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A man tethered by pain and guilt borne of past tragedy,
A young woman with the soul of a guardian angel,
And an unspeakable evil about to be unleashed.

As Cricket lay in the soft comfort of her bed, continuing to let her mind nest on thoughts of how truly wonderfully attractive Texas Ranger Thibodaux was, she giggled, thinking that looking at him was more refreshing than swimming naked on a summer Sunday afternoon. He was a tall drink of water—far taller than most of the other men in town—and his shoulders were as broad as the state of Texas itself. Sky-blue eyes, bronze skin, square jaw, and dark hair—and that smile! In truth, Cricket had only seen Heathro Thibodaux smile three or four times, but each incidence was something she'd never forget. His smile was bright and white, and the gold tooth he owned on the upper-right incisor of his smile only embellished the richness of it.

That one tooth. Cricket's smile faded as she thought of it. Oh, no doubt the flash only added to the splendor of his smile. Yet it also served as a reminder to anyone who had ever read or heard of what had happened in Texas one year before. No doubt it was a powerful remembrance to Heathro Thibodaux himself—a visual indication of true barbarity, pain, and loss.

In that moment, Cricket wondered—when Heathro looked in the mirror each morning and saw that tooth, did he think of eight dead girls buried in the bottom of a bleak and barren canyon? Did he think of the eight dead girls that he, for no fault of his own, had been unable to save?

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Angie Cornelison says

Cricket's relationship with Heath is cute and dangerous. I love feeling like I go back in time with these characters. This is a great story. Marcia always leaves me feeling like I have a spring in my step and a smile on my face. One more thing. I love the author's notes. Marcia, I'm 100% behind you on not worrying about what other people are thinking. You write wonderful stories. Be true to you! That's what we all love! :)

Kathy says

Life has been so crazy lately I missed the release of this book! Now that I'm home I just purchased and downloaded a copy and am going to spend the rest of the evening lost in MLM's newest book! I'm sure I won't be disappointed.

Review:

Marcia never disappoints me. If you're a long time follower of my blog & reviews you already know I absolutely love her books. I read them knowing what I am going to get and she always delivers.

I loved Cricket's do-gooder innocence matched to the tortured cynicism of Heathrow. Marcia has once again created an incredible cast of lovable characters.

I love getting to know Marcia better through the parts of herself she puts into everyone of her novels. The author's notes at the end are always the icing on the cake.

If you've not read a Marcia Lynn McClure book before start with Visions of Ransom Lake or Shackles of Honor or A Crimson Frost. For those who like me have read and enjoyed all of her books this one is of course a must read.

Rating: 5 Stars - I loved it.

Content: Clean - passionate kissing and a couple of the mildest of expletives.

Source: Purchased

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

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You'll never be disappointed in a Marcia McClure book, IMO. I didn't know what to expect when I got this one, I just knew that Marcia had written a new book and I had to have it. I love Marcia's westerns, I love the slang, setting and characters. Magnolia (Cricket), was of course a lovable character. I like that she is a fighter and doesn't give up. She is a strength to those around her. Heath was of course an awesome leading man, a true hero. I was surprised by the adventure in the story, while serious, Marcia was still able to keep things on

the lighter side (which I appreciate), and still have some romantic moments between Cricket and Heath. The overall story was a lot of fun, I really enjoyed reading it and had a hard time putting it down, in fact I read it in one sitting! I also liked the side stories, Crickets friends were all likable and I was happy they got their own HEA.

I liked that Marie, Vilma, Ann and Cricket did good deeds for their community. It was so nice, especially when Cricket decides her next good deed should be properly welcoming Heath to town. I was hoping when they returned that the town would have surprised them with something, but I guess the town maybe didn't realize all the nice things they did. Just a random thought. Overall, another fantastic McClure book, I can't wait for her next book and I hope she never stops writing!

Content: Clean, lots of great kissing!!

Kathy Jo says

For every genre that Marcia writes I have an all time favorite. Kissing Cousins became my all time favorite contemporary when I fell in love with Swaggart and Good Ol' Days... almost instantly! A Crimson Frost became my all time favorite historical when I read "The Champion's Prize".

As for the westerns, I kept going back and forth between The Visions of Ransom Lake and Sweet Cherry Ray... not sure of which one I liked best. I guess you can say that it would all depend on the mood that I was in at that particular time.

Well... after finishing Untethered I just have one thing to say... MOVE OVER Ransom and Lobo... HELLO Heathro!! I have found my all time favorite western! Yep... you guessed it... Untethred!! I was hooked before I even finished the first chapter! I love books that I can get completely lost in... books that make me feel like I'm part of the story... like I'm right there with the characters, watching everything as it unfolds... And that, my friends, is exactly how I felt while reading Untethered!! "Sleep" was gone from my vocabulary as long as there were unread pages... I just could not put it down!! Untethered was definitely worth the wait!

Kudos to you, Marcia, for staying true to yourself and writing Untethered the way YOU wanted too!! In my opinion, this is one of the BEST books you have ever written!! Looking forward to the next big adventure you have in store for us!! :o)

Godrules51189 says

I thought that this book was awesome. I was afraid that the book would end too soon, but it went on and finished super well! I love how Marcia McClure is always able to keep tension in her books without the graphic scenes!

Heather says

I loved the idea of the story. Loved the idea of the tortured hero ex-Texas Ranger. But I kinda felt like we were being TOLD the hero was tortured and not shown that. Marcia can write a brooding, tortured hero who growls at the heroine all the time like no one else! But in this it seemed it is more just TOLD to us that he is tortured. I did like how innocent cricket was with her thinking on how babies are made! That was fun! I do wish a conversation about that would have come up between her and the hero though. I also wish we wouldn't have known the heroes past of why he is tortured more until the end to give it and him some more mystery. All-in-all a fun read with lots of kissing and some danger. It just didn't hold up to my most favorite ones like "The Visions of Ransom Lake", "Shackles of Honor", and "The Light of the Lover's Moon".

Stacey Hall says

Oh my stars and garters!! Marcia has outdone herself on this one! She wrote it from her heart and it is just so full of love, heroes, great smooching, heart pitter patter, amazingness! I love Cricket and her determination. Heathro is of course to die for, so I have another boyfriend to join the list...ok, they are all on my list. Great story with great adventure. I love that Marcia let her heart loose and wrote this her way! Another 5 star from me!! Love you Marcia!!

Teya Peck says

Macia does not disappoint! Wow, that was sooooo good! Although, it kinda felt like there was more to come. As if there would be more like the McCall stories. That could also be cause I wanted more. I didn't want it to end. It was a good length, just not long enough for me. A great story, intrigue, clean, action, and of course a great love story. An Awesome Macia book!

Katie W says

Magnolia (aka Cricket) is always jumping in bare feet first into mischief. She and her three good friends are the secret do-gooders--always on the lookout for someone who needs a little extra something special, but in their innocence, they don't always keep an eye out for trouble.

Heathro (Heath) is a Texas Ranger who just endure a tragedy. He is such a hero though!

When Cricket and a few other girls are kidnapped for ill intent, Heath is on the move, trying to rescue them before something bad can happen.

I love how spunky and innocent Cricket is. She's such a good friend and a natural-born leader. Heath seems to battle within himself to allow himself happiness, but he's a great hero and asset to the community. I loved the corn scene. :)

A totally fun Western romance that I already can't wait to read again!!

Cheryl Mclaws says

Love, love, love, love, LOVE! Seriously, MLM just keeps getting better!! For a long time now my favorite MLM hero has been Mason from Shackles of Honor. Heath is now giving him a run for the money for the top spot. There's just something about a wounded hero in a cowboy hat that does something to me....

Shellie says

She did it again!! Marcia Lynn McClure has managed to wow me again. I am adding this one to my list of favorites. :) One of her best yet!!

Ex-Texas Ranger Heathro Thibodaux is living in small town Pike's Creek. He is haunted by his past, being unable to rescue 8 young women who were abducted and killed right in front of him by white slavers. When a similar tragedy strikes right in Pike's, Heath recognizes all the signs and mounts a posse to go after the girls. However, much like before, the posse men do not recognize the same signs Heath recognizes, and they choose to go another way to find the girls. Now, once again, it is up to Heath to rescue the women. Only this time, it's personal. Enter Magnolia "Cricket" Cranford. Heath must catch the group of slavers and rescue the girls, including Cricket, all without getting killed himself. After all, how even is a fight of roughly 10 to 1?

This is most definitely a book I will read again!

Cici says

This was Yummy! I loved the hero and heroine. I wish the heroine could be a little older. The story was good. The town and it's sensibilities are interesting. The romance is reallllllly goooooood! There is lots of great kissing! And clean as always!

Julia says

It seems I am the first to have finished the book and to post a comment. Marcia, your characters have set some pretty high expectations where men are concerned. I loved the book so much, I didn't stop reading it until I finished the last page. Marcia's books are so hard to put down (I need to practice my self control, where MLM books are involved). I am in love with Heath :)

Erika B. (SOS BOOKS) says

Have you ever seen the movie Hook? It's a retelling of Peter Pan with Robin Williams! Well if you have or haven't there is a scene in the movie where Robin Williams is in Neverland now an old man who has forgotten his life as Peter Pan. He meets his fellow Lost Boys and they try to determine if this old man is

really their Peter Pan or not. One of the little boys walks up to Robin Williams and starts pulling the skin on his face back and mashing back the wrinkles and studying his face and eyes and finally exclaims, "O there you are Peter!!" This is the way I felt while reading this book! O there you are Marcia!!! We've found each other in happiness and harmony once again! HAHAAAAHA :) I loved Untethered! I loved it because it was a little more...gritty! There's murder and scandal and villains...even mention of...BROTHELS :O! Tee hee! Her characters actually get a tiny bit steamy! (By the way that doesn't mean a ton because Marcia books are usually PG rated but it was just fun to have a little more steam and by steam I mean a mild humidity/moist feeling!!!) O my that makes me sound awful! O well I tried! haha You have to read it to see what I mean because if I write what I mean I'd have to mark this as a spoiler! It just felt like Marcia was being completely true to her story so I really liked it! Read it and you'll know what I'm talking about! And OF COURSE our hero! In true Marcia fashion that man could be shot by 10 bullets and dragged away by wild horses and the next chapter still come back for more! Very knight in shining whatever on a white steed! I did love Heathro (Mason Carlise don't worry-you're still number one) I was reading this on my Kindle so I don't know what page but I was 95% of the book done and I was still getting set up for surprises! Good ones! It was an excellent blend of romance and fun which is why I read these books! For the bubbly-I'm-still-sixteen feeling! :D

Kristen says

Yes, I stayed up all night to finish it.

Sooo good. I love her full length novels. I really believed the chemistry between Cricket & Heath. It had mystery, and cowboys, and romance and bad guys, and heros. What a enjoyable way to spend an evening.

Moral Note: Some language - mostly heck & dang. Some passionate kisses. Slave labor talk. Mild talk about marital relations. Recommended for older young adults/adults.
