

*Braced for Love*, Mary Connealy

Connealy starts her newest series, *Brothers in Arms*, with the blockbuster humor and action that she has become known for in her writing career. Kevin Hunt is a hard-working Missouri farmer, taking care of his younger half-siblings when he receives notice that he has inherited part of a Wyoming ranch. The inheritance comes with the news his father, that Kevin had thought was long dead, had actually only left his mother and moved to a new community, starting a new life...not once, but twice.

Set in the late 1800's, Connealy brings three adult step brothers together in this fast-moving story, as they try to figure out how to get along and how to protect themselves as it is obvious someone (could it be one of the step-brothers?) wants to claim everything, and that can only happen if someone dies. Keeping the characters straight becomes easier as the story builds, and is probably important as this series will, no doubt build from the three brothers and their families. Connealy loves to write, loves dry humor, and loves character development. This should be a fun new series.