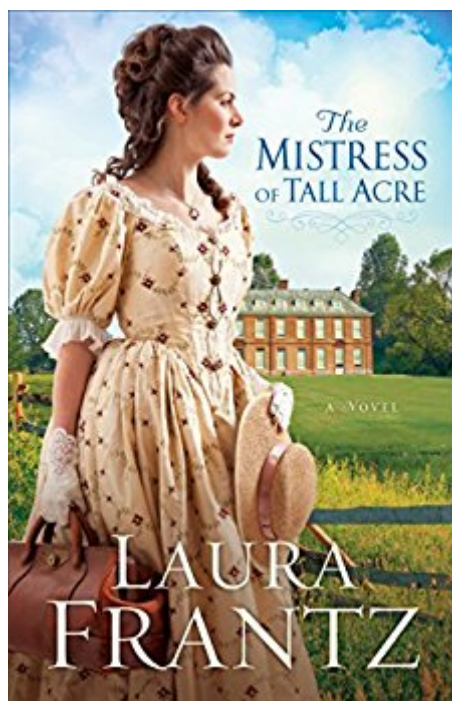


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The American Revolution is finally over, and Sophie Menzies is starved for good news. When her nearest neighbor, General Seamus Ogilvy, finally comes home to Tall Acre, she hopes it is a sign of better days to come. But the general is now a widower with a small daughter in desperate need of a mother. Nearly destitute, Sophie agrees to marry Seamus and become the mistress of Tall Acre in what seems a safe, sensible arrangement. But when a woman from the general's past returns without warning, the ties that bind this fledgling family together will be strained to the utmost. When all is said and done, who will be the rightful mistress of Tall Acre? Triumph and tragedy, loyalty and betrayal--readers find it all in the rich pages of this newest historical novel from the talented pen of Laura Frantz. Her careful historical details immerse the reader in the story world, and her emotional writing and finely tuned characters never cease to enchant fans both old and new.

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<http://bit.ly/1NGuTE>n Laura Frantz is an exceptional writer of historical romance, one of the very best

in my opinion, for there's a complexity to her writing that I rarely experience elsewhere. To say that I loved *The Mistress of Tall Acre* doesn't really do it justice, for I say that about many books. But this story, as with all that I have read by Laura, has that indefinable quality that makes it stand out among the rest. Using her God-given talent, Laura flawlessly blends historical detail, rich characterization, and enchanting storytelling in a way that captured both my attention and heart from the first page. It rises above genre with its exquisite storytelling. Romantic tension, check. Heartfelt emotion, check. Witness these words of Seamus, five years before the story opens, as he holds the newborn Lily Cate in his arms . . . "I don't want to leave you. I'm willing to die for you . . . and if I don't come back, I want you to forgive me." The story is set in 1783, primarily on beautiful Tall Acre in Roan County, Virginia, shortly after the American Revolution has ended. "Tall Acre lay like a brown quilt, pieced together in patches, tenants farming sections and paying rent to the estate." This is my favorite era and I wish there more Christian fiction stories with this setting. It was eye opening to see the hostilities that remained, struggles of the newly-formed government, confiscation of property deemed to be Tory, and the divisiveness of slavery that was already a major issue. Laura has a unique ability for giving life and breath to her richly-drawn characters, and Seamus and Sophie will live on in my heart.

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