should marry her so she can be the house keeper at the Kincaid ranch that Ethan is now taking over. Before either of them have a chance to think they are wed. Heading back to the Kincaid ranch with crazy Seth in tow how will these two settle into married life. Will they find love after all?

Mary Connealy has done it again! She is one of my favorite authors and she does not disappoint in this new book.

What I liked: Everything! I really liked both Ethan and Audra in the first book maybe even more than Rafe and Julia. I could not wait to read their story. I love how the characters interact in this book. The humor had be laughing through out. I also love how Ethan and Audra start to care for each other and realize how much they need each other.

What I did not like: Really not much. The only part of the story I was not really into was the head bad guy. It really seemed like it did not fit with this story. I am guessing we will hear more from him in the 3rd book. I just did not feel his chapters added anything to the main plot of the story.

Over all I loved this book. I love how this author intertwines romance, comedy and suspense(bad guys) and creates characters you fall in love with. I could not put it down and wanted to cry when it was over. I can't wait for book three which will finally tell Seth's story and I can't wait to meet Callie! August can't come soon enough. This is a must read for all historical fiction lovers!

<http://abbiesreadingcorner.com/2012/0...>

Lydia (Overweight Bookshelf) says

Full review here: <http://overweight-bookshelf.blogspot....>

Nobody does dysfunctional heroes and heroines like Mary Connealy. She doesn't hold any punches when listing their faults-if a character is acting like schmuck, then Mary is going to point it out with her cutting humour and wise cracks. Consequently, her witty dialogue reads like verbal sparring that will leave you in stitches yet calling for more.

This book is classified as a romantic comedy, but it has a depth and soul that enriches the plot. The dynamics of a three sibling relationship is perfectly represented: Rafe, the boss; Ethan, the peacemaker; and Seth the risk taker. Buried deep in the shadow of their childhood, a traumatic accident has shaped Rafe and Ethan

(and in Seth's case, misshaped), and the time of reckoning has come to finally face their fears and guilt. After being traded like chattel by her ruthless father, Audra has finally stepped in to her independence and fights to be have a voice that is heard and respected.

Finally, what would a good western be without the requisite outlaws, shootouts, kidnappings, and toe curling romance? In Too Deep is the quintessential Mary Connealy novel that does not fail to bring heart and mirth into your reading time. I cannot wait for Seth's story in Over The Edge because I am hooked on this cast of characters.

Rating: 8/10

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