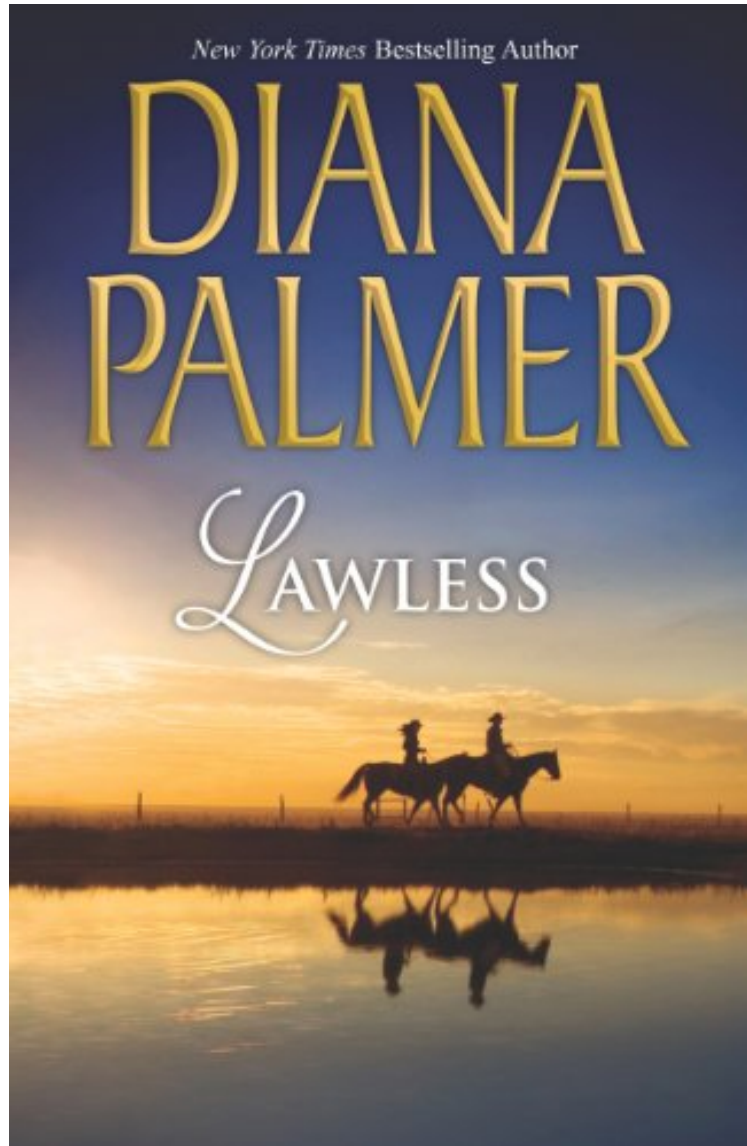


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Grand author! Terrific story!Von Detra FitchChristabel (Crissy) Gaines and Judd have been friends for a long time. Though fourteen years separate their ages, she has been in love with him for years. In fact, you would think she would be thrilled, she has been his wife for five years, since she was sixteen and he rescued her from her abusive father.The

drawback is that the union is only in name, Judd has never touched her, just been her friend, protector, and business partner. She is almost of age to be able to stand on her own, and then Judd will annul the marriage. To Crissy, it looks like he is more than ready for them both to move on, but Judd's life as a Texas Ranger has made a few enemies for him, and now one of them is planning to use Crissy to get to him. Will danger awaken the passion she has longed for for so long?***** Once again, Diana Palmer follows the lines that she has used to win fans and create a successful career. The days of the wild west seem closer, and she utilizes the marriage of convenience plotline that has worked well with Regencies. As always, a young, innocent but spunky heroine loves a man it would be impossible not to love. Judd, like all her Texas men, will win your heart, just as he wins Crissy's.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not as good as expectedVon maxyneThe Romantic plot was predictable from the first page, at times boring and annoying. The story itself was good as well as the writing.Overall disappointing.

KurzbeschreibungFive years ago, Judd Dunn, a hard-edged Texas Ranger, put Christabel Gaines's father behind bars where he belonged. But Judd's involvement in Crissy's life was far from over. With their jointly owned ranch on the verge of bankruptcy, Judd wed her in name only, promising to save their land and vowing to ignore the sexual tension between them. Now, just when Judd decides to release Crissy from their sham of a marriage, he is blindsided by a bloodthirsty foe who is setting the stage for unspeakable evil by preying upon Judd's greatest weakness his wife. No longer a starry-eyed schoolgirl, Crissy's a smart, fearless woman with unfulfilled desires. And she will do anything in the name of love including taking a bullet for her husband. With their very lives at stake, Crissy and Judd must confront their darkest demons, their new rivals and their deepest desires and face up to a mutual destiny they cannot outrun. From Publishers Weekly Palmer, a romance writer (*Desperado*) whose steamy tales often center around stereotypically sexy, straight-shooting lawmen and the virginal women who adore them, returns to the range with her latest contemporary western fairy tale. When Texas Ranger Judd Dunn secretly marries 16-year-old Christabel "Chrissy" Gaines, his partner on a small ranch in southeast Texas, the 34-year-old's only intent is to help Chrissy flee her abusive father and protect his family's share of the ranch. Judd plans on having their marriage annulled when Chrissy turns 21, but the cute blonde computer whiz who bakes apple pies, manages the ranch books and takes care of the livestock has other plans—she is hopelessly in love with him. When Judd rents out the struggling ranch to a film company, Chrissy, now 20, finds a rival for his affections in supermodel and actress Tippy Moore, a sardonic Julia Roberts clone. The spunky spitfire retaliates by finding herself another suitor, Judd's friend, assistant police chief Cash Grier, a former Ranger and possible covert assassin. Both men are investigating some local murders and suspicious livestock poisonings connected to a disgruntled ranch hand. Wide-eyed Chrissy eventually lassoes her man, but only after a rescue that's as corny as anything Hollywood could conjure. Palmer's characters are about as believable as a tornado in January, but readers looking for steamy, undemanding escapism will find this fits the bill. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Christabel has been secretly married to Texas Ranger Judd Dunn since she was 16 years old. Making Christabel his wife to protect her from a sadistic, abusive father, Judd has remained adamant that their union be on paper only, with the understanding that the two of them will get an annulment as soon as she turns 21; but as her twenty-first birthday nears, Christabel is determined to consummate their marriage. Meanwhile they've allowed a movie company to use their failing ranch to raise money. While Tippy Moore, the beautiful star, makes major moves on Judd, fellow law enforcement officer Cash Grier begins courting Christabel. Adding to the will-they-or-won't-they question are a number of subplots, including the murder of a young woman and the poisoning of prize bulls. Palmer's multi-dimensional characters are so real you want to smack them for heaping misunderstanding upon misunderstanding. Sensual and suspenseful, *Lawless* will appeal to fans of Catherine Coulter and Linda Howard. Shelley Mosley Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved