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## FOREVER'S COUNTRY BOY

His heroic rescue of a stranger caught in a flash flood just changed Liam Murphy's life—big-time. With Whitney Marlowe's help, the laid-back country-and-western singer could be a star. Only now, with the dynamic LA talent scout stranded in his Texas town, during the holidays no less, Liam has another dream: a permanent duet!

The long, lean cowboy with the soulful eyes makes the most beautiful music Whitney has ever heard. Fate brought her to Forever, and the town embraced her, inviting her to help decorate the community's Christmas tree. Though reluctant to return home, she isn't leaving without her newest discovery. It's dangerous mixing business and pleasure! Together, can she and Liam find their forever after?

## Christmas Cowboy Duet Details

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## From Reader Review Christmas Cowboy Duet for online ebook

### Spinneretta says

Another Forever Texas book. Third in the Murphy brothers trilogy.

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### Carmen says

WARNING: SEX DISCUSSED IN THIS REVIEW

I don't have an opening quote for this. This isn't really a book that lends itself to opening quotes.

We are back in Forever, Texas. Liam Murphy is a bartender/lead singer-guitarist. One day he is driving down the road during a flash flood and sees a woman drowning. So he hops out of his truck and saves her.

Since her car is wrecked, Whitney is forced to spend some time in Forever with her handsome rescuer.

Guess what she does for a living? If you said she scouts bands for a record label, you'd be right.

One thing leads to the other, blah blah blah.

Let's break it down:

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ONE: Liam is the sort of kind, easygoing guy I enjoy. Whitney is a bit... high-strung, but she's not a terrible heroine.

At one point, Whitney is staying in a hotel and mentions to Liam that she will have a hard time sleeping because she needs the noise and light of the city to drift off.

*But rather than going back to Murphy's or turning in for the night himself - God knew he deserved some sleep himself - Liam got into his truck and began to drive slowly back and forth around the corner of the hotel, exactly where her room was located. He put his headlights on bright and turned up his radio, creating both noise and light.*

This is cute, but also so goofy.

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TWO: One thing I can say about Ferrarella is that she really values honesty. Nothing is worse in her books than a person who lies, and honest people are held up as above all others.

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THREE: I just don't get this "musicians are hot" thing. I've never wanted to have sex with any singer or any member of a band, I never crushed on them when I was a girl/teenager, I completely don't get the whole, breathless "He plays guitar!!!!" thing AT ALL.

\*completely goes over Carmen's head\*

Some people may be put off of dating musicians because they are the focus of a lot of attention (media attention, public attention, groupie attention) and their lifestyle often involves a lot of drinking, drugs and casual sex. Yes, those are good points. All those are great reasons NOT to date a musician, and definitely a huge reason I would never date a successful musician (not that I've ever had this opportunity... O.o; )

But let's focus on another scenario, really the more likely scenario, where you find yourself dating someone who (let's say) plays guitar. He doesn't play guitar in front of audiences or anything - but strums around at home.

IS THIS A TURN ON FOR YOU? Because tons of women (and men) would say that guitar-playing is "hot" and somehow makes a person "hotter" or more attractive to them. \*Everyone nods in agreement\*

CARMEN: \*crickets chirp\*

Or what about singing? What about if a man (we'll just say man here because I'm hetero) has a great voice? And he's not a singer in a band or anything - he doesn't sing publicly. But he sings at home and he is a good singer. DOES THAT TURN YOU ON? Does a man who can sing and has a good voice make that man more attractive to you? \*Everyone nods in agreement\*

CARMEN: \*blank look\*

What if that sweet, musically talented man ~~comes~~ you sits you down in the living room and says, "You've changed my life. I wrote this song about our love." And then sings you a (by all accounts lovely) song he's written about you.

\*Everyone swoons\*

CARMEN: \*smiles politely\*

Hmmmmmmmm, you see what I am saying. I think I'm missing a "musical talent makes people more attractive" gene. So this whole romance-book subgenre that's popped up, called "Musicians are hot" and feature heroes who are in rock bands and stuff - is a complete dud for me. I'm just not interested. Zero interest.

For that reason, this whole book was kind of "meh" to me.

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FOUR: Liam is 27 and Whitney is 30. She acts like this is the BIGGEST AGE DIFFERENCE EVER and actually refers to herself as a "cougar" at one point. I was like, "Honey, you're confused."

I guess she has a bit of a complex because her mom ran off with a younger guy when Whitney was 11. But a 50-year-old woman running off - abandoning her husband and two children - with a 19-year-old man is WAY WAY different than a 30-year-old woman who is single and childless sleeping with a 27-year-old man.

If you have no patience for a 30-year-old woman calling herself a "cougar" and creating a bunch of angst simply because her lover is 27, you'll lose your mind reading this.

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FIVE: **How's the sex, Carmen?**

*He could tell by the way her breathing became more labored, more shallow, that he had succeeded in stirring her up even further. \*Carmen is bored\* Liam caressed and made love to each and every part of her for as long as he could hold himself in check. **He brought her to her first climax by deftly using both his mouth and his fingers to stimulate her and bring her up and over to the ecstasy they both craved.***

\*Carmen sits bolt upright in her chair\* Did Marie Ferrarella just WRITE ABOUT SEX IN A DESCRIPTIVE WAY where you could actually tell who was doing what to whom?!?!? OMG

\*Carmen faints\*

\*Carmen regains consciousness and quickly and eagerly turns the page to see where this is going\*

*Her pleasure only intensified his own. It was at that moment that Whitney realized that while she'd had sex before, she had never experienced lovemaking until just now. What her body was going through - what SHE was going through - felt so very different from those other times... \*Carmen, bored again, flips ahead\**

*A surge of excitement coursed through her veins...*

\*Carmen flips ahead\*

*When they finally reached it\* a fraction of a moment later, a shower of euphoria rained on them, drenching them both...*

Well, that went nowhere. \*Carmen slams book shut definitively\* But I saw a spark! A glimmer of hope has appeared on the horizon in re: Ferrarella's sex scenes. It only took us 11 books to get to this one. LOL And of course, that one sentence I bolded is far from perfection, but I am over-the-moon ecstatic for this little gem in here. Good job! :D

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Tl;dr - Sweet hero, high-strung but basically lovable heroine, musician-worship, small town hijinks, saving a woman from drowning, some kind of mommy-issues/cougar-complex on the part of the heroine, and the first real sexual description we've had in this whole series (saints be praised!).

And I'm Audi. That's the last Forever, Texas book for me.

\*"it" indicates orgasm, of course.

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## **Harlequin Books says**

"This series installment is as entertaining and heartwarming as the previous two. It's a joy to read a tale where all the characters are likable" (RT Book Reviews, 4 1/2 stars).

Miniseries: Forever, Texas

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## Susan says

Good book. Whitney is an LA talent scout on the way to Laredo to audition a band for her family's record label. She looks at a map and decides to take a shortcut that ends up being anything but. She gets caught in a sudden thunderstorm that turns into a flash flood, sweeping her car away. If it hadn't been for Liam hearing her scream, she would have drowned.

What follows is pretty funny. Whitney is LA born and bred and has absolutely zero experience with small towns and their people. The flood has deposited her car up in a tree, and she watches in disbelief as Liam and his friends try to find a way to get it down. While that is going on, he decides she needs food and warmth and they head to Joan's diner, where she gets still more shocks. Joan being who she is, Whitney doesn't know how to react to the things she says and does. To cap it all off, her car will need repairs, the parts have to be ordered because no one in Forever drives those fancy foreign cars, and there's nowhere to rent a car so she can move on. Nor is there a hotel in town, other than the one under construction. Somehow Whitney finds herself sucked into life in Forever while she waits for her car to be ready. She's under some stress because she can't make it to Laredo to audition the band, news that her brother/boss doesn't take well. He's really obnoxious but Whitney does appear to stand up to him pretty well.

There's a strong attraction between Whitney and Liam from the moment they met. Liam is pretty laid back but there's something about Whitney that gets him wound up. I loved how he tried to take care of her, even arranging for her to stay in one of the few completed rooms in the hotel. He even drove back and forth outside the room to make some noise, because the total quiet freaked out the city girl in her. I loved seeing the attraction build between them, and how the sparks flew when they kissed. But Whitney fights the attraction because Liam is a few years younger than she is. Her mother deserted the family when she ran off with a younger man, and that has left Whitney with a bit of a phobia about age differences.

Whitney is also stunned to find out that Liam is the lead singer for his own band, and that they are really good. She thinks they're even better than the band she was sent to sign. I loved seeing her enthusiasm and how she pushed her brother to listen to the video she took. Again, I found her brother to be totally obnoxious. His attitude when he deigned to show up at the saloon to listen to the band was snobby and rude. I was shocked by the proposal he made to Liam, as were he and Whitney. I loved Liam's response to Wilson, though its carryover to Whitney was a little extreme.

I loved the glimpses of both Whitney and Liam as they tried to deal with being apart. Both of them came to realize the strength of what they felt for each other. I loved Whitney's big moment at the end and the surprise she brought with her to Forever. The epilogue was really sweet, too.

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