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Wild at Heart. . .

Wild. Reckless. Stubborn. That's Luke Malloy in a nutshell. The solitary life of a rancher and the untamed Montana wilderness make him feel alive-and nothing will ever change that. Not even being thrown from his horse and forced to accept a stranger's help. The fact that this stranger is a beautiful blonde with a passion for ranching that rivals his own doesn't hurt. But there's a secret she's hiding, and Luke won't rest until he uncovers it...

Ingrid Larsen doesn't need anyone's help. Not with managing her family's ranch. Not with raising her little sister. And certainly not with the mysterious incidents occurring on her property. When this too-sexy-for-his-own-good cowboy needs a place to recover, she hopes he'll be in and out in no time flat. But just as she's beginning to trust Luke's promise of protection, Ingrid's secret threatens to tear them apart.

Luke Details

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From Reader Review Luke for online ebook

Jennifer Schultheis says

Luke is book two in the Malloys of Montana Series, but can be read as a standalone. This book is easy to lose yourself in. The outside world didn't exist while I was reading about Luke and Ingrid; that's how good this book was! I absolutely love sexy cowboys and Luke fits this description easily. His love for Ingrid is something really special and he's definitely protective, which a characteristic I love in my heroes. Overall, a great read! Looking forward to the next book in this series.

Nancy Reynolds says

Loved this "cowboy" romance. I was caught up in the story from the very start and couldn't wait to see what developed. This is the first book by this author that I've read, and I'm now anxious to read others.

Ruthie Taylor says

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

This is the second book in the series - and even though I read book one back in April, and have read hundreds in between, I was immediately back with the Malloys and remembered all the family and their ways. I would highly recommend that you read Matt first, as it will definitely enrich the experience. Luke is a very different brother to Matt, and his rough and ready ways do not really hint at the potential for romance - but read on and find out how he falls!

The start is pretty dramatic, and sets up the first meeting between Ingrid and Luke as being more than just a casual encounter. Once Luke's protective, help others streak is awakened, we can only sit back and watch everything unfold. I loved the larger than life characters than we are given, and the bit parts are just as important as the leads in giving us a well rounded and captivating story.

I loved the brothers' grandparents so much last time, so having them back and helping out, was brilliant - and one cannot fail to mention Yancy and The Great One. The writing brings all these people to life and the backdrop of the Montana mountains makes me think of cowboy films and big open country vistas. These books would definitely convert to film well - although some of the hotter scenes would have to be implied! Oh, and the mystery of the brothers' parents deaths was also reopened ... so will be interesting to see where that goes next too.

Luke and Ingrid are not the usual pairing one might expect, but their romance makes for exciting, happy and hopeful reading - I definitely recommend it to you.

Lisa says

The way he proposed, and the Mom was redeemed was spectacular!

Mira says

Good book. Good characters, nice plot, nice setting and good flow.

The main female character reaction when shots were fired at the end seemed a bit off but it also seemed right.....so basically after first read it was like ugh...but the author redeem the character almost immediately after.

Nice ending with a hint of cliffhanger to the next books.

I read that someone mention that the cover saddle is a kid saddle.....i think the cover is nice for the imaginative than the realistic.....but the cover didn't capture the ponytail in the main character.....and unless it was mentioned he was going to cut it off, it didn't seem like the character had a pony tail.

good book....decent read.....to me it's worth reading.

Debby (Alwaysbooking) says

I was in the mood for a good country contemporary romance and this fit the bill perfectly. The cover was not my favorite of all romance covers, maybe because I know farms and horses I'm a little pickier. That saddle he is so gallantly carrying... would fit a small child. So he better be carrying it for a pony. Anyways! on to the review...

Lets start with Ingrid, first off super strong name for a super strong lady. I was impressed with how hard Ingrid worked. Nothing was glossed over in this book, the sweating while mucking out stalls, checking on the cattle etc. Ingrid is just trying to take it day by day. She is struggling to hold the ranch together long enough to pay off her mom Nadine for it. She doesn't have time for anything in her life right now except the ranch and her little sister Lily. Matter of fact Ingrid doesn't think anything of Luke except that he's a nuisance that she now has to add to her to-do list. Ingrid's romantic burn with Luke was a slow starter which I enjoyed. She knew what she wanted and wasn't going to let him get in her way. I know I've said it a million times but I love strong female characters, women who don't necessarily need men. I really liked for every action that Ingrid took you could see what happened in her past to make her think that way. She may act like she doesn't care but you can tell her heart is on her sleeve.

Luke while lead to as being the wild child throughout the whole book definitely isn't. I really enjoyed his proper manners. He was so sly after he felt better about helping Ingrid out without her thinking he was helping her out. The mutual love of the land definitely was a bonus. I mean it's nice to see a city gal fall for a country guy romance story, but this was so much more because they both lived and breathed the land. His politeness and patience with Ingrid and Lily said a lot about how he was raised. Sure everyone in his family is a character but who's family doesn't have characters in it? Luke is the guy who instinctively sticks up for the little person. He doesn't mind playing go fish with Lily for hours. He doesn't mind riding up into the

mountains to watch the herd either.

One of my favorite parts was the girls day that happened with Ingrid and some new friends. I felt the love of Luke's mom in that part. I also really enjoyed Yancey and Mick's characters I feel like they will become fast friends. All in all this was a very enjoyable read, I would highly recommend it to any romance readers out there.

Thank you to Forever Romance and R. C. Ryan for my advance copy in lieu of my honest review!

Linda says

Luke Malloy was the middle brother in the family and was probably the wildest one but when he met Ingrid Larsen, she tamed him down quite a lot. Ingrid rescued Luke after a serious fall from his horse and then Luke decided that Ingrid and her sister needed help on their ranch so he stayed to pay back her kindness. This has some mystery and romance and I enjoyed the book very much.

Sunny (Kindles & Wine Book Blog) says

Being from a farming background in Montana, I have really enjoyed this series. Luke and Ingrid's story had mystery, discovery, and love. I enjoyed every element! I loved Luke's attention to Ingrid's situation, which includes her adorable younger sister that everyone treats extra special! I love how this entire family comes together to help others. Their compassion for those around them, even when it brings danger to their own, is an element of each of these books I have loved.

Note: I received a review copy of this title courtesy of the audiobook publisher, Hachette.

Hannah says

ARC REVIEW

First time reader of R.C. Ryan and even though this is the second book of the series it can be read as a stand-alone. I enjoyed this book I loved the characters the plot was enjoyable and very well done. Luke is a knight-errant in a Stenson, if you are looking for an adventurous, daredevil cowboy who isn't going to turn away someone he cares about this is the cowboy you are looking for. Ingrid is a headstrong rancher determined not to lose her family's legacy. Unfortunately her father's untimely death left her mother with the property and left Ingrid and her little sister with the cattle. Ingrid just needs to make it until the spring when she can sell off the herd and buy her birthright from her horrible mother.

Strange things have been happening around Ingrid's property like a fire, someone poisoning her dog; Ingrid is stretched to her limit on keeping things together and her mother's money grubbing hands are not helping. When Luke is photographing a wild herd of mustangs a rifle shot spooks the horses and knocks him off his horse and bangs his head. Ingrid finds him and even though she thinks he's the one who took the shot she takes him back home to tend to his wounds. It's a couple of days before Luke is up and moving around again but one thing he knows for sure is that he can not leave Ingrid alone with her sister and an older, should be

retired by now, ranch hand to deal with a pushy neighbor and suspicious activities. Ingrid is suspicious of Luke she doesn't know his motives and assumes her mother's "honky tonk angel" ways will seduce Luke just like every other man around. Luke only has eyes for Ingrid and he's going to work hard to prove to her that he's not going anywhere as long as she needs him. The suspicious activities start to escalate and the sexual tension between Luke and Ingrid intensifies until Ingrid finally gives in and soon realizes she loves him.

I love the fact that right off the bat the prologue establishes just how far Luke is willing to go to help those he loves. I loved that the harder Ingrid wanted to hate Luke the more she loved him. I loved Gracie "Lil'bit" The end was really good a nice climatic ending. Overall a great read.

Misty (Reds Romance Reviews) says

Luke is a touching read full emotion, mystery, humor, and a little toe curling romance thrown in here in there! Thoroughly enjoyed meeting Luke, his story definitely one you don't want to miss!!

Heather andrews says

Luke was one sweet man when it came to Ingrid, "he gave her a lazy smile. "Lady, you're the perfect playmate. Any time you want another day off, I'm your man." Luke can sometimes get real creative and plan dates:

"First stop, the stream," he called over his shoulder. With a roar of engines he shouted, "And I promise, no matter who reaches the water first, I'll scrub your back."

"And after that?"

"Probably wild sex."

I enjoyed this book, Luke was just so sweet.

JoDeen says

Luke is the very first book I have read by R.C.Ryan. When I read the blurb and saw the cover I was immediately intrigued, so when I got a chance to read this book I was so excited to read it and I absolutely loved it!

In this book we mainly follow Luke and Ingrid and I just love these two together. At first they came off as complete opposites but as they got closer you could see that they were perfect for each other. The romance in this book was absolutely perfect, it was sweet, sexy and swoon worthy. I loved reading Ingrid and Luke's story and I couldn't be happier with how things turned out for them. This book was set in Montana and I just loved the setting. There was so much going on in this story and I loved that was never a dull moment. I was reading this book nonstop because I just had to find out what would happen next. R.C.Ryan creates an excellent book with Luke

Luke by R.C. Ryan gave me everything I could possibly want from this story: a sexy romance, a beautiful setting, drama and of course a very hot cowboy. I can't wait to see what R.C. Ryan writes next. If you have all the things in your book just to get a copy

Mary says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

Luke Malloy is the classic middle child. Adventurous, witty, hardworking, reliable and free-spirited. Growing up on the Malloy Ranch, Luke couldn't have asked for more, except for his parents to have survived the car crash that killed them when he was ten, leaving him, older brother Matt and younger brother Reed to be raised by their grandparents. Its clear that Luke loves his grandparents, but there's a longing inside him that wonders if maybe his Dad would have understood his need to take walk the unbeaten path.

Luke also likes to champion the underdog and that's exactly what Ingrid Larsen is. Ingrid found Luke unconscious high in the mountains and lugged him home and out of the storm. In repayment of her kindness, Luke stays at her family's ranch doing chores and getting to know the quiet and closed off Ingrid.

When Luke meets her mother, Nadine, he begins to understand Ingrid and the reasons she has to be the way she is. Ingrid is basically a one woman show. She's running the ranch without the benefit of any ranch hands, dealing with late notices, missing cattle and potentially no feed for her herd during the winter months. All Luke sees is a gorgeous woman who stands tall and proud. Fearless and courageous in the face of danger.

Luke knows that getting Ingrid to like him will take time, but being the free spirit that he is, he knows once he can get Ingrid to play and relax with him, she'll love him in no time.

Sarah says

Luke has always lived life on the wild side, but he also will stop any thing and help those who need it. When he just so happens to land in the life of two sisters he knows his help is needed even though one of them is to stubborn to ask. He will stop at nothing to help them and make sure they are safe, but she is hiding some secrets and he knows he needs to know that first in order to truly help them.

Ingrid has a lot on her plate and she will stop at nothing to protect those she loves, even if it's against someone she loves. When it seems like someone has it out to take over her ranch and do everything in the process to stop her she knows one thing she will protect her sister first and foremost. But when Luke falls into her life she starts to question whats next for the sisters and whats next for the ranch.

I read the first book in this series and feel in love with the Mallory's, so I was super excited to read another in this series and the book did not disappoint. I love the sweet spirit of this family, the values they portray and how they are always will to bring anyone into their fold and help those who need it. I really enjoyed how in this book as well as the first that there is an element of suspense to it and it keeps you guessing and on the edge of your seat just to see what happens next. I like how each book has an ending and it doesn't end in a cliff hanger to be picked up the next book. I really hope there is more to come from Colin I so hope he finds his happy ever after and I can not wait to read more from this family. It feels like you are just catching up with friends. This book does have adult content in it so it may not be suitable for all readers. This book is worth the read and is worth every minute of it.

Alisha says

loved lily
