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IT WAS FATE...

Destiny Saunders is tough, but being left at the altar makes even the toughest gals do some strange things. When she stumbles upon a stranded cowboy—Buck Owens Cash, the best thing to arrive in Lizard Gulch, Arizona, in a long time—she arranges things so they can have a little fun before he rides off into the sunset. The sexy, shapely auto mechanic is just one surprise after another, so Buck plays along to see what will happen.

What happens is love...the kind that makes a man want to prove himself. Then Buck discovers Destiny's secret—one that will tie her to another man for the rest of her life. Betrayed, he returns to the rodeo circuit determined to forget Destiny...but fate has other plans!

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Karen Hrdlicka says

I love Marin Thomas' books. They are heartwarming, funny and sexy. The Cowboy's Destiny delivers on all these fronts. From the bike riding jilted bride to the eclectic townsfolk of Lizard Gulch the characters are easy to take into the reader's heart. Add in a sexy cowboy running from his own demons and a ruthless land developer and you have the ingredients of a great story. I think I need to read all of the Cash brothers' books, because Buck's story was a crowd pleaser.

Sandy Bartles says

What a Ride!

Buck Owens Cash and Destiny Saunders' story was so good I couldn't put the book down! Destiny, left waiting at the altar on her wedding day, runs into a stranded Buck on the side of the road on her way back home to Lizard Gulch. Lizard Gulch is a small town of elderly residents, and one young mechanic. Buck and Destiny work to save the town from people who want to flatten the town and build a resort. I highly recommend this book and all the other books in this series!

Sharlene says

I have been reading the Cash Brother's series as they come out. I have to say, I think this is the best story yet! Buck actually leaves his brothers & sisters in the previous book & we find out about his adventures in this one. He winds up in a really small town, where the residents are all retiree's, except for Destiny, who is the mayor & mechanic. When he meets her, she is a bride that has been left at the alter. She is pregnant, but doesn't tell him. There is a problem with a potential hostel takeover of the town & Buck helps to turn this around. These 2 fall in love, needless to say, but Buck is in shock when Destiny tells him about her pregnancy & that she is going back to her "fiance". I love seeing how they find their way back to each other. Very sweet & romantic story.

Paula Brandon says

I ended up really enjoying this, after some initial concerns about Buck Owens Cash and the contrived set-up of the plot. Destiny Saunders is jilted at the altar, and on her way home, finds Buck's truck by the side of the road. She tows him back to her home town of Lizard Gulch, a forgotten town on route 66, populated by retired people. (I didn't like the fact so many characters referred to them as old farts). She tampers with his truck to strand him in the town (!), but he plays along, as he is a mechanic himself and ughhh....did I mention how contrived the set-up was?

But if you can get past that, this is quite the charming romance. Destiny is the mayor of Lizard Gulch and is trying to save the town from being bought out by a greedy land developer, as the offer will actually turf quite a few people out on their butts without a dollar to their name. Buck comes to love Destiny and the town and starts taking steps to help her save the town. However, Destiny is actually pregnant to the guy who left her at

the altar, and she becomes too afraid to tell Buck about this, because their bit of "fun" has gone beyond what she expected, into love.

This book really won me over. Destiny's decision to marry to Daryl, the father of her child made sense because of her back-story (she never knew who her own father was), and the fact she was about to walk down the aisle at the start of the story was not an issue, because she hadn't known Buck before that point. I get annoyed in romances when the h or H is about to marry someone despite their heart belonging to someone else. That's not the case here. It's acknowledged that Destiny and Daryl don't love each other, but want to do right by the child.

I must admit the black moment didn't make much sense to me. Once Buck confessed his love and said he didn't care that Daryl was the father, that should have been it. I've never understood the h or H who knocks back the other because they don't feel they're good enough and doing it for the other's "own good". Who even does that? Destiny sends Buck on his way, because she thinks he's too good for her. That sort of thing just makes me want to slap my forehead in frustration!

But despite its minor faults and some minor concerns about Buck, I came to love the characters. Buck was definitely a keeper! The last book I read ("The Cowboy's Valentine") had such a vile hero I was a little gun shy about my next read! But Buck turned out to be exactly the sort of hero I like to read about. I loved the crew of secondary characters who populated Lizard Gulch. Sure, a little cliched, but lovable nonetheless. I had a warm fuzzy feeling by the epilogue, which is saying something.

Renee Entress says

My Review:

4.7 Star Review - The Cowboy's Destiny (The Cash Brothers # 4)

I recommend this book.

I enjoyed this book by Marin. This book includes passion, laughs, heartache, and secrets.

If you have not read the below from this series I would recommend reading those books first they are all by Marin.

A Cowboy's Duty - This is the Sister's Story it's optional

The Cowboy Next Door - This is Johnny's Story

Twins Under The Christmas Tree - This is Conway's Story

Her Secret Cowboy - This is Willie's Story

After Buck is told to leave town by his brother Willie he goes from town to town with the rodeo.

After breaking down on the side of the road he meets Destiny when she tows his trunk.

She tells him something is wrong with his truck which he knows is not true. He is going to stick around to see what she needs. A friend or a lover.

The more time they spend together the more they want each other.

Destiny is hiding a secret and when Buck finds out will it be the end of them?

Look forward to the next books in this series out in 2014 as I am loving the Cash brothers!!

Karen Machamer says

I love this series and I think Marin is a great author. I have recommended her books to friends and family and will continue to do so. I can't wait for the last two Cash Brothers stories.

Sabrina says

Cash Brothers Series

This is the most heartwarming book in the series.

Buck Owens Cash is doing what his brother Will told him to do. Leave town. He had kept a secret from Will and is now trying to make up for it. Stranded on the side of the road when his truck broke down he is surprised by a girl on a Harley wearing a veil who stops to help.

Destiny Saunders has just been left at the alter. Stopping to help Buck, she brings him to the closest town. Lizard Gulch on Route 66. There is not much left to this town, but the people in it are very attached to Destiny. These seniors are basically the family she never had and she will do what she needs to do to protect them just as they do what they need to protect her.

This book was a joy to read. The towns people of Lizard Gulch are a bunch of adorable seniors and give a new meaning to the word family.

Have to say this has been my favorite book of the series. Marin has a great way of telling a story and puts you right in the town of Lizard Gulch as you are reading.

Received an ARC copy for honest review

Kimberly Rocha~ Book Obsessed Chicks says

Destiny Saunders is something else. Jilted at the alter the gritty beauty shrugs it off and continues on. Buck Owens Cash has the pleasure of meeting the wayward bride in her flashy wedding attire on a motorcycle when his car breaks down outside the little known town of Lizard Gulch and she offers her help to the shamelessly handsome Cash brother.

Buck Owens Cash left a tense situation back in his hometown and he doesn't feel it's the right time to face the music from his five Cash siblings. Instead, Buck thinks he'll head on to a few rodeos before heading home, but when his truck has issues, he becomes the unwitting guest of the menagerie of colorful occupants of the town of Lizard Gulch, headed of by their newly elected mayor, Destiny Saunders, who also is the town

mechanic, the tow truck driver and one of the few people below retirement age who live in the near ghost town off of Route 66.

Most of the quirky yet lovable citizens of Lizard Gulch just want to be left alone to enjoy their retirement and enjoy the time they have, but a development company wants to raze the town to dirt. They have an advocate in ousted mayor, Mark Mitchell, who delivers the offers from the development company and wants the town to meet its end. The townspeople look to Destiny to protect their futures. If that's all she had on her plate, but no, Destiny has a little issue of being pregnant by the jerk who left her at the alter, and now her attraction to Mr. Cash. Destiny is keeping the pregnancy to herself for the time-being, but the closer she she gets to Buck, the worse she feels for not telling him.

Buck Owens Cash never knew who his father was. His mother used to leave town chasing after her heart, end up pregnant, have the baby and leave it in the care of her mother before running off again. This was Buck and his siblings childhoods, and outwardly he may never have cared, but inside, Buck yearns to know of his beginning, yearns to know his father and to know if he was wanted. Destiny had a pretty crappy childhood with her mother turning tricks in truck stop bathrooms to earn money, leaving Destiny to raise herself until an older couple took her in and did as best as they could by her. Buck and Destiny's attraction to one another is exciting and new to them. Each feels like they never have before, like maybe each could accept the faults they feel they have.

THE COWBOY'S DESTINY by Marin Thomas is an touching and eloquent read. Reading this emotional story was personal for me. I feel Buck's pain about his childhood. I completely understand where he is coming from. I love this pair. I love how even though they have been through much in their young lives, they still have optimism and hope to continue on and they hold no grudges. The whimsical inhabitants of Lizard Gulch bring the comic relief to this tale, even the tale of ghostly apparitions add a little something more. The Cash Brothers series by consummate author, Marin Thomas only gets better and better with each sibling's tale. I am eager to read the next one, but will be so sad to read the last.

~KIMBERLY~

Betty says

Buck Owens Cash left home after he and his brother Will had a big fight. He had been doing some rodeo and was on his way to another one when his truck broke down. Since he couldn't fix it without parts, he rested inside the truck and waited for help to arrive.

That help showed up in the form of a sexy red head with a bridal veil driving a Harley! He was a little stumped as he watched the sexy red head checkout his truck so he didn't let her know he was a certified mechanic. He had time and wanted to see how this would play out.

The story focuses on Buck and Destiny and falling in love in the town of Lizard Gulch. The town is super small and the residents are all retirees. And yet... there is really plenty of action. This is a fun romantic read, well written with likable characters.

Anna says

Buck Owens Cash is restless and trying to find what he wants out of life. He just never expected her to ride to his rescue on her Harley. Destiny has never felt like she belonged anywhere until she came to Lizard

Gulch with all its eccentric seniors. Left at the altar pregnant, she finds Buck stranded and their journey begins. Destiny doesn't think she is good enough for Buck. Buck is afraid he will be a bad father. You will laugh, cry, and fall in love with these two as they find their own true destiny. A definite must read!

Darlene Torday says

I loved the book and the characters Destiny and Buck Owens Cash although different at first look had a lot of similar backgrounds as growing up parentless. It was a very good story of two people who fall in love while trying not to fall in love. Everyone can see they are except them until it's too late and they are both in love. BUT the problem of her being pregnant by another man might separate them. You have to read the rest of the book to find out how or IF they work it out for a happy ever after ending.

Susan says

Another Cash brother bites the dust! This is another fantastic entry into the the saga of the Cash Brothers. Buck had done what his brother Will (Her Secret Cowboy) had said to do - left town. After keeping the existence of Will's son a secret, Buck's guilty feelings have kept him on the road. Then his truck breaks down and he's rescued by a woman wearing a bridal veil and riding a Harley. After being left at the altar, Destiny is feeling a little reckless, so she tells Buck that it will be a few days until his truck is repaired, giving her a chance to have a bit of fun with him before he moves on.

I loved both Buck and Destiny. Buck had done what he thought was right at the time, but it came back to bite him and put him at odds with his brother. He's been feeling a bit restless anyway, working as a mechanic for someone else, so he decides to take the time to try to decide what he wants to do with his life. Destiny is different than any other woman he'd ever been with and she soon has him tied up in knots. I loved how he knew she was trying to keep him in town but played along. He was quite happy to spend more time with her. I loved seeing him get to know all the different facets of her personality and fall for each one of them. He also saw her looking out for all the people of the town and wanted to be the one to look out for her. It was great to see him recognize his love fairly early, then have to deal with his feelings after he discovered her secret. I loved the part his brothers played in helping him. One of the things I love most about Buck and the whole Cash family is how important family is to them. I really liked the fact that Buck recognized that the people of Lizard Gulch were Destiny's family and how he tried to help them.

Destiny had spent her life with a mother who was always on the move and as a result has been looking for a place to put down some roots of her own. Lizard Gulch is a tiny town full of old people but she has come to love them like family. She wasn't heartbroken when her groom stood her up, and when she came upon Buck on the side of the road she was immediately attracted to him. As the town mechanic she was the one to look at his truck and she took the opportunity to stretch the truth about the repairs to keep him around for a few days. She felt a little guilty about not telling him her secret, but since he wouldn't be staying she figured it didn't really matter. She didn't expect to start to have feelings for him almost immediately, and then for him to find a reason to stick around a little longer. She starts dreaming about having a future with Buck, but feels that her background makes it impossible for her to expect anything permanent with him. She only seems to see the downside of her life and not the strong, independent and intelligent person she has become. I loved seeing one of her old timers talk some sense into her. I loved the scene at Buck's rodeo at the end.

The people of Lizard Gulch were wonderful and added such a wonderful dimension to the story. Each one had a unique personality and place. I really enjoyed the secondary story of the developer trying to take over

the town and how the people were fighting back. There were quite a few places that had me laughing and wondering what was going to happen next. I loved the way that Destiny's other job as mayor showed her people skills and how quick thinking she was. It also showed yet another aspect of how much love she had to give. The love that the people had for her was obvious too, and seeing them all chase Buck down at the end was hilarious. I can't wait for the next book!

Eileen says

Buck Owens Cash is stranded on the side of the road when a woman dressed in white rides up on her Harley and gives him a ride to town to get a tow truck. Little did he know that this woman would be a change for him. Destiny has had a hard life. She's landed in Lizard Gulch and wants to save it from being leveled for a new resort. Buck and Destiny joins forces to save the town. The townfolk were funny. This was a very cute story and I liked it. It is also a quick read.

Denise says

Hot Rodeo Cowboy + Beautiful Woman who is the mayor of a town = Another Great Cash Brothers Book!

Buck Cash is out on the rodeo circuit after a fall out with his brother Will. Along the rodeo trail, his car breaks down. After falling asleep in it, he is woken up by a beautiful woman in a wedding dress who is driving a motorcycle.

Destiny Saunders is pregnant by a man who didn't show up for their wedding. On the way back to Lizard Gulch, she stumbles upon a broken down truck and a hot cowboy sleeping inside. After giving him a ride back to town and introducing him to the people of Lizard Gulch, she gets his truck to fix it...instead of fixing it, she comes up with a plan to keep Buck in the town a little longer.

He fixes cars and knows he doesn't need the part that Destiny is waiting on but stays to figure out why she wants to keep him in town. Buck comes to love the wacky people in Lizard Gulch and in particular their mayor, Destiny.

Buck sees a future with Destiny but that changes when he finds out her big secret. He leaves trying to ride out his love for Destiny back on the rodeo circuit.

Will Buck return to Lizard Gulch to find his destiny with Destiny the mayor? Or will he be another stubborn Cash Brother?

Melody Cox says

Read several years ago. I remember liking this a great deal.
