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Katie Kendall knew about making two beings operate as one—she participated in two-in-hand combined driving competitions. If she could control two horses in the same harness, then surely two cowboys in the same relationship would be a piece of cake. Right?

Daniel Westin had loved Katie when they were both teenagers and confusion over his changing sexuality made him leave her. When he met team roper and stock contractor, James Stanton, Daniel realized his romantic dreams had been realized. Except for one thing, Katie was missing out of their lives.

So Daniel invites Katie to a rodeo. Perhaps, if she sees how good he and James work together, she'll remember how good things were between them. And maybe, just maybe, Daniel and James can convince Katie that she can handle them.

## **Two In Hand Details**

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## From Reader Review Two In Hand for online ebook

### Beate says

Review 2011:

An ok book. A nice story, good characters, could easily have been fleshed out. Doesn't leave me screaming for more though, not exactly running to read next book by the author.

Review 2014:

I guess I re-read this one. For some weird reason I didn't double check with GR. Usually I read and re-read the blurb on GR before starting a book to make sure it's something I really want to read.

So I started reading this book, and *nothing* seemed familiar about this story until I reached the 75% mark on my Kindle. Something about Katie thinking James and Daniel were cheating on her seemed like some weird ass deja-vu.

So then I came on here and realized that I'd already read this book a little over three years ago. Talk about awkward. For the life of me, I can't remember reading this book. Other than that one scene nudging a memory, I'm blank with this book. 99.9% of the time I'll remember a book and the plot and the characters from re-reading the blurb and/or my own review. But this time, nothing. I guess it wasn't all that memorable to begin with. Maybe I'll remember it this time around... :D

As for the story itself, it's a solid 3-stars. I don't like how James and Daniel are referring to the other all the time as "his lover". It makes it sound cold and clinical, as if there are no real emotions between the two.

I really can't connect with the characters, and the smut is at times awkward instead of arousing. There are a number of typos and minor grammatical errors as well. And some continuity issues, like in one paragraph Katie leaves her purse in the car before going into the house, and then a few paragraphs further down, she's holding her purse before dropping it on the floor.

So yeah, all in all, I'm sticking by the original 3-stars I gave this story, though I'm sure I'm giving it 3 stars now for slightly other reasons than I did 3 years ago. I considered dumping it down to 2, but am going to leave it at 3. For now. If I re-read this one yet again in 3 years and have forgotten all about it AGAIN, I'll re-think my rating... :D

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### Jaime says

Loved it. Daniel & James & Katie...oh my.

I always enjoy the bi men & straight woman, it's like the best of all worlds.

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### Janna says

Genre & Keywords: Contemporary, Cowboys , Ménage, M/M and M/M/F

I like stories about cowboys, gay or straight, so when I read the back blurb of *Two In Hand* I instantly wanted to buy and read this book by Mary Winter.

And it did definitely not disappoint me: I liked this novel about two men and one woman very, very much! I'll list my High 5, Low 5 on *Two In Hand*.

#### Low 5

- The first low is that I'd never read anything by Mary Winter before: a missed chance! But the good thing is that I have yet a lot of back list books to discover. In many categories, according to the author's website.
- Another low is the length of the book, it's way too short (90 pages in my ebook edition). I would've loved to read a little bit more about this lovely threesome.
- The one on one (M/M) love scenes did sometimes occur 'behind closed doors', which I regretted.
- There's one (series of) scene(s) that I thought had more potential. It's when Katie and Daniel had sex in the shower while James was asleep in the bed in the next room. The night before he left the bed to go sleep by himself in the second bed in the room. I would have liked to read a bit more about James' reason to leave their bed, and about his feelings about Katie and Daniel having one on one time in the shower the next morning. Was he jealous, did he even know?
- I can't really think of a fifth low... or maybe that I wouldn't have minded if the guys had gone to some more rodeos with nice descriptions of them contesting and handling the horses and stuff.

#### High 5

- The story is told through the eyes of all three main characters; especially James' view and feelings in the beginning added something special. Towards the end his view is not presented that much anymore, but that's okay. The switching in point of views is done well and works great in this story of a threesome.
- Scorching hot sex scenes with a lot of emotion were really one of the highs of this story. Ms. Winter found a nice balance between the hotness of her characters' physical actions and all the dilemma's and feelings that are involved when a third person enters a good relationship.
- A big plus is the sweetness of James. He is very easy to love with his calm and reassuring posture and his never ceasing love for Daniel and his fast growing feelings for Katie. She's such a lucky lady for having not only one but two gorgeous guys adore and love her!! James is not only sweet but also great looking, with his dark appearance. Overall I liked him better than the blond and doubting Daniel, probably this is done on purpose by the author because otherwise James could easily be considered the disposable third wheel, I guess.
- The background of western life and rodeos, in which this story is set, is great. I like heroes handling horses and ropes, wearing cowboy hats, boots and tight fitting jeans (preferably with bare, ripped chests :)). This provides already a lot of sexiness to a story.

- Katie's reserve when it comes to getting involved (first only sexually, later in a long lasting relationship) with the two guys, appeared to be realistic. She's taking her time telling the men what she decided, which makes them wondering and anticipating. Sometimes I get irritated by all the heroines jumping to every whim of the hero because of the physical attraction to the man. Katie is a stronger woman than that, while this doesn't diminish the hotness of the attraction a bit.

So, this was my summary of five highs and lows. I can recommend *Two in Hand*, especially if you like ménages and cowboy heroes.

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## **Summer says**

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## **Laura Carson says**

I had to bump it from 4 stars to 3.5 because of the terrible editing. Sometimes the wrong name was even used. And let's be honest, the men in the cover are not attractive at all. The synopsis let me look past it, but it's just not a cover that attracts the eye when you're looking for a good erotica. If it wasn't for that, it was a nice easy read with good characters nice storyline. I will be continuing with the series as apart from the editing, I did enjoy the book.

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## **Brutally Honest says**

Well that was disappointing. Cowboy stories are always kind of a hit or miss with me, and this was definitely a miss. There was a lot of unnecessary detail about what they did with the horses for example. Okay yes I get it, you're cleaning up after returning home from a rodeo... big surprise. We don't need to hear those details. I guess the author didn't want to have horse lovers on her case or something... Could have used a better editor.

Aside from that it was crazy unrealistic and many cues were left unexplored. For example, James left the bed one night, yet it's never talked about between the characters and never mentioned again. There was barely any communication between them, a must in a two person relationship, and I imagine even more so in a ménage! And really, I saw no reason for them needing her in their life, or for James's attraction to be the same level as Daniel's, and neither did I really get the vibe of there being some actual shared history between Daniel and the heroine... Nope, not impressed. To me it was just an emotionally empty story with some lacklustre sex scenes.

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