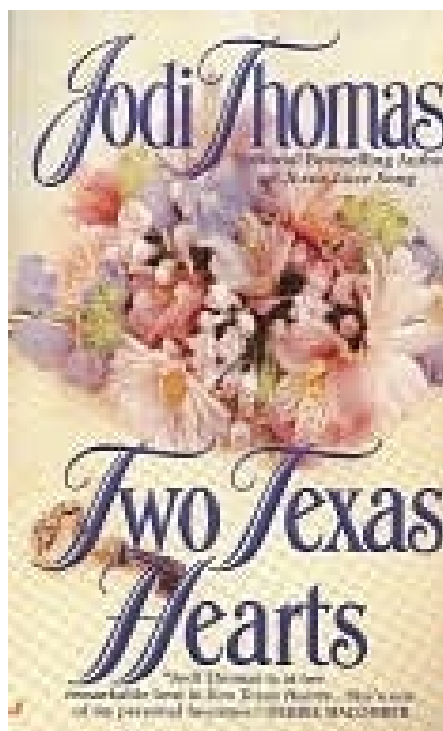




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Kora Adams did not believe in curses, but she had known nothing but bad luck all her life. Then, one night, there was a knock on her door. It was a handsome but solemn stranger with a story to tell.

Winter McQuillen had inherited a sprawling Texas ranch not far from the one room cabin Kora called home. But the only way he could claim it was if he found a wife that night. Winter had but one question for Kora: Would she marry him?

The thought of wedding a man she did not know scared Kora to death. But the security of marriage, and even the faintest hope of love, was like a dream come true. Kora knew she needed every bit of comfort marriage would provide. What she didn't know was that Winter needed her even more.

“Jodi Thomas is at her remarkable best in *Two Texas Hearts*...She’s one of my personal favorites.”—*New York Times* bestselling author Debbie Macomber

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Vickie says

This book as all of Jody Thomas' books was a easy read it flowed well.

Karen says

Oh so sweet. Our heroine an invisible mouse, hero formidable, harden rancher & the villains coming from a surprising quarter.

Kora Adams valued family above all. She worked hard, did anything to keep them together even though she'd been lead to believe her left handedness cursed her with witchin' luck forcing them move frequently. Winter McQuille orphaned, found in a wagon was raised by a harsh man, Captain. Winter needed a wife as stipulated in Captain's will. Kora, an unconventional virgin widow, his second proposal, came with baggage. For the first time the gentle, little lady distracted him from work especially when fighting a range war that could ruin many.

There was lotsa action, excitement as well as developing relationship where they bought out the best of each other. The secondary characters were a hoot especially the bratty sister. Really enjoyed the tale.

Clocklin locklin says

I really enjoyed this book. I will be reading more, more, & more of her books.

Amy says

Probably more of a 4.5 star book but I liked it so much that I was willing to bump it up to a five star rating. I really liked getting to know Winter McQuillan. Even though I thought he was a bit self pitying at times. He got the best deal one could ask for. And he still felt hard done by. I think adding Kora into the mix did him a lot of good. I think the one who gave me the most laps was Jamie. Her behavior was something between hilarious and horrifying. But it seem to work well with the rest of the book. It took me a little while to figure out what was going on as far as the blockade went and who was behind trying to move the cattle but in the end it wasn't so hard to figure out. I knew that the gambler was involved but how he was was rather surprising. In any case I like the plot very much and there was enough romance to keep things interesting but it did not totally encompass the entire book. I guess what I mean is as I have said and many reviews before, the physical descriptions of the romantic we're not overwhelmingly obvious. They were in there, but not to the point where it was ridiculous. I like Jody Thomas very much and look forward to reading more of her books.

Shirlene says

Winter McQuillen was part Cheyenne. He was raised by his mother after his father was killed. His mother was then killed during one of Custer's raids. Winter was left as a child to face the world alone. He climbed aboard a wagon train for food. The wagon belonged to a man everyone called Captain Russell. Captain took Winter into his home and raised Winter as his son. Cheyenne's family was also killed in the same raid as Winter's mother and he followed Winter. Cheyenne also grew up on Captain's ranch and assigned himself to be a bodyguard of Winter. They were really close friends and trusted each other with their lives.

Captain treated Winter like a son but paid Winter for working on his ranch in lots of his ranch property. All the property except the portion of land that contained the ranch house. The terms of Captain's will left that part of the property along with the house to Winter's wife. He gave Winter 30 days to marry and he had to remain married for 6 months in order to inherit the portion of land containing the house.

The widows and unmarried women in town held no interest for Winter. There was a newly widowed woman who had arrived in town. Kora Adams had married after finding a proxy letter with man who had been shot and was dying. She claimed the man as her husband, paid the undertaker for his funeral and left to live on the land that he owned. She was now a widow who had never really been married and she had a place to live for her and her brother, Dan, and sister, Jamie.

Kora agreed to marry Winter if he would promise to find a husband for her sister, Jamie. Jamie was very much a tomboy and did not want to settle down. Dan had returned from the war with mental problems. He didn't talk or do anything other than sit around and take long walks.

Winter was preparing to stop some diseased cattle from crossing his land. The cattle would not only kill his cattle but also the cattle in the surrounding community. While watching and waiting for the cattle to arrive and try and stop them. Jamie was out riding with Cheyenne and Winter when Cheyenne was shot. Jamie had to help the Dr. take care of Cheyenne until he was able to ride again.

Kora quickly became intertwined in Winter's life and he grew to care for her. Their marriage arrangement was for her to stay for 6 months and Winter would buy the house from her and she could move to California with Dan.

Kora's first husband didn't die and he showed up to claim her. Winter paid him off but later he showed up and kidnapped her. He got drunk and tried to stop her from leaving but her brother, Dan, got in the way and got hurt. Kora convinced her ex to take Dan to get help. Kora then escaped after taking Dan to an old lady, Rae, who lived in the poor part of the area. Kora invited Rae to a fancy dinner at her house when the cattle were stopped.

The cattle showed up and the owner of the cattle was a woman, Mary Anna. Mary Anna had tried to get Winter to marry her rather than Kora but Winter wasn't interested. Winter tried to convince Mary Anna not to make a war of the crossing and to take the cattle back home. She went back toward the cattle but there was a storm that caused the cattle to be restless and they ended up trampling her to death. Her father gave up and turned the cattle back with the help of his son, Wyatt.

Wyatt and his father hadn't gotten along. Wyatt had come to town before his father and Mary Anna with the intention of trying to convince them to back off. Wyatt pretended to be interested in Jaime and to be a gambler to get information about the cattle and his plans to stop them. Wyatt then told Winter and Cheyenne that he was a Texas Ranger. They didn't believe either story and after Mary Anna was killed, Wyatt told the truth about who he was. Wyatt went back home with his father to try and rebuild their cattle ranch.

Rae come to her fancy dinner at the ranch. Winter had not yet declared his love for Kora so with Jamie's influence, decided to call his bluff and leave the ranch to see if he would come get her. She started to get ready to leave and Winter told Kora he loved her so she never left.

Jamie lied and told everyone that Cheyenne had gotten her pregnant. Cheyenne said that he had never done anything with Jaime to get her that way. He hated her and all other women. Rae told Cheyenne that if he hated her so much to kiss her to prove that he didn't like her. They kissed, for a very long time...

Cherise says

I love the marriage of convenience theme as protagonists are more or less forced to live in each other's pockets and discover the minute yet endearing facts of the other half.

Thomas is one of my favorite authors with her ability to write poignantly sweet stories that will stay in your heart. Besides the multidimensional characterisation, I actually enjoy the plot and the building up to the confrontation as well.

I do like a reticent H. Tough as nail on the outside but a big fluffy bear when the h is around. The H here is one of those, even though he kept telling himself and us the h means nothing to him, his actions beg to differ. He falls hard and in a sense what we see he feels for her is too strong to be wrapped up in three little words.

I adore the h here too. Though she is quiet and all soft, we see how she is in a tight situation and how strong her character really is especially her loved ones are threatened.

I especially love the love scene here, though it is slow and subtle, you can just tell how much the H adores the h. It is utterly sweet.

The side characters are all fascinating in their own way. I had fun trying to figure out who the sister will end up with, though I admit she annoyed me quite a lot with her impulsiveness and reckless behaviors at times.

It is also interesting to see how the conflict is resolved in the end. All in all a very enjoyable read.

Debbie Dodd says

I really enjoyed reading.

Paula says

Love, bargains, curses.....

I have read this book many times since it was printed. I feel like I was there in person as Kora and Winter struggle with all the calamities of the ranch life while falling in love and learning to trust in each other. Jodi Thomas is a master story teller and she is so gifted in bringing her characters to life. A great western romance.

Evangelina says

Entertaining, well done, mild Western.

Charlie says

Really enjoyed this at the start; thought the premise was sweet. Not so keen on the ending.

The reasons for the very low score include:

- the heroine's (Kora's) sister is annoying but apparently everyone likes her. It was weird reading about a character who is pretty much an alter ego for the protagonist (she even looks like her for Pete's sake!). Jamie deserved her own story, instead they shared the limelight and the main plot was weakened as a result.
 - Kora being frightened so much. It kind of kills the mood when she's being described as fearful. Also, she's supposed to be the eldest by at least 7 years but she behaves as if she's younger than Jamie.
 - saw all the plot twists coming from a mile away
 - didn't really understand the point of Dan's character (Kora's brother)
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Cissy says

LOVE this book! Beautiful love story! Both Kora and Win fell head over heels in love. She fell in love with him and stuck with him through thick and thin. He LOVES her as well. Very well written story.

Loata93 says

4-4.5 one part that really didn't do it for me was when they slept together and he "forgot" or "didn't actually realise" that she was a virgin so she actually screamed people! screamed ... that's how painful her first time was because he slept with her like she was a lady of the night/ experienced which made me cringe. Up till then and after that the book was really good, i wish the author didn't actually make her first time like that....

Kay says

Winter as an adult...OK, I already read it but liked it again

Dwayne says

Reviewed @ Girls Without a Bookshelf.

Two Texas Hearts is my first J.T. read and I find this one very tender romance. That's to be expected in my case as it's been recommended from an Amazon thread that was about sweet & tender romances. Having said that, my impressions were that there were lots of conflicts and cattle (yes, cattles) in this book, but not enough romance for my liking!

As I've said, there's a lot of farm-related conflicts that affect our protagonists, and most were rather confusing. I didn't think they developed the characters much, only acted to extend the plot, more like. There weren't any twists also, so that kind of bored me a little. The characters were rather confusing and

inconsistent, and although this romance is one sweet and gentle loving, I don't feel much as to how the author built up the affection between these two. Between the characterisation and that I think, this book could have been so much better.

There is however, secondary characters Jamie and Cheyenne, which I have adored! Such strong, three dimensional characters, although one might say a little untamed. They give vibrance to the story and truth be told, I'd have loved to read more about their I-hate-you-but-I-love-you romance. Delightful! Shame the protagonists were not these two!

For the reason above, the inconsistent characterisation and the myriad of unnecessary conflicts, I'm afraid this one is not on my keeper shelf.

Tracyb says

I have been reading quite a few of Jodi Thomas books in a row and enjoying them, but this one..... blah. The main characters and the plot were OK. But were overwhelmed by the secondary characters, in particular the sister, I guess I appear to be in the minority here but I couldn't stand the character. She made no sense she was supposed to be twenty years old and have had a hard upbringing. But she came across as a spoiled 14 year old (If she had been written as a young teenager I would have given the book 3 stars as her actions and behavior would have made sense and been kind of acceptable). For her to have a secondary romance in the book was just weird I couldn't think why the secondary lead male would be attracted to her. She sleeps with at least three other males in the book two timing one of them, she relies on her older sister to see to their welfare and goes about doing what ever she wants with no regard to consequences. As I said it would have worked as a rebellious teenager acting out. But as a twenty year old in a time when most women would have been married and had children it just didn't make sense. I started reading the epilogue and just couldn't finish it, no man deserved to end up with her.
