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This Marine follows the rules. This cowgirl is all about breaking them.

Operation Cowboy, Book 1

After losing his best friend and CO, Matt, in combat, Brodie Bell didn't think his spirits could sink any lower. He was wrong. One look at his and Matt's storm-flattened hometown nearly levels him.

Los Vista needs a leader, and as Brodie takes the weight of the world on his shoulders, he comes up with a plan. Merge the two ranches left standing, pray for a good calving season...and keep his hands too busy to get busy with Matt's sexy little sister.

Danica was in pigtails when Brodie and Matt went off chasing glory. Now she's a woman with a broken heart, but if Matt knew of the depraved cravings Brodie ignites in her body, he'd haunt her from the grave.

As they work to mend miles of broken fences, Brodie fights to ignore Danica's tiny cutoff shorts and mile-long legs—and to ignore the “weapon” that's locked and loaded in his Levis. Because the last thing he wants is to dishonor his friend's memory by ravishing the sweetest little cowgirl he's ever laid eyes on.

Warning: Involves a sweet and sassy ranch girl who knows her way around a rope, and a Marine turned cowboy who'd like to tie her down and spank her until she begs for more.

Kickin' Up Dust Details

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Ruthie Taylor says

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The first in a new series, this sets the scene of a town in Texas devastated by a freakish tornado. Returning home to find their town gone, a group of ex-Marines, less their CO, try and pick up the pieces. Here we get Brodie's story, CO Matt's best friend and neighbour's full of grief for his friend and PTSD from all he experienced. And what a moving and passionate one it turns out to be.

Danica, Matt's sister has been holding it all together, and is more excited than she wishes she were when Brodie returns. She is no longer a young girl, but a hard-working cowgirl, now she just has to get him to see that. As the barriers between them break down, and they rebuild a better future, we cannot help but get invested in them.

If you've read the Boot Knockers series, you may be expecting more sex than story, but this is firmly hot romance. I enjoyed it a lot, and look forward to watching the rest of the team in their endeavours too.

Donna Repsher says

I received an ARC of this title in exchange for an honest review and here it is: 5 stars.

Recently discharged Marine, Brodie Bell, and several of his friends and fellow veterans from Los Vista, Texas, are returning home together from Afghanistan. Sadly, their commanding officer and childhood friend, Matt Pope, isn't among them, having been killed during their deployment and it's his duty to return Matt's dogtags and the flag that draped his coffin to his parents and his sister Danica, who live on a ranch that borders the one belonging to his family. As if that wasn't depressing enough, when they get to Los Vista, the town is no longer there, having had the misfortune to be in the path of a tornado. The town, its buildings, cattle, ranches, businesses, church and school are gone, and the devastation they witness sets off Brodie's PTSD, as well as his survivor guilt. Luckily, the tornado missed both his and Matt's neighboring family ranches.

When Brodie arrives at the Pope ranch, he's greeted by Matt's kid sister, Danica, only she's not the little kid who used to follow Brodie and Matt around any more--she's a sexy, beautiful young woman, mourning the loss of her brother and having to deal with her grieving parents and keep the family ranch running, and Brodie wants her, and the sizzling attraction is mutual and definitely designed for the 18+ reader.

So begins a deftly written, heartwarming, sad, hopeful, and life-affirming story of love, redemption, forgiveness, friendship, loyalty, family and community. It's an excellent read.

Beanimous says

I am a Em Petrova book virgin. This is my first time. I didn't think it will be good.... I didn't think I will enjoy it...I didn't think I will be affected by the dirty words and smutty scenes.....but darn it, I did and I do.

I am keeping this review short, simply because I can not wait to get more books from this author as soon I finish this review.

This book is sexy, smutty, dirty and lots of fun to read. Very likable heroine and lovable hero. I did, however, find the hero's hot & cold attitude, and his push & pull annoying towards the end. In my head, I was yelling "Come on! Enough with the guilt, enough with the 'I want her But I can't have her crap', just make up your caveman mind".

Having said that, I enjoy reading this book and I am off now getting more books from this author.

Donna Feibusch says

An Awesome Book!

I loved reading Kickin' Up Dust, all about Brodie Bell a marine/cowboy who is coming home after three tours with his BFF's dog tags and his flag & Danica Pope is his BFF's little sister who is all grown up waiting for somebody to just drop by. Brodie and his buddies are home in Los Vista, and the town has just been devastated by a tornado. The town has been flattened, except for the two ranches up on the ridge. The Bell & Pope Ranch are still standing, but their fence took a beating and all of the bulls are gone from the Bell ranch. The author wrote a story about a man who has the weight of the world on his shoulders!

Read this book and find out how Brodie & Danica learn to live in a town that was basically wiped off the map, and how they with the rest of his buddies work together along with a few families that are left to rebuild the town. I loved reading this book and falling in love with Brodie & Danica and his buddies! I can not wait to read book 2!

Ariel Marie says

New author for me

Nice story that kept my attention. First time reading this author. I think it was a good start to a series. I would be willing to read another from this author.

Kathy Wideman says

Brodie and his friends who grew up and served in the marines with are coming home missus one, their friend Matt. They come home to quite the surprise. Their town was hit by a tornado and is gone. The only two farms left are Brodie's family ranch and Matt's family ranch. After talking to his family and Matt's little sister Danica they agree to try and merge the two ranches. Danica was just a little girl in pigtails when her

brother and Brodie left. Now she is a grown woman. A woman Brodie finds himself unable to resist. Danica has always had a crush on Brodie and now here he is looking even better than before. Brodie has lots of guilt over the way he feels about his best friend's little sister. How long will he be able to ignore the way he feels? What will he do if Danica begins to take matters into her own hands and comes onto him? This book was a great read. Danica and Brodie are great characters. Both are dealing with the loss of Matt in some of the same ways and some different ways. This book is funny, emotional, and so much more. All the characters in this book are going through so much. From the loss of Matt to the loss of their town and then finally the loss of everything they own. There is a great bunch of characters in this book and I can't wait to read more about them. I read book two first and wasn't too confused so they don't have to be read in order. I love Em's books and I can't wait to read more of them in future.

Emily says

"Kickin' Up Dust" (Operation Cowboy Book 1) by Em Petrova is a fantastic read! I absolutely loved Brodie and Danica! This story has hot cowboys, military, passion, humor, over coming loss, new beginnings, and more. This is a excellent start to a new series. I can't wait to read what happens next. Highly recommend to all fans of romance, hot cowboys, military, and series.

Cheryl Sanders says

I can't imagine how Brody and his friends felt upon their return from deployment and saw their hometown. Realizing that nothing is where it's supposed to be. Why didn't anyone tell them? Things change. People change. Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's tragic. It's about embracing the good and coming together to change the bad.

I was so sad for Matt and everyone that lost him. With everything going on, Brody was taken by surprise by the beauty of Matt's little sister all grown up. She's every man's fantasy, including his but untouchable at the same time. Let the fireworks begin!

This is my first book by this author and I can't wait to read more.

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I was not required to write a positive review.

The opinion expressed is my own.

Stacy Jordet says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It had many elements in it that I liked - men in uniform, cowboys, sassy woman, hilarious friends, loyalty and hard work.

Brodie returns home after getting out of the Marines to find out that his town has been leveled due to a tornado a couple months back. He is still grieving the death of his best friend and has volunteered to bring his stuff back to his family. There he runs into his friend's sister who is all grown up. The chemistry between

Brodie and Danica is HOT!! I really enjoyed reading about these two.

Another aspect of the book I enjoyed was reading about the inner workings of Brodie mind. He had a lot going on throughout this book. He had the death of a friend, grief over his town and farm, trying to do right by his parents and Matt's parents, PTSD and his new relationship with Danica. I was nice to hear where his thoughts were and why he acted the way that he did.

Finally, I liked the relationship Brodie has with his friends. They had been through hell and back and lost a friend. However, they know when they need a night off to crack open a beer and play cards. They know how far to push each other and then when to drop it. I was fun reading about the guys just being guys.

I can't wait for book 2.

Elaine Swinney says

A wonderful story. I was given a copy of this with the request to leave an honest review. I loved the story. It is well written. I found Em Petrova about a year and a half ago just by accident, I have not been disappointed with any of her books. I encourage everyone to get this book. This one is worth your time and effort. The characters grab your attention and they become real. This book starts a new series and I can't wait to read the next book in this series.

She Hearts Books says

Em just flat out gives good cowboy with a bit of kink kicked in to boot. I loved her Boot Knockers series and couldn't wait to dive into a new series with her. That is another thing I love about her writing. She draws me into the lives of the people she writes about and Brodie and Danica were one of those couples I loved getting to know and immerse myself in their world. And we are talking some serious scorch with these two. I so enjoyed their story and can't wait to read more in the series.

I give Kickin' Up Dust 5 hearts!

Vasiliki says

4.5 stars

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This is the story of Danica and Brodie, both of them are feeling loss and lust!

This is my first real cowboy story and it was really nice and smooth! The book is really nicely written and the plot is moving quite fast! Ms. Petrova is busy with two major issues in this book except the romance, a soldier coming back home and a city disappearing due to a disaster. Both of issues are dealt with respect and it warmed my heart to read a book about how people can help each other!

Danica is an amazing heroine! Her hometown is destroyed, her brother is killed in war and her parents are in mourning mode! She is all alone but she doesn't give up! She fights for the ranch of her parents, for her hometown and of course for her heart! I totally love her strong character! I also love how she could see through Brodie and to understand his issues and troubles! And most of all, I loved the way she called him out when he was losing it!

Brodie is totally an Alpha male! He has passion and desire but he has made a vow in his head (and to no one else) that he doesn't want to break! In my eyes, he has too many troubles on his plate and he doesn't want to drag anyone else in them. On the other hand, he has a golden heart and he wants to help anyone he needs it! Also Brodie is hot! I mean, I can now understand how a cowboy can be so sexy and all that! I can see how Danica fell so hard for him!

Their interactions were fantastic! I loved the way they build up their relationship from meeting up after 5 years until the very end of the book. Their intimate moments were just amazing! The only negative point of this book for me was Brodie's attitude to Danica regarding their relationship. It just didn't feel right after a point to act the way he was acting.

The end of the book was great! I really enjoyed reading it and I hope that the next book will be for one of Brodie's friends who are looking amazing!

I definitely recommend this book to everyone who enjoys a good erotic romance!

Christine Woinich says

I enjoyed this story. It is hot with heart. Brodie has returned from war with one less friend. Danica lost her brother and seeing his friends brought back those terrible feelings. Together, Danica and Brodie grow closer to and hotter for each other until they could no longer deny feelings. I highly recommend this story.

I was given a copy of this story in exchange for an honest review.

Mary says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

I didn't even have to read the blurb to know I *had* to read this book. I've read enough of Em Petrova's books to know that this would be one that I would not be able to put down and I wasn't disappointed in this one at all.

This book took all sorts of plot twists and angst and wrapped them up in tidy, or untidy, love story that kept me on my toes from the first page to the last.

Brodie Bell is a Marine, a long time resident of Los Vista, Texas and heartbroken because his best friend lost his life before the end of their last deployment. As he and his friends get closer to their hometown, they begin to notice the devastation that a tornado has wreaked on their beloved homes.

Finding the Bell and Pope Ranches still standing, albeit beat up quite a bit, he enlists Danica, his best friends little sister, to help him restore their birthrights. However, guilt at every turn slaps him in the face as he realizes that Danica is not the little girl he remembered, she's grown up in every way and he can't help but notice her as a woman and not the sister of the man he called his best friend.

Danica grew up while her brother and his friends went off to be Marines. Now that they are home, she has no problem letting them know how grown up she really is - especially Brodie.

If you have a few hours to devote to reading, I would highly recommend giving this one a go.

~~Wicked Reads Review Team~~
