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*Twin Secrets* is part of The Rancher's Heirs series.

## Twin Secrets Details

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### Erika Mounts says

Who doesn't love babies and cowboys?! Book one in the new The Rancher's Heirs Series.

Colt Elliott wants one thing. The property next door to turn his land into the biggest Dude Ranch in Texas. He finally was able to secure the chance when the neighbor in desperation signed over the property for a cash loan. 3 months till the property is his. However, he wasn't expecting to have the neighbors daughter return home to fight for the land.

When Annabelle Carters world gets turned on a axis, she returns home with her twin 6 month old late sisters daughters to "bail" her father out of gambling debt to try to keep her childhood home and fulfill her Mother's dream to start a Bed and Breakfast. With no money and no job she sets up a meeting with the wealthy Mr. Elliott to take over the payments for her father. What she didn't expect to find is the Mr. Elliott isn't a stuffy Tycoon but a devilishly handsome man that takes her breath away.

He agrees to let her work off her fathers debt for the 3 remaining months at the ranch, mostly so he can try to seduce her. Hard work and determination turns his just lust into admiration and when he lays eyes on her adorable twin "nieces" daughters he realizes that he wants a family and admiration turns to love. Can his desire for a family over take the desire for the Dude Ranch that he so desperately wants as well?

Can you truly have it all? Can lies and secrets be forgiven for a chance at HEA? Can two dreams combine to make an even bigger dream?

With Jules Bennett's stories there is always a chance.

You do not want to miss this read and I can not wait for the next installments.

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### DelAnne Frazee says

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Colt and Annabelle are very well developed individuals with unique personalities as are the characters in the novel. Jules Bennett has a talent for putting together scenes that move quickly and smoothly and captures the readers interest from the very opening chapter and hold it until the very end. Her words draw mental images in the mind of the reader so that the story seems to be more of a telling of true events. If you like tender romance with a touch of contention then you too will love "Twin Secrets"

My rating of "Twin Secrets" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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### **Traci Westling says**

Once again Jules has given us another amazing series to fall in love ❤️? with! I could hardly put this one down once I started & could have finished in one sitting if not for " life stuff"! Colt , the bossy rancher, was on mission once he met Annabelle regarding debt repayment & trying to bed her! He unfortunately had no idea he'd met his match as far as Annabelle was concerned! This book was crazy fun to read because of the wonderful chemistry between the two characters & the fact that BOTH WERE so determined to do what was best for their families respectfully! I've got to say the BIG UNFOLDING in the end was a bit of a tear jerker but so well worth it for their HEA! I'm SO looking forward to the rest of the brothers stories yet to come ! Well done Jules!

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### **Lindsay Thompson-Sublett says**

I loved this story. I found myself not wanting to put it down. This was a quick read and never seemed to drag.

Annabelle has been through so much yet she keeps bouncing back. What will finally push her over the edge? Colt is all about family but is he willing to extend his family?

I really enjoyed reading their story and I hope we get to read about the other Elliott men.

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## Susan says

Emotional start to the new series, full of passion, betrayal and love of family. Annabelle has returned home with her heart battered and bruised. She recently lost both her sister in a car accident - after discovering that her fiancé had been cheating on her with her sister. Annabelle is now the guardian of her sister's twin daughters and is determined to give them the best home possible. Then she finds out that her father has gambled away his life savings and his home, the same home that she has dreams of turning into a B & B. She blames his rich neighbor for taking advantage of her father's weakness.

Colt has wanted the ranch next door for years. His father's dream was to turn it into the best dude ranch in Texas and Colt plans to make that dream come true. He has an ironclad plan to make his dream come true, but he doesn't count on his neighbor's daughter and her desire to save her family home.

I really liked Annabelle. She has had the rug pulled out from under her in so many ways, but she refuses to let it break her. She is passionate about her dream and about her family. Finding out that her father has borrowed money from their rich neighbor infuriates her and has her racing to his ranch to give him a piece of her mind. I loved her determination to save her home, and her willingness to work for the enemy to do it.

I had a harder time liking Colt. I really felt that he had been terribly underhanded in his methods of acquiring the ranch. Then to agree to Annabelle working for him to pay off the debt, knowing that he would still own the ranch at the end, was even sneakier, all because he wanted to sleep with her. His extreme confidence that he could have her in his bed for as long as he wanted her, then just walk away when the secret was out just made me mad. He did start to grow on me as his attitude changed.

The development of their relationship was fiery to say the least. There is no doubt that they are attracted to each other from the moment they meet. Colt is determined to get her into his bed and makes no secret of it. Annabelle is equally determined to resist him. There is some fantastic banter between them as Colt pushes and she resists. What Colt doesn't expect is to be impressed and moved by Annabelle's care for her father and her girls. There are some really sweet scenes where his growing feelings for her and the girls are evident. The more time he spends with her, the guiltier he feels about what he is doing, but he suppresses that guilt to continue with his plan. As Annabelle spends more time with Colt, she begins to see a different side to him than the ruthless businessman she first encountered. She's moved by his obvious love for his family, and her heart melts seeing him with her girls. She knows she's falling for him and hopes that he feels the same. But when bad timing reveals the truth of the fate of her home, his betrayal cuts deep. I ached for her and her pain, and loved seeing her tear into him for what he did. Only when it was too late did Colt realize what he had thrown away. It was really satisfying to see his brother point out what an idiot he was and give him some good advice. Colt's big moment was pretty sweet as he laid out his heart for her in hopes of her forgiveness.

I'm really looking forward to the rest of the series. Though all the brothers are different, there still seems to be a solid core of love among them. We only hear a little bit about Colt's twin, Beau, and the military brother, Hayes, but the oldest brother Nolan is fully present. I liked his attempts to talk sense into Colt, giving him the benefit of his own experience. I ached for his loneliness and regrets over the mistakes of his past, and am looking forward to his story.

I will say I was a little confused by the title and blurb. There was nothing secret about the two little girls. The only real secret was that which Colt was keeping from Annabelle.

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## Camille says

It took me a while to start this book. Just a feeling that once I started I'd not be able to put it down. I was totally correct! Jules Bennett really nailed it with this story. Two strong characters, chemistry and a massive conflict. Check out this book it's an excellent read.

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## Dj says

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Takes a while for her to discover that she'll never win...or will she?

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## Bonnie says

Twin Secrets by Jules Bennett. The Rancher's Heirs series. Annabelle Carter returns to her dad's ranch after her sister and Annabelle's fiance are in a car accident. They were having an affair. Her sister left behind twin six month old girls. Her father gambled away the ranch. Now Annabelle has to work to pay the money back to next door rancher Colt Elliott. Colt wants the land for a dude ranch. Colt ends up falling in love with Annabelle. He gives the land back to Annabelle cause he wants her love and the two little girls more.

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## Esther says

An okay and average read.

Bella our heroine is returning home, she is now the mother of her sisters twin babies. Bella lost her sister and fiancé in a car accident, the two were having an affair. Bella returns to her family home and learns her father, who is a gambler, took a loan against the house to pay off some gambling debt. Bella is furious and fearful of losing the home she grew up in and also her and her mothers dream to turn it into a B&B. She learns her father owes their neighbors the Elliott's the money and needs to pay them off in a couple months or lose the home.

We open with Bella driving to the Elliotts ranch in a furious state. As she enters their beautiful ranch she sees a gorgeous, shirtless cowboy coming out of a barn. Well she's so distracted she runs into a fence. The shirtless cowboy is our hero Colt Elliot who comes to her rescue and is completely smitten with Bella. He picks up right away she's angry and she lets him know she needs to speak to Mr Elliot but learns he's not available but Colt will pass her message. The following morning Bella is summoned back to the ranch and

learns exactly who Mr Elliot is. Sparks fly between the two and Colt comes to an agreement with Bella that she'll work off the loan in the month ahead by working on the ranch for/with him (he wants her close to seduce her). Bella's father will watch the babies. Colt has secrets he's keeping from Bella about the loan and her father.

The story evolves with the two characters developing a friendship as well as lusting after one another. We learn about the fathers gambling issues, past relationship hurts/issues that Bella and Colt both endured and we get some glimpses of cute baby moments. Secrets are then revealed resulting in a lot of hurt feelings and broken trust. We have Bella and Colt learning to open up to each other and reestablish trust, opens and compromise.

I liked the story line and the romance in general. But I found the dialogue to be over the top at times as well as cheesy. The ending was too quick and abrupt. And the insta-lust was off-putting and in love in what, a week?!? A little much.

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### **Lynn Grier says**

Twin Secrets "The Ranchers Heirs" series by Jules Bennett.

Annabelle is home to start a new life with her twin nieces which she is their guardian. But instead she finds out their family ranch is in serious debt. Colt Elliott, the handsome rancher has other plans for the ranch. But, he gives Annabelle a chance to work for him to pay off some of the debt. What he doesn't bargain for is Annabelle and the twins pulling on his heartstrings. Can they work thru this or what! Find out as you read this awesome and fiery romance story that will grab you from the start. This is book one of "The Ranchers Heirs" series. Looking forward to read more of this series and I recommend this book. This is my first book by this author and loved it.

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### **Amanda says**

Twin Secrets by Jules Bennett is a sexy, flirty and satisfying story with enough conflict to provoke a reaction in you as a reader. The characters are real-as-life, flawed and definitely people you'd want to meet. I really enjoyed the sharp banter. It was refreshing, compelling and kept me turning the pages. Overall, I found the story to be passionate and entertaining, and it's a book I'd highly recommend to romance fans looking for a fun story!

Highly Recommended  
4.5 Stars

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### **Monica Cardoza says**

This was a very good read and a great start to a new series. I loved this story from the very beginning to the very end. The storyline was interesting. It was also a very emotional read at least it was for me. Colt was playing with fire and in the end he will get burned. He was playing with someone's livelihood with

someone's feelings and it would not end good. Now as for Annabelle she was a very strong woman and after what she had already been through. When she told her story I felt so bad for her and I wanted for her to have a happily ever after. It took so much courage and trust for her to open her heart again to a man. He was very sweet and they made a perfect couple but he needed to right things in order for them to have everything they ever wanted.

I can't wait to read the next book in this series.

Received ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an Honest Review

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### **Kristy says**

A solid, sexy story from Jules Bennett. Colt and Annabelle were at odds from the beginning, and based on the circumstances who could blame Annabelle for her hatred. But sometimes attraction is a little too hard to deny. I would have liked to see more about their deepening relationship and stretched the book out a little more, but it was a great ending. Can't wait to read the next one.

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### **Lynn Brooks says**

4 1/2 STARS!

Webs of deception bring this story to life as the heroine suffers one betrayal after another from the people she loves most and yet keeps finding a way to get back up and move forward. Kicking off "The Rancher's Heirs" series, Jules Bennett draws us in immediately with the sorrow we are feeling for this woman who is struggling to pick up the pieces of her life, and she continues to take us on a ride of romance, laughter and happily-ever-afters! She sets the stage well for the future stories, and leaves us ready to jump into Nolan & Pepper's story! I can't wait to see what's next.

Rancher Colt Elliott enjoys his life and the fruits of all of the labor he's put into it. He learned well from his father and has gone on to run the ranch well in his absence, but now he wants to prove to himself and everyone else that he can do more than just hold his own ... he wants to grow and prosper! He needs his neighbor's land to do so, so he's happy to set up a sweet situation that hands it to him!

Annabelle Carter is coming home to Stone River, TX with her infant twin nieces newly in her care. She has been hit with a lot in her young life and just wants to be able to fulfill her dreams and live a good life for a change. When she learns her father has put her plans in jeopardy once again, she'll do anything to keep from losing their house and land to the wealthy neighbor ... even take a job as a ranch hand for Cole Elliott himself to pay back the money her father borrowed!

Neither want to give up on their dream, but they are both wishing for it on the same land. As they spend time together and actually start to like each other, it makes for an awkward situation with all of the secrets floating around. Will Colt realize before it's too late that he wants this ready-made family for his very own?

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## Marsha says

Mr. Elliott wants Annabelle Carter. He wants her for sex, plain and simple. Since he's sure she also feels the sexual attraction, he starts wearing away at her defenses and brushing off her denials. He ignores her explicit request that he call her Ms. Carter or Annabelle, he demands that she ride with him on a horse instead of her taking a car (in fact, pretty much everything he says to her is a demand; saying "please" isn't part of this macho man's vocabulary) and isn't above using physicality to bend her to his will.

He never manhandles her or is too rough. But he's her boss and every time he draws her close, pulls her against his body, kisses her or calls her stupid pet names (in spite of her constant objections), it's wrongful behavior on his part.

Cole's inner language about Annabelle is scarily possessive and displays little concern about her emotional needs. Only her sexual ones matter and to that end physical closeness and sexual innuendo are his weapons—even if she keeps telling him she's not interested or it's not going to happen.

He stepped closer, easing the puppy into her arms and deliberately brushing his forearms along her chest. "You've never dealt with someone like me. You may like it."

The puppy snuggled against her chest and Colt ran a bare fingertip up her arm, smiling when she shivered. "I'm sure we'd both be thoroughly satisfied."

Whatever internal battle she waged with herself, Colt wanted no part of it. He'd wanted simple, he'd wanted sex. He still did.

Someone like Annabelle would take time to seduce, but he wasn't about to back down. She was needy, aching, just the same as him. He'd felt her heart beat against his chest, felt her arch into him slightly before she pushed him away.

It was only a matter of time before he unleashed that passion.

Ugh. With the author continually drumming Cole's resolve to nail Annabelle, where the hell is the tension? Oh, Cole is really kindly towards Annabelle but it has only one purpose—having her in bed. He promises her pleasure but it's only his terms.

"I want you," he said.

"No, you want to control me."

"Only in bed."

Huh? This is bullying only barely disguised as romantic sweet talk and makes me queasy. However, we're meant to excuse it because Cole is fighting his own instincts to tell him to stay away from Annabelle and ignoring other people's advice about his tactics towards her. She's got the land he means to have and he wants to keep things between them strictly sexual but she's oh so sweet and he just can't resist her.

I wonder once again for whom such novels are intended. Such novels must appeal to guys who like to have power and control over women, who want to molest their female employees and have them incapable or unwilling to scream "harassment" because the women secretly want them (the old "no means yes" mentality). There are men out there who want to be greedy, acquisitive and sexually rapacious but want to be seen as good guys because they give her a packed dinner, tend to her kids or drive her home when she's tired

(behavior that's conspicuously lacking towards other, male, employees). They claim to like strong women but covertly want that strength to wither away when they kiss a gal or screw her up against walls.

Screw this. Sexual harassment and hitting on the help is never going to be a turn-on for me. I didn't like it in Jane Eyre and it's not working for me here.

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