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Rebecca says

When Abby Malloy's father dies, she is shocked to discover that she has two half-sisters. The three of them have been left equal shares in her father's estate. In order to inherit part of the ranch, they have to live there for a year. Abby goes for the funeral, and to stay for a few months. She doesn't plan on staying at first, but gradually comes to love the ranch, and her neighbor, Sheriff Cooper Wilson.

I really enjoyed this book, and I hope the sisters' stories come soon. I got this book from Netgalley in exchange for a review.

Book Gannet says

This book was pure fun and I really liked it. Abby is just as tough as you'd expect an ex-army woman to be, yet she's also uncertain and vulnerable at times. Though she'd be the last one to admit it, Ezra's poor treatment of her mother – and by extension her – has left deep scars. Not least when it comes to commitment. Then there's her memories of life in Afghanistan, which just combine to make her feelings even more snarled up.

I did expect her to be a little more touchy than she was, perhaps a bit more competitive, but Abby's more of an observer, measuring her competition to find the best place to strike. Especially when it comes to food. I loved her snack habit, and the way she's always thinking about food. It made her more human, even at the start when she was acting all tough. I also loved how she argues with herself – or rather the voice of her mother – all the time. It was a fun trait, especially when her sisters noticed.

I really enjoyed reading about these three strangers slowly turning into sisters, starting off in competition before moulding into a team. They all have different strengths and weaknesses, but I liked how they supported each other rather than undermining. It added to the good feelings this book gave me.

Then there was Cooper. What a sweetheart. He's all ready to settle down, but Abby has commitment issues, yet he's always there on the end of the phone. I'll admit the sudden rush at the start of their relationship surprised me a bit, but from the on the build was steadier and sweet to read. I also liked that he was there for Abby at the start, before she trusted her sisters, who were then in turn there for her when she didn't feel she could trust Cooper so much anymore. The romance neatly balanced the sisterly bond, even if it took Abby a little longer to realise what she had.

In all this is a lovely read, with a steady build. Nothing too big or exciting happens, but it has humour and warmth and love – both familial and otherwise – and sometimes that's all I want when I pick up a book. Just mind out for escaped bulls and lethal moonshine and you'll be fine.

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

Heidi says

Four and a half stars: A sweet fun read about three sisters learning to ranch.

Abby stands beside her father's grave. A cold wind whips through the canyon, ruffling the daisies nestled inside his casket. Abby never knew her father. Ezra Malloy ranch walked out on both her and her mother shortly after she was born because she wasn't a girl, and Ezra wanted a male heir. Abby wasn't the only one. Ezra had two other daughters, Shiloh and Bonnie, whom he also abandoned. Upon his death, Ezra requested that all three girls live at Malloy Ranch and learn to ranch. Whoever is left standing on the ranch after one year will inherit the ranch. Will Abby survive the year?

What I Liked:

*Once again, I was delighted to settle in with another sweet and comfortable read by Carolyn Brown. Daisies in the Canyon proved to be my favorite to date. This was a fun and entertaining story about three girls coming to terms with their heritage as they learn to ranch. This was a delightful story with a nice little romance. If you are needing a cozy read, grab this one and settle in.

*I loved the three sisters. When the girls first arrive on the ranch, they are sizing each other up as competition. Even though they are related, they are very different. Each sister vows to be the final one standing no matter how hard ranching proves to be. It doesn't seem like they will be friends, let alone sisters, but along the way, something wonderful happens. The girls not only learn to work together, but they also manage to form a bond that grows into a little sisterhood. I thought the blossoming relationship between the sisters was delightful.

*The setting was terrific. Carolyn transplants the reader into a small Texas ranching community. If you read *The Long Hot Summer* you will be familiar with this little town, and be pleased to catch up with a few characters. I like this small town setting and I loved the whole ranching scene. Carolyn does a brilliant job of portraying ranching life, stampeding cows and all.

*I admit, I was a tiny bit put off at the beginning with the romance. It starts out with some serious sparks of attraction, and then there is some insta love sex, but then, things shift. The couple immediately realizes their mistake and they back off. What follows is a romance that takes its time to build properly. In the end, I was pleased with the way it all plays out.

*This was a beautiful story with lots of humor, sexy cowboys and cows. I loved watching the girls plant their feet on the ranch and come to terms with their past as they forge new relationships and learn to be ranchers. I laughed and smiled, and I ended the book wanting more. My hope is that Carolyn will take us back once again to Malloy Ranch so we can catch up with Bonnie and Shiloh. The book does end before the year is up so there is more story to tell.

And The Not So Much:

*I was left wanting more story. I need to know what happens to Bonnie and Shiloh. Carolyn can you please write more books in this series?

*Ezra Malloy plays a huge role in the book even though he is dead. I couldn't help but want more about him. He is an interesting fellow for sure.

*I wasn't thrilled with the way the romance started off. The insta love vibe almost put me off. I am so glad though that I stuck with it and that the romance took another course.

Daisies in the Canyon was a sweet and satisfying comfort read. This is a book that has a nice romance, but even better than the romance is the developing bond of sisterhood. If you are in need of a light, cozy read, I highly recommend checking out this fun little book.

Favorite Quotations:

"Life don't come with promises of rainbows without the rain first."

"Either get out of the water or dive in. You can't stand on the shore with your toes in the surf."

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Posted@Rainy Day Ramblings.

Sophia says

I didn't really pay attention to the blurb because I saw the book was by an author that I've come to enjoy, but I did notice the cute cover in passing. I've grown used to a certain formula in the author's plots and adjusted to her storytelling style so that I easily sink right into her books. This one followed things to a certain extent, but the premise that brought all the characters together and into contact with each other was something new. I think I pondered the inexplicableness of it for as long as the heroine did and still came up short. I really hope there are more books following that might give me some better answers. Now, while the thing that held it altogether left me scratching my head, the story of three sisters meeting for the first time and forming the bonds of family, working a ranch, and a romance with a cowboy sheriff made me kick back and feel right at home.

The story opens with ex-Army sergeant, Abby Malloy, arriving in time for her estranged father's graveside service and learning from the executor of the will that Ezra Malloy placed some interesting conditions on the inheritance she will share with her newly met younger half-sisters. Old Ezra wanted a boy so he married three times and divorced three times sending each woman away with a settlement when they produced a girl. He never wanted to see or meet any of them. Abby, Shiloh and Bonnie all grew up embittered and angry toward the old man who was their father. Each had hard things to live through- especially Bonnie- and now they not only inherit their share of the money, but the ranch if for no other reason than to prove to Ezra that he missed out on wishing for a boy. To do so, they must all live there for one year. Anyone who gives up and goes home just gets their money share and forfeits the ranch. Abby soon learns that her younger sisters are as stubborn and tough as she is in her own way. Abby had a plan, but now that she's there, all she has are questions and she is so confused. She wants to understand the man who tossed her aside because she wasn't a boy and how her mother could have ever loved such a man. She also wants to make sense of that spark and more that stretches between her and the man owning the ranch next door, Sheriff Cooper Wilson.

Cooper eyes all three of Ezra's girls at the funeral and observes not a sign of grief or feeling toward him. He was friend with the old man, but he had his own opinion about Ezra's antiquated ideas about the value of men and women. Seeing the strength and steel in each woman particularly the oldest, Cooper knows that Ezra missed out. Abby grabs his attention like no woman ever had, but he knows he can't do anything about it since he suspects that she probably won't be putting down roots here and he's too rooted to ever consider anywhere else. Rusty, Ezra's one hand at the ranch, takes on the supervision of the Malloy women's work and it will be Rusty who gets the ranch if the sisters all quit after seeing what real ranch work is like. Cooper and Abby give into the attraction between them and then step back into the friends category, but it was a mistake because they are destined to be so much more than friends if only Abby will agree to stay and get over her fears of commitment.

The book is pretty easy-going and laid back in its tone and pace mostly relying on the internal struggles caused by an old man's mistakes to give the book tension and excitement. Oh not to say that nothing happens because it does. Cooper and Abby knock boots pretty early on in the story and then retreat, advance, and retreat again. I enjoyed the meeting and growing relationship between the sisters, the action of every day ranch life and the romance between Abby and Cooper, but overshadowing all that for me was the cruel oddities of old Ezra Malloy.

I was flabbergasted when Abby's story came out and then Shiloh and Bonnie had similar stories. Abby's mother came to the area, fell in love with Ezra, they were married about a year and when Abby was born, Ezra divorces her, sends her away with a settlement and tells her not to come back. Then each girl spends the rest of their lives with a single mom knowing their dad rejected his wife and child because the girls weren't

boys. And they end up with more questions and surmises for answers once they lived on the ranch. Ezra had a lot to account for because each girl ended up with issues about getting involved with men and being rejected. I just couldn't wrap my head around such a thing. People walk away from relationships and their children all the time, but this was just so calculated. I am intrigued in an appalling way so I hope that each of the remaining sisters get their books and maybe more might come out about this situation.

Just as an aside, this one is connected to Long, Hot Texas Summer with shared characters, but can be read standalone.

All in all, it was a cozy Contemporary Western Romance and I would recommend it for those who enjoy spicy cowboy romance in down-home ranch-style setting.

My thanks to Net Galley for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jackie says

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Having first met Ezra Malloy as a secondary character in Long, Hot Texas Summer we are now going back to our favorite area of the Palo Duro Canyon to bury him and meet his three daughters Abby, Sloan and Bonnie.

Ezra never knew his children, having come from a mindset that only males were legitimate

heirs to bestow an inheritance on he promptly divorced the women who bore him daughters instead. Now 30 years later despite his having done so those same three daughters, now grown women, have finally been given the chance to claim what should have been theirs from birth. The catch of course is that all three must spend a year working the ranch or forfeit the land instead getting a lump sum payout of cash.

Upon reading this no one is going to have the warm fuzzies for Ezra but once you become immersed in the story there are a few reveals in store that just may help to clear up his motivations for his actions while also developing a genuine fondness for his very non traditional daughters as they find themselves building a bond while also falling in love with the ranch and it's location.

As others have stated Abby being the eldest takes center stage as she finds herself putting down roots in the one place she never expected to call home, thanks to one sweet talking cowboy/sheriff as a neighbor she also finds herself opening her heart and exploring feelings she had long ago lost hope of experiencing with any man.

I almost missed out on reading this one, thanks to publisher and Netgalley for allowing me to experience this excellently written tale of estranged family and a romance whose bones are based on honestly felt mutual chemistry as well as open communication.

Kathy says

Daisies in the Canyon by **Carolyn Brown** is an exceptionally well-written, engaging and heartwarming romance. This wonderful novel set in the Palo Duro Canyon is a beautiful love story between Abby Malloy and Cooper Wilson. It is also a healing story about making peace with the past and embracing the unexpected as Abby and her newfound half-sisters, Shiloh and Bonnie, begin a new life on the ranch left to them by the father they never met.

Fresh out of the Army, Abby has lived a transient life for so long that the thought of putting down roots is a foreign concept. But to inherit the ranch left to her by her absentee father Ezra, she has to stay on the ranch for one year. Abby is reluctant to commit to the entire year, so she decides to stay until spring, then she will re-evaluate whether or not it is time to move on. But when she begins to fall for Sheriff and neighbor Cooper Wilson, Abby must decide if she is ready to risk her heart despite not knowing what the future holds.

Abby is a strong, capable woman and she is more than up to the task of learning the ins and outs of ranching. Although she had a stable, happy childhood, Ezra's abandonment left its mark and she has struggled with commitment issues and a sense of not belonging for most of her life. Her time on the ranch provides the opportunity for Abby to gain a better understanding of herself and some of the choices she has made. But it is not until Abby begins to fall for Cooper that she realizes how deeply Ezra's rejection has affected her.

It is not at all difficult to understand why Abby is drawn to Cooper. He is deliciously sexy, dependable and hardworking. Between his Sheriff and ranching duties, he has been too busy for a serious relationship but that does not stop him for pursuing Abby once she catches his eye. For the most part, Cooper is content to patiently wait while she works through her problems, but he does gently nudge her towards staying both in the canyon and with him.

Cooper and Abby's relationship heats up really fast, but the two quickly step back once they realize they have very different plans for the future. However, their paths cross fairly frequently and they become friends all the while trying to ignore to ignore their simmering desire. Cooper and Abby decide to explore their attraction but a misunderstanding and Abby's fear of commitment threaten their blossoming romance.

The one area of Abby's life that is relatively trouble free is the unanticipated bond she finds with Shiloh and Bonnie. There is little animosity between them and although their backgrounds are diverse, the three find common ground as they settle into their new lives. Their individual strengths offset one another's weaknesses and they are surprised by how compatible they are. When Abby's fears about the future jeopardize her relationship with Cooper, Shiloh and Bonnie are a welcome source of advice and comfort.

Daisies in the Canyon is a sweet, humorous and sometimes poignant novel that is quite captivating. The cast of characters is beautifully developed, appealing and very easy to root for. **Carolyn Brown's** love for the Palo Duro Canyon is always apparent and her descriptive prose brings the picturesque setting vibrantly to life. The storyline is refreshing with very little angst or drama. All of the necessary ingredients for a heartfelt, feel good story that I absolutely loved and highly recommend!

Nicole Laverdure says

Charming 4.5 stars

Carolyn Brown is a new-to-me author. I'm so glad that I requested a copy of her new book DAISIES IN THE CANYON, it was so much fun reading. I really was surprised to read a delightful western romance! I loved her two main characters Abby and Cooper. Beautiful attraction between Abby, a headstrong young woman and Cooper, a sexy sheriff. I recommend this country romance, you won't be disappointed!

Katherina says

Like every book from Carolyn Brown I have read so far, it's a quality book. The writing is perfect, the characters interesting, the men charming and the woman strong but feminine. Yet, for some reason, the book didn't grab my attention the way her other books did.

Isha Coleman says

Have never read Carolyn Brown before. I really enjoyed Daisies in the Canyon. The story is about a woman [Abby Malloy] searching for a place to belong and she ends up finding her way through love and understanding where she least expects to. Love this book. Have found a new author to read.

Lgreen says

Shallow

I kept thinking there would be more to the story than a high school love story, so kept reading. Was disappointed.

Layla says

I hate giving books low ratings, but honestly I just can't bear to say I liked this book. It's not really the plot that bothered me(though it was rough around the edges) as much as a bunch of small discrepancies. I've lived all my 22 years in Texas, lived down in the gulf, out on the border, in the DFW metroplex, and up in the panhandle- not ever has anyone ever called lunch "dinner". That phrase irked me more than the strange way Abby spoke of her service time. Coming from a military family and now married to an Airman I just felt Abby's lingo was forced and didn't help to make her character believable. Also Travis Tritt- EW!

♥Rachel♥ says

4.5 Stars

I just loved this cowboy romance! **Daisies in the Canyon** made me want to sell my house, buy a ranch and move out to the country! With my own sexy cowboy to help, of course!

Abby Malloy has just come out of the army and got word the father she never laid eyes on, Ezra Malloy, died and left her part of his ranch. Abby can't think of her father without bitterness and anger bubbling up and who could blame her? The man gave her mother divorce papers and a settlement once Abby was born, finding out she was a girl. Ezra wanted a boy, an heir. Turns out she's not the only one who suffered this rejection. Ezra did this to two other women and Abby meets the sisters she never knew she had, Shiloh and Bonnie, at his funeral. Abby has no intention of getting close to them or to Cooper, the sheriff/rancher/neighbor that shows up at every turn, setting her insides on fire with desire.

To inherit the Malloy Ranch the sisters must live there for a full year. All three are determined to stay and learn ranching, but it is not an easy job. Fortunately, the girls are not afraid of hard work, something that Ezra probably didn't count on, and they gradually become close.

I adored the developing sister relationship and the support they supplied each other. Their circumstances were actually set up so that if they didn't get along it would be more profitable for them in the long run, but their sisterly relationship ranked above greed. They all had a common hurt: Ezra, so they bonded over those feelings. Respect and love grew quickly. I have to say that Ezra's decision to fling off his offspring just because they were girls angered me! The hurt of this rejection would have to cut deep, but I can't help but think he was the loser in the end. The girls were all amazing women in their own right, and he missed out on knowing and loving them.

The romance between Cooper and Abby was a total win for me, and had me smiling and laughing throughout the book! They fell into lust quickly when they couldn't keep their hands off each other, but then Abby and Cooper took a step back and settled in to take things slow, as friends. Flirty, fun friends with an insane amount of attraction! Their romance was filled with humor that had me giggling more than a few times:

“Abby, you are drunk.”

“I’m not drunk. Do you need glasses? I told you I can hold my liquor.”

“Why would I need glasses?”

“To see that I’m not drunk. Did I tell you that the bull rang the doorbell and that I think you are sexy and it would be easy to fall in love with you and good night, Cooper?”

Cooper was smart to back off, sensing Abby's cold feet. I think he would've spooked her off if he didn't put the brakes on. Instead he teased, flirted, and they got to know each other while the stoking embers into a raging fire. I appreciated there was no third party thrown in for drama, just realistic concerns that could plague any normal couple.

With Abby's story happily complete, there were hints of a coming romance for Shiloh. I had suspicions about one for Bonnie, too, but I suspect Shiloh's romance will be next. At least I hope so. I didn't see any plans for a book two or three in the works.

Ms. Brown captured my heart and my cowgirl-soul with her heartfelt cowboy romance! For anyone who dreams of living on a working ranch, open pastures, beautiful sunsets, close knit friends and neighbors, **Daisies in the Canyon** is a perfect fit!

After reading and loving **Daisies in the Canyon** I went back and purchased Long, Hot Texas Summer which features the second chance romance between Loretta and Jackson, Malloy Ranch neighbors who show up in this story. Can't wait to read it!

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Wendy's Thoughts says

4.5 Combat Boots and Daisies Stars

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We all have our internal compasses...our way of talking things out and finding our way. It can be the voice of a loved one... or our own... but there, in the corners of our mind and heart... we have them to help guide us to the answers we need.

In *Daisies in the Canyon*, Carolyn Brown uses these voices and leads us on a journey of self-discovery for Abby Mallory. She is ex Army; she has done a couple of tours and had the difficult time of losing her mother at 18 years old. Her mother was her rock and raised her alone, for the man who was her father didn't believe in girl babies.... Yes, you read that right... Ezra Mallory was as stubborn and beyond old school as one could get. He believed the only child worth having was a male one. When Abby's mother presented him with a girl, Ezra present her mother with a check and sent her packing.

But she wasn't the only wife Ezra did that to... oh, no, He did it to two other wives, too... because as much as Ezra wanted boys... he was shootin' girls... and produced two other ones, Shiloh and Bonnie.

Abby meets these other sisters she never new she had at Esra's funeral. There they stood, watching the old man go into the ground. None of them had any warm feelings for him; they were there only because of the last manipulation from the grave. Erza set up the will and ownership of his cattle ranch with terms and conditions. Each of the gals would be required to work the ranch for one year; only if they remained for the year would they own it; otherwise they would receive a monetary settlement. Each of these women wanted the land... each brought something different to the mix... and each thought the other would give up before the year's end. Each of them learned their assumptions of each other were wrong.

Now this wouldn't be a romance book with someone to be romantic with...enter our sheriff, Cooper Wilson. He is classic country handsome in a Travis Tritt (author's choice) kinda way. Abby sees him at the funeral and both of them are struck by the look in each others eye. As they go back to the house, Cooper is there and

the sparks between them continues. This is not, though, some quick lustful thing... there seems to be a little more to it and it is throwing both of them for a loop. Combine this with the rules and learning to run a cattle ranch and you have three strangers, now sisters, having to adjust.

And let me tell you, learning to run a cattle ranch is no walk in the park. Abby had experienced a lot overseas...she commanded men and women into battle... she had the nightmares from it... but this ranching was another huge challenge she was deciding on. She had a specific goal of waiting till spring and then making her decision whether to plant roots; getting involved with Cooper was making things complicated. Both of them felt the pull... and both of them knew the issues... one had roots which went back generations... the other had wings waiting to fly...

This was my first read with Ms. Carolyn Brown and it most definitely will not be my last. She brought humor, pathos and depth to a story which could have been just a quick romance tale. She took me to Palo Duro Canyon; she made it breathe and live in my mind. She showed this city slicker what real ranching and farming is; backbreaking work which the people who do it love... I felt the elements, the beauty and the vast power of the the land. I also felt the community; their love and caring for each other... small towns which keep all there close.

We got the sense of women fighting for something; first against each other then coming together for the greater good...

The romance between Cooper and Abby worked because there wasn't the usual manipulation one can sometimes find in stories... yes, there was immediate attraction but the reasons and circumstance made sense to me. There was an element which did bother me; however, it was not drawn out and was quickly resolved. There was heat but not explicit; for this tale, it would not have rung true.

All of the characters and their back stories were presented. Seeds were planted in our minds... I know each of the sisters will find their cowboys in this canyon and I will look forward to reading about them.

Montlake Romance Publishing has a way with nurturing authors and their stories. I found this on NetGalley and I am so very glad I did.

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Jennifer Schultheis says

Carolyn Brown has done it again. Daisies in the Canyon is the latest hit by the very talented Carolyn Brown and any one whose ever read from this author, knows that she always delivers one heck of a western romance. I can always count on this author to write well written, relatable characters, that I either want to be best friends with or fall in love with. Daisies in the Canyon is about finding a place to belong and letting go of all commitment issues. For Abby, that's easier said than done, but with the help of Cooper, she'll find her way. Heck, anyone who looks like "Travis Tritt" would make me want to stick around too! Another thing I love about Carolyn Brown, is that she always incorporates country music into her books. Most country music

songs, send a message while telling a story. For Daisies in the Canyon, the song that really drives it home is The Dance and wouldn't you know, it's the perfect song for this book. It's a good thing, that we don't know how things will end, because if we did, it would rob us from the experience.

I definitely recommend this book and this author!

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Tana says

Unique storyline....but hard to stay interested.

Carolyn Brown's writing style is a little rough around the edges. This story could have been much better than it was. The writing reminded me of a new author who hasn't figured out how to seamlessly and smoothly tell their story. This book was just okay. I did struggle to finish it. I will not re-read this one; it's being deleted from my device.
