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*Originally published as Cassidy Harte and the Comeback Kid, a woman left at the altar is reunited with her runaway groom in this heart-racing romance by New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne!*

Ten years ago, Cassidy Harte had stood at the altar waiting for Zach Slater. And when he didn't show up—and was said to have disappeared with her brother's flirtatious wife—she did the only thing she could do. Held her head up high. Helped raise her motherless niece. And swore never to get involved with a man again.

And then back into her life walked Zach—with an “I'm sorry” on his lips, an explanation she refused to hear and the vow that he would make her his once again. And this was one vow he was determined to keep....

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**Elaine Leonard says**

## **Review**

I enjoyed reading this story. The characters were real and I didn't want to leave the story especially toward the end

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**Pcch2345 says**

i loved reading about these Harte siblings, this one is a second chance at HEA, i noticed in this series, the heroines are able to take care of themselves, which i really enjoyed reading about, and this book nicely closes this series out, am looking to read more books from RT:-)

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**Gale says**

As always, a wonderful read by Ms. Thayne. The story kept me reading, and entertained, for an entire evening. I loved how Zach just couldn't stop the snark from leaving his lips...but of course it works out in the end!

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**Saly says**

Cassidy Harte was a twelve-year old girl when she lost her parents, with only two older brothers, she learned too cook to pitch in and all the guys were like brothers for her when at eighteen she fell into love with a ranch-hand Zack. Those months were miraculous for her, despite Zack's apprehension about her age, she decided they should get married before she starts college. Then, she gets the news that Melanie(her sister-in-law) was seen leaving town with Zach.

Devastated, losing confidence in herself and feeling guilty she settled into the safety of the ranch and helped in raising her three-month old niece Lucy. But now she feels at odds, Lucy has a new mother and her brothers are moving forward while that fun loving Cassidy is long gone and has allowed her dreams to wither. So, she has moved out and taken a job at Lost Creek.

When in walks the new owner, a rich guy from Denver who turns out to be Zack. Cassie is not pleased and doesn't really believe him at first(that he is the owner) but when she does she turns in her resignation when Zack blackmails and guilts her into staying for a month(also promises her a great deal of money). You might think what a jerk but think again, you see Zack has come to win over Cassie. Despite all the wealth he has he has never forgotten Cassie and their dreams and then he finds out that people think he left with Melanie. He didn't and tries to tell her but he knows that he has lost that trust. You see Zack never considered himself worthy of Cassie and he was threatened into leaving town by some criminals, yes he could have contacted Cassie, but he thought a clean break would be better for her.

He takes all her anger and verbal jaunts quietly since he knows he deserves it and he is determined to do whatever it takes. I didn't want to like Zack but I did, the guy did love Cassie and regretted the pain he had caused and was genuine. I also loved Cassie see how she herself had stifled herself over the years using many things to blame for it.

I loved seeing these two come together again. A very good re-united lovers story.

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### **Vedene says**

Very quick read!!!

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### **Sue says**

Loved this book.

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### **Mum says**

An interesting story of misunderstood H/H. Conclusions drawn falsely. A second chance.

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### **Barbara says**

A very nice read, indeed!

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### **Suze says**

### **RETURN TO STAR VALLEY**

This is a very good book, just not as good as most of the Raeanne Thayne books I have read. I need to read the first two in the trilogy.

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### **Susan says**

Good second chance story. Ten years earlier the man that Cassidy had loved with all of her eighteen year old heart disappeared without a word a week before their wedding. He was seen leaving town with her brother's wild wife. Devastated, and feeling guilty that her man had destroyed her brother's life too, she devoted herself to caring for Matt's infant daughter and making a home for her two brothers. Now both of them have moved on with their lives, and her niece has a new mother and sister.

Cassidy feels a bit lost and without a real purpose, so she takes a job as the cook at a local guest ranch. She enjoys the work and the variety and meeting new people, even though she's never found anyone else she's willing to risk her heart on. She loves her elderly employer, and is sad but understanding when the woman sells the ranch to an unknown wealthy Denver businessman. She is stunned when the new owner arrives and it turns out to be Zach.

There were several reasons the Zach had left ten years ago, and none of them were because he didn't love Cassidy. In fact, one of the reasons he left was because he loved her too much to saddle her with a penniless drifter. Leaving hurt, but he thought he was doing the right thing. Over the next ten years he became a very successful man, but there was always something missing. Now he's returned to Salt River with the goal of winning her back.

It's not going to be as easy as he had hoped. Their initial meeting shows Zach just how bitter she is. She's the one who had to deal with the gossip and the pity. To make it worse, this is the first he's heard about Matt's wife leaving with him. He wants to explain, but first he has to get Cassidy to listen to him. Cassidy doesn't want to hear his excuses. The past is in the past and she wants it to stay there. But her heart isn't quite so ready to write off what they used to have together.

I really enjoyed Zach's persistence in trying to get back together with Cassidy. He knows he had gone about things the wrong way back then, and he's trying to show her that he's changed. There are some really sweet moments when his romantic side comes out and they are able to remember the good times. There are also a couple times when jealousy overrules his common sense and sets his cause back a little. His biggest issue is trying to prove that he didn't leave with Melanie, and that is turning out to be harder than expected. I also liked the way that Zach never tried to convince Cassidy that he didn't deserve her anger. He knows he does, and he takes all of her verbal blows without argument.

Cassidy's distrust of Zach was completely understandable. His return has brought back all the memories of everything she went through after he left. It has also brought back the attraction and the feelings she thought had died long ago. She had a real war going on within herself as to whether or not she wanted to take a chance on him again. I liked seeing her begin to see that the boy she loved was still there in the man. The extra maturity also enables her to stand up to her brothers when she makes the decision to give Zach another chance.

Not everything goes smoothly, because there was another reason that Zach had left town so abruptly. Older and wiser now, he realizes that he never believed that Cassidy would have stood by him, and that was one of the reasons he ran. When that past comes roaring back, it puts a strain on their new relationship, and Zach's pride gets in the way of him accepting her support. The person behind part of that past is not happy that Zach is back. As it turns out, he's played a bigger part in Zach's troubles than even Zach knows. The identity of the person isn't really a surprise, but there's a twist to his actions that I hadn't seen coming. The final confrontation was very good, and it was satisfying to see some people having to face up to how wrong they were.

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## **Marcia Haskell says**

An interesting read, with several twists. Liked and felt for the main characters. The secondary characters felt rather one dimensional, but the overall story moved rapidly and held my interest. Loved the descriptions of the area and the ranch, resorts and stores in the small town

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**Tammi Kendall says**

this book was so good I read it in less than a day! I just couldn't put it down!

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**charmaine White says****Great**

A really good read.Nice story,with a whole lot going.One of those stories that have you sitting on the edge of your seat,wondering just what's going to happen next..

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**Emily Higgins says**

Cassidy Harte has spent the last 10 years trying to forget Zach, who left just before their wedding. Zach left because he was threatened and because deep down, he thought he was not good enough for Cassidy. Now, Zach is successful, wealthy and determined to win back Cassidy.

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