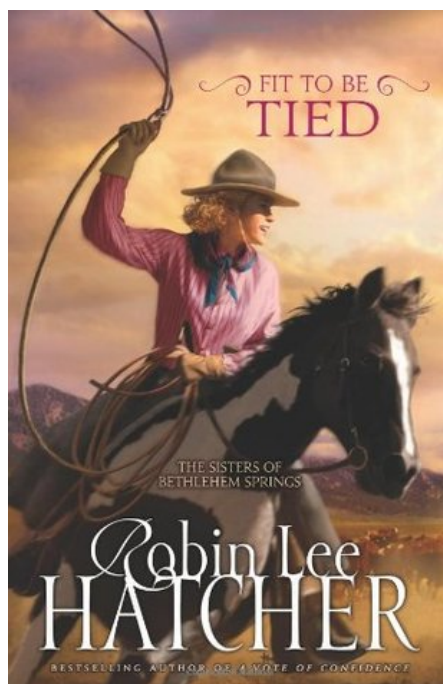




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WHO SAYS A WOMAN CAN'T HAVE IT ALL?

Cleo Arlington dresses like a cowboy, is fearless and fun-loving, and can ride, rope, and wrangle a horse as well as any man. In 1916, however, those talents aren't what most young women aspire to. But Cleo isn't most women. Twenty-nine years old and single, Cleo loves life on her father's Idaho ranch. Still, she hopes someday to marry and have children.

Enter Sherwood Statham, an English aristocrat whose father has sentenced him to a year of work in America to "straighten him out." Sherwood, who expected a desk job at a post spa, isn't happy to be stuck on an Idaho ranch. And he has no idea how to handle Cleo, who's been challenged with transforming this uptight playboy into a down-home cowboy.

Just about everything either of them says or does leaves the other, well, fit to be tied. And though Cleo believes God's plan for her includes a husband, it couldn't possibly be Sherwood Statham. Could it?

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Loraine says

Tomboy Cleo Arlington gets stuck with making a cowboy out of Lord Sherwood Statham who has been sent to the United States by his father the Duke of Dunacomb who has had enough of his philandering, flirting and gambling at home. Sparks fly between Cleo and "Woody" as she dubs him. But as they work together and find the similarities they share and admire each other's independence and strength the sparks begin to turn to love. Robin Hatcher has once again written a novel that is enjoyable from start to finish.

Sandy Duke says

I enjoy Robin Lee Hatcher's writing. She has a great talent for giving authentic voice to her characters and making them believable...even if they are a little eccentric. Can't wait to read Daphne's story!

Haley S says

This book held my attention. I have to say that! I really love that the two main characters, Cleo and "Woody," were complete opposites! One is a woman cattle rancher and the other is an English lord. Who would suspect that love could form between them? Wait a minute! I can't give away anything about the ending! Woops!

Because I loved the book, A Vote of Confidence, so much (see below) I was super excited for this one. So, I might have, just maybe, had high expectations for this book. I am sorry, so very sorry, to say that I.....hated this book. NOT REALLY!! I really, really liked this book! I also am letting another little secret leak about my real self...eek!...One of my sisters is a tomboy. So, I could totally understand Cleo. Well, I kind of understood her.

Back to the book at hand: I really do think that this is a very hard book to rate. I seriously don't know what number of stars to give it. I am thinking really hard at the current moment.

So....

I would like to give this book 3 stars! And, I have to say, 3 stars is very good for me. I mean, I can't give every book I read five stars. And, to be honest, I do that a lot. But, since I am now blogging my reviews, I have to be totally and fully honest. So, 3 stars is very good! It is over Halfway!!!

To read my review on the first book in the Sisters of Bethlehem Springs series:

<https://covertocoverandeverythinginbe...>

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This review is written in my own opinions and words.

Emily says

So I really loved this!!!! The book was merely 270 pages long, but it felt so much longer. So much happened, but none of it felt rushed or out of place. Therefore, I'm in Love with Hatcher's writing. The romance was slow, no instalove, and I especially enjoyed how we got to see more than just their realizing that they loved each other- we got to even see them TOGETHER!! it's so refreshing to see what happens directly AFTER, rather than just BEFORE and UP TO that point. I truly loved Woody, and I connected with Cleo right away.

Alicia Lowery says

I enjoyed this book until the end. Which was very abrupt and unresolved. I'm hoping Book 3 will resolve those issues.

Lydia (Overweight Bookshelf) says

First reviewed here: <http://overweight-bookshelf.blogspot.com>

Fit To Be Tied is Robin Lee Hatcher's award winning second installment in the Sisters of Bethlehem Series. This book is an easy afternoon read that fits perfectly into the inspirational western romance genre. This story is built upon the stereotypical mold of girl meets boy, girl hates boy, girl as chemistry with boy, girl is in denial, girl loves boy. It is a storyline that we have seen unfold in countless other incidences, but this one has a fun aristocratic twist.

The boy in this instance is an injured (both physically and emotionally) English Lord who, for the first time, has to take control of his life and earn his independence. Lord Sherwood is a spoiled, entitled, and philandering rebel who has seen the error of his ways and is committed to finding his purpose in life.

I am admittedly a girly-girl so I think that I simply had a hard time placing myself in Cleo's tomboy shoes and feeling a natural affinity or camaraderie with her character. By the mid-way point of the novel I realized that Cleo represented the struggles that every woman experiences-the need to be accepted for who you are, the fear of never finding true love, and the need to be good enough.

The relationship between Cleo and Woody progresses very quickly and sometimes feels rushed for the sake of the storyline. I think this is a fun and sweet read for a relaxing afternoon.

Rating: 7.5/10

Faye says

Opposites attract, and sparks fly in Bethlehem Springs, Idaho, between cowgirl Cleo and English aristocrat, Lord Sherwood Statham.

When Sherwood "Woody" Statham, the wastrel 4th son of a duke, displeases his father with this latest string of bad choices, his father decides that enough is enough. So he puts Sherwood on a boat to America to work on a ranch.

What Sherwood isn't expecting is to meet a girl like Cleopatra Arlington. Tough as nails, a girl who can rope and ride with the best of them, Cleo is as different from her twin sister, Gwen as she can be. Will Cleo realize that who she is, is enough?

Another lovely read from Robin Lee Hatcher. Cleo was my favorite character in A Vote of Confidence, so I was really excited to read a book all about her--and Sherwood Statham. I enjoyed the ranch setting, charming characters, and this is my favorite of the series so far :)

Fit to be Tied is a really fun book, I think that the book balanced out and the characters were just the right depth, for the plot. The sparks fly, and so much of Cleo and "Woody's" exchanges happen with meaningful looks, and expressions. The chemistry flowed well, and "Woody" was a nice rounded character, and even though he was the rogue, he was amazingly likable.

The pages turned steadily, and it was a very enjoyable, and fun read.

Overall, I loved how the story unfolded and I came to like "Woody" more and more. He is a character who grows on you. And by the mid-way point, or somewhere before then you find yourself cheering him on. A lovely book by Ms. Hatcher, that I would recommend to someone who likes a good western romance, where sparks fly and characters grow. Thanks :)

Myra Johnson says

After reading Robin's A Vote of Confidence a few months ago, I was looking forward to Cleo's story in the next book, and I wasn't disappointed. Cleo's rough-around-the-edges outdoorsy personality stands in sharp contrast to her fraternal twin sister Gwen's genteel manner and polished appearance. It was fun watching Cleo slowly lose her heart to the dashing Englishman trying to find himself again after war and resulting injuries lead him into a dissolute lifestyle. I couldn't imagine Cleo giving up ranch life to follow Woody to England, though, so I wondered how Robin would resolve their situation and keep everybody happy. She certainly succeeded in this enjoyable read!

Ellen White says

1916. She love's the ranch, doing what needs to be done, hard work and loving it. One aristocrat son has to work for a year, thinking it would be an easy desk job, not working on a ranch. Worse yet, with a fiery woman. Delightful and readers will enjoy.

Debbie Dodd says

I enjoyed reading.

Laura says

I read this in one day. It is a Christy Award winning book. I thought the plot was a little far fetched- an English Lord coming to America and falling in love with a Girl Cow-wrangler. Despite that, I liked the love story. I liked that when the characters contemplated things on a more spiritual matter that the writing did not get all cheezy. The spiritual parts actually fit very well into the novel. It wasn't overbearing or overdone either. I want to read another of Hatcher's novels. I am a sap for a good romance and she keeps the romance at a very nice G level. It was a nice book to curl up to and read. I will most likely read it again sometime soon.

Kathryn says

I really liked this book. It was a smooth, fast, fun read! A lot of times we women think that we need to change to be loved by someone, but not Cleo Arlington. She is a woman of her own making. She works just like any other man on her father, Griff's ranch. She is a food wild mustang breaker, cow rustler, brander, and healer. She is true to herself and wears the trousers to prove it, only donning a dress for Sunday service. When Lord Sherwood Statham is banished to America and her Idaho ranch as punishment for soiling the Duke's good name, Cleo is put in charge of him. He has some injuries from the war with Germany, a bum leg and a scar on his face, but the inner injuries of his father's rejection hit harder still. He is slow to accommodate to the ranch life but hard working and not willing to be found wanting or lazy. He wins the trust of Griff to help with the ranch books and manage the account during his illness and even wins the love of Cleo slowly but surely. They have the common bond of a parent who is less than satisfied with their child's choice or lifestyle. At first they both resist their love because only after a year "woody" will be leaving back for England and Sherwood's father who won't accept his son certainly won't accept or welcome a woman who does and dresses like a man. After they talk they agree to try the two of them out without worrying for tomorrow. Sherwood even proposes before getting his father's permission. He worries about how he will support a wife, but with a prayer to heaven he follows his heart. They decide to marry and plan on returning to England, Cleo giving up everything, but after the unexpected arrival of his parents, Sherwood decides that he doesn't want to go back to England either and his parents leave in a huff, but he is happy and so is Cleo although he would be happy wherever "woody" is to be.

Sara ♥ says

This one was good, but even though I read it 2 months ago, I distinctly remember thinking, "Really? The two of them together? I still can't see it."

Cleo was raised on a ranch, and she is a horse wrangler. She dresses like a man and just isn't beautiful like her twin sister... but she's always dreamed of one day marrying and having children. But at 29, she really just doesn't think any guy would go for her.

Lord Sherwood "Woody" Statham (I should say that Cleo calls him Woody and he hates it until the very end) is an ENGLISH ARISTOCRAT (I know, right?)... The youngest son of a Duke... He was fighting in WWI, and has a leg injury and facial scar, and has been gallivanting around London a little too much, in his father's opinion. He banishes the boy to America for a year to the care of his friend, Morgan McKinley (Cleo's now

brother-in-law from the first book)... And he ends up working on Cleo's dad's ranch. And, of course, Cleo ends up being his supervisor.

Then, SLOWLY fall in love. (It takes him a while to see through her exterior, and it takes her a while to get over his title and highfalutin ways...) I still don't see it. Sorry. But there's still the whole they're-from-different-continent issue. She'd NEVER be accepted in England by his family or by society. They kinda decide to give it a go and see if it's going to go anywhere before they worry about the future.

(view spoiler)

Christy Lockstein says

Fit to be Tied by Robin Lee Hatcher is the second book in the Sisters of Bethlehem Springs series. Cleo Arlington is a one of a kind, especially in 1916. More comfortable breaking horses than wearing dresses, she's accustomed to running the family ranch, until Sherwood Statham, son of an English duke, shows up, exiled by his family to work a real job and work on not bring shame to the family name. Hard-headed and feisty, she makes for a perfect heroine! Hatcher is one of my favorite authors, and this historical romance is thoroughly enjoyable. It breaks out of the cliches western romances often fall into, and I have to admit, toward the end, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough trying to figure out how the two would end up together. Hatcher keeps the story moving without using stereotypes or cardboard plot devices. I look forward to the sequel, A Word to the Wise, coming out in spring 2010.

Tina at Mommynificent says

I absolutely love Cleo, the main character in this book. She knows who she is and accepts herself that way. I love how she is so straight-forward with people and speaks her mind. I loved her in the first book about her sister and was so excited to read a book about her. This book did not disappoint although I would never in a million years have paired her with the person she ends up with. A fun and spiritually encouraging read, reminding me to be who God made me to be and to love others for all I'm worth, just like Cleo!
