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Book 2 in the Cowboy Fairytales series: a reverse-Cinderella story

If the boot fits...

There's nothing glamorous about Ethan Townsend's life. At twenty-five, he's given up his college education and pretty much everything else to run the family dairy farm in north Texas and provide for his two spoiled stepbrothers. When he meets a real-life princess, he can't help but be attracted to her beauty—even though he knows she's way out of his league.

Princess Mia of Glorvaird is visiting the States to help manage her sister's upcoming engagement ball. Bonus: she can escape the media blitz over her last—very public—breakup back home. When she meets hard-working Ethan, she realizes she's been looking for love in all the wrong places.

Even though attraction sparks, how can Ethan expect to build a real relationship with a princess? Especially when his stepbrothers sabotage him at every turn?

Cowboy Charming is a contemporary western retelling of the Cinderella fairytale and Book 2 in the Cowboy Fairytales series.

Cowboy Charming Details

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Alex Criddle says

3.5 Stars

This was an inventive modern retelling of Cinderella. The role reversals added another dimension and kept the story fresh and interesting. I enjoyed the continuation of Alessandra and Gideon's story, though I think there was too much of their story when the focus should have been more on Mia and Ethan. Because of that, I felt that Mia and Ethan's relationship was underdeveloped; we learned about most of their interactions and developing feelings through the author telling us instead of showing us what was occurring between them. The writing was decent, but like the first novel, it definitely needed a thorough proofreading. The mistakes throughout took me out of the story and interrupted the flow. Overall, I did enjoy this novella and would recommend it to readers who like clean, modern fairytale retellings.

Brittany says

What a wonderful retelling of the Cinderella fairytale! There was quite the twist on this classic and I found it to be a truly refreshing one...the person who was plagued with the trials that Cinderella faced in the fairytale was the hero of the novella! And the author pulled it off splendidly!

Ethan Townsend had to persevere through so many setbacks in his life. He kept pushing on and doing the best he could for his ungrateful stepbrothers. Ethan put aside his wants and desires without complaint. This man was a great hero. His attitude set him up to be someone that many people, including Princess Mia, could admire. I loved the relationship that developed between these two likable characters.

I had a wonderful time listening to this charming tale. Once again, the narration was very nicely done and made for a great experience. I enjoyed it from the beginning to the very romantic ending. I'm looking forward to listening to the next story in the series soon.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Sandra says

What a fun and delightful novella. Ethan Townsend is a twenty-five year old who has given up everything. He was very close to his father and when his father died, Ethan's world becomes even worse. He has a hateful stepmother and two lazy, good for nothing step brothers. He has given up a full college scholarship to take care of these step brothers once their mother is gone. He is trying hard to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. We get to meet Princess Mia and learn more about this younger sister. There is attraction between these two but Ethan feels he has nothing to offer someone as important as Mia. After all she is a real life princess. Mia, known as the kissing princess sees Ethan and realizes all her previous relationships were not the real deal. She now knows what she is looking for.

Peni says

A modern retelling of Cinderella where the man is Cinderella.

It is an interesting concept, having the man, Ethan, in the roll of Cinderella. I have always loved Cinderella since Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical and movie. I never really considered her as a weak person, just a victim of her circumstances. At that time in history and what was available to women of the time. I have to re-think that now. For me Ethan, a humble, honest, giving man with a heart of gold seemed a bit of a wimp at times. I don't know if that was the author's intention or the way the reader (Audible) read him. Overall the feel of the story was good and I recommend it especially to those who love the old fairytales.

Paula says

Ethan has had such a rough life - loved him. He is a much sweeter guy than Gideon and I'd call him a Beta but still my favorite. He meets Princess Mia and sparks fly. He doesn't feel worthy and she wants to be wanted for her not for who she is. I liked that she pursued him - in a good way not overbearing or pushy. He needed to feel wanted and good enough. Loved the epilogue and also getting to hear about Alessandra & Gideon from book 1. Highly recommend.

T. Rosado says

4.5 Stars

(Novella)

Life of Glorvaird royalty continues with Princess Mia's story in this Cinderella re-telling. Ethan is a dairy farmer raising his two step-brothers while also working odd jobs to make ends meet. While working on Gideon's ranch (introduced in Once Upon a Cowboy) he meets Princess Mia and a friendship blossoms.

I love re-tellings of classic stories, fairy tales, etc. and Cowboy Charming was one of the first re-tellings that I could actually see the obvious correlations to the original tale. I really enjoyed that fact since most re-tellings are so loosely related that it's hard to differentiate the connections.

As much as I enjoyed the first book, I liked this one even more. What's odd is that this one was half the length of the first book in the series, but for a novella, it was a great read. I really liked the hero, Ethan. Mia was a great heroine, as well, but Ethan stole the show. He was a genuinely honorable man and I felt bad when he was often taken advantage of by his step-brothers. At the same time, Mia was a strong and independent woman who quickly saw the real Ethan and didn't judge him by his circumstances.

As Mia and Ethan's story ties up in this book and Gideon and Alexandra's continues to move towards their wedding, the next book's main character is introduced. It sounds like a good one and I'm looking forward to more in this series.

Audiobook notes: I both read a digital copy and listened to an audiobook of Cowboy Charming. As with the first book the narrator does a great job. While I often speed up audiobooks to 1.25, I found that I preferred the narrators natural pacing. This was a first for me, because I tend to be a fast reader and find most audiobooks painfully slow.

June says

Totally loved Cowboy Charming. The Cinderella story was such a great fit for Ethan!!! And Mia was such a darling. Can't wait for The Toad Prince. These are great stories. Enjoyed that so much of the story involved Gideon and Alessandra too.

Diana in SC says

5 stars overall, 5 stars story, 4 narrator

Such an adorable princess romance!

I am thoroughly hooked on this series of audiobooks. It is so charming, and it makes me feel happy. This short audiobook (almost 3 hours) is "clean" - no sex, just kissing. There not even a mention of sex, and the two primary characters are virgins in their 20's. Somehow, this situation feels totally plausible while listening to this story.

There was barely any mention of God, so I do not classify it as a Christian romance, although Christian romance readers would probably like it. I would call it a sweet contemporary romance with a fairy tale plot. This Cinderella story has a man (Ethan) as the downtrodden, self-sacrificing good guy who is badgered by his two ungrateful younger stepbrothers. Ethan's parents had died when he was young. Then, when he was 19, his unpleasant stepmother died, and he volunteered to become guardian to his 9- and 10-year-old stepbrothers, delaying his dream of becoming a veterinarian. He meets Mia, a princess of a small European kingdom. She is visiting her sister Alessandra, who is engaged to an ex-Navy SEAL who runs a ranch in Texas (see Book 1). Mia has been unlucky in love and does not want to rush into a relationship with the wrong man again. Both Mia and Ethan are so likeable and have admirable characteristics.

Although this audiobook is not perfect, I was highly entertained by it. There are short bits of awkward wording, and the writing might be a bit too simplistic sometimes. However, this story really cheered me up. Mia and Ethan were so sweet together!

The narrator was pretty good. To my Southern ears, her Texas accents seemed very authentic. She did not attempt to give the European princess a European accent, but I was able to ignore that snafu after a short time. She was passable at men's voices. She occasionally made the book sound a little too hokey with how she sometimes pauses and overemphasizes certain words in a sentence. Still, I think the narrator has a very pleasant voice, and I was mostly pleased by her performance.

This series is best listened to in order because there are a couple of story arcs that stretch beyond each novella. Also, some characters from Book 1 get a couple of chapters in this Book 2, which I enjoyed. I also liked how the last scene of the audiobook is a teaser for what will happen in the next novella. In addition, a short excerpt from Book 3 is included at the end.

I love this contemporary twist on Cinderella with cowboys and princesses. Lacy Williams has made such a charming series of audiobooks that I can't wait to listen to the rest of them. Books 1 & 2 are going in my list of beloved audiobooks that put a smile on my face.

I received a free copy from the author, and I voluntarily wrote this honest review.

Jasmine says

The Story

Of the two I have listened to so far I think this one was my favorite – I loved the twist on the old Cinderella fairytale! Definitely an enchanting and romantic story!

The Audiobook

This collection is a fun escape from the humdrum of everyday life and into the world of princesses and knights in Stetsons, not shining armor. Each one is a fairly quick read, or as in my case, listen.

I listened to the audiobook version of Cowboy Fairytales: The Complete Collection and I really enjoyed it. The narration was good, in fact, the same person narrated the entire collection which lent an air of continuity.

Sweet cowboy romance with a dash of whimsy and suspense. If you are looking for a good, clean, read or listen with a touch of faith, definitely check out this neat series from Lacy Williams.

(I received a copy of this audiobook from the author/publisher. All opinions are entirely my own.)

April says

This was a sweet novella! I did enjoy the twist to the Cinderella tale. And while this was a likable story, it was not as good as Book 1, to me. I wish there had been a little more interaction between the main characters, and a little more of a spark. I felt the sweetness of the story, and honestly felt bad for our hero. I wanted to see him be a little more assertive though.

There were parts of the novella, where the main characters from Book 1 came to the forefront and we stepped into their story. Part of this I believe will tie in all the novels together, until the villain is caught and the storyline is complete.

Overall, as I said a sweet and cute read. Perfect for when you just have a little bit of time and want a charming tale.

Romance - clean

Language - none

Violence - none, (mention of the threats from Book 1)

Stacey says

Cowboy Charming picks up where Once Upon A Cowboy (book 1) leaves off. Princess Mia returns with Alessandra and Gideon to the ranch to help arrange an engagement ball for her sister. This fairytale spinoff of Cinderella has the hero, Ethan, working multiple jobs to care for his two selfish, rebellious teenage step-brothers. When he meets Mia there is a connection of friendship and more that helps lighten the burden on his shoulders...until he discovers that she is a princess and way out of his impoverished league. Alessandra's

and Gideon's story continues too, as Gideon not only searches for the person who attacked the royal family, but also searches for the person stealing money from the ranch. Tensions rise for the princesses as their prince charmings wonder if they are up to the challenge that loving the princesses pose, but there is nothing like the magic of a romantic ball to put things in perspective. This story has its happily ever after, but there are some storylines that remain intriguing.

Kristen says

Wow, poor Ethan, what a hard life he lead he deserves a princess who will love him for him. Fun to read more about Gideon and Alessandra from book 1.

Moral Note: Clean

Kim says

Very cute gender flip version of Cinderella (the guy has the Cinderella role and he meets a princess) which isn't all that believable but, again, very pleasant entertainment. You can't help like these main characters! You definitely need to read these books in order because the story from the first book continues and the epilogue sets up who is going to be introduced in the next installment. These are quite fun reads. I happen to have access and, unless I get bored, I'm going straight through.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

This is the second book in this series. I really liked the first one. This one felt a bit underdeveloped. It needs another good edit- I found enough mistakes to make it annoying and maybe that distracted me from things? I don't know. This is a cute series though. I'll probably pick up the next book- especially if it's on kindle unlimited.

Elissa says

This is the second in a series of interrelated romances, each featuring a different couple but describing an overall story arc. Certainly it can be read alone! The first novel was the middle sister's HEA; this one is for the youngest sister. If you keep in mind these are meant to be fairy tales, you can suspend disbelief a wee bit and enjoy a really sweet, if unexpected, romance. Imaginative and good character development!
