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Staci says

This is my first "Love Finds You" novel. I had the opportunity to meet Elizabeth Ludwig in person a few years ago and purchased this book.

The mystery about what happened about the mine kept me engaged in the novel. Main character Abigail lost her father in a mining accident and Calico resident and widower Nathan Hawk wants to help her move forward after her loss. He also helps her try to figure out what happened at the mine. It was a sweet tale.

Casey says

With a love story that was sweet and enduring and a suspense thread to keep the story moving, I was never bored while reading this book.

The characters in LOVE FINDS YOU IN CALICO CALIFORNIA stand on their own two feet and come pretty close to real for me. The chain of events that lead the characters through the story are in a domino effect and I was quickly swept into their lives and problems. When Abigail's father dies in a mysterious mine accident, she cannot rest until the reason behind his death is discovered, leading her into danger on more than one occasion. But when an arranged marriage offer presents itself, will she accept and save herself from financial ruin and the town's animosity?

Each character's part in the story filled it with life and interest. I sympathized with Abigail and her turmoil of emotions as she was made to make some important decisions and when it came down to the wire at the end of the novel, I held my breath waiting for the end result of the climatic scenes. I found enjoyment within the pages of this book. It flows and kept me interest clear up to the very end and I thought it another great installment in the "Love Finds You" series.

Laura says

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Abigail Watts is the only child of her mining father, and even though she's scared of Calico, she stays with her father. She has nothing back East. When a mine explosion kills six miners and her father, Abigail is stunned. She is even more stunned when the owner of the mine refuses to give her the pay due, claiming her father caused the explosion. He also gives her three weeks to vacate the house.

Nathan Hawk is the local livery owner and he was with Abigail's father when he died. But he is sympathetic when he learns of the blame placed on her father.

Abigail decides to stay on in Calico, dangerous though it is, and work as a seamstress, while she tries to clear her dad's good name. But who is really behind the explosion? Why are they hiding it? And will the truth really set her free?

LOVE FINDS YOU IN CALICO, CALIFORNIA is another historical romance set in a real life historical town of Calico. Now a ghost town, Calico has been restored as a tourist attraction by the owner of Knot's Berry Farms. I love these bits of information included in these books.

The story, true to most books in the historical genre, starts out with death—and a lot of it—but Abigail is a sweet, compassionate heroine even as her world collapses around her feet. Nathan also is a wonderful hero, kind and considerate, and typically male as he tries to fix problems that arise.

If you enjoy historical romances, then you will want to read LOVE FINDS YOU IN CALICO, CALIFORNIA. A fascinating note from the author is also included. \$12.99. 350 pages.

Hannah says

This is my first foray into the "Love Finds You" series. I'd been afraid they'd be sappy romances, but I like Elizabeth Ludwig's writing and loved the cover, so decided to risk it. I was pleasantly surprised by this, especially the mystery that runs through it about what really happened in the mine the night Abigail's father died. And there were no untoward throbs and twitches and wild fantasies about "being with" someone...just two people who seem to find love pretty quickly while carrying on after tragedy. I'll definitely be trying more in the series.

Shannon says

Now one of my favorite books. I grew up visiting Calico. So this was a fun read.

Cindi says

Ever read a book that you didn't want to end? You wanted the story to go on just a little bit further so you could see how the characters would act in this new situation? Love Finds You in Calico, California is one of those books! This is Elizabeth Ludwig's first full-length novel, and she does a wonderful job. The characters are realistic, the story is captivating, and the message is clear.

Abigail Watts and her father are living in Calico, California. It's a mining town, full of rough and tumble miners, saloons, and mistreated Chinese immigrants. Abigail's father works in the mine and Abigail brings in a little extra money by mending shirts for the miners. Nathan Hawk and his five-year-old daughter, Lizzie, live at the livery. Nathan's wife died on the way to California and now he is trying to be both father and mother to Lizzie. Other characters like the Chinese miners, the church minister, and Abigail's best friend, Caroline, also live in Calico.

Each chapter ends with a cliff-hanger. The reader is left wondering if there is time to read just one more chapter or if the bookmark must actually be placed in the book right now. Insight into two people who are at odds with themselves, each other, and even God to some extent propel the story forward. Actions lead to reactions that lead to other actions.

In the end, everything is resolved in the perfect way. It's like the end of a mini-series; the characters are well-known and feel like friends. One wonders what will happen to them after the book is closed. Will they go on living in Calico? Perhaps head back East to the life they left behind? One thing is certain...they will look to God for the answers to all of their questions.

Even now, after having finished the book a few months ago, I still think of the characters and how their life would have gone on. When an author creates characters that authentic, they have done a great job of writing a book.

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Lena says

It was absolutely amazing! I loved it sooooooooooooo much!

Lorraine says

SUMMARY: A young seamstress weaves her own story in a world run by men. After hearing news of a silver strike in Calico, California, Abigail Watts packs up her needles and thread and follows her beloved father out West. But when she's suddenly left alone in the rough mining town, Abigail finds herself pressed into a marriage of convenience with the local livery owner, Nathan Hawk. Determined to uncover the mystery surrounding her father's death in the mines, Abigail agrees to stay in Calico. But when the truth sets her free, she must decide whether to leave the town - and Nathan - for good.

REVIEW: Elizabeth Ludwig writes great historical romance fiction and this one fits that bill including a bit of mystery, a dash of adventure and a pinch of suspense as well. I especially liked this book because Calico Ghost Town was purchased by Walter Knott the owner of Knott's Berry Farm in 1951 to be a restored mining town. My dad was head commercial artist at Knott's Berry Farm and was responsible for overseeing the historical accuracy for the restoration of the buildings and their interiors. So we spent many weekend exploring the old town as it was restored. Ludwig made the town come alive with its saloons, miners, general store and its people.

The characters of Abigail and Nathan were full of human strengths and weaknesses. The development of their romance was sweet and tender yet the stubbornness to admit their feelings could also be exasperating.

The side characters like Lizzie, Gavin, Belle, and Lin added depth to the storyline.

Definitely a sweet, historical read that most readers should enjoy.

FAVORITE QUOTES; "Young man, let me tell you something about the God I serve. He rarely works in the way I expect or in a way I can understand, but He always, ALWAYS answers prayer."

Chantel says

This was a great book to finish out the year with. I just loved Abigail, Nathan, and especially Lizzie, she was just seven layers of adorable. This definitely wasn't some cutesy western love story. I was really surprised by the mystery and the suspense in it, this was definitely a page- turner. Thank you so much Shash for recommending it!

Gretchen says

This was my first book by Elizabeth Ludwig and I was very pleased by it.

This story was super cute and really easy to read. I loved the characters, especially Lizzie, she was so cute and full of spunk. The relationship between Nathan and Abigail was so cute and I loved to get to follow their story. I wish there was another book or another chapter just to see what they are doing now.

Ru4repeat says

Uhh. I tried, I really did. I loved Elizabeth Ludwig's "No Safe Harbor" novel, so I figured this one would be just as amazing...I was so wrong.

It started dragging from 30% in, but I figured it really couldn't be THAT bad (oh, but it was) so I kept reading. After 60% and neither main character in love with the other... and Abigail constantly trying to be "stubbornly independent," I decided my sunk cost fallacy wasn't worth another minute.

You have to know, I hate to leave things unfinished, but I couldn't force myself to read another word. And to think I didn't call my grandma today because I wanted to spend my time reading this...ugh.

Suelight says

If you love a good old fashioned western romance novel, this book is for you. I really enjoyed reading it myself. A sweet story of love in the 19th century during the hard times of the westward move. It follows the story of a young woman that moves out west with her father after her mother passes away. The father works for the local mine in Calico. I won't go any further with the story line, but there is an element of mystery in this novel. I highly recommend.

Victoria says

Abigail lives with her father in Calico, CA, which is booming with silver mining. At the livery across the street lives a widower Nathan and his daughter Lizzie.

When crazy things start happening at the mine, and when suspicions peek, there are fingers pointing towards Abigail's father being the fault of it. She and Nathan set out to find out the truth and get down to business. In the process there are emotions building up.

I don't think this story had a good build. It was pretty basic and didn't really show enough character builds. I felt unemotionally attached and I feel there was a lack of "Christian" in this story, though God is mentioned indeed. The book is about trusting in God ultimately. I felt the problems in this were solved too easily too. I had been looking forward to this book for a while (as I read all the Love Finds You books regularly).

Jerry says

I've been reading quite a bit of Christian historical romances lately, but they've all been great...including this one.

Abby says

5 Stars!!

I absolutely loved this book!!!!!!<3

It's part mystery and part romance with some humor mixed in!

My favorite part is when Lizzie is talking to the aunt:

Aunt:"A child who pouts is not polite."

Lizzie:"Neither is a grown-up who stares."

LOVED this book!!!! Can't wait to read more!!
