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Two Ways Home (Love That Counts Book 2)



Synopsis

She's about to lose her home. He never wanted to see his again. And a stalker is staking a claim . . . Washington, 1892 Mary Smith was never one to back down from a challenge. Her father's health may be failing, but their dairy farm was her mother's dream, and Mary will do whatever it takes to keep her father from selling it—even if it means sneaking off to the next town to earn money by playing the piano in a questionable establishment. No one seems to understand why home is so important to her, least of all her childhood nemesis who's just wandered back into town. When injured Texas Ranger Luke Thomas is forced to return to Pine Creek, Washington, he's hailed as a hero and thrust into the town's first race for sheriff. But no one knows the secret he carried to Texas, nor the secret he's brought home. Setting his perfect aim on returning south, he refuses to get tied down by the town's admiration, his brother's disapproval, or the spirited, hardworking dairy girl who's less annoying than he remembers. But strange things are happening at the Smith dairy and in Pine Creek, and Luke's instincts tell him Mary is in far more trouble than she realizes. One thing is certain: home is about to get more complicated for them both. Full of wit and romantic tension, this Christian historical love story sets forth the true meaning of coming home.

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Customer Reviews

After reading the first book in this series I was really excited for this one to come out! I really loved the banter between Luke and Mary. I like women who can joke around with and keep up with the teasing of men and just tease them right back. Makes for a really fun interchange between characters. I really empathized with Luke in this story having to head home after having been away. I felt many of the same emotions he felt anytime I went home after moving away. It can be a really hard transition. I loved his character. He had a lot of flaws that came out slowly throughout the story at just the perfect times. I like a man who can be so blunt and honest while still being a good guy. I really appreciated the fairly unique struggles that Luke dealt with. I don't want to spoil anything but I believe it was an excellent addition to the story and might be really eye opening for some people. I didn't empathize quite so well with Mary and her desire to stay home but she was a good balance to Luke's constant wanting to go back to Texas. I did admire her incredibly strong work ethic though. This friends to marriage love story was really good. I liked how we got to see the relationship evolve and sometimes got Luke's inside perspective into his feelings. And the building love between them made for some great chemistry in the pages of this book. The only part of this book that threw me off a little was when it would switch back to when they were kids. I have trouble with dual time books because I tend to get so enveloped in one time setting that when it switches to another time it throws me off. It was done very well in this book it just isn't my favorite so I'm mentioning it.

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