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*Once burned is all it takes...*

For the last twelve years, Raul Montenga has sizzled with erotic dreams of the girl he left behind. When he finally comes back home, determined to find her, it's not to Penelope's warm welcome but to a cold shoulder and her icy rejection. So he's more than a little surprised to answer his door one day to find her tomboy daughter standing nervously on his porch...claiming to be his child.

Dr. Penelope Gibson's worst nightmare isn't that her daughter might want to know who her father was. It's facing the man she'd foolishly spent her youth loving and keeping him at arm's length. Now he's back and the feelings she'd thought frozen solid are melting in his wake. Along with her inhibitions, her clothes and her better judgment.

But when he's determined to win back her love—body and soul—can she trust him enough to try? Or will everything she's built without him go up in smoke?

*Warning: This book features a wildly hot Latino firefighter dead-set on a mission to seduce. Contains bad words, fiery tempers and scorching sex. Oven mitts required.*

## Burn for Me Details

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# From Reader Review Burn for Me for online ebook

## E\_bookpushers says

Well after I read and reviewed *The Virgin's Revenge* by Tenorio I had to read more. I am totally hooked!

Such a good book. Took one of the tropes I am usually iffy on and made me like it. The second chance at love was extremely touching. Tenorio didn't shy away from racism and its effects on people. I loed how she used what some people call reverse racism and showed how it is extremely damaging it is to everyone involved.

I was reaching for tissues during the final scene of the book because WOW! I have to get and finish the rest of this series now.

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## Ni\_kii says

My fave of the series so far.

Loved the secret baby trope and the complete determination of a man to right some past wrongs in a very smexy way. Fantastic....loved Pen's Mother too.

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## Kimberly says

My review cross-posted from Joyfully Reviewed: <http://www.joyfullyreviewed.com/revie...>

As a young man, there was nothing Raul Montenga wanted more than to get out of his small hometown and the life his parents had mapped out for him. Twelve years later he has finally returned home for good and what a surprise there is to greet him. He wakes up one morning to find an eleven year old on his doorstep, claiming to be his daughter. Chloe Gibson is the daughter of Penelope, town doctor and the woman who used to be hopelessly in love with Raul. But how could Chloe be his daughter if he and Penelope were never together? Unless the dreams he's been having the past twelve years of making love to Penelope were actually memories...

Penelope Gibson was crushed after a drunken mistake at a wedding between her and Raul ends with him not only not remembering, but leaving town without saying goodbye. The one bright spot of the situation was the daughter she had. But when Chloe brings Raul back into Penelope's life, Penelope's torn between wanting to protect her and her daughter's heart and wanting to fall back into the arms of the man she has loved for so long. Raul will have his work cut out for him if he wants to regain the trust and love he lost long ago.

Dee Tenorio has definitely delivered a burning hot reunion romance with Burn for Me. Penelope is a heroine you have to love. She's smart, hardworking, loving, and does her absolute best to care for and protect Chloe. Raul, while he may have once taken Penelope for granted, does a fabulous job of proving that he's in for the long haul in his quest to win Penelope's heart. Chloe is a wonderfully entertaining child with intelligence and cunning that keeps her parents constantly on their toes.

While there are no black-hatted villains in *Burn for Me*, Penelope does face some pretty harsh prejudice from a character I won't name for spoiler reasons. I was interested to see how Ms. Tenorio would get Raul and Penelope to their happily ever after and I will only say that I was glad of how things worked out.

All in all I adored *Burn for Me*. It's both sexy and romantic – what more could you ask for? This is the first book of Ms. Tenorio's that I've read and it definitely won't be the last. Though each book in her *Rancho Del Cielo* series stands on its own, I will be racing to read the first two stories in the series, *Betting Hearts* and *Love Me Tomorrow*.

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## **Nicole says**

Review originally posted here: <http://thebookpushers.com/2013/07/10/...>

Holy crap.... This book was like a really intense embellishment of my life, and I LOVED it. Tenorio created such a wonderful story about two different cultures clashing together and coming together through a fabulous romance. Seriously, I loved it.

Penelope never hid her childhood crush on Raul, but given her hazy memories of the week before he left town, she isn't too excited about the prospect of running into him again. Once she realizes how important Raul's role is in her daughter's life, she can't ignore him, or her feelings for him, forever.

Raul ran and never looked back. Now that he is back in his hometown, the idea of Penelope in his life is more than he can handle. Especially since he wants her more than ever. But given their past as kids, and Raul's family, will they ever get their chance to pursue a romance they both deserve?

I was so engaged while reading this book, as I felt like Tenorio had a sneak peak into my own real life romance, and used it for the inspiration behind this book. While I didn't have a secret baby to worry about, I did marry into a very large Mexican family that is loud and big and (at times) not very open to outsiders. Granted, I never had to go through the horrible things that Penelope did, and quite honestly, I can't imagine sticking around like she did!

However, despite Raul's somewhat racist family, I adored their romance and everything about it. The fact that Penelope got the chance at her childhood crush was so sweet and wonderful to see. I loved that she didn't fall back into Raul's arms immediately, and that they were both a little hesitant about their feelings. Raul was super sweet in "courting" Penelope, and I loved seeing him woo her and making her fall in love with him all over again. \*melt\* I was both horrified and amused by the circumstances around Penelope's daughter, and thought it added such a neat and different twist on the whole secret baby trope.

I also really liked the relationship between Raul and his fellow firefighters. I've only read one other book in this series, so I'm thinking I'm going to have to go back and read the others so I can get another taste of that brotherly bond. I also hope we get to see more of Penelope and how she handles finally being pulled into the fold of Raul's family. I loved seeing the way she and her daughter and Raul all handled the racism, and how his family was able to pull through as one in the end. It made me all weepy and happy, to be honest. :)

All in all I absolutely LOVED this Tenorio book in the *Rancho Del Cielo* series. The parallels between the book and my real life pulled so hard on me and kept me flipping pages like I couldn't get enough. I was so in love with Penelope, her daughter, Raul and his father that I was so sad when the book came to an end. I can't

wait to see what else Tenorio has in store for this series. I'm anxious to go back and read the books I missed.

I give Burn for Me an A-

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### **Miranda says**

Mini Review:

A hot contemporary romance with a strong emphasis on family.

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Addresses some interesting racial issues and the way a family will turn a blind eye.

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Pen's emotional conflict rang true. This book sucked me in and I will be looking forward to more stories from Ms. Tenorio!

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### **Julianna says**

I really liked it, the daughter was an adorable character, and the situation with his mom was realistic. Liked how he handled it.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

#### **4.5 Stars**

Raul Montenga and Penelope Gibson have a very long history including a drunken encounter at a wedding reception that neither is quite sure happened the way they remember. Penelope's daughter, Chloe, finally makes them both face up to facts and answer some burning questions.

Raul is the fire chief in town. He left RDC back in his twenties to get away from his overbearing father and the life his father laid out for him. He returned 10 years later after a tragedy and stayed. While he spends time with his family now, he's still a little disconnected. Raul has had dreams for years of Penelope, dreams he doesn't understand. Things become somewhat clearer when 10 year old Chloe knocks on his door one day.

Penelope is one of the town's only doctors. Despite coming home from college unwed and pregnant, she's held her head up high and is well respected in town. She knows she wouldn't have made it without her Mother's help which she is grateful for but she knows she let her very proper Mother down. She is a devoted mother to Chloe. She enjoys the company of her friends but pretty much avoids any other relationships.

Chloe is a bright, somewhat foul mouthed, daring girl who has no problems asking questions or telling

people how she feels. She loves her mother fiercely but she is curious about the man that fathered her. The man that her mother never talks about at all.

Usually in books where there is an unplanned pregnancy that the mother never tells the father, it angers me. However, I never felt that way in this book. I don't want to say anymore because I don't want to spoil it but I will say there was a reason. It might have been a little weak, but it was plausible and I let it go. What I admire about this book is the fact that this little girl and her best friend pretty much figure things out which leads to Chloe confronting the man she thinks is her father and her mother as well. The relationship between Chloe and her mother really changes during this book. They both have to learn to give and trust each other a little more. In addition, the relationship between Raul and Penelope simmers, boils, fizzles, and then boils again. I love the fact that Raul really had Pen figured out and he would step back when needed to let her catch up. I also love that he went in with both guns blazing knowing exactly what he wanted. He didn't shy away from anything and given the situation, he could have really been a jerk. Then there are the outside family issues on both sides that create problems, some of which are really hard to excuse or overcome.

I can honestly say with Dee's books in addition to a good romance, she always makes you think. She addresses some issues that most people wouldn't find pleasant and she does it well. This book is a little "rawer" than her previous two books. The language is a little rougher and the sex scenes a little hotter. I'm totally not complaining, just a little warning. Dee's books always seem to take me by surprise. While some authors rely on a formula for their books, her style seems to change from book to book. This is not a bad thing; it's just different from most authors I read regularly and I applaud her for keeping me on my toes!

While I've enjoyed the other books in this series quite a bit, I really loved this book. I don't know if it's the "oops" pregnancy, the hero discovering what he'd always been missing, the heroine learning to live and love, or the ten year old "oops" stealing the scenes. This book is touching, amazingly funny, discusses some tough issues and prejudices, and yet evolves into a really great love story.

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## **Sally says**

This has to be my least favorite book in the series, I just didn't connect with it as much. Raul the hero is the Captain of the firefighters and came to town a year ago after he ran from his family's expectations of joining the family business and marrying one of the family friends. He comes from a big Latino family and his wild teenage years were quite a disappointment to his father.

He finds himself dreaming of Penny, as he has been for so many years, the dreams are so real but the Penny now doesn't seem to notice him at all. When they were little and teenagers Penny worshipped him, followed him around and even loved him, Raul cared for her and defended her but knew he wasn't good enough for her, not when he wanted to leave so kept himself away from accepting what she offered, then he finds an eleven year old Chloe on his doorstep who asks him is he her father?

He goes to Penny. Penny has come a long way from that girl who worshipped Raul, his leaving changed her, she became drunk at a friend's wedding and lost her virginity to an equally drunk Raul in a closet, at least she thinks it was him and then she went mad and hooked up with the first guy she met in college, when she wound up pregnant she didn't know whose kid it was, though she has suspected for years it was Raul, the tests prove it.

I found Chloe quite adorable, she was a handful and outspoken and prone to trouble. Raul took on his

responsibilities, he didn't know he had a child and when he learnt that he started making up for lost time and even defended Penny to the town. He wants a second chance with Penny, he was a selfish guy when he was younger and didn't realize what he lost and now he wants it back, his friend Josh tells him it won't be easy and he knows that, Penny doesn't trust him and doesn't want to be around him, he has to show her that he has changed. He makes her see that she wasn't someone he had sex with in a closet and forgot, his dreams came from memory, even if he couldn't recall that and he never forgot her and pitied her and in a way came back for her.

Raul and even Chloe tell Penny that she is turning into her mother and that is something she never wanted, her mother loves her but she is an iceberg, she helped Penny when she had an infant in medical school but her disappointment was always felt by her. Raul's desertion kind of blew the spark in her, she built walls around her and doesn't let anyone close and when she finds them crumbling she goes to Raul.

Plus Penny also had a fear of Raul's mom who had realized at the age of 4, whose daughter Chloe was and told her that she would never allow someone white to be a part of her family.

I enjoy seeing a hero give chase and this book is about that, Penny is so wary and this time around doesn't give Raul an inch, but I still ended up finding the book decent and not wow'ed by it.

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## **Chu says**

### ***Who needed facts when fiction was so much more titillating?***

It was the characters, rather than the plot, that made me like this novel. The plot is pretty familiar, and I could have predict how the story would run through its course. However, its the characters in this story that baffled me. I fell in love with some, and I hated some.

I was surprised that Raul didn't really fight the fact that he had a kid with Penelope, he was mildly surprised, but that was it. He welcomed Chloe with open arms and hoped that the mother wanted to start a family with him.

Penelope, on the other hand, changed. She was not the girl he used to know back then. Perhaps it was the single parenthood that drove her to be almost but not totally like her pragmatic mother. She had survived med school with an infant and continued to be a single mother until a DNA test proved that her daughter was indeed Raul's.

Chloe - how can you not fall in love with her? From the first chapter, up to the last part of the novel - she's a darling. Chloe is witty, amazing, a little bit crazy, and wonderful kind of girl. I would also like to add that if her age wasn't mentioned, I would have guessed that she was older because of the way she handled things (much better than her older folks)- it was more mature, simpler and less complicated. She's the character that brought life to this novel and surely you'd like her too.

I hate Raul's mother, I don't think what she did was fair to both Raul and Penelope, most especially to Chloe. In addition, the reason for her actions are completely outrageous, and I feel sad for the rest of Raul's family for allowing their mother to act/feel that way for a long time. Maybe, if someone has already talked to her in the first place and made her realize things then Raul wouldn't a lot of Chloe's life.

Nevertheless, despite the usual plot, I enjoyed reading **Burn for Me**. It tackles not only about steamy make-up sex but as well as family dynamics, social stigma on single parenthood, racism, effects of trauma and second chances.

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### **Edi says**

Very good read - explores romance interrupted story with a courageous 11-year-old seeking her father. Prejudices of ethnicity and social standing are also in play here in fictional (but pretty recognizable) Southern California town.

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### **Mspink says**

Raul left his small town and huge overbearing family 12 years ago to find freedom. He could never forget the young girl who had had such a huge crush on him for so long. He came back to take a position in the fire department and was surprised to find out he had an 11 year old daughter. He had barely remembered the drunken encounter he had with Penelope. He realized he was a different man now and wanted to make everything right. Be a father and hopefully the right man for Penelope. Many difficult family dynamics come in to play, along with Pen's tremendous mistrust of him. She couldn't allow herself to get hurt again. She knew she'd have to share her daughter, Chloe, with him now but she would not easily share her heart.

This is an incredible journey for these characters. Painful misunderstandings, mistakes, and large prejudices. It is very emotional and I had to hold back tears more than once. I'm from a hispanic heritage myself and just reading about Raul's mom's horrible prejudice and her hurtful treatment of Penelope and Chloe, just made me cringe. Even the ending didn't leave me feeling better about her. Though it seemed like the family was on the right track to healing, slowly.

Raul's loving courting of Penelope was fantastic and his sexy loving was amazing. He stepped right up to the plate and became the man and father he needed to be. He had to give her plenty of space and have patience with her so she could learn to trust him again. It was very powerful and romantic. Chloe's headstrong personality added alot of humor and hope to the story as well. What an incredible story of love and family. I loved it.

I did not love the somewhat abrupt ending. I think it needed at least one more good chapter to really fill in some of the blanks and some of the healing dynamics. That is the only criticism I have of the book. Don't miss it. It is amazingly well written and also a tear jerker. Be prepared!!

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### **TeflonPanties Jamie says**

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*Reviewer Note:* Burn For Me is only available in e-book format at the moment, and is part of the Rancho Del Cielo Series.



First, I have to tell you that contemporary romance and I have a tenuous relationship at best. We lock eyes every now and then in the bookstore, size each other up for a few moments, secretly wondering what the other might do...but then we usually go our separate ways, both knowing that while we don't much care for each other, maybe someday one of us will find the other worthy.

Well, much to my absolute and utter dismay - today is that day...

Firefighter Raul Montenga is part of a large family. Wait, let me rephrase that. He's part of a huge and rather proud Mexican family, who not only prides themselves on being tight knit, but on always being there for each other as well. Yet twelve years ago, Raul left the small town of Rancho Del Cielo, determined to strike out on his own because the cookie-cutter life his parents wanted him to settle into felt more like a cage than a real beginning. But now he's back in town with a new job as Captain of the local fire station, along with a bevy of elicited dreams starring a certain woman he never had the pleasure of touching. At least, he doesn't remember touching her, until he wakes up to find an eleven year old version of his dream girl standing on his doorstep, claiming to be his daughter.

Dr. Penelope Gibson has made a few mistakes in her life. However, when her daughter, Chloe, slips through the door to her office with the former love of her life in tow, it takes almost everything she has not to add another to her ever growing list. Just the sight of Raul's gorgeous face and hard body makes her ache to touch him again, but when he demands an explanation for Chloe's surprising claims, Penelope's mind overrules her hormones and calls for an all out emotional retreat. And though keeping the only man she's ever loved at arm's reach might be what she thinks she wants...her heart has a completely different agenda.

I never thought I'd say this, but Dee Tenorio has lured me over to the contemporary romance *Dark Side*. Not only do I think that *Burn For Me* was extremely well-written, but the characters were so believably fleshed out and rang so true, I was completely floored by just how much I enjoyed this book. The sexual tension between Penelope and Raul was in a word, awesome, and when they finally got down to business - I actually woohooed for them...out loud...and drew a very strange look from my husband. Oh, and the curveball Ms. Tenorio throws regarding the identity of the antagonist, wow, just wow. I didn't see it coming and I'm usually really good at picking up on those things. So bravo, Ms. Tenorio, bravo!

Read the entire review [HERE!](#)

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## **C Joy says**

This is the first Dee Tenorio book I've read and I was impressed. The writing style was smooth and it evoked sadness, happiness, hope, and lust. It was emotionally charged, and has a rich story full of interesting characters. It was also fast-paced, the feelings were direct to the point, the conflicts worked well, and the sex scenes while fewer than I expected, were scorching hot.

It started out slow, but when Chloe dropped the bomb and the paternity tests confirmed she is Raul and Penelope's daughter, I simply couldn't stop reading it. This isn't the first inter-racial romance I've read, but this one emphasizes the cultural differences, discrimination, acceptance of blood ties, and family values.

Raul and Penelope are likeable characters. Penelope is a strong woman who held her head up high, she's resilient and she embodies all the protective mothers out there. Raul is one hot daddy, I wished for someone like him for myself when he started courting Penelope the old-fashioned way. He proved his love for her by

admitting to the whole town how he took advantage of her, and he took all the blame to protect her and his child. That's what endeared him to me the most.

While this story is fiction, it happens in real life. There's bound to be love between a girl and a boy who grew up in a small town, and I liked how their love, once broken, was healed through time and efforts from both of them. I also liked the humor here, how the characters developed, and how the author presented Lorna (Penelope's mother) in a new light.

I enjoyed reading this because it brought tears to my eyes, entertained me and I would definitely recommend it to my friends. With that, I'll read more of Ms Tenorio's works.

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### **Eva (TXBookjunkie) says**

I like how family is such a large part of Tenorio's stories. A cute and easy read.

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