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A new Christian western romance from bestselling author, Elana Johnson, writing as Liz Isaacson for her contemporary adult romance debut.

After his deployment, injured and discharged Major Squire Ackerman returns to Three Rivers Ranch, anxious to prove himself capable of running the cattle operation so his parents can retire. Things would be easier if the ranch wasn't missing 1.6 million dollars, which forces Squire to hire Kelly, the girl who rejected his high school prom invitation, as his accountant.

She's back in town with her four-year-old son, living in her parent's basement until she can get her life back together. With fresh ink on her divorce papers and open gashes on her heart, she's not ready for much beyond her new job on the ranch.

Squire wants to forgive Kelly for ignoring him a decade ago. He'd like to provide the stable life she needs, but with old wounds opening and a ranch on the brink of financial collapse, it will take patience and faith to make their second chance possible.

For fans of inspirational western romance authors Kimberly Krey, Becky Wade, and Denise Hunter.

Themes/Topics

- >Clean romance
- >Contemporary romance
- >Western romance
- >Cowboy romance
- >Military romance
- >Second chance romance
- >Romantic suspense
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Pam Graber says

Squire Ackerman returns from Kandahar with a rod in his leg and PTSD. As the only son of Three Rivers Ranch, he's expected to take over so his father can retire. Unfortunately, that's not where his passion lies. Squire loves the animals and was halfway toward his goal of becoming a veterinarian when he was deployed. The day-to-day of running a ranch is nothing but tedious for him. Things go from bad to worse when he discovers that \$1.6 million is missing from the ranch accounts. Hiring a good accountant is a must and his dad knows just the woman for the job.

Kelly (Armstrong) Russell, fresh from an acrimonious divorce, has moved back home to Texas with her 4-year-old son, Finn. Until she gets a decent job her only option is living in her parents' basement. Applying for the accountant position at Three Rivers Ranch was a no-brainer for her; she practically grew up there, after all. She wasn't expecting her best friend's younger brother, Squire, to be her boss. As they work together to uncover the missing funds, Kelly and Squire discover that more than their friendship is at stake. Their very lives may be on the line.

Can Squire get past the hurt Kelly dealt him in high school? Can Kelly get past the hurt from her failed marriage? Together can they see a future that includes the two of them and Finn?

I have been binge-reading the Three Rivers Ranch books by Liz Isaacson. I started with *The First Lady of Three Rivers Ranch*, which is actually book 7 in the series but gives the story of Squire's parents. I love how gentle and kind the men are and how the women are confident in their abilities but not necessarily confident in dealing with relationships. Kelly struggles with trusting another man after her husband's infidelity but she's known Squire since they were kids so it's easy to see the two getting together.

If you enjoy a little western flavor in your reading, try out the Three Rivers Ranch books. Contemporary romance readers will enjoy these stories, Christian fiction readers will appreciate the faith elements and there's just enough mystery/suspense to keep those readers happy as well. I have enjoyed everything I've read so far!

Kathy says

This is a sweet second chance romance. I enjoyed it. If you like clean romance with a few Christian elements you will likely enjoy this one.

Content: Clean

Katie W says

I absolutely love a story about second chances and this one delivered! Squire is recently returned from the military, where he was honorably discharged after an injury. Hats off to those who serve in the military because I don't think I could do it and I truly appreciate all that they do for our country. I love that Squire is a deep character. He's working through issues resulting from his service, as well as trying to balance his wants and his duties for the future. He's a great all-around guy, if a little grumpy at times.

When Squire discovers a large sum of money missing from the ranch, he hires an accountant and the only applicant is a girl who jilted him back in high school--Kelly. She's back, recovering from a divorce, and trying to get on her feet again. I really like Kelly and she's the kind of person I would love to have for a

friend. She tries hard to make good impressions and to come off strong, but she's only human. Misunderstandings and mistakes happen and she's not afraid to own up to them...eventually. She has a darling son and I love his place in the story.

I love the interactions these characters have with each other, with their families, and with other residents of the town. Speaking of the town, the setting is fabulous and makes me wish I lived in a place such as this. I love the added dash of mystery that brings this clean romance to a new level. This description says this is Book One and I'm definitely looking forward to more books in this series! As it also says in the description, if you're a fan of any of those authors listed, you'll be sure to love Liz Isaacson's work!

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

??Hannah?? says

This was another book that I've had for awhile but waited a long time to read. Yet again I regret that. This was a good book. I really liked Squire and Kelly. I thought that they were great for each other. I was very happy for them in the end.

Jennifer says

Completely safe, clean, and devoid of any ow/om drama. The H was a little silly with his oh so fragile ego hanging onto a disappointment from a decade ago, but other than that this was a nice and easy read. I enjoyed how the H was a genuine nice guy and how the h tried to be a good mother to her son. The dual povs were nice, but I do wish that there was more character development. I had some questions that remained unanswered and an epilogue would have been nice too.

Marlene says

A while back, I realized that I was only reading authors whose last names began with letters at the very beginning of the alphabet. My system for choosing books was backfiring on me, and something had to be done! I would never get to favorite authors such as Karen Witemeyer, or even Deanne Gist. So I decided to try an A to Z challenge as I've seen other Goodreads readers do. And... I wanted to read a book by an author whose last name began with the letter "I". Regardless of my (possibly) silly reason for reading this book, I'm glad I did.

Second Chance Ranch (2015 , AEJ Creative Works), 1st in the *Three Rivers Ranch* series by Liz Isaacson, is a standalone contemporary LDS western romance (with a touch of mystery) set in Texas. I had not previously read any of Isaacson's works. But I had already picked up a couple of her later books in this series for free due to Bookbub's alerts, and decided to read the first one via Kindle Unlimited. And... as I said, I wanted an author beginning with "I"!

For those interested, the Three Rivers Romance Box Set, a collection including books one through three, is available via Kindle Unlimited.

Rating: 4 stars

The heroine: Kelly Russell, a twenty-eight year-old recent divorcee with full custody of her four-year-old son, has left her “cheating husband” in California to return home to Texas. She interviews for a job as the accountant to solve the Three Rivers Ranch’s financial problems. She’s desperate to snag the position, as there are little to no accounting jobs in the area. Kelly is no stranger to the ranch, because she was a frequent visitor when she was a teen. Her best friend Chelsea was (and is) the owner’s daughter. Her interview is with Chelsea’s father and her very handsome younger brother Squire, who has taken on running the ranch.

The hero: Major Squire Ackerman is home to help with the ranch because “the ranch needed to stay in the family if his parents had any chance at surviving financially.” He was twice deployed overseas to Afghanistan, witnessed horrors, and now suffers from PTSD. He’s liked Kelly for years, but has always “felt so completely invisible” around her. So the situation is awkward for him. “She was the girl who danced with his sister. Who slept over on the weekends. Who’d bewitched him so completely he’d convinced himself a senior would go to her prom with a sophomore.”

Christian elements: I am not a Mormon, so I have been cautious about trying LDS fiction. However, I’ve decided I’m OK with reading books by LDS authors as long as I don’t find doctrine that doesn’t line up with the Bible. I did not see any teaching that contradicted mainstream Christian doctrine, so I’m comfortable continuing to read Isaacson unless I start finding otherwise.

What I liked: I enjoyed the fun dialogue. That’s the best part of a romance, isn’t it? :-)

When Kelly’s heel got stuck in the metal stairs outside:

“ ‘I’d like to see you wear shoes like this’ ... she glared at him.”

“I would rock shoes like that, darlin’ ... And Kelly? I remember your kick being much...higher.”

*I appreciated a reminder of the motto “use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”

*I liked the fact that Kelly works in a grocery store even though she has accounting credentials. If a person needs a job, it doesn’t make sense to quit trying if he can’t get the position he wants.

What I didn’t like: I didn’t like the whole issue of Squire asking Kelly to the prom ten years prior. “Her rejection screamed through him as loudly now as it had a decade ago.” I have to admit that it’s probably a realistic portrayal of human nature, but it grated on me a bit, regardless.

I plan to read book two, most likely some time in 2017. I recommend this book to fans of clean contemporary romance.

Julie says

This was a book I could not put down!

Squire Ackerman has returned home after his tour of duty injured physically and emotionally. He's trying to save his family ranch without telling his father exactly how badly their last financial adviser has hurt them. But his father hires Kelly as their new accountant---the one woman Squire hasn't been able to forget.

Kelly is trying to move on from a divorce, living with her parents until she can save enough money of her own to support her and her four-year-old son. When she gets the job at Three Rivers Ranch she's ecstatic because that will help her do that, until she comes face-to-face with Squire again. He was her best friend's

little brother, but he has turned into so much more. She tries to quash her attraction to him since he's her boss and the last time she got involved with her boss it ended in divorce. But circumstances throw them together again and again and their feelings are too hard to ignore. But should she follow her heart and risk being hurt again?

I loved these characters and the inner turmoil they were both experiencing drew me back again and again to see how they would deal with it all. I loved how Squire had always been drawn to Kelly, but a misunderstanding at the prom had forced him to try and forget about her. Yet, when it came right down to it, she was the woman he needed all along. Kelly was so relatable as a single mom trying to do right by her kid and piece her life back together. She didn't inspire pity in me at all, though, because she was doing what so many women have to do---pull herself up by her bootstraps and do her best for her child. I loved the relationship tension building slowly and surely, it wasn't an insta-love, but two mature adults trying to figure things out. The description and setting were spot on and I know I'll be looking for this author's next clean inspirational romance!

Originally reviewed on <http://ldsritermom.blogspot.com>

Romance Novel Giveaways Lauren Seiberling says

A wonderful romance that was inspirational in more ways than one!

First of all, the synopsis does an excellent job of setting up the tension in this story from the very beginning: A man scorned by the woman of his dreams years ago, and now she is back in his life, all day, every day. I was GLUED to this book waiting to see how the inevitable confrontation surrounding that event would play out!

I liked reading Squire because he was realistically damaged. A war veteran with PTSD and a broken heart, he needed someone special to love and understand him. He needed that person to be Kelly.

Kelly was also damaged and had some trust issues as a result of a past betrayal. Needless to say, these issues made for some intense conflicts with Squire.

The book talks about God and faith, but it wasn't over-the-top or too "in your face." Rather, those elements were inserted into the story as they might come up in every-day, real life by way of going to church, etc. Kelly and Squire must work together to find the 1.6 million dollars that went missing from Three Rivers Ranch. Ultimately they do solve the mystery, but the way it ended was VERY unexpected! I enjoyed that twist in the story.

All in all, this was a very good, sweet romance novel, and I think this will turn into a wonderful series!

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Melanie says

I love reading books where the characters are given a second chance at love and this one didn't disappoint! Squire and Kelly didn't actually date in high school--he's the younger brother of her best friend. She did, however, reject his invitation to go to the prom together. Only, there's a little more to that story.

Kelly just got hired as the accountant for Three Rivers Ranch, the one that Squire's family owns. Squire lets her know there's a large amount of money missing but he's kept this fact from his parents. They work long hours together to try to locate the money since his family desperately needs it. They also try to deny their growing attraction to each other and need to clear the air if they want their relationship to work.

Squire and Kelly were both easy to love! Kelly is reeling from a divorce she didn't see coming and has trust issues to deal with. She also has a four-year-old son to take care of and protect. Squire has issues, too. His life hasn't gone the way he had planned and he has some decisions to make about what he wants to do. He also needs to decide if Kelly will be part of his future plans. I loved how their relationship grew! They were cautious yet willing to try.

This is Christian romance so it's clean (yay!) and does have some religious references but isn't preachy and works well with the story line. It's a fun, quick read and is exactly what I needed last week. I'm looking forward to reading more from this author in the future!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

Elizabeth says

Life is too short to waste time on a book that does not spark interest in the first 100 pages. I don't care about the characters. I find the dialogue boring and the relationship juvenile. The man holds a grudge against this woman for 10 years 10 YEARS!!! for not going to prom with him. He still cares about her not going with him after going to war and being wounded. And her...I just don't buy any of this. On top of that the 'country folks' are so contrived. I know some country folks and they talk just like the rest of us. They don't actually talk like characters from a bad spaghetti western.

Not my cup of tea, couldn't finish. Moving on.

Kristen says

I really, really enjoyed this one, especially for a kindle freebie. I usually do not like books where one of the lead characters has kids from a divorce, etc. but I didn't mind it one bit in this one. Squire was defiantly swoon worthy and it had romance, and some action (not the bad moral kind) hot cowboys...good stuff. Clean and not preachy!

Moral Note: Clean language, clean romance, some mild violence.

B. D. Mann says

This is the first book of the Three Rivers Ranch series and my first exposure to Liz Isaacson. WOW! I am impressed. This is a well-written Christian Romance. The author so skillfully wove Christian elements into the story that it is appealing to not only Christian readers but also any reader who favors clean, sweet romances. The characterization is well done and the storyline well crafted. So far as I could determine the author and her proofreaders were successful in producing a book that is completely free of editorial mistakes. There were enough plot twists, turns, and surprises that I was held captive from the opening paragraphs to the last period. Be prepared for a rather generous cast of characters. I am looking forward to reading the entire series.

Cynthia Marcano says

My first Liz Isaacson book.

Good read. Fans of buff and handsome cowboys and Army Vets, unrequited love, small towns, Texas and a bit of mystery woven into a love story with a happy ending will enjoy this book.

I look forward to reading the other books in the series.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

It's always fun when authors delve into a new genre and write something outside of what is typical for them. Especially when they do it successfully and I think Elana Johnson (writing as Liz Isaacson) has done very well for her debut contemporary adult romance novel.

I always love a good western with horses and cowboys. Squire is also military so that brings a few added elements into the mix. On top of that, it's a second chance love because Kelly and Squire have known each other a long time and Squire kind of carries a torch for Kelly from high school. There is a bit of a mystery surrounding some missing money on the ranch and Kelly has been hired to find it. There is even a cute kid and a puppy! What more could you ask for in a good love story?

Squire and Kelly have some great chemistry that really came through in the story. I enjoyed their interactions and their conversations. Even though they both fight it, that attraction could not be dismissed.

Overall and great romantic story! I settled in and read through it quickly. I'm looking forward to more in this genre from this author.

Content: Clean. No swearing or sexual content. Christian fiction.

Iola says

Kelly Armstrong has returned with her son to her tiny home town following her divorce. She applies for a job at Three Rivers Ranch, working for Squire Ackerman, the younger brother of her best friend in high school. She needs the job, so she can afford to move out of her parent's basement. Squire doesn't want to work with the girl who rejected him many years ago, but there's a problem in the ranch accounts and he needs Kelly's help to find it ...

I liked both main characters—important in a romance. Squire was the all-American hero, an Army major who has now retired following an injury. Yes, he's probably too good to be true, but this is a romance novel. We don't hold that against him. Kelly is an equally good character—strong, intelligent, hard-working, reliable and caring. Her main fault is that she appears to have no faults. No matter: there is still plenty of conflict and tension, both from the missing money and the growing feelings between Kelly and Squire.

The one thing which bothered me about Second Chance Ranch was the timing. Four months ago Kelly

discovered her husband was having an affair. Now she's been divorced one month and is living back in her home town ... and this is a romance novel, so she's about to find her Happy Ever After. Really? Four months ago she was in love with husband number one, and now she's ready to move on? No going through the stages of grief for the death of a marriage? No trust issues? Or are my views tarnished from living in New Zealand, where it takes at least two years to get a divorce, to ensure couples have adequate time to attempt to reconcile?

Aside from that, I really enjoyed the characters and the story. The writing was excellent (marred only by a couple of proofreading errors and overuse of "he thought" and "she thought). In fact, some of the writing was outstanding, like the description of dinner delivered by Squire: "chicken noodle soup with a side of male goodness". Funny!

Recommended for those who enjoy fun-filled contemporary Christian romance by authors like Becky Wade, Andrea Grigg and Rose Dee.

Thanks to the author for providing a free ebook for review.
