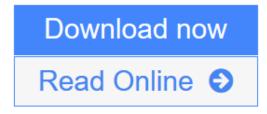


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# **Landon Details**

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# From Reader Review Landon for online ebook

# Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

I have read several of Delores Fossen's books and when I see one on Netgalley I always request it. Landon is part of the Lawmen of Silver Creek Ranch series but it is the first one of this series that I have read. It follows a familiar theme. A Landon is one of the Rylands and he is back to solve a murder. His prime suspect is Tessa Sinclair his one time lover. There are several suspects and as the story progresses Tessa is cleared but danger is stalking her. Look for the many red herrings and of course a HEA for Landon and Tessa. Like Fossen's other books this is a interesting and fun read that keep you guessing who done it. It does stand alone but as I started to read I did feel like I was dropped into the story missing some of the pieces

# **Emma Barstow says**

This was one of the most exciting books I've read in a long time. It was like watching an action packed movie in my head as I read every line, turned every page and completed every chapter. I love the Intrigue section of Mills and Boon. It's my favourite genre by far. And this book was far above the rest. I was on the edge of my seat the entire time.

Landon is my fantasy man. A cowboy and a cop. He had my heart already. And Tessa... I love Tessa. She's everything I love in a heroine. They were meant to be with each other.

Now, as a lover of Crime books, movies, documentaries... everything but actually committing crimes - normally I can see the red herrings a mile off. Normally I know who the killer is or who the stalker is - all before the middle of the story. Well, it was refreshing to say that with this book I had no idea who out of the three suspects it was right up until it was revealed. And then I spent five minutes after that texting all my non-reader friends how I couldn't believe who it was.

#### I still can't!

Anyway, this book is great if you are looking for an action packed thrill and it will keep you on the edge desperate to work out the mystery and why.

And now, I've got to the end, found out it's number 9 of 12. The other 11 are sitting in my basket waiting for payday to arrive!

5 Stars!

# Sandra Chambers Cunningham says

#### Great book!

He liked that way of thinking, too. Really liked it after she gave him another little nudge, but Landon wanted to finish this before his mind got so clouded that he couldn't think. Landon looked her straight in the eyes.

"How long will I have to wait to ask you to marry me?" Tessa didn't jump to answer, but she did smile. Then she kissed him. "Two seconds," she said with her mouth against his. "Too long. Marry me, Tessa." Landon let her get out the yes before he pulled her back to him for a kiss to seal the deal. This was exactly the all that he wanted.

# **Paula Brandon says**

Landon Ryland is determined to find out who killed his cousin Emmett, whose dead body was found in the home of Tessa Sinclair, a woman he had a one night stand with. When he tracks her down, she has narrowly avoided perishing in a fire, and she can't remember who she is. On top of that, she has hold of a baby, and has no idea if it's hers! Hitmen are soon targeting her, and Landon must keep her safe while they try to figure out the conspiracy.

Delores Fossen pretty much writes the same book over and over again. It seems like every single male in the extended Ryland family has a one-night-stand in their past who they get reunited with, and who always has custody of some baby that's in danger. WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS FAMILY?!? But Fossen has found a formula that works for her, and she's sticking to it!

The action and suspense in this was great! Top-notch. The mystery was a bit convoluted (as it usually is with a Fossen book), but it was fast-paced, non-stop action from start to finish, and Fossen always does a good job of providing a handful of suspects, all with motives to be the culprit behind all the mayhem. It actually makes it hard to pick out the villain!

However, the romance was a bust. I was never convinced that Landon had any real feelings towards Tessa. He spends most of the book accusing her of sleeping with any man whose name she happens to mention, or of withholding information deliberately (despite having freaking amnesia), and constantly harassing her to tell him everything she knows, when she's still trying to remember herself. He was such a dickhead! I didn't like him much at all. Because the plot's so busy, Fossen has to tell us that they totally dig each other, because their words and actions really don't convey that. As for Tessa, she's not unlikable, but she is pretty bland. Her friend Courtney was a much more interesting and kick-ass character.

Also, because this is part of a series, several characters from previous books are heavily involved. And this is book 9. I had trouble keeping all the brothers and cousins apart. I could have done without that, because I also had to keep track of all the other characters who could possibly be involved in wanting Tessa dead!

This would make a great low-budget action movie! But if you want romance as well, you'll probably be disappointed! "Mercy" word count: 9

#### Susan says

An exciting return to Silver Creek. Landon has given up his job in the city police department to return home to Silver Creek and become part of the sheriff's department there. He wants to help find out who murdered one of his cousins, leaving a note on the body that "this one's for you, Landon". A prime suspect is Tessa Sinclair, in whose house the body was found, and who is currently missing. Not something he wants to hear about a woman he had gotten very close to.

Leaving Emmet's funeral, Landon discovers an abandoned barn on fire, and Tessa's unconscious body inside. He barely gets her out in time, only to find that she is also holding a newborn baby. Stunned to see her and a baby, Landon has questions for her that Tessa is unable to answer.

When Tessa regains consciousness she has no idea who she is, where she is, or what has happened to her. After a trip to the hospital, a blow to the head and a body full of drugs explains how, but not why. Her memory begins to return, but there are holes in it.

From here begins a wild ride of a story. Someone shoots at Landon and Tessa before they even leave the hospital, and again at the sheriff's office. As Tessa remembers more, she tells Landon that she had been looking for proof that her boss was involved in something crooked. There's a federal agent she's been working with who she isn't sure is on the up-and-up. She is also caring for the infant daughter of a friend, who is running from an abusive ex. For his part, Landon has the murder of his cousin, which appears to be tied to him. And the belief that one of his former arrests, now out on parole, is responsible for it. The question becomes, are the two cases linked somehow?

It seems that Landon and Tessa can barely catch a break. Attacks on them come fast and furious as they try to find out who is trying to kill her. And what does baby Samantha have to do with any of it? There are multiple persons of interest, leading to great confusion over just what is going on. There is Joel, Tessa's former boss, who may be guilty of anything from drug trafficking to murder. There is Quincy, the felon that Landon locked up, who is now free on parole. He was injured in a prison fight and is confined to a wheelchair, but that hasn't improved his attitude any. Then Ward, who is supposed to be one of the good guys, but seems awfully intent on putting the blame on Tessa. And who is Courtney, and who is really little Samantha's father? The final confrontation was intense, with enough twists and turns to make me dizzy. I wasn't sure from one minute to the next who was really responsible, though I did have my suspicions.

Throughout it all, the attraction they felt before continues to grow. Landon isn't happy about it because he's not so sure she can be trusted, at least at first. He's also too intent on his investigation to want a relationship. Tessa knows she can trust him (at least after the drugs have worn off) but believes that she is putting him in danger. I loved seeing them try to protect each other as things blew up around them, and their feelings grow in spite of the danger. Tessa admits to her feelings first, but it's Landon's realization, and his cousins' reactions and comments that I liked most. I loved the ending.

I loved seeing all the Rylands together as they worked to solve the case. It seemed like old times, right down to Mason's grumpiness and Grayson's leadership.

# **Dorel says**

Even though this story was very action packed this book's storyline was very confusing to me. Being that I was confused with this story I didn't enjoy it much.

### **Books and Spoons says**

With explosive action, intense suspense, and ardent attraction this story deliver a breathtaking thrill ride with constant threat and danger, one life or death situation after another, demanding attention and delivering all-

out menace.

When a story takes a hold of you and your thoughts so that it comes to your dreams, and causes nightmares, that's some seriously fierce and powerful writing.

This story delivers it on all fronts. The suspense is perilous and deadly with new unexpected twists on every corner. The action is crimson and gory, and not even the members of the family are saved from it. From the beginning, the tension is high and danger imminent. There are multiple culprits, some more obvious than others, yet the main questions of who and why are holding the jitters and mistrust till the end.

The air around Landon and Tessa is crackling, there's so much sexual tension between them, it is palpable. The past misunderstandings, the hurt, and disappointments are quickly cleared out, but the threat to Tessa's life is real and serious, and there's no time to wonder about the feelings when the bullets are flying and explosions hammering the town. Never the less, when the time comes to face the truth about each other, and how much they care, both of them has to step on the plate and to accept the emotions and passion burning in between them.

I love it when finishing a story I feel the adrenaline rush, all breathless, and excited because of the wild ride the tale gave. And that's exactly what this story delivers, with a great flood of energy and surge of vitality the roll-a-coaster ride of deadly encounters and swoon-worthy lovers made me want to roar with delight ~ Five Spoons!

# **Diana McVicker says**

Great!!Highly recommend this book!

#### Jess Lawson says

Landon is number nine in the Lawman of Silver Creek Ranch Series. This little town of Silver Creek has sure seen it's share of heartache, violence, death, love, and babies. Well this book is no different. It is fast paced with action within the first few pages. You get pulled in this book has twist and turns that constantly have you wondering who are the parents of Samantha? Samantha is in danger but is it because of her caretaker, her mother, her father, or the man claimed to be her father.

You will get more of the same twist you always get with Silver Creek the sheriff office gets damaged as well as other town buildings but the Ryland clan will not stop till the find out who is corrupt in the small town. They won't tolerate dirty cops or criminals tormenting the civilians of their small knit community.

#### Monica Cardoza says

I've read many books by this author and when I dive into another series by Ms. Fossen I fall in love with this author's writing even more. The series that I have read they have so much action, suspense with a splash of romance.

I have not read of any of the other books in this series and I started with Landon's story. I know that I'm going to have to go back and read the other books in this series. This story was emotional and there was so much action and I was trying to figure out who wanted to kill Tessa. I also wanted to know if Courtney had anything to do with the attacks or was she really trying to help Tessa. I loved how Tessa and Landon were

able to put their differences apart and work together to protect a precious little baby. There were still romantic feelings between these two characters but that was a little hard with the running away from crazy maniacs that were trying to kill them.

This was an amazing read and I can't wait to read more of The Lawmen of Silver Creek Ranch series.

### Leslie says

Looking forward to reading this one, very action packed and it didn't slow down or disappoint!

She couldn't remember who she was. Why she had a baby, or why this mysterious man wouldn't leave her side? Especially since they found his brothers body in her house.

He had to figure out who killed his brother, but he also had to protect the woman who would always be apart of him.

Longing looks, heated attraction, kisses that helped her to remember. . .he knew he shouldn't but when it came to Tesa, Landon didn't care!

# Linda Klages says

Interesting - enjoying the series and will read more from this author & series.

# **Donna Repsher says**

Landon is the ninth book in The Lawmen of Silver Creek Ranch series but it's the first novel in this series that I've read, and I wish I'd known that at the time I requested to read and review it because even with the introductory cast of characters, most of whom share the last name Ryland, between them and the multitude of suspects and ski-mask wearing thugs, I found it hard to keep them all straight without a scorecard, something that would not have been the case had I been reading this series from its beginning.

As the novel opens, Landon Ryland, a deputy sheriff, is at the funeral of his recently murdered cousin Emmett, scanning the gathered crowd for possible suspects and hoping to spot Tessa Sinclair, in whose home Emmett's body was found and pinned to his body was a note reading, "This is for you, Landon". She and Landon had a brief affair in one of the earlier novels and apparently it didn't end well. On the way back to the sheriff's office, Landon spots smoke and when he stops to investigate, it's a barn fire, obviously arson, but the last thing he expects to find is Tessa's unconscious body near the flames and even more surprising is the newborn baby she's got wrapped in her arms. Could it be his? When she comes to, she has no idea who Landon is, whether or not the baby is hers, not even her own name. She's got a large lump on her head and by the time they get her to the hospital, they learn that she's also been heavily drugged, which certainly explains her memory loss. The timing is right for the baby, Samantha, to possibly be Landon's child if Tessa is the mother, but is she? So many questions and no easy answers. What follows is an action-packed thriller/mystery with enough suspects, possible motives and shoot-em-ups than a hardcore western, and as the questions keep piling up, so too do the attempts on Tessa's life, the attempts to kidnap the baby, the attempts to learn who her father is, and the search for Courtney, who we learn early on is the mother of baby Samantha. It was Courtney who begged her neighbor Tessa to keep her baby safe, but again, we're not sure why, or whether Courtney is an innocent in all this or if she's Emmett's lover or his murderer.

If you're looking for action and suspense, this novel will keep you riveted, but I strongly suggest starting this series from the very beginning, as that will certainly prevent the confusion experienced by this reader. As for the romance part of "romantic suspense," there's an HEA ending but not much romance or character and relationship development leading up to it.

#### SheltieLover says

Wish I didn't waist my money buying the last 6 books of this series (Josh, Sawyer, Landon, Holden, Drury and Lucas) (The Lawmen of Silver Creek Ranch). I skipped through reading the majority of these last 6 books because there was way too much sexual content and the books were literally the same, just the names were changed. If you read one you are good for all. I was so VERY disappointed in these books, especially after enjoying the first set of 6 (Grayson, Dade, Nate, Kade, Gage and Mason) in this series.

# **DelAnne Frazee says**

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My Review of "Landon":

Confusion or trauma has caused amnesia in Tess Sinclair which at first Landon Ryland isn't buying. After all R+Tessa is a person of interest in the murder of his cousin, Emmett. Till he knows all the answers Landon is not trusting anyone with their safety. Tessa and Landon and this family are intelligent, family oriented with a strong sense of right and wrong. It is surprising the lengths they are willing to go to protect their own.

Delores Fossen is a writer with a talent of using words to bring a scene to life. Join her as she leads us through a thrilling suspense story to its exciting conclusion. My rating of "Landon" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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