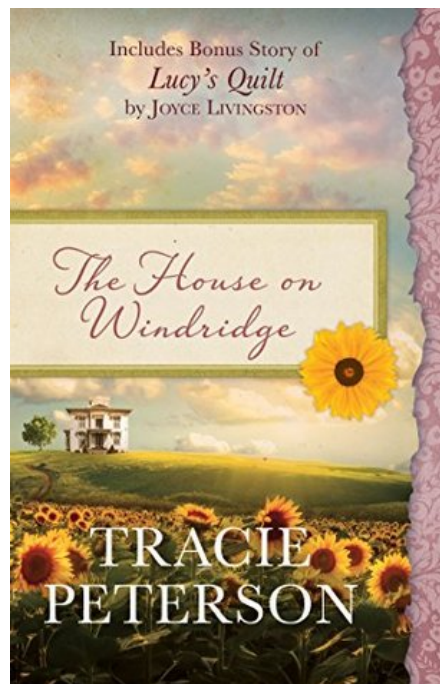




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Amy says

The House on Windridge / Lucy's Quilt is a book of two short novellas by Tracie Peterson and Joyce Livingston. I enjoyed Tracie's story quite a bit and Joyce's story was wonderful, also, and hope to read again by her in the future.

4 1/2 stars

Vera mallard says

It is always a pleasure and a privilege to read and review books by Tracie Peterson. This story will bring your emotions to the surface as the characters face grief, loss, and new beginnings all with Gods help.

This book has two excellent books; The House on Windridge by Tracie Peterson and as a bonus, Lucy's Quilt by Joyce Livingston another talented author.

THE HOUSE ON WINDRIDGE BY TRACIE PETERSON

STORY LINE:

Gus Gussop had the world by the tail; a ranch doing well; a large ranch house, a wife he adored, and a baby on the way. Then fate stepped in and took his wife during childbirth. The anchor of Gus' world was gone. Gus has no idea what to do with a child and no desire to try. He sends his baby daughter, Jessica, to his wife's Aunt Harriet Nelson to raise; unknowingly sending Jessica to a woman who loves appearance, status and social standing. With the help of Buck, former foreman, and his wife Kate, the housekeeper/cook, and Devon Carter, foreman, whom he treats as a son, life goes on. Gus has lost the desire to live, his life is not worth living without his wife.

Years later, grown and now widowed, Jessica and her baby son are asked to come to the ranch as soon as possible. Her father has died and she's needed. Jessica had lived through an abusive marriage orchestrated by Aunt Harriet; Jessica, with her small son, journeys to Kansas and hopefully a new life which will provide the security her never-do-well husband did not give.

The story that follows is full of emotion, revelations, and new beginnings. Things are not as she hoped at Windridge. Come also with Jessica and the people of Windridge as they move forward; secrets, insecurities, motives, and romance are waiting.

CHARACTERS, PLOTTING, AND DEVELOPMENT:

Author Tracie Peterson talent in story telling is very evident in this book. The characters are wholesome, natural, and real. Ms. Peterson's character development is progressive throughout the story as we watch the characters come to terms with life's issues and demons of the past.

Faith plays a huge part in this book, as each character has faith-based belief. Devon and Jessica will wrestle
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with issues and rely on God to provide the solutions. Jessica has many insecurities she must admit and overcome. Ms. Peterson expertly wove faith into this story without being pushy or preachy. You do not need to be religious to enjoy Ms. Peterson's books. Ms. Peterson never offends the reader with forced religion, rather the character's and their beliefs show the depth of God's love.

This is a sweet clean romance, revealing the personality of each character as they fight for survival of the ranch and their way of life, battle gossip, and insecurities, to live the life God has in store for them and find a foundation for love.

The plot of the book kept me interested and glued to my E-reader. The pace never slowed or lagged. Ms. Peterson's stories are always well-developed and crafted. Her story-lines are intriguing, revealing the depth of the human condition and the need for God as an anchor.

LUCY'S QUILT BY JOYCE LIVINGSTON

STORY LINE:

Juliette Baker Martin, widowed and mother of a baby boy, has lost the love of her life; she now lives with her family in Dove City, Kansas. Her mother is physically weak and sick after the journey across the country to Kansas and birthing a set of twins. Her father manages a hotel in Dove City, along with his wife, and children.

Stone Piper's beloved wife, Lucy, dies; he sent his two small sons to his sister as he could not raise two small children and ranch at the same time. Stone wants his two children home and the only solution is marriage.

Stone proposes a marriage of convenience which Lucy immediately refuses, however, she finds she must reconsider this decision as her family's situation has dramatically changed. Several crises have arisen and Lucy will come to terms with a marriage of convenience. Stone also has secrets he has not revealed to Lucy; oh what a tangled web we weave when we practice first to deceive.

This is the story of hardships, secrets, revelations, mysteries, grief, family, a marriage of convenience, and faith in God. Come along as Stone and Lucy journey from barely knowing each other to find the love God has in store for them.

CHARACTERS, PLOTTING, AND DEVELOPMENT:

Author Joyce Livingston has crafted a clean sweet western romance that is full of heart and feeling. Her characters are real and believable.

I found the plot very intriguing as Ms. Livingston reveals the history of Stone and his first wife, Lucy, along with the secrets of the locked room.

Stone's growth in this story was a complete reversal from the man he was in the beginning of the book. Stone had demons he had to conquer and a Heavenly Father to accept. Juliette's character growth was steady and progressive as she comes to understand herself and Stone.

Faith also plays a large part in this story; the author masterfully portrayed Stone's character. Ms. Livingston skillfully presented the fact we will show a face to the public that is not lived nor alive in our heart.

The author also addressed the issue of a child with a physical handicap. Ms. Livingston masterfully shows love and patience can work miracles.

Ms. Livingston masterly paced and plotted this story and the characters and story-line was well-developed. This is a clean solid story of mystery, secrets, love, and faith. Ms. Livingston expertly wove faith into this story without being pushy, preachy or overwhelming.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 5 STARS

I highly recommend this book by two talented authors. These are clean sweet westerns that anyone would enjoy. They are easy to read and vastly entertaining.

I received this book from Netgalley.com in return for an honest book review. Book reviews of any novel are dependent on the book review author's opinion; all book reviews on line under my name and on my blog, are my opinion.

ABOUT AUTHOR TRACIE PETERSON: PHOTO & BIO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

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Tracie Peterson is the best-selling, award winning author of over 100 books. Her work in historical romance garnered her the Best Western Romance Author of 2013 by True West Magazine. She was given the Life Time Achievement Award from American Christian Fiction Writers in 2011 and the Career Achievement Award in 2007 from Romantic Times, as well as multiple best book awards.

Tracie has been married to Jim for over 35 years and enjoys working with him on historical research for each of her books. They make their home in the mountains of Montana. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. They also have an adopted family in Africa that has given them another seven grandchildren – two of whom were named for Tracie and Jim.

The most important thing about writing for Tracie is – this is her ministry. It is her deepest desire is to share the Gospel with a dying world and to bring glory to God in her work. She works with each storyline to include the message of salvation and Biblical application for daily obstacles. Throughout her career she has been blessed to see how God has used the books for His glory to change lives. Tracie works to make each book meet her required 3 E's. The books need to Entertain, Educate and Encourage – all to the glory of God. Summing up what she does, Tracie said, "I get to do something I dearly love – tell stories, travel to meet wonderful and interesting people and see new places, work with my husband and serve God. Who could ask for anything more?"

Kathryn Bartrum says

Enjoyed

Very good both stories Enjoyed them both I enjoy Traci she is good author would recommend this to anyone thanks

Kelly Tyree says

The House on Windridge featured two wonderfully written romances. The first was written by Tracie Peterson and is about a lady, Jessica, who returns to the home of her deceased father to take over the family ranch. She is a widow with a young son. Jessica feels as if she has never truly been loved and has to learn to trust others. The story is about what she goes through as she learns to trust God and to love others. A romance between Jessica and Devon Carter, the foreman of the ranch is beautifully written. The story features humor, action, and romance with the thread of faith interwoven through it.

The second story, Lucy's Quilt, is about a family that faces a financial crisis and a solution of a marriage in name only is presented. The eldest daughter, Juliette, has an infant son and is against marriage to Stone because she wants to marry for love. Stone wants Juliette to marry him to take care of his sons and his home. The romance that evolves between Stone and Juliette was touching and beautifully written. The best part of this story was the faith that Juliette had and that Stone receives in the story.

Both romances are well written and the characters are easy to like and route for. I highly recommend this book. It is a refreshing story and one that holds your interest throughout.

Becky says

I've enjoyed Tracie Peterson's books for a long time, and I was thrilled when this one came up on my reading list. I was ready for a change of pace and I got it with a slice of a second book. Not a bad deal, if I do say so myself.

Jessica was born in Windridge, but her birth caused the death of her mother. Her father, unable to cope with a baby and losing his beloved wife, sent Jessica to his wife's Aunt Harriet in New York. After Aunt Harriet, Jessica's husband, and Jessica's father all passed away, Jessica came home to Windridge with her infant son, Ryan. Buck and Kate were still there, but an addition to the staff had been made--Devon Carter. He had been running the ranch for several years and wanted to continue--to the point of bringing it back to the profitable ranch it had been.

Jessica had truly never been the recipient of honest love by any of her relatives, and kept her defenses on the offense. She resented Devon's interference into Ryan's life and his headstrong way of wanting to run the ranch.

This is a quick read that is quite satisfying. One thing that I truly appreciate about this book is how Tracie wove God's influence on Jessica into the story. Jessica comes across as a woman who truly wants to live as God directs her through the Bible. She is at times a shrew and at times the most humble character, but each time her shrewishness came out, she responded with the desire for forgiveness only God gives.

Five Stars

The other novel in this book is Lucy's Quilt by Joyce Livingston, and the story is similar in some respects to The House on Windridge, but where Jessica humbled herself, Juliette took a while to make that transition.

Similarities:

Jessica has a son, Ryan

Juliette has a son, Andrew

Jessica and Juliette both can have a sharp tongue and use their sharp tongues on the men in their lives.

Where the stories differ is in how the women get married--Jessica is well and truly in love, while Juliette marries Stone Piper out of convenience for both of them.

Windridge is definitely the better story in this book, I would only give Lucy's quilt three stars. This averages out to Four stars for the whole book.

My thanks to Barbour Books for allowing me to read and review this book.

Sammie Mays says

I loved this book by Tracie Peterson. (As well as all of the others on my shelf!) Jessica was sent off to New York to live with her aunt after her mother died. She thought she was never loved. Can she find the peace and love that she needs at Windridge to overcome her fears?

I loved that Lucy's Quilt was also included. I received this book through NetGalley.

Kerry Hedden says

Jessica is now a single mother due to the death of her "dandy" husband, as her late father referred to him. She has decided to move back to the family ranch where her father lived to try and open a bed and breakfast type getaway where she can help those who need rest, rejuvenation and the message of Christ.

However, when she arrives she meets Devon the man running the ranch now and finds that the farm is in financial trouble. Jessica had not expected this and with all the emotional baggage she is carrying she begins to immediately dislike Devon. Many of her emotional insecurities revolve around her father sending her away as a newborn, her husband's lies and betrayals and her friend attempting to take her son from her.

The relationship between Jessica and Devon is a love/hate relationship at first (mostly from her side) and just when you think that Jessica is really just being nasty you see her God-fearing side where she realizes her emotional weakness, especially when it comes to her son, and begins to seek forgiveness from those around her.

Tracie Peterson does a nice job with The House on Windridge. Her characters are well developed and the storyline works well. There is a strong redemptive and healing Christian message throughout the book and I do like how the story unfolds. It's a nice easy summertime read.

With this book, there was a bonus story written by Joyce Livingston called Lucy's Quilt. The story is set in Kansas in 1862 and Joyce does a nice job writing a Christian romance that is a bit different format than your typical storyline. The romance begins very differently between Juliette and Stone; it begins with a proposal right out of the blue.

I like how Joyce layouts the story and develops the character and I thought it was a nice twist having the male character have the underlying secret, and I can say I never saw that twist coming. If you get a chance to read this book you should, it is well done and a quick read.

I received this book from Netgalley for my honest opinion, the publisher is Barbour Publishing.

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Jerrye Bell says

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Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

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Story Notes

This re-release of Tracie Peterson's poignant story of a young woman who will finally experience the love that has been missing from every relationship in her life is a must read for fans of Peterson's books of faith, family, and true, lasting love.

Although I have read many of Tracie Peterson's books over the years, I have somehow missed this lovely story. Jessica Albright nee Gussop has returned to the home of her birth, bringing her 9 month old son, Ryan, with high hopes of welcome and a place to truly call "Home". Those she encounters on her arrival will both offer hope of love and challenge her assumptions and beliefs about her past. Ms. Peterson created a complicated and well-scarred young character in Jessica Albright. Her fear of trusting anyone fully and the lack of love she has experienced until now make for a story that makes your heart laugh and cry over her journey to real trust. I enjoyed seeing how Jessica began the story with solid beliefs of her father (Joseph Gussop) never loving or wanting her, that she was the only one who could care for her son if she wanted his love, and that she could never find true love for herself and yet came out with so many blessings of friends, family, and the love of a good man. Ms. Peterson also created a wonderful hero in Devon Carter, foreman of Windridge Ranch, who worked many years for Joseph Gussop and became like the son Joseph never had. Knowing how much Joseph wanted the ranch to be a successful inheritance for Jessica, Devon has worked hard to keep the ranch going in spite of several big setbacks and problems. Devon's easy forgiveness of Jessica's rudeness and his willingness to help her find a way to return the ranch to its better days make him the man she needs to show her how to trust others and accept their love. Additionally, Ms. Peterson's way of having Jessica, Kate and others handle the vengeful gossip of a bitter neighbor with grace and gentle correction reminded me of how a Christian should react to an accusation of character. Buck and Kate Marcus provide good supporting characters for Jessica and Devon, gently questioning and rebuking where misconceptions run rampant and showing everyone true friendship. I loved the words Kate spoke to Jessica when she was afraid to entrust the care of Ryan to Kate when he had the measles - "Don't let fear be the glue that binds your relationship with Ryan. Fear is a poor substitute for love". That is a thought provoking idea for me - how do I let those I love the most be cared for and loved by someone other than myself when I am unable to see to their needs? I really found myself considering how I would react to the situations that Jessica faced and that always means I will appreciate the story that is being told. By resolving all issues raised and helping each of the characters face their trust issues and fear of rejection, Ms. Peterson ensured that I would

not only love this story but look forward to adding it to my collection sometime in the near future.

There was a bonus story included with the e-book that I was sent called Lucy's Quilt by Joyce Livingston. I was not asked to review this story but will say that it was a good story. It went well with the themes of forgiveness, trust and love that Tracie Peterson had in her book. I am always interested in seeing how an author will handle the idea of a marriage of convenience and Joyce Livingston created a story of depth that requires a reader to see that marriage of choice can become marriage of love if the persons involved are willing to work together towards that end. It was an unexpected read that I enjoyed immensely !

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