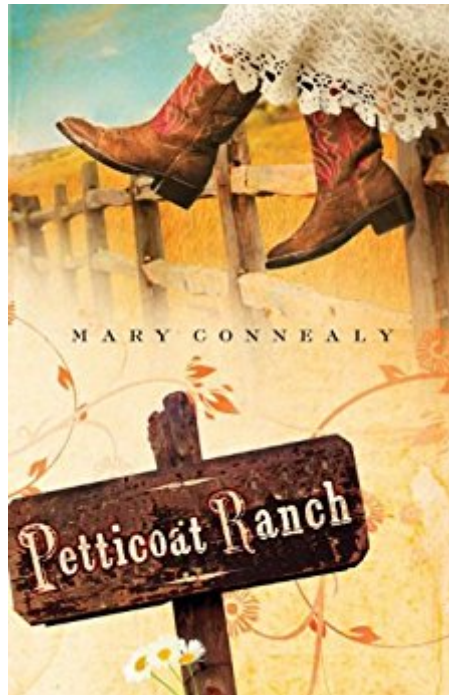




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# Petticoat Ranch (Lassoed In Texas Book 1)



## Synopsis

Sophie Edwards is doing just fine alone, until a strange-yet oddly familiar-man rides into her life, insisting on rescuing her and her four daughters. Can she find a way to love a headstrong mountain man? When Clay McClellan discovers his brother has been murdered, he's bent on finding the killers and seeing them properly hung. But first his Christian duty demands that he marry his sister-in-law. After all, Sophie needs someone to protect her - right? Faith and love help unruly wed newweds find common ground and a chance at love on the Texas frontier.

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## Customer Reviews

As a great fan of Deanne Gist, Cathy Marie Hake, Tracie Peterson and Shelly Sheppard Gray to name a few great Christian authors, I wanted to branch out and try a different author as I had read all of their books ... After reading all of the reviews I was excited to read this series and purchased them all ... I still don't understand what is wrong with me as I just could not connect with the characters or the book as strongly as the other reviewers. In fact, I have been so disconnected that I have not even started the 2nd or the 3rd book in this series ... the other reviews are outstanding ... I

cannot understand WHY I feel the way I do ... I was just disappointed when I was reading this book and felt the same when I finished it! I will give the other books a try at a later date, as I have to admit I have read other books that I have not been delighted with in a series that I have absolutely **ADORED** a second or a third book ... I, unfortunately, have not the history with the author at this time to want to continue reading this series immediately, I just feel I need some distance at this time. I am hoping I feel differently about them at a later time, and find that I love the 2nd and 3rd books in this series, as I would truly love to find other Christian Historical or writers that write about the Amish that I can continue to enjoy. Unfortunately, I read much faster than they write!

I started with Mandy. While reading Mandy's and then Beth's stories, I kept reading references to their mom (Sophie's) story. So, I went looking and found it and am so glad I did. As with all Mary's work, this story captured me from page one. Sophie and her daughters demonstrated such creativity in learning to survive. Clay kept expecting them to allow him to take care of them, never dreaming of what they were capable.

I had never read any of the Mary Connealy's books but Christian historical fiction is a favorite of mine so I selected this one based on the reviews. It was a story that at first grabbed me but half way through I knew what was coming and it was a slow read from there. The theme addressing forgiveness and revenge was drilled just a bit too often and in the same manner and just plain unrealistic even in cowboy days. I don't think I will read the rest of the series. There are other collections I find more creative.

Mary Connealy is a fantastic author!

Sophie Edwards is used to taking care of herself and her four daughters after her husband's death. Her constant prayer is, "Help me, Lord" while she does what needs to be done in the small shack they live in. Then one night, a stranger shows up and almost dies. She and the girls rescue him and find out he is Clay McClellan, the twin brother of her deceased husband. Feeling obligated to care for the woman and children his long lost brother left behind, he corners her into marrying him. She puts up a fight but decides to go along with it in order to have her ranch back. However, there's trouble brewing. Judd Mason wants that ranch and makes a plan to kill them in order to get it. Meanwhile, Clay feels inferior to his brother who seems to have done everything right while he (Clay) keeps messing things up. Sophie is determined to do the chores and fix up the place as she's

always done, and her daughters, who adore Clay, pretend to be helpless in order to soothe his ego. So Sophie and Clay constantly butt heads and argue, but even in the midst of it, there's humor. Mary Connealy does a remarkable job with comedy, and this light-hearted book will be a fun read for anyone in the mood for a little romance and suspense. Calico Canyon: Lassoed in Texas, Book 2 (Truly Yours Romance Club #24) Golden Days: Alaskan Historical Series #2 (Heartsong Presents #744)

My first Mary Connealy book and it will take be the last! Loved it! Full of humor and a great story besides.

A widow and 4 daughters hiding to protect themselves. Along comes her dead husbands twin brother no one knew existed. He marries her and chaos ensues! With a whole lot of help from old friends (who heard her cries of "help me" as words from God) the girls prove they can protect themselves. But they just don't want to anymore, they and their new pa and friends form a family you won't forget!

Mary Connealy is a fantastic writer. There hasn't been a book she has written, that I haven't enjoyed. I especially like this series and The Montana Weddings series as well. She is a master of world building, her story lines are well thought out, her characters are well build and lovable. There isn't a thing to complain about in her books! Not only do I recommend this particular book, but I recommend all her books. They draw you in immediately and you won't put it down until you're finished.

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