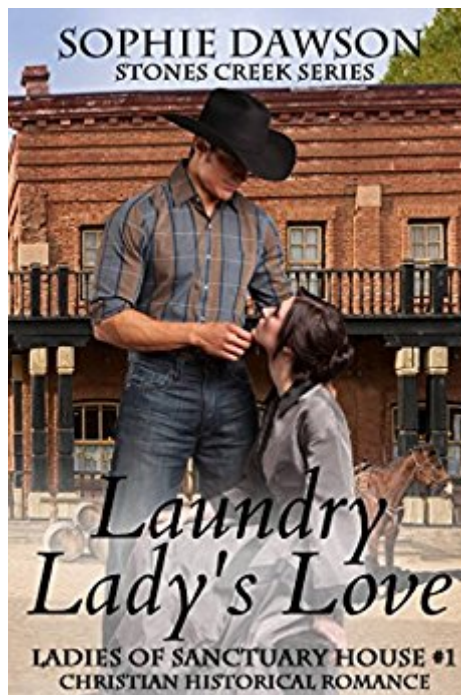




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Synopsis

One man wants her, but the one she wants doesn't seem to. Laura Duffie has come to Stones Creek, with her two young sons, hoping to find love again. She's spent the last five years at Sanctuary Place Mission for Women after the death of her husband. She needs to set up her laundry business but doesn't know where to start. Hank Johnson, the town barber, is flattered by and attracted to the lovely widow who comes seeking his advice. He hasn't been looking for a wife, but maybe he'll begin with Laura. Ranch foreman, Red Dickerson, would like a wife. He hopes to find one among the Ladies of Sanctuary House. He sets his sights on Laura. Hank sets her heart on fire, but is he only interested in helping her get her business off the ground? Red is solid and dependable, but is this enough to base her future on? Should Laura settle for safety and security for herself and her boys? Will she hold out for love? Or will she just chuck both of them into the washtub and rinse the men from her life altogether? Find out in the first book of the Ladies of Sanctuary House Series from award-winning author Sophie Dawson. The Ladies of Sanctuary House is a spinoff of the Stones Creek Series. Many of the characters, places, and situations are from that series. I'd recommend you read those first in order to enjoy this series to its fullest potential. Stones Creek Series - Available for Kindle, Kindle Unlimited and in print. Leah's Peace #1 Chasing Norie #2 Chloe's Sanctuary #3

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Customer Reviews

I rec'd an ARC of this book for review. The opinions stated below are my own. 1) Cover art - Eye catching. 2) Book stats - -- Title - Laundry Lady's Love: Christian Historical Fiction (Ladies of Sanctuary House Book 1) -- Author - Sophie Dawson -- Page count - 144 -- Release date - August 19, 2017 -- Series - Book 1 of Ladies of Sanctuary House Series Note: Extension of the Stone Creek Series. I had read one other book by this author (the first in the Stone Creek Series) so it was nice to meet people in this book who I already knew. What makes a 5 star book? 1) Do I like the main characters? 2) Can I visualize scenes in the book? 3) Does the "main" story in this book have an ending? Or does it just stop? 4) Are there grammar error, typos, wrongly used words that disrupt the flow of the story? 5) If the book is a series, do I want to read the next one? Or the books that came before this one? LLL Rating: 1 - YES ... 2 - YES ... 3 - YES ... 4 - NO ... 5 - YES Let's add a few more for Christian books: 6) If it is advertised as a "clean" read, was it? 7) Do the Biblical references make sense within the context of the story or do they feel dropped in just because? 8) Does the story feel "preachy" meaning is that the MAIN focus? Are the characters reacting in an unbelievable way? (Preachy books, IMHO, tend to force characters to be over-the-top in words and deeds.) 9) Does the story "teach" as well as entertain? (extra points for a Yes to this one) LLL Rating: 6 - YES ... 7- Yes -- fit the context of the scene in the book. ... 8 - Very believable characters. Not "preachy". ... 9 - YES - some outstanding teaching in this book. And finally my ultimate rating: Would I want to read this book again? YES!!! Prepare for a fun read. Prepare for various emotions. For example: I laughed out loud. I cried. Yes, literally cried. I chuckled. I rolled my eyes. Prepare to find out what it was like during these years if an illness hit a community. I can take you to a family grave site in Missouri where you will find multiple tombstones of the same family. Within a week a man lost his wife and all his children. Find out what doing laundry was like by hand. ALL of it. I got to experience this myself for about two weeks 50 years ago. At least I didn't have to use the same SOAP use in this period of history. I laughed out loud during one scene involving the children putting on a Christmas program. One of Forrest Gump's saying came to mind. But mostly it brought back memories of my own school programs. I want to go to this town. I want to meet these people. Eat at the Cafe & overeat at the adjoining Bakery. I want to meet the Pastor. The doctor. The other ladies in the Sanctuary

house. I think you'll feel the same after reading this first book in the Ladies of Sanctuary House Series.

The story was a little different from a mail order bride book, and was a sweet and clean Christian book. I did have one complaint. Since it is Book 1 in this series I expected the author to introduce us to all new characters for this story. But apparently some of these characters were from another series of books which I have not read. The author wrote in these characters without explaining who they were until later in the book. It was very frustrating to have us expect to know who they were and what they had done in previous books. Also, probably because it was the first book in this series, she seemed to add every character in the whole town into this book. So, way too many characters to keep track of for a short book, and too many story lines going at once. The writing was good, not great, as if she was a new writer.

Great story! I loved the love match for Laura and Hank. Even if he was a little slow on the uptake. I can't imagine making a living hand washing laundry with lye soap. Historical fiction should make us all appreciate the modern conveniences we have today. Laura has two wonderful sons that you'll enjoy. And every single mother wants to find someone that not only loves her but loves her children! Some emotionally charged scenes that were handled by this author with just the right amount of emotion. Well Done!

Ok , maybe makes you cry like a baby. The roller coaster of emotions, from sad to happy and then moving on to worry and angst. Such a well written story, you are transported to this town with all of these interesting characters. 2 tissues!

I loved this book and the others I've read in this series. It's about women who for one reason have fallen on hard times. They have a rescuer who helps them get a new start in life. Enjoy, I did!!!!

I love these books. The women in them are real and all of them different. I love the children included. Sophie Dawson is a great storyteller.

Great read, very touching. You can always count on Sophie Dawson, Loved the scriptures in this book. Keep the books coming.!!!!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this new book by Sophie Dawson. she's one of my favorite authors and this laundry lady's love is great!

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