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Catherine Whitfield is sure that she will never again be able to trust anyone in the medical profession after the town doctor's excessive bleeding treatments killed her mother. Despite her loneliness and her broken heart, she carries bravely on as Cimarron Creek's dutiful schoolteacher, resigned to a life without love or family, a life where dreams rarely come true.

Austin Goddard is a newcomer to Cimarron Creek. Posing as a rancher, he fled to Texas to protect his daughter from a dangerous criminal. He's managed to keep his past as a surgeon a secret. But when Catherine Whitfield captures his heart, he wonders how long he will be able to keep up the charade.

With a deft hand, Amanda Cabot teases out the strands of love, deception, and redemption in this charming tale of dreams deferred and hopes becoming reality.

### **A Borrowed Dream Details**

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### Laura says

A Borrowed Dream is Ms. Cabot's newest historical romance and fans of her Cimarron Creek series will not want to miss it. We get to visit with previous couples in the series, catch up on their lives, but if you haven't read the other books in the series, no worries because this easily stands alone.

There is a measure of suspense in the book as Austin is running from someone in order to live, but it is not edge-of-the-seat suspense, it's more of a slow and easy type that won't scare you but will keep you reading.

Catherine has no respect for doctor's due to the outdated practices of the town's sole physician who follows ancient medical traditions such as bleeding. This killed her mother, so even when her students need medical attention she takes them home and feeds them chicken soup. Sparks fly when she learns that Austin is actually a doctor!

If you like historical romance, Amanda Cabot is one of the best.

Available for preorder now -- if you order an ebook it will be in your device on release date. Or order in print so you'll be one of the first readers.

Great book.

I got a copy free and was not required to write a positive review. All opinions are my own.

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### Victoria W. says

Oh Cimarron Creek. It has been awhile.

When I left Cimarron Creek last year, I had some concerns that the story may fade into memory due to the strength of its main duo. So, I'm thrilled to report that book 2 addressed almost all of my concerns providing satisfying characters, an intriguing plot, and more insight into the little Texas town.

For all my concerns about Lydia carrying a book, Catherine steps into a lead role with ease. Cabot wastes no time establishing Catherine as a relatable lead. I appreciated the depth of her struggles wrestling with both her future and her grief over the events in book 1, not to mention the wonderful connections this made between the book. Lydia flourishes in the role of best friend and I feel Cabot used Catherine's leading role to draw more depth out of her secondary characters giving the whole cast a deeper feel.

Catherine's wrestling to find healing from the emotional injuries of book 1 make for a wonderful plot line that is sure to draw readers in. Again, I appreciated the continuity as it not only provides a strong plot but actually strengthens book 1 through its efforts. Cabot also manages to provide a nice balance of life growth elements through Catherine's journey, adventure through Austin Goddard's past, and emotional drama through the struggles of the children Seth and Hannah. There really was something for everyone. Personally, I was excited to see that the story of Joan (my favourite character Aunt Bertha's daughter) was, indeed, continued in a satisfying manner, showing that Cabot truly does have the ability to plan out a overarching plot and nail down her elements throughout the story. I'm excited to see where Joan's story leads in book 3 A Tender Hope at its release next year.

My only downside to the story was the use of dreams to drive the plot along. Catherine, Grace, and Austin all had pivotal moments resolved by the content of someone's dreams. This element felt a bit too contrived (perhaps since it's not in my experience?) and tended to throw me out of the story momentarily due to incredulity.

That said, A Borrowed Dream is a strong addition to the Cimarron Creek series and provides the memorable punch to bring readers back.

4 out of 5 stars.

I received this book as part of the Revell Reads book tour in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **Amy says**

A Borrowed Dream takes us back to the town of Cimarron Creek and this time we get to watch Catherine Whitfield fall in love. Catherine is determined not to be second choice especially after the man she thought she loved and loved her tried to woo newcomer Lydia from the previous book. Dealing with the loneliness after her mother's death at what she believes to be the town doctor's ineptness and old views, Lydia takes her teaching position much more seriously.

Enter Austin Goddard and he is running. He is a widower with a young daughter whom he is trying to protect from a very evil man. He has come to Texas to be a rancher, even though he was a very successful plastic surgeon. All of this, he keeps hidden so that he and his daughter may live in relative safety.

I liked watching these two fall in love with each other. I was glad that Catherine was getting someone who truly loved her. Catherine is a very special woman; she had some interesting dreams that added mysteriousness to the story. There is also the mystery thread that continues from the first book, along with the danger that is stalking Austin and his daughter and all those he cares about. I liked how both Catherine and Austen cared about a boy named Seth, and tried to protect him from the abuse of his father. Catherine's abhorrence to the doctor was understandable, but I cringed many times when she played doctor herself. I was glad Austen stepped in to make sure she did no real damage. I look forward to more in this series.

I received a complimentary copy of this novel. I was not required to post a positive review and all views and opinions are my own.

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### **Lisa at Farm Fresh Adventures says**

This is book 2 in the Cimarron Creek trilogy. The book picks up right where book 1 ends, so I wouldn't recommend reading it first. This book follows Catherine Whitfield, a teacher in Cimarron Creek who just lost her mother to the "butcher" of a local doctor. It has soured her view on doctors forever and she will do whatever it takes to keep the people she loves out of his hands.

Austin Goddard is a plastic surgeon on the run from a criminal mastermind bent on revenge. He arrives in town with his 6 year old daughter determined to start a new life as a rancher keeping everything about his former life secret for the protection of his daughter.

I enjoyed this story of Catherine and Austin, as well as the continued arrivals of the previous stories characters. I totally called the identity of the "visitor" and suspected the man who led to her original departure. I wasn't sure about the part of Austin being a plastic surgeon during the late 1800's, but I appreciated the authors note at the end about it and how it really was possible.

I have a feeling I know how the third book may play out in regards to one of the subplots, but we shall see. I am also looking forward to meeting Thea. I haven't seen her since I first read the author's Paper Roses a couple years ago. I might need to go re-read that book to remember Thea's back story before book #3 comes out.

This is a good new series. NOthing that you have to think too hard about. And you get the closure you are wanting.

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### **Deanne Patterson says**

I have read all of Amanda Cabot's historical fiction books and still get excited when I see a new one! A Borrowed Dream is the second book in the Cimarron Creek Trilogy and it was every bit as great as I knew it would be! Austin Goddard was a Plastic Surgeon in this book but buys a ranch as a newcomer in Cimarron Creek and is now a rancher to protect his daughter from a dangerous criminal. Now given the time this historical book takes place in you're probably thinking to yourself, as I was, Plastic Surgeon? Yes, they were already established back then and called that as well. Now I love reading author's notes on research they have done. You really do learn so much and so much in fictional books are based on facts. Catherine Whitfield, schoolteacher in Cimarron Creek will never trust another medical professional especially after the doctor in town's bleeding "cure" leads to her mother's premature death. She wants to be his first love but Austin is a widower with a small child. Her friend tells her that it's better to be his last love and have lasting love. Is she ready to let her heart have a second chance romance since her first romance didn't work out as she had hoped. My heart went out to the two children in the story, Hannah and Seth. They really made the story for me. How will Catherine's heart handle that she has fallen in love with a doctor, can it be worked out? Filled with dreams, hopes, redemption, danger and full of surprises you'll definiely want to read this one!

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## **Ann says**

Grace Whitfield is the schoolmarm in Cimarron Creek, Texas. She's grieving the loss of her mother due to the town's inept physician, even though the youngsters she teaches bring joy to her aching heart. When Austin Goddard, a handsome outsider, buys ranch property in the area and brings his young daughter to the school, Grace senses a man hiding a secret.

Grace and her mother had planned a trip to Paris and now Grace grieves the loss of that dream as well. However, the idea is never far from her thoughts or her dreams.

A Borrowed Dream contains a cast of fully developed characters, from her friend who owns a candy store, to an abusive parent of one of the children in the school.

I really enjoyed this book! With themes of secrets held, big-city gangsters, and a returning prodigal, A Borrowed Dream kept me reading in every spare moment.

Cabot tells her stories with her heart on every page. Although this is the second book in a series, the storyline kept me informed at each turn of the plot. A map and a genealogical chart at the front of the book also helps readers to track the action.

My thanks to the author and Baker Publishing Group for my review copy.

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## **Rachael says**

I enjoyed the way the author is able to weave plot and subplots together so that they're all integral to the story. I greatly appreciated the maturity the characters display; the author does a good job of paving the way for them to accept hard truths with grace. For example, in the inevitable revelation of Austin's true profession, Catherine doesn't run in fear and loathing, but has already started accepting that there may be other doctors more respectable and competent than the local leech--they can't all be bad. It is far from the only example of characters slowly growing over the course of the story so that when confronted with something that could have been crippling at the beginning of the story, they can deal with it because God has been working in them to get them through.

It's fun learning something new in anything I read, and this time it was the ancientness of plastic surgery--even the name for it is much older than I would have expected. Knowing the author to be good about ensuring her historical details are authentic, I suspected it must be the case when the term and practice came up in the story, but her author's note at the end confirmed it, with even more detail. Who'd have thought? I loved the role it played in the story, both its use for good, and the enterprising criminal who sought to take advantage of it.

Another sweet love story!

Thank you Revell and NetGalley for a free e-book. I was not required to write a positive review, and all opinions are my own.

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## **Cheryl says**

This was the 2nd book in the series and even though I hadn't read the first book, it was still easy to

understand. I think reading them in order would be better though. School teacher Catherine, is in mourning for her mother and doesn't trust any doctors after what the doctor had done to her mother. Austin is a doctor pretending to be a rancher to save his 6 year old daughter from a dangerous criminal. Catherine and Austin fall in love and he wonders how long he can keep his secret.

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### **Lori says**

Amanda has written another wonderful book!

I love all of her stories but I think this one is her best so far!!

I really do enjoy a sweet, lovable, and clean read and did I say I love twists and turns too?

This book has all of that and many more too!

I love Amanda's books because she takes time to research and leaves notes at the end of her story

I studied about medicine in collage but I had no idea that the term "plastic surgery" was used back in biblical times. ( They didn't teach us that in school where it originates from I mean)

I feel like I learn new things by reading the authors notes at the end of the story.

There wasn't really anything that I didn't like because it was all very wonderful.

I especially liked that Amanda brought Lydia and Travis back into the book. They're two of my favorites although you couldn't help falling in love with Austin too! His daughter is just as adorable.

While at the same time I wanted to call Bone Dalton dumkoff. I really wanted to "murder" him myself at times.

This book will make your mouth fall open throughout the book and you will burn some midnight oil.

Amanda is one of my favorites authors. I can't wait to reveal yet another mystery!!

I received this book for free. All opinions are my own!

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### **Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says**

This is the first Amanda Cabot book that I have read, I'm glad that I found this "new to me" author. It looks like she has many books that I can dive into.

I enjoyed my time with *A Borrowed Dream*. The significance of the title is explained in the story, it is a perfect match for this book.

Catherine and Austin are both holding part of themselves back. They are reluctant to open their heart to someone, for very different reasons. I loved their learning curves as they struggled to understand the importance of each other and that it is a good thing to let another into your life.

Austin has an adorable daughter. Hannah was a large part of bringing them together. She also has struggles and the love that they both had for her carried the story in some places. I found this story to be paced well, but it lagged for me a little in the middle. I knew that there were unresolved issues that needed to be addressed, but I was ready for the happy ever after part. I was skeptical about the idea of a "plastic surgeon" in the late 1800's. It looks like the author did her research and it was really something available. I always like when I learn something new from my love of fiction reading.

This is the second book in a series. I have not read the first, but I do not feel like it impeded my understanding or enjoyment of the book. The first book is now on my TBR list and I would love to pick up the third when it is released.

The book does contain kissing and non-graphic violence. It is a Christian romance.

Source: I requested a copy from Netgalley. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Kellyn Roth says**

Ahhh, that was pretty sweet! I really enjoyed it, and it was a nice quick read, too. Definitely recommended to lovers of Christian historical romance.

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### **Kristina says**

A Borrowed Dream by Amanda Cabot is the second novel in Cimarron Creek Trilogy. Catherine Whitfield is the schoolteacher in Cimarron Creek and lives alone since her mother passed away. Catherine has a strong dislike of physician's courtesy of the local doctors archaic practice of bleeding, purging and blistering which hastened her mother's demise. Catherine has a chance to marry, but she does not want to be a person's second choice. Austin Goodard is the new widower in town with a young daughter, Hannah. He has traveled across the country to hide from Sherman Enright. Sherman is a dangerous criminal who wants Austin to use his surgical skills in a way that goes against Austin's values. Unfortunately, Sherman is not one to take no for an answer. Austin has bought a ranch and is keeping his medical background under wraps. Catherine and Austin are brought together in their desire to help Hannah, who has become withdrawn and quiet, and assist Seth Dalton. Seth has an abusive, slave driver for a father and natural artistic skill. Austin is falling for the schoolteacher, but she is unaware of his secret. In order for Austin to have the future he envisions with Catherine, he will have to deal with Sherman Enright.

A Borrowed Dream is well-written, has a steady pace and delightful characters. The characters are well-developed and, most of them, are warm caring people that you would want as friends. Sherman Enright and his minions along with Seth's father provide a counterpoint to Austin and Catherine. There are smooth transitions as the story goes from one scene to the next. Amanda Cabot has a fluid writing style that gives readers an engaging novel. It is a multi-layered story (which I loved) filled with suspense, mystery, history and romance. I had no idea there were plastic surgeons that far back in history. The author included some research information at the end of the book that propelled me into finding out more about the profession (it is fascinating). The Christian element is present and is gently woven into the story (forgiveness, prayer, having faith, trust, helping others and letting God show you the way). It is done with a light touch. A Borrowed Dream can be read alone. The characters from A Stolen Heart are in A Borrowed Dream, and it is nice to catch up with them. Grace Sims is a character introduced in the story (Catherine takes her in), and I hope we get to find out more about Grace in the next book in the trilogy. A Borrowed Dream is a heartwarming and charming story that will delight those who read it.

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### **Rebecca says**

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"There are many kinds of love . . . . Sometimes what we call first love is nothing more than infatuation . . . . Last love is what endures."

Catherine Whitfield is certain that pursuing any sort of personal relationship with the handsome new widower in town is out of the question; after being jilted once before, she has no intention of being a second choice for any man. Comfortable in her occupation as Cimarron Creek's school teacher, she continues to grieve the recent passing of her dear mother, while avoiding the use of the town doctor to treat any of her sick students; after all, she is convinced that the man accelerated the death of her mother with his barbaric treatments.

Austin Goddard's transformation from renowned surgeon to Texas rancher was created out of desperation. He has moved his young daughter Hannah across the country to Cimarron Creek, in order to begin a new life, miles away from the criminal intentions of an East Coast thug. When he enrolls Hannah in Catherine Whitefield's classroom, her generous smile and capable spirit easily capture the attention of both father and daughter. However, as long as Austin is forced to remain in hiding, his secrets must remain intact.

As one begins this novel, any preconceived notions of predictability soon disappear, as the author skillfully injects surprising plot twists within her sweet story of "borrowed dreams".

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### **Loraine says**

This book is a wonderful combination of historical fiction, suspense, and romance. Catherine Whitfield is a spinster schoolteacher who has just lost her mother. The death was horrible due to a doctor who was still using old fashioned healing. So she now hates all doctors. Austin Goddard is a widower with a young daughter who is running from danger to both he and his daughter. Once a plastic surgeon (and yes there were plastic surgeons in the 1880's), he is now hiding as a rancher. Hannah and Seth are both adorable children struggling with problems. Hannah has retreated into silence and not eating since her mother died. Seth is beset by an abusive father. Each of these characters adds a special touch to this endearing story. Each of them with the help of the other three finds a way back to happiness and normalcy. Cabot entwines a well written spiritual thread throughout the story line that also enhances this story.

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### **Becky Lewis says**

Ah! After finishing Amanda Cabot's book, *The Borrowed Dream*, I just want to bask in the glow of a clean, romantic western that touched all the right places of my heart. There is just the right amount of mystery with the disappearance years ago of the daughter of one of the founding families. There is suspense as rancher Austin Goddard tries to hide his true identity, yet still help people. There is romance as two people with very giving hearts are drawn together. Faith plays an important role, as well. How will God lead Catherine Whitfield and Austin to conquer fears and overcome evil in order to enjoy the life they believe God has for them?

Amanda Cabot somehow has masterfully mixed all these ingredients into a tale that has the feel of "Little House on the Prairie," yet with faith and more suspense intertwined. The two children in this novel, Seth and Hannah, are delightful and major players in the drama. While *The Borrowed Dream* is book two of the

series, it stands alone quite well.

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