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Book 4 in the Wild series After a bitter divorce, reporter Lani Stanton has erected a border around her heart too strong for any man to cross. She's not ready for a relationship of any kind with any man. But when Lani meets Rick she can think of nothing but being in his powerful arms and in his bed. Intelligence Agent Rick McAllister is hot on the trail of a notorious smuggler when the sensual blonde reporter comes into his life. Once he gets a hold of Lani, nothing will stop Rick from crossing her borders and winning her heart. Rick puts his life on the line to track down a murderous smuggler, and he puts his heart on the line to win the woman who belongs in his life forever. Review quotes for Wild Borders by Cheyenne McCray 4 STARS! "This great love story has a lot to offer: a plus-sized heroine, a hunky hero who shows amazing sensitivity, strong secondary characters and an intriguing, well-researched plot. Another engrossing read in McCray's Wild series." ~Robin Taylor, Romantic Times BOOKclub "Red alert! Red alert! This book may cause hot flashes! ...an erotically charged story brimming with sexual tension that when Lani finally gives in to her lustful feelings for Rick, it was enough to cause this reviewer to go stand outside in the freezing cold." ~Courtney Bowden, Romance Reviews Today 5 STARS "I have one thing to say about this book, DAMN!!!! Ms. McCray is truly a talented writer." ~Faith Jacobs Just Erotic Romance Reviews

## Wild Borders Details

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## From Reader Review Wild Borders for online ebook

### Kathrynn says

Okay, but nothing special. Too many mundane details cluttered up the flow. *Wild Borders* had some mild suspense, but I'd already figured it out, so fizzled there for me. Some parts were very boring. Having said that, the characters were both excellent. They had good chemistry and some really hot sex--when that finally got started (almost 3/4 into the book).

Rick McAllister made my "hero heartthrob" shelf! He was almost too good to be true. Lani Stanton's character had to grow with the story, while Rick's character was perfect from start to finish.

Lani was recently divorced and felt all men treated women poorly. Her fear of flying was justified, but I didn't feel her fear of men could be quantified based on how the author depicted her life. Her ex-husband was an ass, she left, and I felt she needed to get over it. She was attracted to Rick from the start, but her "I want him, but I can't let another man control me" internal dialogue got old. The whole meet the wonderful family was kinda "cheesy."

"James'sss" that's one I haven't seen before and it was in the book--twice.

Also, there was a switch to a character's last name without being told what the last name was during a dialogue early in the book. I wondered if it was a typo, but later in the book the full character's name was revealed. Mystery solved.

The writing seemed hasty and the plot very predictable. A whole lot of nothing special, but a hunky man.

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### Mitabird says

Wild Borders is the 4th book in McCray's Wild series. I've enjoyed the other three, but this one fell a little short. I thought the H/h had very good chemistry, but the plot was old, used, and predictable. It really detracted from the story.

3.5 stars

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### Netanella says

2 1/2 stars.

McCray's erotic contemporary romance series continues with "Wild Borders", this story focusing not on cattle rustling but on the huge tide of illegal immigration across the Mexico-Arizona border. The set up is the same - sexy straightforward cowboy tries to win beautiful woman. But somehow, although the ingredients for the recipe were the same, the result turned out differently and the magic was off somehow.

First off, the steam factor was dialed way down. Then there was Rick McAllister's terrible addiction to showering multiple times a day. I know he claimed it was to wash off the bacteria he came in to contact with

on a daily basis from his job as an intelligence agent for the Border Patrol, but that man should be invested in Irish Spring stocks. His son Trevor, a 9-year-old kid, is written as if he's a 6 year old with developmental delays. (I have a 9 year old, so the difference was pretty jarring.)

I think what upset me the most about this story, and why I rated it 1 star less than I anticipated, was Lani's TSTL behavior at the close of the book. Her decision to remain in Arizona, after she learns that she and Rick's family have just received a pretty serious death threat, is just plain stupid. Of course, she just found out that she was pregnant, but that's okay. She's a reporter for the glossy magazine "City on the Bay", and she must finish her investigation! Because, you know, another life is not involved. Argh! Someone smack that woman before she decides to go deep undercover in Afghanistan or Syria.

Regardless of my rant, the story was worthwhile and fun to read. I'm moving on to the last story in the series, because my OCD voices are speaking to me again.

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### **Mitzi says**

Book 4 in Wild Series. Great books.

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### **Amanda says**

My favorite of the whole series by far...

Rick and Lani's story was great...it had me wondering how was behind everything and I will admit I was wrong about who was behind everything, though I did have the major players tagged from the get go. I just missed who they actually were behind the mask.

I kind of wish we would have gotten to see Rick beat James's ass...BUT that's okay that we didn't. The Epilogue sets us up for the short story for Kev and Nichole and I'm intrigued to read their story.

I highly recommend this series if you're wanting a fairly short read...I have enjoyed reading it, and looking forward to reading more by this author in the future.

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### **Collette says**

This is a story about a woman with low self-esteem that hooks up with a sexy cowboy who makes her feel beautiful again. The sex is very hot, the storyline predictable (hence the 4 not 5) and it was a fast read. McCray's Wild series is quite fun and don't tire reading them.

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### **Djg says**

I think I liked this one best of all the "Wild" books. It was longer than the other books in the series so it had a more developed plot.

Lani is a magazine writer researching a story on border/immigration in Arizona. Rick is a widowed border-patrol agent who lives with his adorable son and loving parents.

Rick is sweet and patient with Lani who left a verbally/emotional husband after 5 years of marriage. They do not just jump into bed, but make no mistake, the sexual tension is there whenever they are together.

What can I say, I just really liked the characters and their romance was sweet and believable.

Recommended.

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### **Sarah says**

I loved the sexy grin and loveable personality Rick had and how much he loved and wanted Lani even with "in her mind" all the imperfections she had. Only thing with this book was its really slow I got distracted by other things easily because it was so slow going (which is not like me) I really enjoyed the last couple of chapters. I was totally shocked by who the bad guys were. I did not see that coming. Overall it's a good story just took a while getting to point.

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### **Auntee says**

Very happy with this one, in fact, my favorite of this series. Plenty of atmosphere and details of life in a Southwest border town (including a nice little history lesson about Tombstone and Bisbee, Arizona), plenty of details and development of the characters, a mild dose of suspense, and most importantly--a sweet, sensual, *steamy*, sexy romance between two very likable characters.

Blonde, brown-eyed Lani Stanton is a 25 year old magazine writer from San Francisco. She's been divorced for 6 months after being married for 5 years to a verbally abusive, controlling, opportunistic heel. Lani had just lost her parents and sister in a plane crash and her boyfriend took advantage of her vulnerable state and convinced her that she needed to marry him. What followed was 5 years of verbal putdowns (mostly about her weight--Lani is a curvy size 14) from her lawyer husband. Lani finally wised up and realized she could do better and dumped the loser. Now she's on a quest to move on with her life, but vowing not to get her heart broken again. Heading to Tucson to do a magazine feature story about illegal immigration, she runs into a sexy, blue-eyed cowboy (Rick McAllister, 34) on the plane (after noticing him a day before in a Chinese restaurant), is *very* attracted to him yet still guarding her heart, and coincidentally, finds out that he is the son of the ranching couple that she will be boarding with while working on her story! Rick is an Intelligence Agent for the U.S. Border Patrol, a single-dad with a (hyper-active) 9-year-old son (Trevor) and is working on a big case trying to track down some smugglers in the area who are making big money sneaking illegal immigrants into the US. Lani will be staying with Rick's family for a few weeks while working on her story...will she be able to keep Rick (whose bedroom is right next to her guest room) at bay for long?

*Rick...*

I loved the development of this story. Rick and Lani are attracted to each other, but they don't *immediately*

fall into bed together. They take a little time to get to know each other, and let the sexual tension (and there's plenty of it) build. There's some nice interaction between Lani and Rick's family (especially with Trevor, who I swear seemed more like a 6 year old on a constant sugar rush than a 9 year old), some romantic dates between Lani and Rick as they continue to forge ahead in their relationship (ahh, the stay at the B&B...), and plenty of hot sex when they finally take the step to becoming lovers. The scenes are well-written, erotic, but not raunchy. Rick is truly swoon-worthy, in looks and deeds, and you'll probably wonder why Lani *ever* hesitated around him.

On a side note, two kind of quirky things about the characters that I noticed: Lani *blushes* an awful lot, and Rick *showers* 2 to 3 times a day. Apparently Rick is exposed to potential diseases (like TB) in his job, but the way he seems to be showering constantly, you'd think he was rolling around in hazardous materials all day! Just a couple of things that caught my reading eye about the characters, but it didn't detract from the story, which was quite good.

One other thing that pleased me, and it was about Lani's character: (view spoiler)

One thing that was missing for me, and I found a bit confusing, was Rick's marital history. Was he ever married to Trevor's mother? If the author went into the details, I must have missed them. I kept waiting for Rick and Lani to have a conversation about his past, for him to talk about his ex(?) wife, but it never materialized. Hmm...

Readers, heads up. This book has been reissued and revised a bit (characters' names have been changed) and is available now as *Kade* . If you like a sexy, sensual love story, that builds to the boiling point and features a sigh-worthy, strong, sensitive leading man and an inexperienced woman who comes into her own, gaining confidence day by day, then you'll surely enjoy this book. Even though it's part of a series, it can be read as a stand alone. I've read most of the series (I only have / left to read) and I've enjoyed them all. But **Wild Borders** has been my favorite so far. 4 1/2 stars

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### **Shawna says**

*\*Note: This is the original version of McCray's remake *Kade: Armed and Dangerous*.\**

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### **Julie (jjmachshev) says**

A very well-written, if slightly predictable, and HOT love story by Cheyenne McCray. "Wild Borders" tell the story of Lani, a size 14 beauty who is a reporter. Lani finally dumped her verbally abusive hubby and is slowly regaining her confidence and joy in life...but she's sure not ready for a man, any man. When she heads for Arizona to do a story on illegal immigration, she meets Border Intel Agent Rick. He's a tall, scrumptious, yummy man who appreciates a woman with some meat on her bones. He finds Lani irresistible and will do whatever it takes to ensure she doesn't get away. Lani vs. Rick...my money's on the wily agent.

Very enjoyable story. Doesn't have the urgent heat of her later paranormals, but still worth the read. The 'mystery' was interesting and I didn't tag all the bad guys until they were revealed; however, the plot was

fairly predictable.

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