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Best friends for life. That was their pact.

Feisty, spitfire Hannah Prescott yearns to get the bulls she raises to the top rodeo circuit finals. Being a woman in a male-dominated career means she fights harder for what she wants, and romance plays no part in her goals. But when everything's on the line and her best friend asks her to play pretend, what's a girl to do?

Sexy, life of the party cowboy Cody McCall is determined to save the legacy of his family's ranch and give his beloved, widowed grandfather something to live for again. Options are limited until he hits on the perfect plan—pretending to marry the girl who's been his confidante and friend all these years. After stealing sweet kisses with Hannah, Cody starts to dream of something more permanent...if he can only convince Hannah to agree that the move from friendship to marriage is worth the fight. He wants a forever bride, but there's only one cowgirl he desires.

## **The Cowboy's Rebellious Bride Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Cowboy's Rebellious Bride for online ebook**

### **Becky Burciaga says**

A charming, light hearted HEA with laughter, love, and bringing family together to create an endearing story. This is a wonderful start to the series of the McCall brothers in Honor, Texas. Throughout the story there are plenty of times were you'll be laughing one moment and the sighing the next. The author's writing perfectly executed the feeling of innocence in small town living.

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This ARC book was complimentary, provided by the Publisher and Netgally, I am voluntarily provided my honest review.

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### **Lesley says**

Friends to Lovers is one of my favourite tropes and I thought the story premise was good. However it didn't flow for me, I found the writing style rather choppy and uneven and the heroine's mindset at the end of the book illogical. This is the second book I have read by this author and I don't think I will be trying any more.

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### **Tressia Avellar says**

#### **Best friends find themselves perfect marriage material!**

I enjoyed the book, I did it a bit slow starting out as there seemed to be so much going on and too many characters being introduced at once. But its a great story, and a good read. I found myself laughing at the shenanigans the two characters got themselves into, and tried to get OUT of.

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### **Sarah says**

Hannah is struggling with the haunting past mistakes of her mother and her father. She want to be someone but doesn't want to let anyone in in fear of being hurt again. She has a best friend and her bulls what more could she ask for?

Cody has loved Hannah as his best friend for their whole lives. She's been there for the good, the bad, and the ugly but when faced with losing his family farm he wants her by his side. But when life throws a curve ball he wonders if unconditional love is enough for both of them and his family.

Wow oh wow I just loved this book, its a good clean romance no swear words not adults scenes. I loved that struggles between the main characters, I super enjoyed the stubbornness and pigheadedness of the main characters. I enjoyed the more important message of family. Family is so important and that is made clear through out this book. I can't wait to read more about the McCalls and their fighting spirits. Seriously you

can't go wrong with this book.

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## **Kathy says**

### **Strong family story**

I enjoyed this fun story of lifelong friends finding something more. It took a lot for Hannah to realize she could love Cody without fearing she would lose herself along the way. Strong family values and support along with the pet miniature horse added to the enjoyment.

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## **Dani (Dani Reviews Things & Love in a time of Feminism) says**

This wasn't a bad book. But it wasn't a good book either. It was just, on average, a meh book.

The plot was a bit of a disaster. People thrown in here and there for the sake of drama without it really making sense for the story. Like Tabitha, Cody's ex, suddenly showing up out of nowhere, HOURS after a run-in with another ex. And all out of town. What really are the chances of that happening??? Characters also behaved in strange ways, like Hannah's weird leap of logic towards the end. The plot didn't flow, and there's no way around that.

The book also seemed really preachy. The most bizarre characters, the Fruit Spinsters (they're called Clementine and Peach), tried to protect Hannah's honour by not letting her see Cody alone before the wedding (um, I'm sure Hannah wasn't a virgin given her previous forays). Then there was the whole "I'm saving myself for marriage" bit, even though, again, I don't think Hannah was a virgin.

Plus, I know the book is trying to be feminist with the whole "I'm a rare female bull breeder and I need to make it on my own" theme, but this is cancelled out by Hannah saying she doesn't want to get married and have kids, but then Cody being all "I can't wait to make her my wife and have her pop out a dozen". I get that maybe Hannah might change her mind, that maybe she's scared, but it didn't feel like Cody actually respected that she might /not/ want kids. I know a romance is all about the happily-ever-after, but this felt like more than that; as if it was prescribing the only kind of happiness allowed: man gaining woman and impregnating her.

I straight up hated the ending. (view spoiler)

Despite all of this, the short length and actually pretty decent chemistry did compel me to finish the book. I did feel the connection between Cody and Hannah, and it was mighty disappointing to not get any more than kissing.

So yeah, maybe quick cowboy romances are your thing. Especially if you like fake relationships and friends-to-more tropes. But don't expect the moon with this one. It's more of an easy read.

PS – PLEASE get a proofreader. There were more than an acceptable number of typos in this book.

See more of my romance reviews on Love in a time of Feminism!

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Laurie LeClair has been a favorite of mine from the time I fell into her Once Upon a Romance Series. Her stories are sweeter than any greeting card, smoother than silk and as addictive as a chocolate cake. The Cowboy's Rebellious Bride highlights the best of Ms. Leclair. She simplifies what humanity tends to complicate. To understand what love is, we have to first find it within ourselves. That message shines brightly with every character she writes. Her tales open up the heart and that is what I love most about them.

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### **Paula Bothwell says**

The Cowboy's Rebellious Bride (The McCall Brothers 1) - PG13

Violence: none

Language: fewer than 45

Sex: descriptive kissing, disrobing but no details.

There is definite attraction between the two mains, but there are no details.

I think there are more books in this series, but I am tapping out now. I don't really care for the H or h as people. The both do have redeeming characteristics, and I am glad they matured and got their HEA.

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### **Fredrika says**

I did not like this book. I had to encourage myself to keep reading it so I didn't have to put it on my DNF shelf, and I was constantly looking at how many pages were left.

I'm trying to figure out what is was about the book that I didn't like and I can't think of one cohesive reason. The primary one is probably that the story was super dry. I didn't think the main characters, Cody and Hannah, had any chemistry, which is disappointing seeing as they have been friends since they were young. I'm normally a huge fan of fake relationships and friends-to-lovers but they felt like strangers the whole time.

I also felt like I jumped into the middle of a series. Cody's grandparents' relationship and Hannah's parents relationship was briefly given detail but were such a huge part of Hannah and Cody's characters that I felt like I needed more. They were almost written like a sequel to previous generations' storylines and I was kind of lost.

I'm disappointed in this book, especially because there are so many good reviews. I guess I can't really complain though, since I downloaded this book for free. Sadly, it just felt like a waste of time and I feel like I have to read an AWESOME book now to make up for it.

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### **Arceli says**

#### **Soaring Up High**

This is such a sweet friends to lovers romance! I loved the entire westerner setting. It made the entire book even more charming. I also loved Cody and Hannah. Both of them of been friends since childhood. They have had each others backs since they knew each other. A series of circumstances make them cross the line from friends to lovers. And boy, it is super adorable.

This entire novel had me hooked on the first word. Despite it being a super short novel and quick read, I did not want it to end. Hannah is such an amazing character. She is spunky and has her own backbone. Yes, she does have her own demons and mistrusting about men. However, she isn't a pushover and rude about it. Cody is super patient with her and that made me swoon more about him. Cody is such a sweet heart. His determination to keep his family's ranch and care for Hannah made him one of my favorite cowboy characters. And, the entire family dynamic to novel just added more charm to this novel. Cody's family, Hannah's neighbors, and the entire McCall clan made this book extremely funny and fun to read.

In summary, this is an extremely sweet friends to lovers romance. I had so much fun with the characters. I will definitely be reading more books by this author to get over reading slumps and care for some sweet sugary romance.

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### **Phylis Carpenter says**

Cody used to be in the rodeo but he came home because his family needed him too. He always seemed to be the one everyone could count on. His Grams got sick and he came home and helped with her. When she passed away he stayed because Gramps needed him. He had a strong sense of honor, being there when he was needed and doing right by his family.

His best friend as far back as he could remember is Hannah. Hannah and Cody were always getting themselves in to messes when they were younger and it looks like nothing has changed. They were out drinking and partying one night and Hannah was staying at the boarding house run by Miss Peaches and Miss Clementine. Two sisters who were extremely old fashioned.

This book made me laugh at times and was an easy read. I really enjoyed reading Cody and Hannah's story.

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### **Shelagh says**

The Cowboy's Rebellious Bride is a sweet western romance set in Texas. It's the first in a new series by Laurie Leclair and will appeal if you like your romance clean. I struggled a bit with getting into the story though I enjoyed it overall. The pace was a bit slow for my liking and I couldn't get my head around the nickname "Cods", short for Cody. In Australia that's slang for a rather tender part of the male anatomy.

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### **Cindy Caron says**

Awww! A sexy cowboy and his best friend, both with severe relationship hangups, yet neither wants to loose the other, nor do they want to take the next step! Both Cody and Hannah have lost their parents in traumatic accidents, but Cody has always had his two brothers and of course his Gramps and Grams, until her recent passing that is. Seeing his Gramps basically giving up on life is one of the toughest things he will ever have to witness, and only one thing would bring him out of his funk. But they're on the verge of loosing the ranch, and Cody is feeling the crunch. Hannah watched her mother crumble every time her father left for another, not only once, but numerous times. Having her mom confess to her at the ripe old age of eight sure hasn't done her any favors either, only succeeding in giving her a relationship phobia, and while she was in college, on their way to be remarried again for the third time, did they meet their fate in a car accident. With no other family, she found herself on her own, except for Cody, her best friend. The only good thing in her life, at least until he tries to get them out of a tight spot and announces that they're getting married. What was he thinking? Oh! The trouble they always seem to find themselves in!

Most definitely a great read that will have your heart beating a bit quicker and the tears quietly slipping down your cheeks, as this pair find their way to true love. Absolutely loved it!

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### **Will Decker says**

This story is so sweet it'll give you a tooth ache, in a good way. Great character development combined with a romantic story that carries on beyond the marriage makes this romance stand out from the norm. The editing needs work-too many instances of misused words (probably typos) that they began to distract from the story. But a great story it was, nonetheless. I look forward to continuing this new series by LeClair.

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