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Bonnie says

A Ranger For The Holidays by Allie Pleiter. This is the third book in Lone Star Cowboy League series. Finn Brannigan, a Texas Ranger, is headed to his families cabin in the woods. He lost his wife and baby a year ago Christmas. A guy Finn had arrested before cut the brake lines in Finn's wife car. His wife and baby were killed. On way to cabin, when he stopped to collect wood for the cabin fire he was hit by a truck. He was found by Amelia Klondike. Finn has bruises and amnesia from a concussion. Finn stays with Amelia and her Grandfather. Amelia is a happy go lucky person and loves Christmas. Finn hates Christmas but doesn't remember why. This is the town, if you read the books before, cattle and farm equipment are being stolen. Where other poorer families are receiving gifts like hay and items for the children. No one know who is doing either one of these things. A very good series.

Evangeline says

I won this book in a giveaway. Allie Pleiter was a new author to me, and I found her story to be very heartwarming. Amelia Klondike had suffered loss and heartache in her life, but she maintained a strong faith and a desire to help others who were hurting. I look forward to reading more books by this author.

June says

This story was very interesting. Some mystery and quite a bit of tension over the subject of Christmas! Some real heartbreak also. Very good story.

Harlequin Books says

"This continuation of the Lone Star Cowboy League series nicely links secondary characters to the main storyline. The dual mysteries are very engaging and add some interesting twists. The reader will also enjoy the comical yet endearing scenes with Amelia's overweight dog" (RT Book Reviews, 4 1/2 stars TOP PICK!).

Miniseries: Lone Star Cowboy League

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Tiffany Lake says

loved this story couldn't put it down.

Pam says

A Ranger for the Holidays is a Lone Star Cowboy League book by Allie Pleiter. It is a love inspired book so the language and descriptions are clean. It is an easy book to read; but it is full of surprises.

Amelia Klondike is known as the Queen of Christmas in Little Horn, Texas. Her mission in life seems to be to help those in need, sometimes whether they want it or not. When her father died, he left a hefty inheritance for herself and her sister. Amelia didn't want the money but decided to keep it and use it for good. She started the Here to Help closet at the church which brought together those in need and whatever they needed with those who could help. She was in charge of the Christmas party for the town as well as all the gifts for the children of the town. It was well known that she would do whatever was needed so many people just sat back and let her do it instead of volunteering themselves. She brought joy with her wherever she went. She especially liked Christmas and decorated whatever she could. Her house didn't have a square inch downstairs that was not decorated. Since her grandfather didn't use the upstairs anymore, she didn't decorate up there. She was out collecting pinecones to decorate when she ran across the next person she was to help. She found a glove and eventually the person who owned it; but he was unconscious. She managed to get in touch with the local sheriff and get help. The man she had found had broken ribs and a cut on his head. He kind of came to but went out again. She followed him to the hospital as she did not find any identification on him. The only thing he had was a watch with "Finn: All My Love, B" on it. Evidently someone loved him. When Finn came to at the hospital, he did not remember anything except Amelia leaning over him. He had no idea who he was or how he came to be where he was or how he was hurt. Since he didn't fit any missing persons' photos or descriptions, the doctor couldn't help him. It was best he stay in Little Horn until he remembered something.

Since he wanted out of the hospital and had nowhere to go, with no hotel in Little Horn, he finally accepted an invitation from Amelia to stay with her Grandfather and herself. That way, he would be taken care of and maybe she could help him remember something.

Will he end up being one of the rustlers who had been working the ranches around town? Who was he and why did he feel like he was totally alone?

Janet Robel says

A light holiday story with warm characters.

Kathy Davie says

Third in the Lone Star Cowboy League inspirational western romance series and revolving around people in the town of Little Horn, Texas. The couple focus is on Amelia Klondike and Finn Brannigan.

My Take

Dang, Amelia is so pushy. Yeah, it's in a good way, but she is such a steamroller! You can't help but love her

attitude, though. She's had her own share of troubles, but she bounces back up and takes on caring for everyone else with her charity. It would be nice if more people who had more than enough money cared as Amelia does.

Gramps sure is a hoot!

"'I'm eighty-nine years old,' Gramps replied. 'Everything hurts. It's only a matter of which parts on which days.'"

The series conflict is the theft occurring all over the area, and the sheriff who can't catch a break. On the other hand, charitable gifts are being given to people in need. Yep, it's one hand giveth while another taketh it away.

There're plenty of minor conflicts to go around from Lizzie's wedding circus to who the rustlers are to who's doing the anonymous giving to Byron's crappy attitude about helping others, not to mention Finn's own memory problems.

Then there's that Byron McKay... He is such a jerk. I wanna know why this friendly, helpful town keeps letting this guy get away with his attitude!?

Ain't it the truth? Love sure is blind. And there are a few moral codes that need some adjusting in this small town.

It's a sweet enough story, although I don't care for all the religious entreating going on. The heart behind the people is definitely inspirational. It is, still, a very surface story with little depth, in spite of all that goodwill.

The Story

In Little Horn, Texas, Amelia Klondike is known for her generosity and her sheer joy during the holidays is contagious — to everyone except Finn Brannigan. The attractive, wounded stranger who doesn't know who he is or where he came from. He only knows that Christmas makes him howlingly miserable.

It isn't long before Amelia, her grandfather, and their adorable dog begin to warm Finn's heart. Until Finn's memory starts to return. It's a past that might cause Amelia to withdraw from him. And he worries that he may lose his chance for one perfect Western Christmas with the woman he can't bear to forget...

The Characters

Amelia Klondike sure did sound like an old, old maid in *A Reunion for the Rancher* , 1. Turns out she's a young lady who wants to help people. **Here to Help** is the charity she started up and runs from the church basement. **Gramps**, Luther, is Amelia's 89-year-old grandfather who lives with her. **Lizzie** is Amelia's impulsive idiot of a sister. **Boone "Pookie" Lawton** is the ne'er-do-well Lizzie can't wait to marry. **Bug** is Amelia's fat little pug who ends up being such a trooper. **Rafe Douglas** is the Texas Ranger Amelia had been about to marry. **Sparks** was Amelia's first dog.

Finn is a cowboy Amelia finds almost dead in the woods, and he can't remember who he is.

Lucy Benson is the sheriff and a friend of Amelia's. **Ed** is one of her deputies. The **Thompson** and **Baker** ranches get hit.

Dr. Searle, a neurologist, works in the **Little Horn Regional Medical Center**. **Dr. Tyler Grainger** is the local pediatrician. He's proposed to **Eva Brooks** (*A Doctor for the Nanny* , 2), a Stillwater cousin. **Maggie's** is a local coffee shop. **Pastor Mather's** has a pre-marital counseling program. **Miss Winters** is a retired

teacher. **Judd and Ann Derring** have two foster children, **Timmy Johnson** and **Maddy Coles**. **Gareth** and **Winston McKay** are Brady's teenage twins. Decent guys. **Eleanor** is Brady's wife. **Betsy McKay** is a niece who disappeared when her father died. **Miss Betty** likes to catch Amelia at it. **Lucy** and her friend, **Chloe Miner**, help clear up.

Iva, Ruby's grandmother is battling Parkinson's disease, and is a very helpful woman. **Louie** is one of the horses Ruby uses to give the children riding lessons. **Cody Stillwater** is a baby who was abandoned on **Grady Stillwater's** porch back in *A Reunion for the Rancher*. **Mamie Stillwater** is the grandmother. **Vanessa Vane** is Chloe's ex-stepsister, who shows up with demands.

The Lonestar League is...

...a local community organization. **Carson Thorn** is the president who is engaged to **Ruby Donovan** (*A Reunion for the Rancher*). **Byron McKay** is the vice-president and too mean to be wanted. **Ben Stillwater** is a local rancher who is in a coma after events in *A Reunion for the Rancher*. The ranchers put together a "Posse", er, I mean, the Rustling Investigation Team, to hunt down the rustlers. **Tom Horton** is a little too trigger-happy.

Daniel Bunker's son is going through chemo. **Dora Peterson's** boy needs chemistry books for community college. **Amy Callister** was very sick at Thanksgiving. The **Ramierezes** are having a hard time since their mother left. **Ben Moore** has a back injury. Boots and chaps showed up at the **Larson** place.

Anthony Stone sabotaged a car. **Belinda** and baby **Annie**, were murdered just before Christmas.

The Cover and Title

The cover has a muted landscape of Texas hills and lit-up bushes. The house in the background on the left is all decked out for Christmas with lighted greenery and ribbons on the covered porch. Then there's Finn in jeans and jean jacket, a green corduroy polo-style shirt on top of a white undershirt, his cream cowboy hat in hand. He's a clean-cut guy with a bit of stubble, looking fresh and thoughtful. An orange band at the top proclaims it an inspirational romance with the publisher's name below it in a red script. The title is below Finn's chest and the author's name below that in white. A burgundy band above the bottom, interrupted by an open circle and a Texas star inside it, proclaims the series name.

The title is what Amelia unknowingly gets, *A Ranger for the Holidays*.

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

I'm a sucker for the got hurt and must help nurse back to health story line. It's even better if there is some amnesia involved. This was also my first Love Inspired in the Harlequin romance line. I probably should have known better. It's not likely I will pick another one of these up.

Confession: I'm not religious. So, all the "God this," "God that," "praise the Lord!," was too much for my taste. I also like sex in my romances. This one had: hand holding x 1, hugging x 2 (however one wasn't romantic), kissing x 2 (technically even though both kissing episodes are in the same scene, I was nice and counted it).

Now on to the characters. Finn was the perfect, mysterious hero, with a past (or does he since he has amnesia!). His past was heartbreaking when it was revealed.

Amelia was too perfect and at times judgmental when others didn't behave/act the way she thought they should. I also thought that she was a doormat at times; she didn't know how to say no. It seemed she, literally, was involved in EVERY charitable act that happened in the town. There was not a pot she didn't have her hand in. It was exhausting!

Sarah says

Great book. Will look for more books by Allie Pleiter. Loved the "feel" of the Little Horn series. Might check out other books in the series. Just unsure when the series is carried by different authors.

Alyssa Skaggs says

This books was so good I couldn't put it down!!!! I love books like this

Sparrow12 says

I love Allie Pleiter's books.
This one is no exception.

Michelle says

Lone Star Cowboy League
Book 3

In this book, we meet a new character to the story. Flenn Brannigan is found by Amelia Klondike under a tree - out cold. It looks like he's been mugged and left for dead, and when he wakes up he can't remember anything about himself. Amelia and family take Flenn into their home to help him recover. Flenn is able to eventually learn enough about himself that he can give enough information to identify himself, but what he finds out may be far worse than any memory loss!

I enjoyed walking this painful journey with Flinn as he learns to live and love again. My heart went out to the horrible things from his past! Christmas it the worst time to experience tragedy.

The story was sweet.

Lynda says

Little Horn Texas was a small close knit town, idyllic and sedated, the kind of place you don't expect anything unusual to happen until Amelia Klondike made a shocking discovery in the forest. An unconscious, injured Finn Brannigan left to die in harsh conditions; the odds of being found in time seemed remote. To cross paths with a woman of strong faith and a dislike for Texas Rangers during the Christmas season was the beginning of their impending relationship.

The approach was simple; an overly trusting woman stung by a broken engagement to a Texas Ranger, with an abundance of love for Christmas encountered an emotionally unattached Texas Ranger with an

unexpected hatred for Christmas. “A Ranger for the Holidays” was upbeat with a focus on the positives. A foundation of kindness and caring gestures emphasized the generosity and good-hearted nature of a close community of realistic, likable characters. Introduction of a new friendship evolving step by step with frank discussions was refreshing to read. This sweet, inspiring romance was about healing from heartache with a new-found love.

My review was based on the paperback edition.
