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## Greene's "Mystery at dead broke ranch" (book review)

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# Book Reviews

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Greene, A. (2018). *Mystery at dead broke ranch*. Winged Publications. 208 pp. \$8.37. ISBN 9781946939425

Does God really care when His people are in difficult situations? That is the underlying question that Anne Greene tackles in her fictional work, *Mystery at Dead Broke Ranch*. With a mystery and romance at the forefront, Greene sets her heroine, Ashley Sinclair in the middle of a turbulent time. Ashley loves her family and her Lord. Every action she takes is to keep all her loved ones together and safe.

With the mounting problems she has, were it not for her apparent faith in God, one would wonder where her sense of joy and optimism come from. Among those problems, her brother (who she petitioned the courts to gain guardianship of) recently suffered a paralyzing accident and her twin sisters (who were separated into different foster homes years ago) are reluctant to reunite with her. She finally finds her grandfather, only to have him murdered shortly after that reunion. Additionally, the house she inherits from her grandfather is in great disrepair.

Into this chaos, rides a stranger, Stone. He is the antithesis of the sunny Ashley. Somber and focused, his reasons for helping Ashley are hidden behind half-truths. He is under suspicion for her grandfather's murder and he is helping Ashley so that he can find the evidence to clear his name. While deceit is never condoned in the book and it does allow the characters to grow closer; there is also a sense of betrayal when the truth is discovered. In the end, God's provision in Ashley's life is seen and the resolution to the various problems sets up the following books in the series.

This book would not be useful to an academic library and would probably not appeal to a majority of readers in a public library setting. It is a quick read for those who want to be entertained for a short time. The author writes many contemporary and historical fiction works. As there is no research or conclusions drawn in this novel, there is no documentation needed.

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