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**In the rodeo arena, all you have to worry about is surviving.  
But in the arena of love, things get much more complicated.**

Lainie Capshaw has been tending to injured cowboys long enough to know that a charming Western drawl combined with a fine physical form doesn't mean you should fall for a man. As a sports therapist, she travels the rodeo circuits patching up riders—and fending off their sweet-talking, swaggering advances.

So no one is more surprised than Lainie when she finds herself interested in not one, but two different men on different circuits: Hank Lawson, a bullfighter, and Kyle Gilchrist, a bull rider trying to stage a comeback. She's more shocked to learn Hank and Kyle are hometown buddies. But when the men offer to share her—in every way—she knows that both of them are going to try to win her, body and soul. And even as their sensual journey becomes the ride of her life, Lainie must choose which cowboy is worthy of her heart....

## Corralled Details

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## From Reader Review Corralled for online ebook

### Wminbc says

Ugggg...I read Wrangled and Tangled and then Strattled and Spurred and both I really enjoyed...this one....not so much. I would say I am a 3.5 on the stars. I just do not get how Kyle can ever be with Celia now??? In the other two books the sharing was mentioned, but I did not research the series before reading Bran and then Abe /Renners stories. I just thought, oh a one off with the best buddy to give his gals something different!

Yikes, this was anything but! The whole dating Kyle while having Hank on the line pissed me off. Seriously, how many hot rodeo cowboys does one girl need?

This book just made me even more empathetic to Celia...she deserves a cowboy that will worship the ground she walks on....not some used up, oversexed arse that banged her sister in law! Yikes, I was so looking forward to book four, but now not so much. Kyle had better bring his A game if he hopes to win Celia and I over!

As for Lainie....jury is still out. I don't like her much, but I don't hate her either. Her being defensive about her half way there credentials just ticked me off too...don't like being paid less, being lower ranked, go get your degree! But like all of the things she has done her life, she has not committed all the way. Hopefully now that she has a good man, an understanding with her mother and closure on her father's death...she can see something through! Finish something darlin'!

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### I ♥ Bookie Nookie ([bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com](http://bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com)) says

Lanie Capshaw has seen her fair share of hot cowboys working as a medic on the rodeo circuits and she plans to stay as far away from those silver tongued devils as she can. Being the only female in "the trenches" has it's benefits...she has plenty of eye-candy and plenty of offers, that's for sure, but everyone know she doesn't mess with rodeo cowboys.

For 2 years, she has no problem sticking to her no cowboy policy, that is until she meets 2 sweet talkers-- each one on a different circuit and they proceed to turn her world upside down. Who knew they would turn out to be best friends? When her two timing is discovered, they make her an offer she just can't refuse and so goes the adventure of a lifetime as Lanie joins the boys in a rodeo road trip called "Cowboy Christmas".

What can I say? It's smoldering hot, it's super sexy and I'm jealous as hell! The cherry on top is that the story is fantastic too!

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### Auntee says

Not one of my favorite Lorelei James books, but a pretty good start to a new series about cowboys. I think my problem with this one was that I didn't really fall in love with any of the characters, and at times the background info (about rodeos) surrounding the plot got a bit...boring. I'm sure that anyone *interested* in all the behind the scenes info about rodeos would love this book, it just isn't a subject that I'm too interested in. I realize that LJ had to fill the reader in on what competing in rodeos is all about, so that we could appreciate

what the characters have to go through, but I just think she went a bit too far with giving us *too much* info. But maybe that's just me.

Anyway, the plot: Lainie Capshaw, mid-twenties, petite, curvy, long curly-haired daughter of a legendary bull rider who died tragically in the ring, works the rodeo circuit as a sports med tech. That means that Lainie, who's an LPN and an EMT, takes care of bandaging/fixing up cowboys who are injured while competing. She meets tall, dark, and studly bull fighter Hank Lawson, and after rebuffing his advances a couple of times (doesn't want to mix business with pleasure) she finally succumbs to his persuasive charms. They've been dating for a few months, and although Hank's an excellent lover, he's not very inventive or spontaneous. When Lainie meets a flirty blond Viking-esque bull rider from a different rodeo organization named Kyle Gilchrist, who is everything Hank is not, she can't help but be smitten by him. What Kyle lacks in height and bulk, he makes up for in spontaneity--their first time is a passionate quickie in a restaurant bathroom. So now Lainie is 'seeing' two men--she wonders, does that make her a slut? But since her guys compete on different rodeo circuits, chances are that neither will find out about the other, right?

Wrong. Not only do they find out about the other, but coincidentally, they *know* each other, and they're friends, having gone to the same school growing up.. Uh-oh. Now what should Lainie do? Neither one wants to give up Lainie, and Lainie refuses to choose between them (she'd rather not see either if she must choose) so they come up with an idea. Would Lainie like to share them? Or should I say, would Laine let them share *her*? And secretly they hope, may the best man win. Since Lainie has some vacation time coming, she agrees to travel around the rodeo circuit with them for a couple of weeks from venue to venue while they compete in something called "Cowboy Christmas" as a way for Kyle to improve his ranking in the bull riding division. So can they do this? Can the men 'share' Lainie without becoming jealous, suspicious, and competitive? And can Lainie do this without getting her heart involved? At the end of "Cowboy Christmas" will she lose her heart to one of her men, or will they all just walk away after the good times are over?

Okaaay...I'll admit at the beginning I wasn't too fond of Lainie and her two-timing ways. Yeah, yeah, she made a point to say how neither of her men said the relationship was 'exclusive', but still...and when confronted by her guys, her first instinct was to run away. She must have been 'something' sexually, because neither guy seemed to want to give her up, even though they hardly knew a thing about her. It wasn't until they all went on the road together in their little travel trailer that they learned anything about Lainie (besides what she liked to do in bed) and then she learned stuff about Hank and Kyle. And after spending weeks on the road with her guys, she realizes that there's only one guy for her after she sees *all* the sides of him.

So how did this ménage relationship work? Not exactly how I expected. Kyle and Hank spent the majority of their time with Lainie in one-on-one situations, which helped fuel a lot of jealousy and competition between them. If Hank spent the night with Lainie, then Lainie (and Kyle) felt that she should give Kyle equal time. And then Kyle would do his best to out-do Hank, and Hank would be jealous, wondering if Lainie preferred Kyle to him. This got to be exhausting, watching these two compete over Lainie! Finally Lainie had to tell them that she wanted them both--together--and that's when the competing and the jealousies were put to rest, and then they concentrated on blowing Lainie's mind--together. And I must say, in typical LJ fashion, the sex scenes were raunchy and hot. These three did just about everything you could think of--even one time incorporating a saddle, a sawhorse, and some rope...yowza!

LJ introduces a lot of characters in this one, so have your pencil and paper handy, because I'm sure these people are going to pop up again, especially Hank's brother Abe and his younger sister Celia. She also did such a thorough job explaining just about every aspect of what goes on in a rodeo (god, I learned a lot!)and setting up the series that I'm thinking in the follow-up books she won't have to go into as much detail and she can spend a little more time on the characters.

If you're a fan of LJ's **Rough Riders** series, you'll probably want to check this out. It's very similar in tone, and while maybe she's won't feature characters all from the same family (like the McKays), they will be

characters who pop up from time to time in each book. There's p-l-e-n-t-y of sexcapades in this book, a couple of sweet heroes who like to get 'nekkid' all the time, and who like to order Lainie to 'get nekkid', and a heroine who finally decides to grow up and take control of her life. Add a sweet HEA and you've got a pretty decent read and a promising beginning to a new series. 4 stars.

*Warning: This book contains explicit sex (including oral and anal); raunchy language; some light bondage and use of an unusual item as a sex toy; and a m/f/m ménage. Not for the faint of heart!*

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## **Buggy says**

Opening Line: *"Screwing two guys doesn't make you a slut."*

I was pretty excited to hear that Lorelei James' was starting a new series because I'm seriously addicted to her Roughriders books and IMO you can't ever have enough sexy cowboys. I also have a small addiction to the PBR and CORRALLED is all about the bullriding and its fearless bullfighters. Throw in a ménage storyline (yes girls, two swaggering, ultra sexy cowboys) and in theory this book should have had all my guns a blazin'. Unfortunately, and I can't put my finger on why, it just never grabbed me like her Roughriders series always does and I was surprised by how difficult it was for me to get into her new Blacktop Cowboys.

One of the problems for me was the rodeo jargon, I kept forgetting what EBS and CRA stood for and these acronyms were used a lot. I also felt like I'd read this before as the storyline is very reminiscent of her first Roughriders book Long Hard Ride leaving me with a feeling of déjà vu for the entire read.

*"As much as Hank loved bullfighting in the CRA, for a bullfighter, the EBS was the big time."*

If you've read anything else by Lorelei James then you'll know what to expect from this. Erotic love scenes (every couple of pages) including some rope play and just about everything else, emotion filled storylines, a couple of dustups at a local saloon and a whole slew of unique characters and situations to keep you interested. James' writing is also really fun. I love the way her characters talk and usually come away with a southern drawl much to my Canadian families amusement.

Lainie Capshaw is a sports therapist, traveling the rodeo circuits and patching up injured cowboys. She's made it a steadfast rule not to date anyone, keeping things strictly professional amongst her many admirers. So it's with some surprise that she finds herself dating not one but two handsome cowboys; Hank Lawson a bullfighter and Kyle Gilchrist a bull rider. Despite never discussing exclusivity Lainie feels guilty but also doesn't assume she'll have to decide between them as they work on different circuits. Honestly she doesn't know if she could choose anyways.

Lainie's two timing catches up with her one night at the local honky-tonk when Hank catches her with Kyle. To her surprise the two are childhood friends and since neither wants to bow down to the other they instead offer her a deal no horny cowgirl could refuse. They will all travel the CRA circuit together with Kyle and Hank taking care of Lanie's sexual needs until she makes up her mind which one of them she likes better. It sounds good until both men try to win her heart leaving Lainie hanging on for the full 8 seconds. What's a girl to do?

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## Miss Kim says

This was my first James' book, and I wasn't sure what to think. A lot of my GR friends are huge fans of her Rough Riders—which I haven't gotten my hands on yet because the series is so large now. So I decided to start with this one--the first in her Blacktop Cowboys series. What did I think? Well I was kind of underwhelmed.

We begin the story with Lainie already sleeping with both guys, behind their backs. Ok, I can go with that...men do it and there is no stigma. However, she finds out they are very close friends...UH OH. But wait! The two cowboys have a short conversation and decide they want to share her. Share her in every possible way. They propose it to Lainie by chasing her down and each sucking on her boobs at the same time. She's convinced! There just wasn't any sexual tension building between the three and I think that would have really made a difference in this book.

The guys never really wanted a threesome relationship in the first place. Neither of the three characters were ever fully explored, so I didn't get any body's motivations. The auther never gave me any reason to understand why Lainie was so attractive to these guys. She must have been a freak with each of them individually...I didn't see later. I personally found any scenes with Kyle a turn off. I didn't like his candle wax/water torture, or that whole ordeal with the saddle, rope, and sawhorse. I thought that was kind of demeaning....and creepy.

However, I did finally come around at the end when it was just she and Hank and the story turned into more of a romance vs. a dominant sex fest—with inanimate objects. Bottom line: I will red this author again. However, I have read much, much, hotter ménage books. This one didn't do it for me in that department...not that you were asking.

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## Yodamom says

What a poor girl to do when she has two super hot cowboy's who want her time ? Well spend time with both of them of course ! Time to explore that fantasy for one lucky lady.

If only we all had such troubles :D

It was sexy, a touch of kink but backed with a great story and likable characters

I want more from this series.

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## Robin \*loves sexy books\* says

I really liked this once I got into it. I think it took me a little longer with this Lorelei book because the characters had already been seeing eachother when we meet them. I love the build up of a new relationship, so I missed a little of that with them. I also didn't really like the way Hank and Kyle were in such competition for Lainie. I was glad when that died down.

I really started to love Hank about halfway in, he was such a sweetie. I like all of the people that were introduced and can't wait for their stories as the series gets going.

Overall, a great start to a new sizzling hot series by Lorelei. Can't wait for the next book.

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## **Karla says**

**3 1/2 Stars!An enjoyable enough read for the most part, but something was a little off for me.**

Oh don't get me wrong there was a good story here, and a wonderful look into the world of rodeo from a different perspective. In LJ's RR series it's all about the bull rider. Here we got a taste of what a huge conglomeration the rodeo is. For those of us not all that familiar with this world it was interesting and informative. I had no idea what bull fighters went through, and that the term was even associated with the rodeo, a Mexican matador yes, but not cowboys. I adored Hank and Kyle, but I found Lainie to be somewhat annoying and childish. I was okay with the three of them, because that's how I thought the story was going to proceed, as a menage, but her bed hopping was a bit much. Then again, I really don't think Kyle and Hank had a clue how to handle the threesome. Pretty funny since it was their idea. There was also a very disturbing incident that went somewhat unresolved. Then again, this is a series and the possibility that it's "handled" in future books, is very likely.

Even with the some minor flaws, in my opinion, it was hot, fun, interesting and written only as Lorelei James can do. She is one of the few authors that consistently writes a good story.

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## **Holly says**

I wanted to like this book, really, I did!! I love menage stories, especially menage with hunky cowboys but I just had a hard time with this one. First of all, my biggest problem was that the story was not about the love of the 3 people involved, it was all about Kyle and Hank trying to sexually 'one up' each other so that Lainie would choose one or the other of them. To me that doesn't feel like menage, it just felt like Lainie was doing them both until she had to decide on one of them. It just didn't seem to have enough heart for me.

I absolutely LOVE LJ, and I know this book was just a flook for me, since I have loved every other of her books I have read, I especially love the Rough Riders series, hell, what's not to like about Hot, Nekkid Cowboys.....but, I digress,, as much as I wanted to like this book it was just meh, for me anyway! I think I felt that all three parties involved were very immature and definitely to immature for a complicated sexual relationship like menage.

This is just my opinion on this book and I believe that I am in the minority and would NEVER want to deter anyone from reading LJ, because even though this one didn't do it for me, her books ROCK!!!

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## **Dee says**

A typical LJ novel with loads of sex between 1 woman & 2 sexy cowboys.

Don't get me wrong I did enjoy this and I did get the steam but I felt like I had read it all before, which in fact I had in her Rough Riders series. She could have easily changed the characters names and you would have thought it was a Rough Rider!

As I said I did get lots of steam which I knew was guaranteed from a LJ novel but the story line is starting to get a bit old for me. But thats not to say I won't carry on with them - especially when I am in that mood if you know what I mean ;))

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

GREAT Start to The Blacktop Cowboys series.

DO NOT READ Corralled expecting it to be like the Rough Rider series, comparing the two series is like comparing apples to oranges, you can't.

I have to admit, I put off reading Corralled because of a review that said Corralled didn't measure up to the Rough Riders series. I absolutely LOVE all of the Rough Rider books and I am now adding the Blacktop Cowboy series to my list of favorites, Corralled is the first book of the series. You can't compare the two series at all, Rough Riders is centered around the McKay family. Corralled is about a group of people that travel the same rodeo circuit.

I found that the emotions Kyle, Hank and Lanie went through felt real, they showed the darker emotions of being involved in a menage, how jealousy can affect the people involved, how one person can feel confused and pulled in different directions towards the menage partners and the chances of one of the three getting hurt because the other two connect more and decide to stay together. By the time I finished reading Corralled, I was rooting for all three characters to find what they were looking for and I was totally in love with Hank. I would love to go into more detail, but do not want to spoil it for anyone. The sex scenes in Corralled were HOT, one or two may have been a little more on the raunchy side, but not disgustingly so. And the ending was so sweet and endearing, it made me cry =)

As much as I love the Rough Riders series, I am glad the Blacktop Cowboys series is not a carbon copy of it. By carbon copy I mean a new series with the same scenarios just set in a different state, with different names for the characters. Lorelei's books are all different, that's why so many people are loyal fans, she doesn't bore us with a standard formula for all her books, we never know what to expect, other than an awesome story, hot men and even hotter sex.

Take the time to read Corralled, with a fan and a bottle of water near by. I have a feeling, that like me, you will be chomping at the bit for the release of Saddled and Spurred, book 2 of the Blacktop Cowboys series in March 2011 =)

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## **Duchess Nicole says**

*I mean... 'scuse the shit outta me. I wuz hankerin' fer some sexy ruttin' 'tween two shitkickers and their little filly. And lookee there! I ain't got nuthin' but that. There's more breedin' in this here book than burnt hair durin' brandin' season, whoooo, doggy!!*

Pardon the eye roll.

Good grief.

This is my fourth book by Lorlei James, and it will be my last. I read the first three in the Rough Riders series. To be fair, those were some of my very first erotica books, three or four years ago. So I was thinking that maybe my lower opinion of those stories was due to my inexperience or different expectations.

However, I know better now. Just because a book is shelved as erotica doesn't mean that there isn't damned good story, well written and evocative. In fact, I've read some erotic romance books that utilize the intimacy of sex to make a story much more real, and completely and utterly beautiful. (Megan Hart, Joey W. Hill, etc...)

This, my friends, is pure smut.

I don't think anyone really professes it to be more, so I suppose if your expectations are hot cowboys, lots of sex...along with the requisite threesome and butt-sex that this author seems to be known for...and a shit ton of yee-haw cowgirl moments, then this is perfect for you.

But not for me. I think I said the same in another LJ review, but her books are more honky tonk than a honky tonk. Her language is so over the top hick, her cowboys so freaking stereotypical cheesy that it borders on lame. I live in Texas. I grew up in Kansas. I've been around rodeo, ranchers and farmers for my entire life. And still, I feel like I need to take a shower just to wash the hick off of me every time I finish one of her books. Her characters just try way too hard to be cowboy.

Harsh? Maybe. I'm not sure why I feel so disgusted. This really is a way of life for a lot of Midwestern people. I think the way this particular story played out just rubbed me wrong. It's the reason I don't like menage stories for the most part. I don't mind a menage scene or two in a book before a couple decided to be exclusive. It adds to the titillation, it's sexy as hell. But Hank and Kyle both want Lainie; in fact, they are vying for her for nearly the entire book. And the loser doesn't seem to walk away happy. During the course of the story, they are best friends and then rivals for her attention and time. That's not romance. That's a hooch coming between two men who are thinking with their dicks. It was uncomfortable. And as much as Lainie professes to want to stay impartial, she doesn't. She won't pick between them, so she gets them both. Imagine if the roles were switched and a guy was doing that with two girls...sleeping with them both and telling them that he wouldn't pick. Ha.

One last point of contention for me was (view spoiler) Wow. Just...wow.

I rarely give one star...less than twenty in over 1500 books. I will be removing the rest of the series and the Rough Riders series from my tbr. I'm really not the type to continue reading something that I know I won't like just to rag about it in my review. I had hoped that my changing tastes would have allowed me to see this in a different light than I did years ago. I got this from my library's audio digital site, and I have to admit that while the narrator did a fantastic job, there's only so much white trash you can listen to without it sounding utterly hokey and forced.

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**Samantha says**

Lorelei James weaves an evocative tale about a woman who is force to choose between two men who want her. Fans of the Rough Riders series gear up for another wild and erotic cowboy story in a new series.

Laine Capshaw is a med tech for Lariat Sports Medicine traveling the rodeo circuits helping the injured cowboys. She has a no-dating cowboy rule but when she met two men on two different circuits she finds herself drawn to them both. Hank Lawson and Kyle Gilchrist is every woman's dream and the one woman they both want is Lainie. So when they both learn that Lainie has been sleeping with the both of them, neither is willing to part so they offer to share her.

I always like a good cowboy love story and this one meets my standards. I was pulled in from the first page. I'm not always a fan of ménages in my erotica because I tend to wonder how it is possible that the woman don't find one man better than the next. The overall premise of the story is that Lainie knows deep down that she is going to have to choose. I knew that the decision was going to hard. Hank was the typical Alpha male in that he was strong, sexy and silent. Kyle was more of the wild type. Each one of them appealed to different sides of Lainie's personality.

When reading erotica that features ménages, I'm always baffled that the author never seems to entwine the tension and jealousy from the men at having to compete with one another for the girl. I was so glad that Lorelei James didn't take this route with this story. While both men acted as though they were in complete agreement with sharing, there was some underlying jealousy and you knew that a war was taking place in the bedroom.

While reading this book, my mind kept wondering which man would win Lainie's heart. How could a girl make such a tough decision? The dialogue, jealousy and the tension throughout the book was realistic enough for me. At times, I wanted to hate Lainie because she would not choose but the part of me that envies having two gorgeous men chase after me, understood that it was a lot harder for her. Throughout the book as Lainie struggled with her decision about these two cowboys, I was making my own decision about which one she should be with. At the end, there was no doubt in my mind that she had picked the right man for her. I was not disappointed and I was equally satisfied.

The love scenes were just explicitly hot! I had to stop reading after each love scene just to cool down. There was just enough kinkiness in the love scenes to satisfy me without being distasteful.

Corralled is the first book in the Blacktop Cowboys series and I highly anticipated what is up next for those sexy Wyoming cowboys.

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### **Kathleen says**

For the first 3/4 of this book I thought yes I really like this and thought it to be a 4 star book for me. OH MY! The last 1/4 of this book was sooo darn good that I have to give it a 5 star rating. My only wish is the EBS and Ace Newharth would have gotten their Comeuppance. Hopefully in the next book in the series they will get what's coming to them.

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### **MaggieReadsRom says**

4.75 stars!

The very first line of this book (see above) drew me in immediately. Okay, I admit that the ménage trope lover in me interpreted the sentence in a different way than it was meant to be but I'm willing to bet I am not alone in that. Truthfully in the beginning of the book Lainie isn't screwing both guys at the very same time. She is kind of dating them at the same time. But as the blurb indicates it soon went the course of my initial thought.

Lainie Capshaw works as a med tech for the two largest rodeo organizations: CRA and EBS. She's hooked up with 2 cowboys, each competing in 1 of the organizations, Hank Lawson is a bullfighter with the CRA and Kyle Gilchrist is a bull rider with the EBS. When they discover by chance that Lainie is dating them both, the suggestion of a threesome is quickly made and they embark on a road-trip together for Kyle's rodeo tour with the CRA.

Both Kyle and Hank are as alpha as they come and they're both hardheaded and very competitive but that's where the similarities end because otherwise they are total opposites. Hank is dark and brooding, very down-to-earth and not much for antics, sexual or otherwise. However, Hank has a hidden kinky side he keeps in check because he thinks Lainie isn't into that and I was happy to see that side emerge in the course of the book. Kyle is a golden boy, vibrant, impulsive and sexually inventive but also sweet and he has his moments where his competitiveness ignites some darker thoughts in him.

Lainie is the daughter of a legendary bull rider, Jason Capshaw, who died tragically during a bull ride. This has great impact on her character and her development in the book. Lainie is sweet and caring but she's definitely no pushover. She definitely held her ground with the two alpha cowboys trying to outshine each other in order to become the one she would choose in the end.

Lorelei James is amazing at family dynamics and Lainie's relationship with her mother and the impact of the loss of her father are great examples of this but Hank's family and Kyle's bond with his mom also contributed to the intense personal relations I love to read about in her books.

I very much liked the approach Lorelei James took on the threesome aspect of the romance. It's a realistic one in my opinion because it's more often that a choice is in play when three people enter a (sexual) relationship, rather than settling in for a permanent three-way relationship. It was very interesting to see the dynamics of a threesome at play when it's something new for all three participants and when they aren't completely comfortable with it and trying to find their way and their roles in it. The fact that both Hank and Kyle were very take-charge yet a bit unsure of how to make it all work contributed to my enjoyment of this aspect of the romance. It was also fascinating to see how both Kyle and Hank see what is different in what the other one brings into the threesome and they see what they fail to bring to the table themselves. Initially Hank is more gentle and attentive, more in tune with Lainie's pleasure and comfort and Kyle brings the fun and kink but in their competitiveness for Lainie's affections they both try to take over some of the things the other one offers.

The feelings of jealousy, envy and possessiveness over Lainie both Kyle and Hank had, stayed on the right side of bothersome for me. Again proof of Lorelei James' writing skills. It was natural for them to feel these things but on the other hand they knew what they were getting into when they decided to propose a threesome to Lainie. At one point I really empathized with her insecurity about their fight for her affections: Was it about her or about outdoing each other? I applaud how, right when an aspect in the threesome and the arrangement was threatening to become annoying, Lorelei James went and solved it by making Hank and Kyle realize they were handling the whole threesome thing in a not so pleasant way for Lainie and they changed up their tactics. Two thumbs up for Ms. James here. This is what makes her one of my all-time favorite erotic romance authors.

Early on in the book it's clear, at least it was to me, who Lainie is going to end up with as Lorelei James gives enough small hints and clues towards the direction Lainie's choice is going. She does this in a subtle

manner without giving away too much and making the decisive scene a wonderfully emotional one, which I savored and was in total agreement with.

I liked Celia, Hank's little sister, a lot! She's a feisty, spunky little thing who is determined to follow her dream no matter how much her brothers try to stop her because they think it's for her own good and because of their protective instincts. She reminded me of Keely McKay (from the Rough Riders) and I hope eventually she'll get her own story in this series too. I even have an inkling of whom she should be paired up with but only time will tell if I'm right...as I was with Keely.

For me comparison with Lorelei James' first book in the Rough Riders Series (LONG HARD RIDE) is inevitable as the premise of both books is very similar. However there are also plenty of differences, which was something I appreciated and was happy about. One of them was the fact that the page-count provided Lorelei James with even more room to deepen out the characters and to give the relationships room to grow and develop in a realistic time frame. The Rough Riders will always be my first Lorelei James love, but after reading CORRALLED I just know the Blacktop Cowboys are going to give them a run for their money.

I don't have much material to compare her with, as most of the western-themed romance books I've read are by her hand, but I do believe Lorelei James is the queen of all and everything cowboy. She really knows her stuff and that makes her books treasures of knowledge about rodeos and ranching, next to all the heat she delivers in the smoking love scenes. Reading CORRALLED made me wish I could book a flight and hop on a plane to the US, rent an RV and go touring around Wyoming. I am dead serious here. And not only on the off chance that I'd meet a cowboy like Hank or Kyle or one of the others, but the scenery alone and the way Lorelei James described it, is enough to tempt me.

I was also very pleased with the way Lorelei James portrayed the characters. They are very three-dimensional with their issues, flaws and history next to the hot sexiness of the books this is what appeals most to me in her books and CORRALLED is no exception. I loved the dialogues, which were easy and fluent and kept the book moving forward in a fast-paced way and were witty and fun to read. The banter and innuendo between the characters was excellently executed and so were the more emotional dialogues when some heavier subjects were broached.

One thing: CORRALLED is labeled as a contemporary romance (at least that's what my ARC copy says, I don't know what they put on the finished copies) but there should definitely be an additional erotic romance label included because of its explicitness and the amount of sex scenes. Readers who expect a sweet western romance from this book? You won't be getting that. It's sexy and very explicit. Not that I am complaining here because I expected nothing less from Lorelei James but readers who aren't into erotic romance might not like this book. Just giving them a head-up here.

No matter what series, no matter if it's with a digital first publisher or a big NYC print publisher, Lorelei James knows how to write awesome and sizzling hot, need-a-fan, grab-your-man dirty sex scenes. And she skillfully combines them with great family dynamics, intense emotions you can easily relate to and a vast and excellent knowledge of rodeo and ranching. For me CORRALLED equals humor, emotions, depth and hot sex. All the things I love in the books I read were delivered here, making it another keeper on my shelves and convincing me without a doubt that no matter what Lorelei James writes, I'll adore it.

**9.5 out of 10**

*Quotes:*

*Kyle and Hank discussing the idea of a threesome:  
"That don't mean that I'm on board"*

*“For a threesome? Why the hell not? I’m totally on board.” Hank snickered. “You ain’t afraid Lainie will be comparing our dick sizes or something?”*

*“F#ck off, Lawson. That ain’t what concerns me. What if part of her deal is she wants us to be together, kissing and touching and shit like them women in porn threesomes are?”*

*That visual immediately caught Hank’s attention. His body went rigid before he shuddered. “No f#cking way am I sucking your dick, Gilly.”*

*Hank sure knows how to kiss:*

*His mouth descended and she was lost.*

*Velvety soft lips brushing hers. Crushing hers. His tongue stroked and teased. Coaxing. Devouring. He repositioned his head, taking the kiss down to the depths of her soul.*

*Hank feeling a bit insecure after Kyle’s been wooing Lainie:*

*Bastard had it all planned out how he’d edge Hank out. Flowers, cozy domestic scenes, and the all-important time alone, where he’d probably do some Kama Sutra type sex shit to Lainie that Hank had never even heard of. Or some multi-orgasmic tantric stuff. F#ck that.*

*Kyle and Hank discuss sleeping arrangements after Lainie has shut them out of the bedroom:*

*“I guess we’ll deal with it then. Looks like you ‘n’ me are bunk mates.”*

*“F#ckin awesome.”*

*“Sucks worse for me Hank. I thought I’d be snuggled up to soft and sweet-smelling curves and instead I’m stuck with you.”*

*“Ain’t no snuggling between us, hoss. You touch me and I’m decking you.”*

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