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Melanie Hanna has finally worked up the courage to travel to New York and tell an old flame that he's the father of her young son. She's done hiding and apologizing for her one impulsive night. When her best friend asks her brother to watch over Melanie, her emotional trip takes an unexpected and sizzling detour.

Charles Dery is at the top of his game, but all he can think about is bedding the woman he was asked to protect. When she's almost killed, he takes what he'd been denying himself and discovers he'll do anything to keep her—even break his own rules.

When it comes to love, two wrongs may just finally make a right.

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Jennifer says

Received an ARC for review

Great romance, love story with a little bit of emotional angst on both parts. It was almost too easy and syrupy sweet the way her son meet his grandparents. Melanie and Charles/Charlie were great together even if Charles was sometimes had stupid-man moments. It was great seeing Sarah and Tony again. I still want David to get a HEA, and now I want to know more about his BFF, Mason.

Shy says

This second installment to the Lone Star Burn book is definitely one hell of a hot great read. I love every moment I had in the book. And if I may say so, I think Ruth Cardello outdid herself once again.

Charles gives me a picture of a cowboy in suit by the end of the book. It's a picture I just can't get off my head after reading everything he was and after everything that he did for Melanie. Love may not heal all wounds but love definitely can help you move forward, open new doors and look at everything in a new perspective. And having that can help you heal. I love that this book didn't show a perfect Charlie, but showed how flawed he is and how he worked on getting himself better or at least working to find the old him. The one that Sarah keep saying to be a really big softie inside. I almost didn't believe her. But Charlie showed me that he was.

Melanie on the other hand has her own baggage and a past that she needed to deal with. What I love about her was the spunk and beautiful heart that she have inside hidden underneath all that tough exterior. I love how she love her son so much she would not compromise anything for his happiness. Even if it was her happiness at risk. Her protectiveness for her son was such a beautiful thing it gives me a window to look at how beautiful and hard and challenging it must have been to be a mom. I like how she saw her faults and made her way to make up for them even having a clean slate with her parents. The deal with Jace father was somehow heartbreaking almost made me cry.

Jace on the other hand was full of innocence of his age it was endearing and hilarious at the same time. I think I love him most out of all the characters. And it will definitely not be the same if you take his character out of the picture.

Mason, David and Dean together made me curious. How did they get along when put together given their differences? Add Tony to the loop and it's hot alpha male-senator-cowboys-playboys in a minx you don't often see.

I almost forgot how Sarah's character was and in here, I saw how beautiful her positivity was. And like what Melanie said, I just wish that she won't let anything change her. She and Melanie together made a balance that makes a perfect tandem not only in reigning hot cowboys but men in general.

The novel was full of drama, sexiness and humor that once you start reading, there is no stopping until you reach the end. The romance,, love and challenges contained within its pages was so heart warming I couldn't

ask for more. I'm definitely looking forward to the next one in the series. So if you haven't started reading it yet, I strongly suggest you do.

KathyAnne says

I loved this book... a few tears, a few giggles and a steamy romance to go with it... yep, a little bit of everything I love all in one book!

The first book of this series was one of my top favorite reads last year and if you haven't read it yet I highly recommend starting with *Taken, Not Spurred*. This second book can be read as a stand alone but it's more enjoyable if you know Sarah and Tony's story.

Melanie has been living with her son on Tony's ranch in Texas and working as his housekeeper. Charlie is a successful business tycoon who lives in New York. They met in the first book when Charlie came into town in an attempt to bring his sister Sarah back home where she belonged. After all was said and done, the one thing he could not get out of his head was Melanie. The fiery Texas country woman made an impression on him and he can't seem to get her out of his mind.

As fate would have it, Melanie finds herself traveling to New York to settle some of her past demons. And, while she's there these two can't help but cave into their carnal desires. Yes, things get very hot and steamy. :)

The thing that I loved about this book the most was that even though this couple had an undeniable physical attraction for each other, It didn't change the fact that they came from two different worlds AND that there was a little boy involved who Melanie had to put ahead of her own desires no matter what. The first half of the book was all lust and steam but the second half of the book became more emotional as they attempt to make compromises. Both of these characters had to sort out some damage from their past and do some healing before they were able to take their relationship to the next stage.

The star of the book was definitely Melanie's little boy Jace... he stole my heart... had me both giggling out loud and welling up with tears. I just can't say enough about this little guy. I loved the way the author used his character as a catalyst for Charlie's healing... I'm getting all choked up just thinking about it! I know... I know... I'm an emotional sap... and a big sucker for little kids with big hearts.

This series is also full of a great cast of supporting characters. I really loved Mason, Charlie's best friend. He was sexy, funny and a great friend to have around. Would love to see him get his own book. (hint hint)

This is a wonderful series for anyone who likes a little country mixed with their city... and, those who like a nice healthy mixture of erotica, humor and sappy heartfelt moments. I'm not sure if there is more to come but if so, I'll be the first in line. Very talented author... I'm a big fan!

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Sarah says

Book two of the Lone Star Burn series by Ruth Cardello

Melanie is a single mum working on the Tony Carlton ranch.

Melanie has been hiding away with her son and avoiding the issue of who his father is and Jace wanting to know about him.

Charles and Melanie have been circling each other ever since meeting each other.

Really enjoyed this second book. Looking forward to more in this ranch world.

Great ending and HEA.

Clorie says

This was a good fun HEA book. I listened to this one and though the Texas accent was good the New York male accent needed a lot of work.

I am enjoying this series and looking forward to more. I'd like to see a story about the Tanner kid. Where does his life go? The only thing I don't like, is why everyone has to be billionaires. Just well off works.

Cause I can't imagine any billionaire just blowing off their work life so easily.

Juanita says

A follow up to the first. It was ok but I'll continue series.

Mayas says

When I get paperbacks I like to leave them fresh and crisp. When I won an advance readers copy for my blog of this upcoming release from Ruth I was too excited. I declared today ditch day from work and dove in. It was the best way to spend my day. Charles and Melanie were HOT. What drew me in was the decisions of a mother. Being a single one is always a struggle, your decisions are not your own. You have to think of you and your child from the time you conceive them until they are grown. This is Melanie but her desire for Charles is not enough to deter her from what's #1. This is a deep sexy novel with a hint of comic relief and heartwarming insight from a five year old. The struggle is real from both the hero and heroine but the journey and solutions is what kept me flipping until I got to the end.

Thank you Ruth from a single mother of three.

Cynthia says

An AWESOME read! Heartfelt and Endearing.

A story of viewing things in different perspectives, compromise and understanding - there is no one set path.

Obstacles arise but one must go forth to confront and overcome. Choices are available. Decisions need to be made. Everyone is affected.

Tycoon Takedown is that story.

Charles depicts a picture of a city boy, meets Melanie a country girl. They each have personal issues to confront - single mother, location (different way of living), lost loves, new relationships. Things are not as they seem especially in matters of the heart.

Looking forward to reading more from the Lone Star Burn series.

Delene Yochum says

The second in the Lone Star Burn Series. Ruth Cardello has written a sexy book with just the right amount of tension and angst to keep you turning the pages. Melanie and Charles are thrown together when her friend asks her brother to keep an eye on Melanie. She's about to face and tell the man she spent one night with he's a father What happens when the man supposed to be protecting you is attracted to you. HOT that's what happens. Breaking the "not getting involved rules" doesn't come easy for Charles, but he finds it impossible to stop. Great read!

Maria's Book Blog says

*** ARC received in exchange for honest review ***

After reading Taken, Not Spurred (another 5 star read), I couldn't wait to get my hands on Tycoon Takedown. Lucky for me I won an ARC from the author, so I was able to start right away. When Melanie's character was first introduced (in the previous book) I just knew her story was going to be interesting. At first glance one would think she is very stand-offish and cold. She comes to Tony's ranch, does her job and leaves. The only person she really has any kind of connection with is David, Tony's ranch manager. She's not as close as she used to be with her family due to a falling out, and she has managed to push all her friends away. Aside from her son Jace, she is literally alone.

It's been a mystery up to this point how Jace came to be. I mean clearly we know *how* it happened, but we don't know much about his father or the circumstances of Melanie's pregnancy... until now. She's no longer able to avoid the topic with Jace and decides it's time to do the right thing by him, and his father. So she sets out on a trip to New York, the last known state of residence of her son's father, Todd, to inform him he has a son. In the back of her mind, Melanie is a little hopeful that she may run into Charles Dery, Sarah's brother, since that's where he lives and works. Little does she know that he's been pining for her just as much as she's been pining for him, and the sparks they felt at their initial meeting are still there and even more intense than ever.

We already know all about the secret that has been plaguing Charles, the guilt he harbors and the way he has heart breakingly cut himself off emotionally from his family. But I was definitely not expecting to see this alpha male side of him! Wow. I thought Tony was pretty hot, but Charles has raised the bar...by a lot. I loved seeing this side of him, and how intense his feelings for Melanie were. He wants to give her anything and everything within his power.

I was in love with this story from beginning to end. Tycoon Takedown packs just as much of an emotional punch as the 1st book in the series, and somehow manages to turn up the heartwarming factor a couple more notches. I feel like this is a story many women would be able to relate to, because yet again we've got real characters with very real human emotions, dealing with problems, pain and loss that most people have encountered at some point in their lives. I really can't praise it enough.

I highly recommend this book, but definitely suggest reading Taken, Not Spurred first to really get a feel for all of the characters, and their backgrounds.

Note to Author: I don't know if it's in the works or not, but I would absolutely love for David and Mason to each get their own HEA's! Just saying...

Lover of Romance says

I received an ARC copy in exchange for a honest review. Thanks to Netgalley and Montlake Romance Publishing.

Tycoon Takedown is a wonderful romance that won my heart. I have adored this author since I first discovered her a few years ago. In this latest series, we have a western theme going on. In Tycoon Takedown, we have the hero who is a successful businessman, and considered to be powerful and influential and resides in New York. The heroine wants to make up for a past mistake, so she and Charles start a intimate relationship, and soon we see the start of a relationship that is not going to be easy to keep. Charles is stubborn and has a past that prevents him from being open to a healthy relationship. On the surface he seems to be a cold and unfeeling, but in the center, he is a human being that is hurting. But then when Charles and Melanie get separated, and soon Charles will have to realize what is really important in life. Tycoon Takedown is a emotional driven romance that gets to the heart of what makes us all take. What gives us pain, what offers us joy, and what makes us feel love. This is a love story that is engrossing and deeply moving. CHARMING!

Jessica says

3.5 stars

This was a really cute story, it was missing a few things, but it was still good, could have used an epilogue. This was my first book by this author and I will defiantly read other books in this series, I kinda hope Jason gets his own book and David :) either will be great!

Miriam Stern says

It was like reading bad porn. Seriously. Whoever gave this book more than two stars (and I'm being very nice about it) clearly hasn't read a good book before. The writing is appalling, the plot is... Nonexistent. I was bored, oh so bored, by the time I was halfway through and, quite honestly, I bulldozed my way to the ending. It's also 40% longer than it should have rightly been. I'd add a few more choice words, but this is a decent place where I'm sure my profanity will not be appreciated.

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

****My thanks to NetGalley and Montlake Romance, for providing me with a free copy for an honest review****

This book is the second in the series and although you do not need to read the first, it certainly helps to have some background information on the characters.

There is lots of emotional angst between the characters, along with the fact that both Melanie and Charles have a past that confines them which they have to learn to let go of.

Both Tony and Sarah feature in this book as support roles and help to add some levity to the story, and Melanie's son Jace is really cute as he come out with some sweet sentences and tells us the world as he see's it.

It's a love conquers all, should you be brave enough to let go of the past and let it in kinda story.

SandyL says

I enjoyed this second book in the Lone Star Burn series! Melanie has been Tony Carlton's housekeeper for many years. She's been closed off from her family and most other people until Sarah came into Tony's life and to the rest of the people on his ranch's life. As Melanie's son starts to get older he's been asking about his dad - and Melanie decides its time to find the guy she hooked up with in college but never told she was pregnant. The last known place she can find of him is New York, where Sarah's brother Charles lives. Although Melanie has no plans to see Charles, Sarah makes other plans and get Charles to pick Mel up from the airport. After that, sparks fly and they can't keep their hands off each other. Until Melanie gets news she didn't want to hear as well as gets scared and runs back to Texas. Both Melanie and Charles have a lot of thinking they need to do in order to find a life together. This was a fun, sexy story!!
