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# Lone Star Joy (Lasso Springs Book 2)



## Synopsis

Finalist in the 2012 RONE Awards  
FOUR STARS from InD'tale Magazine February 2013 edition  
Top Pick Five Stars- The Romance Reviews  
Sexy, Cowboy, Stamos Walker runs a work release program for nonviolent male prisoners. When Joy Courtland shows up on his doorstep, he assumes she's the nanny. He hands her his son and rushes out to work. Joy, a convicted felon, bonds with little Dillon immediately. Stamos isn't happy when he returns and finds out Joy is not the nanny. While trying to get Joy back to prison through the proper channels, Stamos realizes Joy is not a killer. He doesn't want her to go back to prison. Stamos is willing to try everything he can to keep Joy safe even if it means marriage.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved Callie's Heart and loved this one as well. Kathleen Ball writes a lot of twists and turns that keep you guessing!!!

This series is good. I like what the author says and the way she states her storyline drawing the readers into the plot of the stories.

I really enjoyed the book.it was just Great

Wow. First of all, what a story! Been a while since I've read a book with so many unique plot twists.Joy... she's been in prison since she was 14, taking the rap to save her brother. She been shanked numerous times. Her very own father has sent people to kill her. She's never known love. The only love she's ever known has been for a family that wants her dead. Can you imagine the turmoil this woman goes through?She's released on a special work program to help on a ranch, owned by Stamos. At first, Stamos wants to send her packing. He only has men on his ranch. But Joy, something about her touches him in the brief amount of time she's waylaid and in his care.He can't bear to see her back in prison and he marries her to help her out, but he's falling for her and she's falling for him..but then his ex comes back and there's a child to consider and holy smokes, all this stuff happens. Joy is torn. The longer she stays, the worse she makes Stamos's life. He could lose his child because of her. His horses and cattle are being slaughtered as her father and brother try repeatedly to kill her. The only way out of this mess is to clear her name...but she's afraid to talk. Maybe going back to jail would be the best thing...There's crazy waitress, the ex, the dad, the brother, some real friendly ranchhands, an evil lady intent on proving the marriage is a sham, a horse that steps in front of a bullet, a man falling in love with a woman who doesn't know how to love... and Joy: tough, hardened, and yet, melting inside.Very strong woman. The crap she faces is unbelievable and yet she stands tall and proud to live and tell about it. I loved how this book showed us so many sides to her personality. The woman who must survive, the mother she longs to be, and how she experiences relationships outside of prison for the first time. I was very easily able to understand what she was feeling.Quibbles: Stamos seemed bipolar at times. One second he's yelling at Joy in the barn, the next he's wanting to have sex with her. Joy had her moments, but she had a darn good reason for being the way she was. Stamos confused me at times. There were some tiny things I scratched my head over, like them getting married the very next morning (Pretty sure Texas has a three-day wait) but I figure they got a special case.I must say though, Ms. Ball's ability to weave a tale and throw a reader for a loop (surprise us) is superb.

Good story

Of all Kathleen Ball's Western Romances, LONE STAR JOY is my favorite. Stamos is sexy and appealing...and not just because he's easy on the eyes. He is a protector...a safeguard for Joy. When everyone else around her can only see her criminal record, Stamos sees something much deeper - he sees a woman who sacrifices herself for the good of others. He sees an angel...and he wants to shield his angel from the hurtful people around her. If only she'd let him. Joy is strong-willed and heart-strong. She's feisty yet vulnerable. And if she'd allow Stamos in, she'd see just how special she is...just how special THEY are - together. Kathleen Ball hits nearly every emotion in Lone Star Joy. My stomach ached. My heart clenched. My soul sang with Joy. This is a story you don't want to miss.

Kathleen Ball has done a wonderful job of combining suspense and romance in a wonderful story that involves the quirky but wonderful people of Lasso Springs. You really never knew where the story was going to go but it was a good read. Kathleen Ball has done it again!!

I loved the story but just a little too much sex for this 74 yea old great grandma. Thank you

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