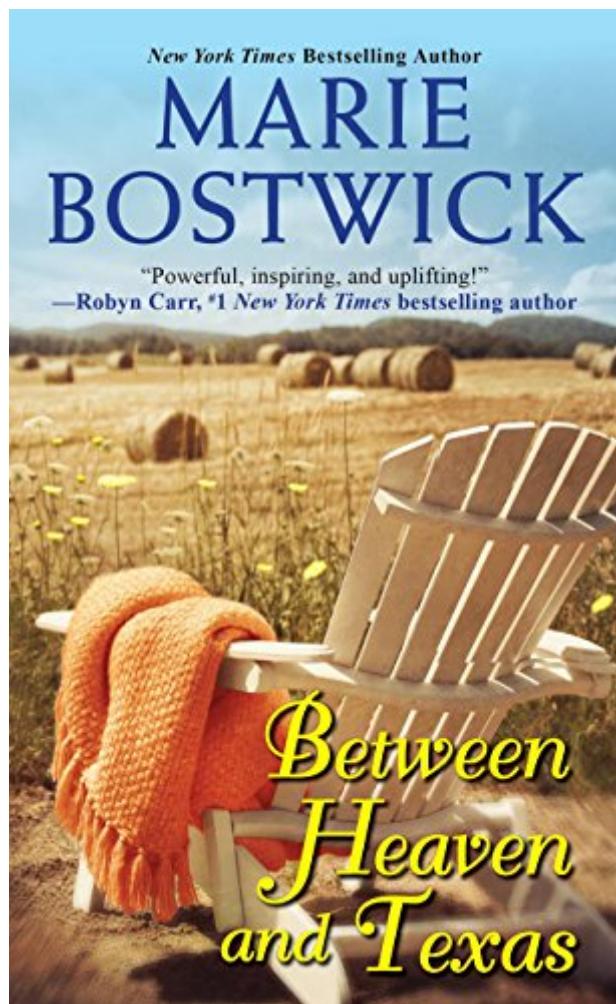


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Synopsis

In this luminous prequel to her beloved Cobble Court Quilts series, New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick takes readers into the heart of a small Texas town and the soul of a woman who discovers her destiny there. . .Welcome to Too Much--where the women are strong-willed and the men are handsome yet shiftless. Ever since Mary Dell Templeton and her twin sister Lydia Dale were children, their Aunt Velvet has warned them away from local boys. But it's well known that the females in Mary Dell's family have two traits in common--superior sewing skills and a fatal weakness for men. While Lydia Dale grows up petite and pretty, Mary Dell just keeps growing. Tall, smart, and sassy, she is determined to one day turn her love of sewing into a business. Meanwhile, she'll settle for raising babies with her new husband, Donny. But that dream proves elusive too, until finally, Mary Dell gets the son she always wanted--a child as different as he is wonderful. And as Mary Dell is forced to reconsider what truly matters in her family and her marriage, she begins to piece together a life that, like the colorful quilts she creates, will prove vibrant, rich, and absolutely unforgettable. . .Advance Praise For Marie Bostwick's Between Heaven And Texas"Brilliant. . .the characters thunder with life right off the page and into your heart in this quintessential story of family, forgiveness, and nobility. I just adored every single page!" --Dorothea Benton Frank, New York Times bestselling author"This book wrapped around my heart with all the love, warmth, and beauty of a favorite family quilt. I can't stop thinking about it! I'm in love with Mary Dell Templeton, and I'm in love with Too Much, Texas." --Robyn Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author"A book that brims with laughter and laser-sharp insight." --Kristan Higgins, New York Times bestselling author"With Texas-sized helpings of humor, charm, and sass, this tale will put you in a Lone Star state-of-mind!" --Lauren Lipton, author of Mating Rituals of the North American WASP

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Between Heaven and Texas, Marie Bostwick's standalone prequel to the Cobbled Court Quilts series, is as heartwarming as it is inspiring. It is also an uplifting novel about the importance of family and finding the strength to overcome adversity. Twin sisters Mary Dell and Lydia Dale are as different as night and day but they both fall for the Bebee brothers. Mary Dell marries Donny Bebee and settles on the family ranch while Lydia Dale marries local boy Jack Benny Benton after Graydon Bebee is mistakenly declared dead while serving in Vietnam. Mary Dell and Donny's marriage is happy despite her inability to carry a pregnancy to term. Lydia Dale and Jack Benny's marriage is tumultuous and ends in divorce while Lydia Dale is pregnant with their third child. The entire family is ecstatic when Mary Dell finally gives birth to her son, but their happiness is threatened by unexpected news. Mary Dell is a richly developed, vibrant character. She is a tenacious and strong-willed woman who never gives up no matter what obstacle stands in her way. Her sense of style is outrageous but Mary Dell knows what she likes and she is not about to change for anyone. When her life takes an unanticipated detour, Mary Dell momentarily gives in to despair, but she soon finds help from a very unexpected source. Although Between Heaven and Texas is primarily Mary Dell's story, Lydia Dale plays a prominent role in Mary Dell ultimately achieving her lifelong dream. Lydia Dale is the meeker of the sisters and she pretty much goes with the flow. It is not until the family's livelihood is threatened that Lydia Dale becomes a more active participant on the ranch. She also finds her backbone and finally stands up to her worthless ex-husband.

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