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Salt Johnson has had his heart broken, or at least his ego dented, but he's about to meet a man who wipes away every bad memory Salt ever had.

Saul 'Salt' Johnson had a crush on the wrong man. No surprise. He doesn't have much experience when it comes to relationships despite his age. Being a cowboy in Montana means keeping in the closet, which has left Salt with a long line of one-night stands. Getting hired on at the Mossy Glenn changes all of that, and he's beginning to see that maybe he can have more than he's been settling for.

He just doesn't expect to find it with another one-night stand.

Andy Calder spent years taking care of his brother Destry and helping to raise his nephew, Ty. Now both are gone—Destry passed away and Ty being raised by Andy's spiteful younger brother. Andy hasn't forgiven himself for being manipulated after Destry's death. He just hopes Ty is happy. Andy's working hard to build up the company he'd started with Destry, wanting to leave Ty a legacy he could build on. Things just aren't going as planned, and when he decides to blow off some steam with a sexy, rough cowboy, they end up connecting in a way neither of them ever expected.

It's definitely not a one-night stand kind of thing.

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### Angela Goodrich says

Truth be told, I wasn't the least bit sure of what to expect from this installment in the Mossy Glenn Ranch series. While we've seen Salt around quite a bit in the previous books due to him being one of the first hires, I hadn't really formed a strong opinion of him. Yes, I liked that he was protective of Drake when Ian first showed up, even if it was misguided, but other than that he's been a bit of a mystery. In *Saddles & Memories* we learn far more about the weathered cowboy than I expected and the man's layers are far deeper than he likes to let on, especially his sensitive side.

As an older cowboy, Salt is quite relieved to have found his place at the Mossy Glenn Ranch. Having spent most of his life in the closet, the sense of peace he feels for being accepted for who he is rather than being judged for his homosexuality is welcomed. Like his bosses, he doesn't make a big deal of his sexual orientation when in town, but it's no longer a secret that the Mossy Glenn tends to hire from the LGBT community. It's because this is becoming common knowledge that Andy Calder takes a chance on approaching the cowboy while in town trying to make new sales contacts for his company's organic feed line. Long since resigned to a life of one-night stands, Salt is ready, willing, and able to show Andy just how well this old cowboy can ride. And their night together is hot, so hot in fact that the men break their personal rules and agree to a repeat performance, well several repeat performances. As they spend more and more time together, they both begin to want for more than their current arrangement but neither is willing to say anything in fear of scaring the other man off. Just as things begin to get serious, Andy gets a call about a family emergency that sends his life spinning out of control and Salt proves to be the stabilizing force in his life he didn't realize he needed. But with all the changes facing Andy in his personal life, the two men have to decide if what they have is strong enough to endure the storm.

I loved *Saddles & Memories*! Watching Salt and Andy cruise each other in the feed store was both amusing for a southern girl and hot to watch. The attraction between the two men was intense and I found myself caught up in their passion when they were able to act upon it. Seriously squirm inducing cowboy lovin' going on in this installment. As their relationship progressed from just sexual to more, it was sweet to watch the two men fall in love – not because it was sappy, but because both men had faced obstacles in their past that left me feeling as though they were perfect for each other. I really, really liked how Salt not only accepted Ty as a package deal with Andy, but that he embraced and cherished the chance to have the family he never expected to have as a gay cowboy. Gotta love a man who's not afraid of his emotions. *Saddles & Memories* is only the third book in the series, but each book is better than the last. I can't wait to start *Fences & Freedom* to find out whether or not Salt's concerns about Ramsey are justified.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

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### Donna says

I am not sure why I wasn't overly enthused about the first two books of this series... but I did read them back in 2013 when I had just started reading M/M books. \*shurg\* As for this story, it was by far more of what I like to read now! I love it when the MC is of older years because you are NEVER too old to find love... in my

54-year-old opinion! \*grin\* Salt is literally the salt of the earth... hard working, kind to others, just an all around great guy that does his job and stays out of trouble. Being gay and being a cowboy has long not been a good mix... so he has lived his life in the closet... but that has finally changed... and with that change came Andy! This story has all the elements that make a story wonderful to read and I enjoyed every one of them! And can I just say, "Brant is a bigoted a\*\*hole, not to mention a sick pervert... I hate to say it, but he actually added the drama to the story and gave strength to Salt and Andy's relationship! I truly hope we get to visit with these two, and Ty, of course, in the next book! \*Now, when can I squeeze it into my schedule?\*

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### **Shelley says**

3.5 stars

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### **Crystal Marie says**

4.5 Paws!

I had been waiting to read Salt's story since we were first introduced to him in the Mossy Glenn Series. I had really high hopes for what I had hoped would happen for Salt, and I have to say that I was completely excited while I was reading this story.

This book is not like the other books that I have read from Bailey. Not only does it include the hot cowboys, but this story will also pull at your heart strings because what happens during the course of it is so amazing. Come the ending of the story I didn't want it to end!!

I do have to say though; Salt's character completely caught me off guard. I was able to connect with him on quite a few levels just because he was so much more personable than I had originally thought that he would be. Andy's character, I have mixed feelings about him. While I do understand the things he had went through in his life, I just didn't feel like he was very likeable.

Overall, there were some twists in this story that kept me on my toes. And parts that brought me almost to tears. But I think that this is by far my favorite book by Bailey. It's a complete must read from me!

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### **Christy says**

I have been waiting for this third installment in the 'Mossy Glenn Ranch' series by Bailey Bradford. I have been dying to find out about Salt and wanting to see him get his own happy ever after. Of course, I also wanted to be able to reconnect with my favorite snarky bottom, Will, and his men, Troy and Carlos, plus Drake and Ian, too. Psst...I strongly recommend that these books be read in order so you have all of the background information. I adore this author's writing and well, there's cowboys, what could be better?

Saul 'Salt' Johnson is forty-five years old and has spent his whole life as a ranch hand doing what he loves to do. He never minded not being in a relationship because he sure wasn't going to out himself at any of the other ranches he worked at. But, the Mossy Glenn Ranch is different and he can be himself there for the first time ever. Which is liberating but also a little scary. Salt also has a best friend for the first time in his life and it's a woman, Rocky, who works with him. He's discovering there are a lot of things he might have missed over the years, and when he meets Andy at the feed store, he's thinking a long-term relationship might just be the biggest one.

Andy Calder is thirty-seven and the co-owner of Organic Feeds. He took one look at Salt in the feed store and knew he had to have him. The problem is how Salt made him feel and Andy isn't so sure that's a good thing. He's spent his whole life, pretty much, doing casual hookups, much like Salt has, so Andy isn't sure why he's all of a sudden wishing for more. Talking it out, or as much talking as men do, Salt and Andy agree to be friends with benefits for when Andy's business brings him to the area. Andy isn't really out because of the business and the risk to sales that could cause and Salt certainly can understand that.

Thus begins Andy and Salt's texting and phone call friendship. Andy's a little freaked out about how much he looks forward to those conversations and is this violating some rule in the friends with benefits arena? When Andy turns down the opportunity to hook up at a bar, he knows it's time for him and Saul to talk about maybe being more than friends with benefits. A tenuous monogamous relationship begins between two men who have no idea what they're doing. Andy tells Salt about his family and the guilt he carries that he didn't fight harder to keep custody of his nephew when his brother died, and his difficulties with his younger brother.

Oh I loved this story! Andy and Salt were so perfect for each other and, in the end, they got their happy ever after and their family. It is a wonderful story and now I'm desperate for the next installment. I love the Mossy Glenn Ranch and I want to see more and more of it. Thank you, Bailey, for a wonderful story that I can read over and over again.

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### **Rachel Emily says**

I enjoyed this, but probably not as much as the second book. Some things seemed over the top and just too dramatic.

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### **Chris Kottner-Kirschner says**

Salt Johnson kennt keine Beziehungen oder tieferen Gefühle. Seine Sexualität hat er immer gut versteckt und über One Night Stands ist er nie hinausgekommen. Doch all das hindert ihn nicht daran sich zu Andy Calder hingezogen zu fühlen. Der ist nur kurz in der Stadt und arbeitet als Futtermittelvertreter.

Andy hadert noch immer mit dem Tod seines Bruders und dem Verlust des Neffen Tys. Auch er hat keine Beziehungen und sucht auch nicht nach mehr als nur Sex. Doch da ist dieser ruhige, schweigsame Cowboy. Ein Blick reicht aus um zu wissen, was sie wollen. Doch was als One Night Stand gedacht war, entwickelt eine für beide Männer überraschende Dynamik.

Teil drei der Reihe hat mich überrascht – positiv. Natürlich ist auch diese Geschichte wieder wenig tiefgründig beschrieben und die Helden fühlen sich eben sehr schnell zueinander hingezogen. Doch sie überstürzen nichts, wägen ab und müssen auch mit einigen Problemen klarkommen. Das Drama ist also vorprogrammiert, wird jedoch nie banal und es gibt ein paar sehr traurige und ernste Momente, die der Geschichte durchaus Tiefe geben.

Salt kennt man ja schon aus den vorigen Teilen. Da wird er als sehr fürsorglich und beschützend dargestellt.

Das bleibt auch hier hängen. Aber er offenbart auch eine sehr weiche, verletzliche und einsame Seite. Auch Andy ist einsam, aber er geht besser damit um. Oder er glaubt es zu tun. Doch die Begegnung mit Salt verändert plötzlich alles.

Wie immer kann man sich auf viel Sex und Intimitäten einstellen. Es gibt auch einen Ausblick auf das Paar der nächsten Geschichte und natürlich ein Wiedersehen mit den Helden der letzten Story.

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### **Phaney says**

Weird title once more. I am not sure it applies all that much. Huh.

Anyway, this one was a lot better again. Salt turned out to be a great guy and Andy does improve somewhat over the course of the plot (as intended, I'm sure).

Given that the non-sex action was actually interesting, I could have exchanged some of the sex for more of that – however, the sex wasn't really all that overpowering (compared to some of the other volumes). I guess. It simply feels a bit strange since the story started off so slowly and only gathered momentum before the end. As such it is difficult to gauge the sex scene frequency.

I am just relieved they did not tack one on at the end when they had the chance. XD

Instead we get a nice, mushy ending. I can't really be upset about that. <3

Still. This series doesn't feel quite as comfortable as its parent. Maybe part of it has to do with the lesser length of the books, but the protagonists – even when they have friends and people around them – feel a lot more isolated to me than they did before. It's something I find hard to pin down. And this is quite possibly only my current mood affecting my reception of what I read.

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### **~SexyBookWorm~ says**

3.5 stars

I don't think this book was as good as the second in the series. I sort of felt like there was a lot going on in this book between the actual romantic relationship and the custody case. To be honest the lengthy and complicated custody process really didn't seem to fit well in the story. At one point towards the end it began to feel rushed and all the "wrap up" was thrown at us all at once.

I did however really like Salt and Andy! They were a perfect match and I loved watching them figure out how to love each other. The sex scenes were also very well written. They were both hot and romantic at the same time. That's not an easy thing to do...

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### **Cathy Brockman says**

Review Written for <http://mmgoodbookreviews.wordpress.com/>

This is book three in this series I do recommend you read the first two to get the full idea of who these men are.

Salt is one of the ranch hands at Mossy G. He had a crush on Drake but Drake found love in Ian. Drake has

had to stay in the closet for so long it's hard to get use to not having to hide who he is at work. He is getting older and part of him wants more than a one night stand when he meets Andy at the feed store.

Andy is selling organic feed and travels a lot. His life has been up in the air for the last few years and especially since his brother died and his other brother took Ty his nephew to raise. He sees Salt in the feed store and is very turned on so he propositions Salt. Could this be more than just another one night stand? I thought this book was pretty good also. Salt is hot and Andy is sexy. The thing I really liked is this wasn't one of those love at first sight stories. This relationship builds slower than the others had. It develops more naturally. The hot sex before they ever really get to know each other makes sense being it's clear these guys are thinking it's just a hook-up or one night thing. I also liked that a couple other characters were brought up in this story and it their stories sound like they could be fun. I'm looking forward to them.

I recommend this if you like one night stands, friends to lovers, sexy salesmen and hot cowboys. Oh and lots of hot mansex.

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### **Karen says**

"Home isn't a place. It's where your heart feels safe, where you know you're loved."

'Saddles and Memories' is book #3 in the Mossy Glenn Series and it is by far the best one yet. It may even end up being my favourite one in the whole series. I'll let you know when I'm done. I really came to like Salt, he's one of the ranch hands on the Mossy Glenn and he's been on the fringes in the first two books but this one...this was Salt's story, Salt and Andy.

Two men who have spent their lives settling for quick hook-ups in dark corners or one night stands were the best either of them hoped to have. Ironically it was also all they thought they'd have together. But they soon discovered that one night was no where near enough and they needed to find a way to get more. I liked these two men, they were mature and I felt their connection. I liked that while they both felt the strong draw of the other they weren't professing undying love for each other. But they each wanted to see where things could go, to see if there was more than a friends with benefits relationship there for them and they were realist they knew it was going to take effort on both their parts. Even when Andy's family life threatened to pull things apart they were drawn together, giving each other strength and support. Something to see them through. Simply put for me it all worked and worked well.

The quote at the start of my review is from the book and even if the book hadn't been as enjoyable as it was this quote and where it was in the story and why it was said (it was actually used more than once) it grabbed my heart and there may have been a tissue or two involved.

Here's hoping that book 4 is at least as good as this one...I'll get back to you on that.

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