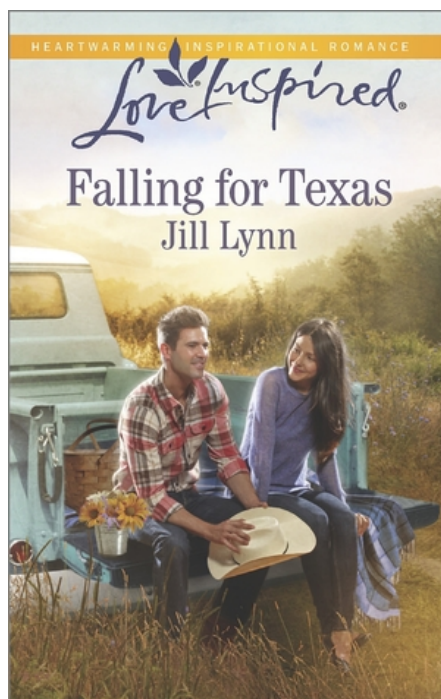




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Rissi says

Sweet romances are my “happy place” in reading. Yes, I will freely admit that. There is something “easy” about them that I cannot put my finger on, but do know they leave me happily smiling and normally willing to re-read. If I had the time, that is. But hey, at least I have the thought of re-reading – that totally counts, right!? Back on track, right. One of 2015’s debut authors, Jill Lynn’s contemporary romance tells the story of Olivia Grayson. A newcomer to Texas, Olivia is not without her secrets. Still suffering the emotional aftereffects of the string of bad choices she made, she wasn’t prepared for the stir rancher Cash Maddox would cause in her heart. The legal guardian and elder brother of her star volleyball player, Rachel, as Olivia gets to know Cash, she realizes that they could never be more than friends. Cash too is cautious as he gets to know Olivia. Truth is important to him in any relationship and right now Rachel needs to be his focus. But... something about Olivia makes him re-think his “no dating” policy.

Short and sweet best sums up Jill’s hot-off-the-press novel, which has no complaints from me. It wraps up at a 220 page count and is one of those easy-to-read books’ that is nothing but pure sunshine. Like any good storyteller, Jill does write involved character pasts that do trend towards being “dark,” though each of the situations is handled with tact and it doesn’t affect the happily-ever-after themes of the book. There is a fun-loving group of characters surrounding our hero and heroine, which makes the book all the more entertaining to read. But for me, that wasn’t the best part.

What I admired most about this story was the author lending her voice to some “tough subjects.” One of which is the belief that love shouldn’t be given on a whim (using the “true love waits” principle). There is a particularly poignant scene between Olivia and Rachel about this. Like any good contemporary, there are plenty of comical situations that arise and I liked the respect Olivia and Cash had for each other. If you enjoy inspirational romances or want one of those fast reads, then Falling for Texas is an excellent novel to pick up. It’s got a nice plot, good writing and of course, the most important of all, a Texan cowboy for its hero. What more could a girl ask for?

Sincere thanks to the author, Jill, for providing a complimentary copy of this book for the purpose of reviewing it.

Elizabeth says

Such a great book.

Gwendolyn Gage says

Contemporary Romance can be "hit or miss" with me, and this was a winning hit! Rockin' solid prose, and tangible chemistry between the hero and heroine were its best features. I love how the cover depicts them sitting on the truck bed as that became a special place for them. And Cash's nickname for Olivia, "city girl"...sigh. :-D

Set in small-town Texas, the plot is simple and strong in all the right ways. Cash Maddox is a cowboy trying to raise his difficult teenage sister and give her the good upbringing their parents had given him. The new

high school volleyball coach calls Cash in to discuss grades, and he talks her into weekly tutoring sessions. The problem is, the coach is a looker with values to match his, and he made a promise not to date while raising his sister.

The theme explores forgiveness and trust, moving past mistakes, and letting go of one's need for control, and the author handles each point with notable skill. The car wash scene was a favorite, oh my, and the ending scene was the perfect finale to a great story! If I end up in tears as things come to a head toward the end (and I did), yeah, it's earned its spot in the hall of greatness.

I would recommend "Falling for Texas" to fans of Contemporary Romance, ranch/cowboy settings, and those who can appreciate the hero and heroine having a strong Christian faith as their life compass. And I will definitely be reading more of the author's books. :-)

Mandi says

At first, it seems like a cut & dry, simple read. But it ends up having laughter, depth, & good characters ?

Heidi says

The instant chemistry between Cash Maddox and Olivia Grayson captured my attention from the moment they first interacted. As Cash struggles to parent his orphaned sister, Rachel, he's also trapped in a self-imposed vicious cycle of guilt and regret over their parents' death. Olivia is Rachel's volleyball coach and agrees to help Cash by tutoring Rachel, which quickly leads to plenty of interaction between Olivia and Cash. But Olivia left a past behind in Colorado and the guilt and regret has followed her to little Fredericksburg, Texas. She can't seem to forgive herself and move forward, even though she quickly realizes that Cash is everything she wants in a husband. There's so much to talk about in this sweet yet powerful debut. The scenes including the volleyball team and the way Olivia interacted with the teenagers in her life was so realistic and laugh-out-loud funny. The lighthearted moments were balanced with deeper, poignant scenes as the author examines some of life's big questions through a series of unexpected plot twists. Issues like grace and forgiveness, God's sovereign plan for our lives even in the midst of our heartache ... and most importantly, the beauty of grace and the opportunity to move forward, embracing forgiveness for ourselves and others. I really enjoyed this novel. It's humorous and heartwarming, with a hero and heroine I rooted for from the beginning. Once I finished it, I was left with plenty to ponder and I immediately wanted to read more from this author. Well done, Jill.

Thank you to Harlequin Love Inspired and the author, Jill Lynn, for providing a complimentary digital ARC. All opinions stated in this review are my own.

Sondra Kraak says

Readers who pick up a copy of "Falling for Texas" will find themselves falling for debut author Jill Lynn. With a hefty dose of humor and wit, Lynn delivers a heartwarming story with characters that will become like friends to you. Lynn's voice is fresh, her story fast-paced, and the spiritual themes she weaves in, faith-deepening. Topnotch writing here, fellow readers. But let me underscore again the sass and silliness this woman dishes out. Get out the chap stick and put some on because this story will have you smiling so much

your lips will crack. Sign me up for her next book.

Jill Kemerer says

Falling for Texas had ME falling for Texas. Cash's morals, work ethic and the dedication he shows to his sister had me swooning, and did I mention he's a cowboy? And Olivia was so relatable. She truly cared about her students and friends, and I found her inner dilemma to be compelling. This is such a fun read, but it will have you reaching for the tissues too.

A wonderful debut! I'm adding Jill Lynn to my must-read list!

I received an advanced reader's copy with no obligation to review it. All opinions are my own.

Brittany says

What a great story! This is the debut book for author Jill Lynn and I must say that I am extremely impressed. If you are a fan of Denise Hunter or Becky Wade, I believe you will find that Falling for Texas is a book you love.

Olivia and Cash's story pulled me in from the very first page. The heroine is a Texas transplant. She has moved from Colorado to the small town of Fredericksburg, TX to start over. As the story unfolds, the reader learns exactly what happened in Olivia's past and watches her struggle to forgive and get past these events.

Cash is a handsome hero who is a strong Christian, but does not realize that he is trying to stay in control of his life instead of allowing God to be in control. He ends up needing Olivia's help with his defiant, teenage sister, who he is guardian for. As Cash and Olivia spend time together, the attraction grows, as does the tension.

This story has such a great balance. There are wonderful friendships that develop, an attraction between two people who feel that there really isn't ever going to be a chance for it to grow into a relationship, a small town feel, and a misunderstanding that has the ability to tear down a romance before it can truly even begin.

I would like to express my thanks to the author for the complimentary copy of this book that was provided to me in exchange for an honest review.

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Kav says

There's something about a cowboy hero, isn't there? And Cash is the epitome of all that is good in a cowboy. He's rooted in the land and small town life and dedicated to family. He's honorable and trustworthy and honest. Pretty hard to resist even for a woman like Olivia who is determined to avoid romantic entanglements. There's a sweet push/pull to their encounters as they try to resist the 'untimeliness' of their attraction. Lynn has crafted a fresh love story with a wonderful blend of laughter and drama and a poignant inspirational thread that really touched my heart. An amazing debut novel. Definitely looking forward to

more excellent reads from this author.

Cathy says

“Falling for Texas” is a romantic novel which delivers a Texas-size kick of wit and laughter. Normally I would consider a book of this genre a guilty pleasure, but the interweaving of Christian faith, and ideals, makes it not only captivating, but good food for the soul. The main character’s journey through guilt, confession, and then forgiveness actually helped me to let go of some difficult issues from my past. The author has masterfully woven contemporary culture within a small town setting (with all of the nostalgia of high school football players as celebrity, potlucks and drive-in movies) and created believable characters who are charming, if humanly flawed. If I were single, I would have pulled an all-nighter to finish the book, but since I am married with children, I devoured it in 3 days! Enjoy this wonderful non-guilty pleasure!

Janette Foreman says

Jill writes with a unique mix of spunk and gentle strength. There were laugh-out-loud moments, quick wit, and moments of poignant emotion that squeezed my heart. Her characters rang with realism, and the spiritual themes resonated with me. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves inspirational sweet romances.

Alessandra Hightower says

I don't normally read romance so I was skeptical, but I know the author and I know she's amazing and creative so I *begged* to get to read her book early! It was totally worth it! The book is very well-written. I really loved the characters and I love that it wasn't predictable. I'm glad that Rachel began to open up to Olivia too. And the lesson of not controlling everything and giving it up to God spoke to me. Awesome book! I will read all her future books! Well done.

Elizabeth says

Falling for Texas was really a fun read. I have lived in both CO and TX and enjoyed the setting! The characters were so likable and realistic. The strong female was so well written but she didn't lack sensitivity. The man was NOT wimpy but also not too tough to be likable.

The writing was strong and I would read another book from this same author. I found the ending more satisfying than a lot of romances!

Jen says

Jill Lynn has penned a delightful debut with “Falling for Texas.” Cash Maddox is certainly a swoon-worthy hero, while Olivia Grayson makes quite the compelling heroine. Jill’s skill with imagery immediately draws the reader into the story, and this is a book that shouldn’t be missed.

Dj says

Educating the Cowboy...Raising his orphaned teenage sister Rachel isn't easy for Texas (rancher) Cash Maddox. The girl tests his parenting—and patience—at every turn! Lying about where she's going and who's she's with, climbing on the roof at church, during service, and riding with a drunk driving boyfriend. But when he asks new (French teacher/Volleyball Coach) Olivia Grayson for help with his sister's grades and attitude, Cash realizes he's facing the toughest trial of all. He made a promise that he wouldn't date and get distracted from his mission of being a good father figure because the day his parents died, he was off taking care of an old girlfriend. Yet Olivia's quick wit is drawing him unexpectedly closer to the caring beauty every day. Could it be time to make a new vow...one that'll last a lifetime and involved God?
