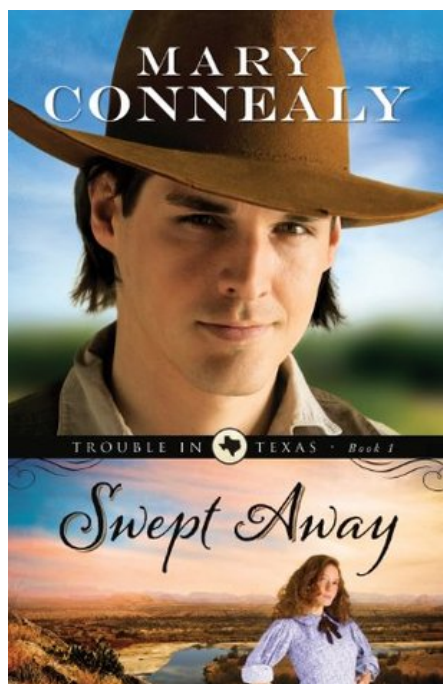




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Swept away when her wagon train attempts a difficult river crossing, Ruthy MacNeil isn't all that upset at being separated from the family who raised her. All they've ever done is work her to the bone. She prayed for a chance to get away, and then came the raging flood. Alive but disoriented, she's rescued by Luke Stone... so unfortunately, there are more chances to die in her immediate future.

Luke is heading home to reclaim the ranch stolen from his family. But the men who killed his father are working hard to ensure Luke doesn't make it alive. He has no choice but to keep moving. Still, he can't just abandon Ruthy, so she'll have to come along.

His friends—a ragtag group of former Civil War soldiers—take a fast interest in the pretty gal. Luke thinks that's rather rude—he's the one who found her. And the more time he spends around the hard-working young woman who is a mighty good cook, the more he finds himself thinking beyond revenge and toward a different future. For the first time in a long time, Luke is tempted to turn from his destructive path and be swept away by love.

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From Reader Review Swept Away for online ebook

Nora St Laurent says

I'm thankful for a review copy of a book that reminded me of the movie Silverado. It has a great cast of characters mixed together with an action packed western just like the movie. Inside Swept Away you'll see the good, the bad, and the ugly up-close and personal!

I enjoyed the leading man and woman in this story. They made me smile! I truly cared for their situations and enjoyed how Luke and Ruthy found each other. It was a definite divine appointment.

Luke Stone is on a mission to bring justice to his father's death and reclaim the family ranch. Luke was prepared to do whatever it took to over-throw the people that stole his family's inheritance- legacy.

Ruthy MacNeil has a mission of her own. She's tried to escape a family that took her in after her parents died. She had thought they did this out of the kindness of their heart but she soon learned they had another agenda she didn't want any part of. She often looked for ways to escape.

Luke literally stumbles upon Ruthy MacNeil! She was hurt bad. He couldn't just leave her behind. He wasn't raised that way. Helping her put a cramp into his plans but he'd make it work out some how.

Mary Connealy pens a suspenseful, page turning western that gives readers a climatic conclusion and an ending that satisfies your soul. If you love a good western you'll enjoy this first book in the trouble in Texas series! Be sure to add this western to your summer reading list!

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Jerry says

An enjoyable Western.

Shannah Mauney says

I had forgotten how funny and entertaining Mary Connealy's stories can be! This one pulled me in from the time Ruthy gets swept away in a flood and kept me hooked until the very last page. With witty dialogue, an action packed story, and God's reminder that revenge belongs to Him, this is another fantastic story by Mary Connealy! View my full review [here](#).

Joleen says

Well, shoot! I wanted to like this book, I really did.

I think the problem is I've read literally hundreds of books in this genre that unless it's truly exceptional writing or plot, I don't seem to really enjoy them. I clearly need to switch to another type of book.

Don't get me wrong, I think for people who only read a few books a year, and haven't read as many of books that I have, I think this would be a good book. I would have loved this book 10 years ago. I've changed, and the books all seem the same now.

Pros:

Relationships. Good friends who will do anything for each other.

Conflict. Bad guys, really bad guys... one of the best parts of the books, even though there's some serious abuse that happens, it's done well, and you have no sympathy for them.

Story: A flood sweeps Ruthy away from a hard life, and Luke picks her up. His life has been hard and going to be harder with trying to get his property back from the bad guys. Ruthy is sucked into that drama,

Meh:

The relationship between the two main characters. It's just so so, and it pretty much stays that way. Nothing earth shattering or anything that makes you sigh. Just meh.

Cons:

The writing is adequate at best. Took WAY too long to describe something, and too many descriptions of what's happening. The fight scene at the end was easily 50 pages too long. I think it was supposed to add drama, but I thought it was just boring.

I didn't hate it, I just would never read it again. Too many really good books out there. I will be deleting it from my Kindle.

Karen Witemeyer says

This was another fun western adventure from Mary Connealy. It reminded me a bit of those old Louis L'Amour westerns. Hard men facing harsh circumstances. There were a lot of characters to keep up with as she set up her new series, but there was plenty of action to keep the pages turning, especially for the last 70 pages or so. I felt the romance took a bit of a backseat, but I loved the concept of these men bonded in friendship/brotherhood because of their shared experiences as Regulators in the Adersonville prison during the Civil War. Overall, it was good read.

Maureen Timerman says

From the title of the book Ruthy MacNeil is the one swept away. She is dragged for miles down stream by a flash flood. Having her arm wedged in some wood saved her life.

Luke Stone is on his way home to redeem his property, when he stumbles upon a muddy mess of a girl,

Rosie aka Ruthy. Because of her beautiful red hair Luke insists on calling her Rosie!! Others do also, but she is quick to correct them.

A vicious man by the name of Flint Greer, has stolen the S Bar S Ranch that was owned by his Father. He not only stole the ranch but is responsible for killing his Dad. Luke is not some young kid anymore, he is a survivor. He fought for the North during the Civil War, and was in Andersonville Prison, and has forged lasting friendships with a Preacher, a Doctor, A Lawyer, and a Texas Ranger. There all there waiting for him in Broken Wheel, TX, a small town, with not many people.

I found the faith of these people to be outstanding....even when they wanted revenge they listened to their Lord, and decided to do what was right! There was such compassion shown to Greer's wife and family, they wanted to help them no matter the cost.

I hope that in the next book there will be further updates, but this book was a keeper, and I didn't want it to end.

I received this book through the Revell Book Blogging Program, and wasn't required to give a positive review.

Nicole says

3.5 Stars

The plot for this book was really good. It was intense and well thought out, though a bit much at times as far as the villain went, and a bit romantic in several scenes (but I guess that's the point of a romantic-western-comedy, so...). I liked how she connected it to the Kincaid Brides series. It wasn't my favorite Connealy, but I would enjoy reading the rest of the series. I feel bad giving a book such a low rating when I did enjoy it, but sometimes I just have to go with my gut-rating :)

Kathryn Cooper says

Another good audio book! I had a hard time remembering the many characters' names because names have become hard to remember. Having a Brain Tumor before and after surgery made names VERY difficult for me to remember. The story was great though. It might have been easier with the names if I was reading the book because then I could have written notes about the characters. I'll definitely listen to book 2 in this series. I want to hear the next part of this story!

Jasmine says

OK, so I wasn't sure I was going to like this book at first, I mean it looked and sounded like a light historical book without much substance. Well, I was definitely WRONG about that!

What I thought I was getting: Fluffy historical romance.

What I actually got: A wonderful western!

I will step on some toes and irritate a few people here, but I feel that generally speaking women can't write westerns very well. And so often Christian authors miss the boat, eerrr wagon, on writing good western stories, tending to tame down the bad guys and leave out the shoot-outs. OK, OK, maybe I have watched too many John Wayne movies, but.... **Mary Connealy** was right on the money with **Swept Away**! This book had all the grit and tumbleweeds of a good western without the lack of morals.

The main characters were Christians but didn't shy away from defending others with various means of force. Yes, they tried to do everything within the bounds of the law but they also did what it took to get the job done.

So, we have good characters but what else? In my opinion, excellent descriptions of the scenery, but not overdone. The action sequences were fast paced and well placed, kept me turning the next page. I felt the story was believable, emotions, actions, plot, all good. There are some difficult issues in this story, specifically physical and verbal abuse, I felt the author handled this very well, contrasting the harshness of it with the gentle love of a mother for her children and the kindness of strangers.

This book most definitely has the 4-E's. Engaging, Engrossing, Entertaining, Enjoyable.

This is the first **Mary Connealy** book I have read but it will not be my last and I am anxiously awaiting the release of the 2nd book in this series.

(I received a copy of this book from the Publisher via The Book Club Network in exchange for my honest review.)

Lydia (Overweight Bookshelf) says

Full review here: <http://www.overweightbookshelf.com/20...>

When I pick up a Mary Connealy book, I know what I'm going to get even before I crack the cover: a quirky western romantic comedy with a predictable character and plot arc. But I get lassoed in every time by her spunky heroines and stubborn heroes, even if there isn't a great distinction between the new and old characters. Mary uses the same tried and true ingredients with a different presentation, which is a guarantee for a consistently entertaining reading experience.

Like all good westerns, the plot of *Swept Away* runs the breakneck speed of a galloping horse outrunning shotgun fire. Luke is seeking revenge to reclaim his life whereas Ruthy is fleeing to restore her freedom. Instead of bidding "Thank you and giddyay" to her rescuer, Ruthy decides to aid him and his Civil War veteran friends on their vendetta to wrestle Luke's inheritance from the vile and abusive man who has seized it. What starts as a partnership of circumstance swiftly becomes a battle of restrained passion and gentle affection. With plenty of Mary's trademark bickering and wisecracks the obvious themes and plot trajectory can be forgiven because you will not be able to hold back a few unladylike snorts as you read.

Rating: 7.5/10

****Disclosure: ARC provided by publisher for review consideration****

Anne Campbell says

Have I ever told you how much I love this author's writing? Mary Connealy combines a grin-inducing sense of humor with a knack for creating a page-turning historical romance.

This one is about an orphaned girl raised by a harshly critical family planning to marry this hard-working virtual slave off to their son--a greedy-eyed slithering skunk of a man. Ruthy prays for a chance to escape as

they travel westward. A flood answers her prayers, washing their wagon and the rest of the family down a raging river. She's washed up on the shore half drowned.

And then there's Luke Stone, the rightful owner of a beautiful spread in north Texas that's been taken over by the typical slithering sidewinder, Flint Greer. Lucas has proof he's the legal owner, despite Greer's claim that Luke's father sold him the place before conveniently dying.

What with a posse after him, Luke's reluctant to take this soggy, unconscious woman with him. She'll only make his getaway that much more difficult, but what's an upstanding Texan gentleman supposed to do? Between making plans to get the ranch back, tending to the injured woman, and hiding from Greer (after losing the posse), he has his hands full. Literally.

Greer has settled himself in the ranchhouse, taken a pretty wife, and set out to buy or steal (preferably the latter) every ranch in the area. He's well on his way to accomplishing that when Luke shows up.

Only God knows how this tangled mess will sort itself out--but you can find out by buying *Swept Away*. Well worth every cent.

Beth says

As a child, Ruthie MacNeil was taken in by a local farm family when her Ma and Pa died. This family was cruel and abusive, using Ruthie as a slave. Smart and a quick learner, Ruthie adapted to her environment and became a survivor. On a wagon train trek across the west, her adopted family and Ruthie are swept away by a flood. Ruthie trapped in the planking of the wagon ended up unconscious on a river bank in Texas.

Luke Stone was heading home to reclaim his family farm. A scoundrel, Greer, claims that his father sold him the farm but that's impossible since Luke already held the deed and was the owner. Sure that Greer killed his father and is attempting to steal his farm, he is returning home with legal proof and friends to help him reclaim what is rightfully his. The last thing he expected was to find a ½ drowned spit fire of a woman in need of his assistance.

With a group of Civil War survivors in tow, Luke and Ruthie (Rosie) make plans to help a beaten wife and recover the Stone farm. What Luke didn't expect was to be swept away by his "Rosie".

Swept Away was a completely sweet and tender romance with purely vile villains. A wonderful adventure with fantastic characters, this wholesome story will touch your heart and leave you wanting more. Mary Connealy incorporated the savagery of the wild west with the faith and prayer of a believer to do what was right when it isn't the easiest path. Marvelous Christian Romance! I look forward to the next book in this series.

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Leah says

I was swept right into the story of *Swept Away* when I started reading the book. Ruth is living with the Reinhardts, a family who has raised her. She is promised to be married to their son,

yet they treat her like their slave, forcing her to do all their work. When their wagon was crossing a river, a huge wave came and swept them down the river. Ruth has escaped the family and she doesn't regret it. She still lives in fear of them finding her, even though they are probably dead. However, when Luke fishes her out of the river, she doesn't realize she's still walking into more trouble.

Luke's ranch was stolen from him by a man he believes killed his father. Luke and Ruth arrive in town and have to hide out so that Greer doesn't find out Luke is back in town. Luke gathers the help of some of his closest friends as they try to make a plan for getting Luke's ranch back. Eventually, they have their plan set, they just have to set it in motion.

Will Ruth find happiness away from the Reinhardts? Or is she destined for a life full of trouble? Will Luke get his ranch back? Will Luke ever find out how his father really died?

Swept Away was a wonderful story full of laughter and fun. I really enjoyed each part of the book and had a hard time putting the book down. Each chapter leaves you wondering what will happen next so you want to keep reading to see what's going to happen. I had only read one Mary Connealy book before so this was a great introduction to her writing. I look forward to the rest of the books in this trilogy and also reading some of Mary Connealy's past books.

This book was given to me by Bethany House Publishers through bookfun.org in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Jessica Wolf says

DNF at 17%: I am becoming increasingly more and more picky as I read the Christian fiction genre. I long to read a Christian book that has a good message, but is, almost more importantly, *good*. So many times I start reading a book only to find it's written poorly but is heralded as wonderful simply because of the good message.

Swept Away was completely uninteresting and bland. Luke didn't feel like a true character to me. He spoke so often and moved the plot forward with his long speeches he was more like a simple plot device than a romantic hero. Also, Ruthy just came across as kinda boring and not too bright.

If you want to read a *good* Christian fiction book, try Brentwood's Ward or The Wrangler's Inconvenient Wife.

Diana Montgomery says

Swept Away
By: Mary Connealy

Wasn't sure about if I would like this book or not. I am not a big western type reader. Wow Mary Connealy changed my mind. I think of westerns I think of cussing , romances that go to far. I love the clean view that Mary did.

Adventure throughout the book. It will keep you wanting to read so have plenty of time when you start. Starts off with Ruthy MacNeil getting separated from her family. Well people who took her n when her parents had died. I would say it was a blessing she was seeing their plans was to have her married to their son. She is found by Luke Stone who takes her with him. Luke has things going on in his life needs to get the land that is his back. Will Ruthy find true love and happiness? Will Luke get back what is his. Get this 5 star

book and find out.
