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This bad boy won't play by the rules.

Daredevil Carly Hawthorne, youngest of the Hawthorne wolf shifter clan, doesn't believe in true love. At least, that's what she thinks until bad boy Luke Brandstetter comes along, refusing to play by the rules.

Luke is a man with more wrongs than rights in his past, and his scarred shifter soul yearns to turn over a new leaf. Somehow, he has to prove himself worthy — not just to Carly, but to her powerful pack of wolves. Can he protect his stubborn beauty from encroaching evil and earn a fresh start in life, or is love just another cruel trick of fate?

There's more than meets the eye on Twin Moon Ranch, home to a pack of shapeshifting wolves willing to battle for life and love.

Each book is a complete standalone story -- no cliffhangers!

* A paranormal romance with adult content. The perfect read for fans of strong heroines, alpha heroes, werewolves and shapeshifters, bad-boy bikers, red-hot cowboys, romantic westerns, paranormal suspense, action-adventure romance, and fantasy romance! *

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Mari says

WARNING - ENTIRE PLOT SUMMARY AHEAD (used for me to keep track of series events) REALLY - DON'T READ THIS; IT SUMMARIZES BOOK.

late entry

Carly the youngest of the Hawthornes - protective older brothers. Carly is the wild child and only does one night stands, no attachments.

Luke a bad boy who is ready to turn over a new leaf. Luke has a horrific past - as young teen, his pack was taken over by bad guy rapist. Sis kills self so not raped. Mom tells him to run. He didn't have an easy life and became a drifter.

Luke is ready to turn a new leaf, do good and return to his childhood home, when he comes across a tempting thing who wants him bad for one more night. How could he know what this would mean for him? Carly knows that men disappoint, why would this gorgeous hunk be any different?

Luke works hard at ranch, gives up info to save old pack; saves kids in cave-in. Audrey interferes again, joins sleeping Luke in bed. Stupid Carly believes what she sees. Luke thrown off ranch. When leaving, sees Carly's ex ready to take over ranch.

Luke stops Carly falling off cliff; calculates how to fall with her to wrap around her so he'll die and she'll survive.

Luke and Carly will move to L's old pack, where Carly's dad is acting as alpha. L will probably be new alpha.

Karen Fisher says

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author. I freely leave this honest review so others will know how good it is. Carly is a daredevil always searching. Heading to the ranch to visit her siblings she encounters Luke. He has bad boy written all over him. Their fling becomes more when they end up in the same place. This story has returning characters from prior stories leaving it rich in emotion. You do not have to read the previous books but you would get a more fulfilling read. I have to say the cliff fight had me rushing through it only to go back and re-read it to insure I didn't miss anything. Highly recommend this book. It was an awesome read!

Linda says

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Carly knows that men disappoint, why would this gorgeous hunk be any different?

Little does she know that he's about to turn her life around..

Smutty fluff, shifters and action in a great, fastpaced read.

Love this series!

Disclaimer; I was given a free copy in exchange for my honest review.

Jennifer Scarn says

As a fan of the Twin Moon series, this final book did not disappoint. Once again Anna has this amazing ability to describe her settings in a way that's almost melodic. Her words flow like poetry and I find it entirely enchanting. As a native to Arizona I can tell you she truly understands the magic of the desert and the beauty that lies within. What I loved most was Luke's ability and willingness to allow Carly to be the alpha she is and take a step back and let her lead. There is strength in giving that to someone. There were tender moments, action packed scenes and scorching sheets. Another fab read. I received an early copy and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Nancy says

Come follow Carly and Luke in their journeys to find home. Maybe you need to do all the "wrongs" in your life so you can end up in the place where you were always meant to be. Great conclusion to the Wolves of Twin Moon Ranch series.

Shanny says

Love this series! I've enjoyed every Anna Lowe book that I've read! I love that her books have a bit of danger to them, and I always love a great shifter story. In Desert Roots, wild child Carly is returning to Twin Moon Ranch for a visit. Along the way, she meets Luke. The passion between these two is hot! Carly doesn't want to fall in love, so she has one-night stands. Too bad this one-night stand is going to the same place as she is. Luke has a bad past, but he's trying to change his ways. He's try to make amends for some past mistakes, and his first stop is Twin Moon Ranch, but there's some obstacles in his way; some of them could prove dangerous. I liked both Luke and Carly. I had a bit of a hard time with Carly. She was a little too free for my liking. I felt she was a bit self-centered, and I'm not into the one-night stand scenario. Her shifter nature was mentioned as a cause, but the other shifter ladies weren't as bad as she is. I still like her though, and she matured in this book. I enjoyed the redemption story for Luke. The love story is sweet, and the heat between these two is great! Entertaining story!

L M says

Not my favourite in this series but still an enjoyable read.

Carly has been a major factor in this series as the half-sister that floats in and out of Twin Moon ranch. This is her story but sorry, I did not like Carly for the majority of this story.

Carly disappointed me, I was not impressed with Carly and her selfish, self-centred attitude. She cannot see

she is on a self-destructive path to prove she is not like her mother or father. But she really is like her father, hurting people by not giving them the real her and she keeps putting herself in danger for the next big thrill. I was really annoyed at Carly's behaviour towards Luke too. Even when she realises what she saw with Audrey was not true she didn't go after Luke to apologise, she went off to sulk and moan and get into more trouble.

Luke was a real sweetheart with one hell of a diabolical past and hurts that no one should have to live with. Yes, he may have done bad things but I think that was more to swipe out and get back at a life that had been lost when it was taken away by Greer.

Luke deserved so much more than a spoilt brat for a mate and luckily Carly redeemed herself and came through when it really mattered.

Going off to Colorado is the best thing for all concerned and both Carly and Luke now have a direction and I can see their life being a good one.

And why the hell has someone not killed that bi*ch Audrey. She is allowed to run amok causing havoc with all the males, even the mated ones. Someone needs to take her out when she gets back from wherever she is hiding. And she will be back, just like the bad penny she is.

This is my honest review of this book.

Tanya Brown says

I just love this series by Anna Lowe and I hate to see it come to an end but I will be seeing these characters in her spin off series THE BLUE MOON SALOON. We finally hear Carly's story, the daredevil sister who belongs to 2 packs. She meets Luke in a bar as he's on his way to Twin Moon Ranch to start making amends for things that happened years ago. He's turning over a new leaf and the Ranch is his first stop. Kyle is not ready to forgive and as Luke tries to prove his sincerity to the pack, he & Carly cannot deny their attraction. Carly is fighting with herself over the mate thing. It gets real interesting as these two dance around each other and Luke proves to the pack that he's sincere. This is my honest review for a book given to me by the author with no obligation.

Denise says

The story of Carly and Luke starts out as a pickup at a bar, but the chemistry between the two is more than either of them is ready for. Carly has man issues. Her mother married a very dominant alpha and was not strong enough to stand up to him. Carly does not want to end up like her mother moving from one unsuitable mate to another. Luke has had a rough life. Forced from his pack at fourteen, he has drifted and done some things that make him cringe to think about.

Luke is headed back to his original pack in Colorado when he stops at the Twin Moon Ranch to thank the man who killed the alpha that terrorized his childhood pack. Things go downhill when he finds that he knows the man from a past encounter, and not a good one. He also finds Carly is the sister of the pack alpha, and way above him in statue.

It will take a lot to get himself accepted by this pack, but Luke is turning over a new leaf and this is the perfect place to prove it. Can he and Carly's pack learn to trust each other? Can he and Carly? This is the last book in the Twin Moon series, and the first one that I have read. I had no trouble following the story, but I will admit to being a big fan of the Blue Moon Saloon spinoff of this series so I had some knowledge of the wolf pack.

Bernadette says

The last book in this particular series and it doesn't disappoint. The romance centres around the youngest Hawthorne sibling Carly and her mate Luke.

As we know from the previous books, Carly doesn't believe in fated mates and is a kind of 'love em and leave em' type of gal when it comes to scratching an itch but her chance meeting with Luke doesn't go strictly to plan. They meet face to face at a rest stop but Luke had noticed her when she overtook him on the highway on her motorcycle. Luke was a 'bad boy' rogue and is trying to turn over a new leaf. He has heard that Greer, the Alpha from his childhood pack is dead and he wants to return to try and help them pick up the pieces hence his reason for being on the road. His plan is to make a quick stop at the Twin Moon ranch to thank Kyle for killing Greer and then he'll be on his way to Colorado to the North Ridge Pack.

When he gets to Twin Moon ranch, Cody is the first person he meets. He explains that he's just stopped in to thank Kyle for killing Greer and then go. Cody takes him to Kyle's house but before he can say a word, Kyle attacks.... it turns out that Luke is the rogue who turned Kyle into a shifter and Kyle is in no mood to hear anything Luke has to say. To atone for his past, and to prove himself, Luke works flat out for days doing the worse jobs on the ranch that no one else wants to do. There's also the added bonus of finding Carly there and he doesn't give up on trying to persuade Carly that he's a changed man.

Of course, things don't go smoothly and action happens when there's an accident, a take over attempt at North Ridge pack which means Ty has to send their best fighters to Colorado to help his father, and the pack children are also placed in danger by an enemy from Carly's past. There is also humour in the guise of maneater Audrey, who refuses to give up on trying to catch any and every unmated wolf she comes across!

We read about the angst that Carly goes through whilst fighting her attraction to Luke.... recognising him as her mate is something that she considers to be a fate worse than death, as well as learning about all of Luke's regrets. Despite his bad boy image, Luke is essentially a good guy who developed a bad boy persona to survive, but that isn't who he is deep down.

I've loved reading about the Twin Moon Pack and with any luck, there could be another spin off from this series, say..... in Colorado? (hint, hint).

Kaila says

so truly amazing.. this series has made me so happy and ilove that carly gets her hea... she is amazing and strong and wonderful. i loved it and im glad i got to review it

Karen says

Carly is the youngest of the Hawthornes, but unlike her siblings, she hasn't settled down. In fact, she's determined to continue to live her life as she pleases, right on the edge. And right now, she's headed from her

mother's pack in California to her father's pack in Arizona on her Triumph motorcycle. She doesn't notice the old blue Ford pickup she passes as she cuts in and out of traffic, eluding the patrolman behind her. But the driver and his wolf notice her.

Luke Brandstetter was cast out of his pack when he was fourteen and has been part of a rogue pack until recently when he learned the corrupt alpha who killed his family has himself been killed. Luke leaves Phoenix for the North Ridge pack in Colorado, trading his bike for an old truck, determined to turn over a new leaf and help out with rebuilding his old pack. But his first stop will be at the Twin Moon Ranch to thank the shifter who killed Greer. Then he's passed by a blonde on a Triumph, and his wolf sits up and takes notice. He spots her again when he pulls over at a bar and they connect. Then again when he reaches the TM Ranch and learns who she is. But turning over a new leaf isn't as easy as he'd hoped, because the shifter he came to thank is the officer he accidentally turned into a shifter in a brawl. And Kyle isn't so ready to forgive.

This KU library read is a great conclusion to the Twin Moon Ranch series. In fact, I'm sad to see it end. Carly and Luke make an strong couple and would make an equally strong nucleus to a spin-off series. Ah, well...

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

Well HAWT Dame. Ms. Lowe hasn't lost her touch. We are at book six in *The Wolves of Twin Moon Ranch* and it's just as phenomenal and breathtaking as all the others.

We have Carly the youngest of the Hawthorne's and Luke a bad boy who is ready to turn over a new leaf.

These two complemented each other perfectly. Carly is the wild child and only does one night stands, no attachments. She has some deep issues that as a women, child, and mother I can understand. Some of use, like Carly, don't want to end up like our mothers. Luke has a horrific past that will bring tears to your eyes when it comes out. He didn't have an easy life and became a wonder, a drifter, and a bad boy rogue bicker. Their budding romance isn't easy and each of them have demons they must over come, but when they do come together we are treated to well written and sensual scenes. It's lovely that they find what they need in each other, peach and tranquility.

We are also treated to some tender moments, moments that define the characters, and heart stoping moments. As always the emotional struggles the characters go through feel so real and the action fight scenes are outstanding.

Desert Roots well leave you breathless and satisfied.

Rated: 4.5 Stars

*Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy provided by Anna Lowe with the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments and ratings are my own.

Belinda says

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book. It's been a while since we had a full-length Twin Moon Ranch story and this one is just as heartfelt, close, sweet, romantic, spicy, and family oriented as they all are. There are no lows in the story. In between the high-action parts, you glimpses into the characters minds and backgrounds, which just sets you up for the climax of this story. I still can't stand Audrey and now, I kinda hope for the Old Alpha--the Hawthorne patriarch--to someday find a fated mate. As always, I look forward to the next story in this series!

Becky says

This is the best book!! Anna Lowe says it wraps up the Twin Moon series, but I certainly hope not! This book centers on Luke and Carly but most of the Twin Moon ranch people are also in the book. Luke knows Carly is his mate from the first time he sees her but Carly is scared and fights her feelings. It is so good! Highly recommend this book and the entire Twin Moon series!