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*The Copper Mountain Rodeo has returned to Marietta and cowboy reputations aren't the only thing at stake...*

Marietta Kindergarten teacher, Kate Canaday, is doing perfectly well without the ex-love of her life mucking up her intention to stay gloriously uncommitted. So what if she's become—according to her sisters—a serial dater? If pro-bullrider Finn Scott's untimely defection six years ago taught her anything, it was that men come with an expiration date. And she's more than happy to oblige them.

Trouble is, the sexier-than-ever Finn, now a devoted single father, has just moved to Marietta with his adorable five-year-old twins. He's in an unexpected custody battle with his ex and too proud to ask Kate for help in making his crazy life look stable. But Kate sees helping him as a way of sealing off the hurt from her past once and for all. If they can just keep their hands off each other. After all...expiration date, right?

Not if Finn has anything to say about it...

## Choose Me, Cowboy Details

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## From Reader Review Choose Me, Cowboy for online ebook

### Book Gannet says

3.5 stars. The Montana Born Rodeo series bows out for another year with a highly enjoyable second chance romance featuring a good guy who often gets taken advantage of, a feisty woman with impulsive self-destruct tendencies and some super-cute twins.

I thought I wasn't going to like Finn when I read how he came to father those twins, and yet, somehow he was the one I felt most sorry for. He's a decent guy who made one mistake and who stood up to take the fall. He's not foolish or malicious and everything he's done for the last six years has been for his kids. He gave up his dreams and the woman he loved for them, but he's not bitter about any of it. He loves his kids and wants what's best for them – how could I not warm to him?

It also helped that Kate has a habit of wrecking anything good that comes her way. Whenever it seems like Finn is getting too close, she drives him away – which is how the twin accident happened. To be honest I found Kate quite frustrating and I never understood where her self-destruct button came from. I sort of understood how she came to be so independent and secretive when it came to her family – something to do with the death of her mother and not wanting to upset anyone – but it's all pretty vague, making Kate seem foolish and perhaps a bit of an emotional coward.

Which is a shame, because irritations with some of her actions and motives aside, I really enjoyed this one. It's always nice to be back in Marietta, especially at rodeo time, and I really liked Kate's family. Those twins are adorable too and I loved any scenes between them and Kate and them and Finn. It's easy to see why Kate would want to help, regardless of the hurt between her and Finn, even if their method is a little suspect.

Overall this is a fine way to farewell the rodeo for another year. There's a sweet romance, some lovely family moments and a couple of characters that I couldn't help liking – even if I found them occasionally baffling. If you're looking for a relaxing cowboy read, then you can't go far wrong with this, especially if you enjoy second chance romances.

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

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### Mia Catherine says

[ Did he not use protection when he and Melissa hooked up years ago? Did he return to Kate's hometown and ex

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### Elaine says

Rating: 4.5/5

This is a lovely story of love and forgiveness in a fraught second chance romance involving a couple who had been engaged till his one night stand ex turned up pregnant. He did the 'honourable' thing (!?!?!?) and

married the mother-to-be breaking her heart. They haven't seen each other for six years....

Finn Scott has moved to Marietta, having inherited a dilapidated, run down ranch which belonged to his friend and mentor and he's not alone. He's brought with him his adorable five year old twins, Cutter and Caylee, only to find out that his ex-wife is now contesting custody, wanting to take the twins she hasn't even attempted to see from him over to live in Hong Kong. Not only that but the judge they'll be seeing always seems to prefer to give custody to the mother . . .

When Finn and Kate first meet again, it is following a playground accident in which Cutter was injured. The attraction is there, as strong as ever, for both of them but she's wary of having her heart broken again. Despite this, she eventually suggests they marry to give him a better chance of keeping the children - but this is to be a marriage of convenience which they will annul once things are sorted. However, with family life feeling so right, their mutual attraction so strong, maybe their best laid plans could go so wrong - or so right?

This is the fourth and final book in this delightful series. As in all the books, it has robust, strong characters, plenty of trauma and drama and, of course, the Marietta Rodeo and people. It can be read as a standalone but the whole series is fantastic, so if you like cowboy romances, check them all out. This is a great addition to the series and I have no hesitation in highly recommending it.

Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley, too for provided an ARC for me to read in exchange for this, my honest review.

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### **Jen says**

*Read the full review on Bookaholics Not-So-Anonymous.*

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Written by Barbara Ankrum, *Choose Me, Cowboy* is the fourth and final novella in the multi-authored 2015 *Montana Born Rodeo* series from Tule Publishing. This is a second chance romance between kindergarten teacher Kate Canaday and former bull rider and now ranch owner Finn Scott, whose relationship ended when with the pregnancy of a one-night stand. While Finn wouldn't change the fact that his mistake gave him his twins, Caylee and Cutter, he does regret the hurt he caused Kate. His feelings for her appear to still be very much present, but Kate refuses to have anything to do with him, until Finn's ex-wife and the mother of his twins makes a reappearance and threatens to destroy the life Finn's created for himself and his family. There's self-denial on Kate's part but she still loves Finn and cares about his kids.

When it comes to two people getting married for the sake of a particular cause, you're pretty sure how things are going to end up, especially when the marriage is between two people who were once engaged and saw their futures with one another. The connection between Finn and Kate is as strong as ever, but Kate's need for self-preservation is perfectly understandable because who the heck wouldn't be wary about putting their heart at risk yet again with the very same man who broke it years ago? I did like the family camaraderie that Finn and Kate had going with Caylee and Cutter and my favorite scene had to be the one involving the grand gesture, which I will not go into except to say that it brought one huge grin on my face when I read all about it. *Choose Me, Cowboy* was a fine end to this lovely series. It gets 4.5 stars, rounded off to five stars! ♥

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## **Phyllis Mennitt says**

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I read the second book first so I was a little confused at first..I loved the story line especially with the kids.Great love story

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

First reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

So I got to the last page of my Kindle edition of Choose Me, Cowboy and just simply sighed. This is what many romance novels want to be when they grow up. Romance in a real world of ex-wives, divorce, child custody gone crazy, lost love, missed love and finding the way to have faith not only in the one you love but in yourself as well.

Kate had been devastated at a choice Finn had made years ago. Oh, sure she serial dated these days but there was a reason that she never allowed any other man to stick. Even if she denied it until her dying day there was a huge chunk of her heart that still and always would belong to Finn. She would deny it to herself and anyone who'd listen to her, but the truth was there – she simply had to become brave enough to acknowledge it and accept it.

When Finn and his 5 year old twins settled back in Marietta, Montana he knew that one day he'd run into Kate again. At this point he wasn't sure if that was going to be a good thing or a horrible idea. But he knew that eventually it would happen. He had screwed up royally with Kate. Sure she'd made mistakes too but none as huge as his. Now he just wanted some peace and quiet – something he was not about to get any time soon.

Kate and Finn's first meeting wasn't under the best of circumstances but they survived it. And as much as Kate wanted to deny or ignore it, Finn could still stir her up faster than a nest of hornets. When she'd seen the legal papers on the coffee table she knew he was in trouble. But could she help him in the way he needed most right now? That could lead to a disaster – or the best choice she'd ever made. Time would tell the outcome, but keeping her heart safe from the only man she'd ever truly loved was a losing battle.

Choose Me, Cowboy brings back together two lovers who had left each other under the worst possible circumstances. Each had made mistakes, had they learned from them. Maybe, hopefully. But Kate would do anything to keep Finn's kids with him and not be torn away by a vindictive, money hungry vixen like his ex-wife. The woman who'd torn Kate's dreams into shreds once would not harm those children. Did she expect to find that love hadn't died? Was she ready to believe in second chances? Maybe. But there was a lot to get through before Finn and Kate could depend on that happily ever after for them.

Finn and Kate are as realistic as your neighbors down the street. Life happens and sometimes it simply sucks, but you move on. This story was completely believable, heart wrenching as well as heartstrings tugged hard. I completely loved this story, and as I mentioned it is for the chance to find a story like this that I read as much as I do. If you love a good strong romance with characters that scream real and situations that any of us might find ourselves in – then you need to pick up a copy of Choose Me, Cowboy today.

\*I received an e-ARC of Choose Me, Cowboy from the publisher and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. That does not change what I think of this novel.\*

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### **Sharlene says**

Great second chance romance!

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### **CJ - It's only a Paper Moon says**

2.5

I had to stop reading because I simply couldn't like the main character.

I got about 38% through and gave up.

**This is a NetGalley ARC provided by them and the publisher in exchange for an honest review**

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### **Rachel says**

This book follows the second chance for Finn and Kate. Finn is super easy to like, though he makes mistakes, he's a guy who tries to do right by them. Kate is a self sabotaging woman, at least in regards to her male relationships. She's kind hearted which makes a person like her. Add in Kate's family and the beautiful town of Marietta, and you've got a pretty enjoyable read.

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### **Marilyn Kruger says**

#### **Good book**

I have this book 4 stars the story line was different v from most romance books. I would recommend the series so far to everybody that loves a good romance.

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### **Chanel says**

This is the Second Book in the The Canadys of Montana Book, (not sure about the Montana Born Rodeo #4 Series?). This time, Kate is the Canaday sister that is at the center of the book. She reluctantly reunites with the man that broke her heart years ago. That man is now a single father of twins. There story takes a few detours, and there are tears, but in the end love wins.

Rating 3.5

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## **Ruby Derouen says**

### **Loved it**

Loved this book! It showed you all the ups and downs of relationships and having to correct wrongs done in the past. It also shows you how you can rewrite the past and make a new beginning. Never underestimate the power of love!

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## **Geri Reads says**

### **3.5 stars!**

This was another goodie from Tule. Despite its length, which is on the short side, the plot and the characters were really well developed. The town of Marietta, Montana came alive and was the perfect backdrop for Finn and Kate's second-chance romance.

Apart from the rushed ending, I became frustrated with Kate. I loved her spunk and that she stood up to Finn's ex. But I didn't buy her reasoning behind the shitty decisions she made. I feel for her but she definitely was at fault the first time they broke up and also with the second one. It seems like her reasons were all in her head. Like everything was in her head. She totally ruined her own love life for reasons I still didn't understand.

Despite my frustration with Kate, I loved Finn and his twins. And Kate did manage to save the day in the end. So overall, I still liked this one very much!

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## **Doreen Ewasuik says**

A beautiful story of two people and the problems they face and how they over came them..

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## **Erin says**

I enjoyed this story. But there were a few sex scenes in it, which I don't like. And there was no epilogue...I like an epilogue.

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