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From Reader Review Falling for the Rancher for online ebook

Maggie Hesseling says

This would have been 5 stars if it wasn't for the ending. She forgave him way too quickly. I love the interaction between the female characters and that his jealousy over his friend going out on a date with her made him rethink himself.

But mostly, reading this novel made me smile. I love that they're just people wanting to move forward in life after so many setbacks.

Amanda R says

Thanks to Harlequin and Netgalley for the book in exchange for a honest review!

All Jarrett Ross wants is for his sister to walk again. He has moved home to help take care of the ranch since the accident and his dad's health issues. He blames himself for it all. Now his parents are leaving to have some time away and to let his dad relax, but he can't do it all by himself so he has to hire someone to help Vicki so he can do his job on the ranch. He thought they'd hire an older lady to take care of Vicki and take her to doctor appointments, but the only applicant that he thought might actually help Vicki was Sierra. Too bad she's an employee, she's gorgeous and off limits. That's what got him in this problem.

Sierra loves being a physical therapist. Since she had her own injury when she was young she knew she wanted to help someone like she was helped. She's recently jobless and this job in Cupid's Bow looks like it might be the answer for her right now. She wants to help Vicki and the fact that Jarrett is attractive is not going to get in her way of doing this job and doing it well.

Jarrett lives his life swimming in guilt. He's worried about his sister and his dad. He is attracted to Sierra but he doesn't want to choose his own happiness over making sure his sister is taken care of. They gave it a good try, and then they gave in. I enjoyed that Sierra was a strong and independent woman, despite growing up in a well off family she wasn't afraid to get dirty and do what needed to be done. I do wish that Jarrett would have gotten rid of some of his own guilt and that we would have gotten to see that growth. In the end it was a good story and I enjoyed it. Leave the author love in the form of a review!

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

3.5 stars

I don't know what the problem is, but I have been having one heck of a hard time becoming engaged in any book I pick up. I did enjoy Falling for the Rancher, but at times I was bored and felt that the plot didn't move swiftly enough to hold my attention. Jarrett also burned too hot and then cold for my tastes, due to his guilt about his sister's accident.

Sierra rubbed me the wrong way at first, but I gradually started to like her better as the story progressed. At

first she came across (to me) as a self-absorbed, privileged snob. She has just been fired from her PT job due to her history of not going by the book, and she's having no luck finding another position due to her rep. When a cowboy suggests a position with the Ross's, working with their 19 year old daughter, she's reluctant at first because it's in an out of the way, podunk town (with poor signage). Beggars can't be choosers, however, and she's forced by her bank balance to take the job.

Jarrett is riddled with guilt. First, he feels his selfishness caused his sister's tragic accident, which left her in a wheelchair. While she was in surgery, his father suffered from a heart attack. Months later, when his mother wants to force her husband to take a break from their ranch and go on vacation, Jarrett promises to look after both the ranch and his resentful sister. When Sierra comes along, she's like a godsend- she's tough enough to push Vickie and not take any crap from her, and she's willing to work for the meager salary they are offering.

Neither protagonist connected with me, though I did like Vickie and would like to read her story. I didn't like that Jarrett convinced Sierra to keep their relationship a secret from Vickie, and dreaded the predicted conflict that would cause when she discovered that Jarrett was back to his old womanizing ways. The ending was also jarring and felt extremely abrupt to me. I did enjoy the supporting cast, and will more than likely read the previous books in the series.

Books and Spoons says

When a charmer meets a feisty redhead, and the sparks fly...

Typically, I wouldn't say that a ladies man is my favorite type of a hero, but Jarrett is so much more than that. First, since the accident, he has corrected his ways with the ladies, he has seen redemption on that field, in my book, as he falls head over heals for Sierra, and can't help it for a minute. The flowers he picks for her, the cute notes, riding lessons, support, humor, and funny moments are all so swoon worthy. And then when they kiss the first time, it just rocks the foundation..

The chemistry is incredible between them, and they create some serious heat. But is it all just temporary, a fling, or is there more to the feelings they are so hard fighting against?

Sierra is an amazing lady, her strength, perseverance, and energy are only to be admired. I love her attitude, how she goes after what she wants, and is getting things done. And the healing powers her presence only is providing at the ranch. Not only to the Ross siblings, but to herself as well.

The supportive cast and crew are fun, entertaining town folks, and bringing their own salt into the tale. It is a story that made me swoon several times, smile and cheer, just a great feel good story, despite the tragic accident, that brought it all to be.

~ Four Spoons

Michelle says

This was a good book. I enjoyed all of the characters. I can't wait to read the other books in this series.

SuperWendy says

Lothario hero carrying a mountain of guilt falls for a physical therapist heroine who is at a crossroads both personally and professionally. I loved the heroine's attitude and there is a suitable amount of chemistry

between the romantic couple. Quite a few secondary characters given this is part of a small town series, but the added addition of the hero's sister added some heft to the conflict. It didn't change my life but this was a good, solid, enjoyable read.

Vera says

Sierra is a city girl. Out of a job and gets the chance of a temp one in small town Cupid's Bow Texas. No plans to fall in love, likes city life. Tells herself only there to help Jarrett's Sister with physical therapy.

But things don't always work out as planned. Can Jarrett and Sierra both decide to make something out of the feelings, both are trying to hide?

Would recommend to others.

Harlequin Books says

"Michaels does a wonderful job crafting her characters, giving their stories depth and providing an interesting backstory. Readers will enjoy watching the tough hero attempt to fight his attraction to the heroine — and fail miserably" (4 stars @ RT Book Reviews).

Miniseries: Cupid's Bow, Texas

Jessica Figueroa says

Sierra is on her next job as a physical therapist which is a welcomed change after the accusations of her last client. She's a city girl so life in a small town has its obvious differences. She's now working for Jarrett Ross's younger sister who was injured by a drunk driver. Ever since the accident Jarrett and his younger sister can't help but feel it's his fault and he's pretty much sworn off his old lifestyle and girls. Soon as Sierra steps in as competent at her job she can't keep his eyes off of her.

I enjoyed this book it was sweet, simple and predictable. It was a light and fun read. I enjoyed seeing the interaction between Jarrett and Sierra. I loved how well meaning she was with every choice that she made. I loved how the small town lifestyle was getting to her and how she was able to help her client do more with herself than stay depressed. Overall a pretty good story I really enjoyed it.

Elizabeth says

Jarrett Ross is home working the family ranch as his penance for the free-wheelin' ladies' man lifestyle which he feels is responsible for his sister's car accident and slow recovery. Normally, I stop reading when I see there's a ladies' man involved, but when I met Jarrett, my heart really went out to him. He's wracked with grief as he busts his hump to work the ranch and take care of his sister while their parents are away.

Jarrett thinks the physical therapist they hired to help his sister is the best thing...until he meets the fiery redhead with more curves than a mountain road. Sierra is stubborn, tough and brutally honest. Not to mention feisty as all get out! This girl gives Jarrett a run for his money! Not only is Sierra doing amazing work with his sister, she's befriended by Kate, the sheriff's fiancée and drawn into the workings of small town Cupid's Bow.

Jarrett and Sierra's chemistry is atomic! And when they kiss.....ooooooo fire! I love them together. They complement each other so well. There were obviously some bumps along the way, but it didn't take long for Sierra to win everyone--including me--over with her quick-witted dry humor and her feisty attitude.

FALLING FOR THE RANCHER squeezed my heart to bursting! I can't get enough of the people of Cupid's Bow, Texas! I highly recommend this and any book from the author.

I was gifted an eBook copy from the publisher via Net Galley in exchange for an honest review. All conclusions reached are my own

Laura says

Good easy read. Good characters. Typical romance novel. I enjoyed it.

Donna Repsher says

I received an ARC of this title in exchange for an honest review and here it is. 3.5 stars.

Jarrett Ross, a former rodeo cowboy, is now working full-time at the family ranch in Cupid's Bow. Six months ago, his younger sister, Vicki, was injured in an accident with a drunk driver that left her wheelchair bound and severely depressed, something for which he blames himself, since it should have been him behind the wheel, but he blew off his dinner with her for a roll in the sheets with a hot blonde--he's been quite the womanizer for years. While waiting for word about his sister's condition at the hospital, his father suffers a heart attack, something else for which Jarrett blames himself. When his mother decides to get his father away from the ranch to fully recuperate and relax, she puts Jarrett in charge of interviewing and finding a live-in physical therapist for his sister, who will also act as cook and housekeeper while there.

Sierra Bailey, an outspoken and brash physical therapist has just been released from her last place of employment for having an "inappropriate relationship" with one of her patients (he kissed her, she gets blamed). The offer to go to Cupid's Bow and work with Vicki comes just at the right time. She knows she needs to find permanent full-time employment but needs a new source of income and a place to live while searching for it. Her wealthy parents want her to come home, get back in touch with the doctor she was seeing, who left her months ago to work in Africa, and they want her to return home and pick up their country club lifestyle, something she is loathe to do.

As expected, Jarrett and Sierra are attracted to one another, and, as expected from a small-town romance, Sierra starts working with Vicki, the gossip begins, they try to hide their mutual attraction from each other and also from Vicki, and so on.

In short, this is an quick, enjoyable read about life and small town friendships that doesn't really contain a great deal of drama or tension. It's well-written, but there were really no surprises here as the story heads to a HEA ending. Quite a number of other interesting characters are introduced in this novel, and I'm guessing we'll get to know them better as the series progresses.

Monica Cardoza says

This is the second installment in the Cupid's Bow, Texas series and it was a good read. This had a sad storyline because you had a big brother that felt guilty about his sister's accident. He believed it was his fault that she now couldn't walk but it was an accident. Yes he should have kept his promise and not gone out with a woman but what if that accident still happened would it still have been his fault. Then there was Sierra she was a great woman and she did her job perfectly. Yes she was hard with her patients but she wanted the best for them. When she first met Vicki there was a clash but it seemed that they got each other. They both had a terrible accident that left them unable to walk but she was able to put in all her strength to get better. Sierra was going to make sure that Vicki walked again but during her time at the ranch there was this instant chemistry between her and Jarrett. He made a comment that he had no interest in Sierra but some things can't be avoided. They both want each other and it's only a matter of time before they fall into bed together. But in the end of course there is something that always happen before they can have their happily ever after.

Falling for the Rancher was a good read. The characters were well written. Ms. Michaels' writing is focused and clear. I love getting lost in her stories. I can't wait to read more of her stories.

Received ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an Honest Review

Barbara Leuthe says

I love a great storyline set in a small town. Jarret and Sierra really were well thought out characters. I really hope the next book is about Vicki, she would make a great follow up.

Dj says

A CHANCE TO HEAL Jarrett Ross's freewheeling lifestyle nearly cost his family everything. Instead of hanging out with his sister, he makes time with some buckle-bunny, while his sister gets involved in an accident that leaves her in a wheelchair. Then his dad has a heart attack during Vicki's surgery. So, he's sworn off the rodeo and women, and not a moment too soon. When he hires stunning redhead Sierra Bailey to be his sister's (physical therapist), he knows she's off-limits...and yet somehow twice as hard to ignore. City gal Sierra dreads small-town life and insists her new job in Cupid's Bow, Texas, is only temporary, although being around a sexy cowboy is an unexpected perk. After having been wrongfully fired for inappropriate relations with a patient, there are so many reasons Sierra should keep her distance from Jarrett. But as they work together to help his sister heal, it's obvious they're a great team. Will the parents heal their relationship? Will Vicki be able to heal? Will Sierra and Jarrett follow their hearts and make this temporary arrangement permanent?

