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SURRENDER MY LOVE is a USA TODAY BESTSELLER

Fall in love with Cole Braden in the Bradens of Peaceful Harbor. Hot, sexy, & wickedly naughty second cousins to the Weston, Colorado Bradens we know and love.

Annalise “Leesa” Avalon never realized that one sentence could change her life until one of her students revealed his crush—and within twenty-four hours she finds herself under fire. After a grueling investigation that turns her life upside down, she steals away to Peaceful Harbor, Maryland, with a new identity to try to pull herself back together and figure out her next step.

From the outside, Cole Braden lives a charmed life. He’s a top orthopedic surgeon with a thriving practice, strong family ties, and friends he adores. But there’s a lonely spot inside Cole that no one can see. He has an enormous heart—and a painful past—but the desire to love and be loved is too strong to ignore.

A chance encounter brings Leesa and Cole together, and the attraction is immediate and intense. But a relationship is the last thing Leesa needs—and the only thing Cole wants. Long talks, heated moments, and deep connections are hard to resist, but the harder Cole tries, the more Leesa pulls away. Cole might truly be the right man for Leesa, but is Leesa the right woman for him?

## Surrender My Love: Cole Braden Details

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# **From Reader Review Surrender My Love: Cole Braden for online ebook**

**Nadene (Totally Addicted to Reading) says**

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## **Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says**

<http://www.njkinnyblog.com/2016/01/a...>

### **Rating: 4.5/5**

Surrender My Love is the second book in The Bradens of Peaceful Harbor series but the first that I have read. Despite being part of a series, it can be read as a standalone.

As is the case with majority of books by Melissa Foster, this one too had me stopping because of the catchy title, an eye catching cover and a blurb that instantly caught my attention.

I enjoyed meeting the Bradens of Peaceful Harbor who are a boisterous lot and fell in love with Cole Braden. He is a smooth talker and seems a flirt initially but then his character is developed and brought out fully to be that of a serious, family oriented and one-woman man who is a workaholic, a book lover (this point definitely earned him extra brownie points from me) and still waiting for "The One". This book narrates Cole's story and had me excitedly cheering for him all through.

Annalise's history had me empathizing with her and then seriously giving thought to the ramifications of one careless accusation made by someone in one's life. Annalise or Leesa is a strong character and her struggle to get back her life and find closure had me admiring her. The romance buildup between Leesa and Cole is brought out beautifully and feels true and heartfelt.

The plot execution is expertly done as can be expected from Melissa and I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and meeting such lovely characters that stay with you long after you have completed the book. I am eager to meet these lovely characters again soon!

All in all, Surrender My Love is a lovely and heartfelt romance that had me entertained all through. I give it **4.5 out of 5** and recommend it to all romance lovers above the age of eighteen. Now that I have finished this book, I am eager to start on the first book in this series, Healed by Love and look forward to reading the subsequent books in the series.

I received an ARC from the author and the tour organizers and I am very thankful to them. The above review is my honest and unbiased opinion and in no way influenced.

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## **Melanie says**

Melissa Foster has done it once again!! Cole Braden is a hot doctor that is also an Alpha male. I fell in love with the Bradens from the first time we meet them. Melissa has a way to draw you in with her characters making you feel like they are a part of your own family!! You love the characters and can relate to them like your own brothers and sisters.

Annalise, Lessa, is a young lady that is visiting her best friend while trying to let a situation calm down in

her hometown with her job. Leesa is not running from her problems, but more or less just trying to space her own image. When her boyfriend ended up breaking up with her because of the situation, her whole world seems like it is crumbling in on her. That is why Leesa decides to visit her friend.

When Leesa decides to do a favor for her friend one day and stop to get her a coffee and muffin, she never dreamed that she would meet a man that would be willing to give up anything and everything for a woman he doesn't even know. Cole Braden ends up giving Leesa the last muffin of his favorite type and his coffee for her friend. He also ends up paying for it because Leesa forgot her money. Cole has a hard time believing Leesa that the muffin and coffee are for her friend, but he uses it as a joke with Leesa.

When Leesa goes to a doctors appointment with her friend, she did not expect the man that was occupying her mind to be her friends doctor. Leesa saw Cole and was lost for words. She knew that there was something there between them when she was speechless. Leesa has no idea when she will see Cole again but there would never be a too soon for her.

When Leesa ends up working a bachelors auction, she had no clue that Cole and all his single brothers were going to be on the auction block. When Cole begs Leesa to buy him so that he will not have to go with his ex that has shown up, Leesa thought he was crazy. Leesa had already turned Cole down for a date so how was she going to buy him for a date in front of the whole town?? Leesa was trying to stay out of the spotlight and now Cole was putting her in it!!

I love how Cole and Leesa fell into an easy relationship and felt so comfortable with each other from the very beginning. Cole treated Leesa with such care and concern that he makes you melt. Will these two find a way to be with each other and find their HEA?? You need to read this one so that Cole Braden can make you swoon and fall for him!! Such a great read!! I can't wait to see what the other Braden brothers have in store for us!!

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## **Becca says**

I have to say I'm addicted to Melissa Foster and her sweet romance novels. Not to say that these books don't have some steam factor to them, because they surely do. Melissa just has a way of taking you on a journey that leaves your heart happy... even after a small bumpy road.

Leesa is new to town and she doesn't know how long she will be in Peaceful Harbor. She's trying to start over from a scandal that left her questioning everything around her.

Cole is the one most eligible bachelors in town. He's sick of the dating game and ready to settle down. So when he meet Leesa and feels a connection with the mysterious woman, he thinks he may have found his forever.

The chemistry between these two is combustible! Cole is kind, patient and compassionate. Leesa is sweet yet vulnerable and even though her head is telling her she's not ready for a relationship - her heart is on fire for the handsome doctor.

I love each and every one of Melissa's books and ending one, just puts me on pins and needles for her next release.

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## **Lynn Mullan says**

Once again Melissa Foster knocks the ball right out of the park with her fantastic writing.

Teacher Annalise 'Leesa' Avalon has had her life turned upside down, by a student with a crush, and then an investigation. She moves to Peaceful Harbor, MD to start a new life, with a new identity.

Dr Cole Braden is a top orthopaedic surgeon, who just happens to be tall, dark and handsome. He has a busy life, but is lonely, and his big heart is made for loving.

When Cole and Leesa meet by chance, their attraction is immediate and sizzling hot. Leesa is wary of starting a new relationship with her past troubles still hanging over her, but Cole wants more.

With one wanting to move forward, and the other pulling back, will they ever get their HEA?

You will just have to read the book to find out.

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Bring on the next hunk! ;0 <3

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### **Nancy Stopper says**

*Surrender My Love* is a relatable story that really resonates with the reader. The author, as always, develops compelling characters and interesting storylines.

I loved Cole from the minute he walked onto the page. He is extremely sexy - it just oozes out of the pages as you read about him. He's a strong, confident man who knows what he wants and isn't afraid to go after it. But, he's also sensitive to Leesa and her struggles.

I struggled with Leesa a bit at the beginning. After understanding the challenges she faced, it felt as though she was blowing her reaction a bit out of proportion, despite the fact she'd been exonerated. Having never been in the situation she faced, I don't know how I would have reacted but I felt her reaction was assuming a level of guilt and hysteria that was a bit disproportional.

As with all typical romance novels, Leesa and Cole find their happily ever after. But, the story wasn't all wrapped up in a nice little package with a bow on top, and I was happy to see that. In real life, everything doesn't always work out as you'd like. In this case, I felt the reactions of the parties involved were realistic and I really enjoyed how the author handled the interactions between the boy and his father.

I'm loving the Bradens of Peaceful Harbor and the mentions to previous Bradens. Can't wait for the next story in the series.

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Isha Coleman says**

I fell irrevocably in love with Cole Braden just as quickly as he fell for Leesa. My heart melted at how compassionate he was toward her. Even when she repeatedly pushed him away, he remained persistent and sincere in his pursuit of her. When Leesa informed him of what she had faced before seeking shelter in Peaceful Harbor, his trust in her was unwavering. Leesa's painful experiences made her determined to stay a loner. The people she had trusted in the past turned their backs on her, she'd lost her home, career, her reputation. All the things she considered important disappeared rapidly and painfully. Peaceful Harbor proved to be her wake up call. There she found people willing to take a chance on a down on their luck woman. The Bradens showed her the beauty of family, love and trust. This opened her heart and mind to all types of possibilities. I have read a number of Ms. Foster's novels and they all have stirred emotions but I have to say *Surrender My Love* is the one I like the best. Through this novel Melissa Foster conveys the harm in jumping to conclusions and the benefit of keeping an open mind. Those qualities are important ones to remember. I received an ARC of *Surrender My Love* in exchange for an honest review. Any reader who doesn't read it is missing out.

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## **Mignon Mykel says**

### **4.5 / 5 stars**

I've said it once, I've said it twice, I've probably said it in every Melissa Foster review I've written -- she's done it again. Her stories are always enjoyable and her style is one that I've come to know and respect as sweet contemporary. Not so sweet in the sense that it's all candy and roses, but a true-type love story.

In this latest *LOVE IN BLOOM* spin-off story, we have Dr. Cole Braden and Leesa (with two 'e's) Avalon. Leesa was a teacher and after a disastrous year with accusations, she's now found herself in Peaceful Harbor helping out her 'broken' friend (broken in the sense she has a bone on the mend). Leesa met Cole at the coffee shop, and a few hours later learned he was her friend's doctor. These two... Their conversations were extremely fun from the get-go. They had sweet banter and the flirting just fell off the page, even when he was supposed to be professional with her friend, he couldn't help but flirt with Leesa. So right away, I found this couple to be cute.

I rather enjoyed watching work-aholic Cole Braden find time in his life to put aside the charts he scoured over, to spend time with Leesa, especially when his caring, protective instincts took hold.

Whenever Melissa comes across my radar, I know the book is going to be a good one. I can't wait to see what she puts out next.

*\*received a copy of the title in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Brooklyn JoJo says**

This book started out with a lot of potential but unfortunately, like a delicious steak that's left on the grill too long, it was way too overdone... First off, there was much much too much inner dialogue. It's amazing how someone can write so many words yet say nothing. Some serious editing would really have worked wonders



here. Secondly, the melodrama was unnecessarily excessive and a tad on the ridiculous side. People only act and talk like that in bad soap operas, not in real life... Lastly, there were too many characters from the other books in the series thrown in here. I get how fans like to see updates of their favorite characters, but there has to be a point to them being in the story, and there were just too many included. It made it really hard to remember who was who and added nothing to the story except to make it more tedious to read. On a good note I will say the sexy scenes were super hot and Cole the hero definitely had some swoon worthy moments, but sadly it couldn't rescue the book from all the other issues, so it's a 3 Star read at best for me and I'll definitely be skipping the other books in the series.

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### **Mave says**

I have recently discovered this author but I like so much her stories that she is becoming one of my favorite authors of contemporary novels. Her romances are sweet, romantic, flowing, easy to read. A real treat. I have always had a soft spot for large families, how could I not love Bradens. I would really like to be part of this family and can not wait to know all of them more thoroughly. I'm in love with Cole from the first page. He's so charming, sexy, sweet, funny, very attached to his family. He is completely devoted to work and to help members of his family, is happy but feel that there is something missing, an intelligent and sensitive woman with whom to share his life. When he meets Leesa in a coffee, is immediately fascinated by her, she is so different from the others. She's intelligent, quiet, sensitive. She's the woman who he wants by his side. But she will not be easy to conquer. Leesa had a wonderful job as a teacher, a guy who loved her and many friends. When she was found unjustly involved in a scandal all of them turned their backs on her. She has left her hometown to stay with a friend in Peaceful Harbor and try to put her life in order. She can't afford to have a relationship even if she is tremendously attracted to Cole. It 's an extraordinary romance with charming, engaging and believable characters, they are people I would like to know. Although it is part of a larger series you can easily read as standalone but once you read one you will want to read them all. If you enjoy reading sweet romance, then definitely pick this up!

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### **Amy says**

Cole and Leesa's story really hit home for me. I have a friend who when through the same thing as Leesa. It has a forever effect on your life and those around you. With the love of those around you, you can see what really matters in life and turn things around.

Once I started reading I could not put the book down. Leesa loves what she does and does what she loves. Lies cause her to loose what she loves doing and leaving town to think things over and decide what to do next. She goes to Peaceful Harbor and stays with her friend Tegan. It turns out that staying with Tegan is the best decision she has made. While out getting coffee she bumps into the very hot Dr. Cole Braden.

Cole Braden is a well respected Dr. who is liked and loved by all who know him. He bumps into Leesa at the coffee shop while she takes the last of his favorite coffee and muffin. There is an immediate attraction between the two. Cole is busy with his medical practice but would like to fall in love. Due to things going on in Leesa's life, she wants to stay under the radar but Cole wants her and is not worried about what is going on in her life.

Cole is willing to take a chance on Leesa but is she willing to take a chance on him and finding her happily ever after? Read the book to find out. Melissa Foster never disappoints. This is the 2nd book in the Peaceful Harbor series of the Love in Bloom series. BJ Harrison does a great job narrating once again. I felt like I was right there and wanted to listen again when it was done.

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## **Donna Morrison says**

~~~~~5 AMAZING STARS~~~~~

IF YOU HAVE NOT FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE BRADEN'S YET YOU WILL AFTER YOU READ COLE'S STORY.

Cole is the oldest of his siblings and he is an accomplished doctor. Everything is looking good in his life except for one thing. Someone to love and love him back. He had always been a one woman type of man unlike two of his brothers Sam and Ty. He is so focused on his work that it makes it hard to hold a relationship.

Leesa is starting over. She was a teacher and one of her students that she was tutoring revealed he had a crush on her and when she politely told him that she was his teacher and too old for him he turned her life upside down by saying that she touched him inappropriately. She was put on administrative leave and her boyfriend of two years broke up with her because he was afraid of what it would do to his career. After she was cleared of the charges, she escaped the town she was born and raised to go and visit with her friend in Peaceful Harbor. She needed to get away to decide what she wanted to do with her life now.

The problem was that everywhere she looked she thought someone might come to her and say hey weren't you that teacher.... But, it was mostly in her head, but it was something that kept her using a version of her real name. She didn't want anyone in Peaceful Harbor to know what happened in her past. She wanted a fresh start.

One day while she was out running she stopped by to pick up her best friend a coffee and muffin that she loved. She ran into Cole and they had a spark right off the bat. Neither of them could get each other off of their minds.

They met again when she went with her friend to get her cast off of her foot and Cole was the hot doctor her friend was talking about. It took all he had to be the doctor instead of a love struck fool.

One evening he is sitting on the beach in front of his house thinking about Leesa when he looks up and there she is. They get to talking and he finds out she works at his parents bar. She doesn't want to get involved because she doesn't know what she is going to do with her life but forces that be keep pushing them together. He asks her out to dinner but she turns him down.

The night of the bachelor auction his brother adds Cole's name to the list. He is pissed off but he goes to the ATM and gives the money to Leesa and begs her to big for him. He doesn't want to go out with anyone but her. When it is his turn someone starts bidding and it is the last person he wants to be around. His EX. Leesa finds out who she is so she starts bidding against her. His ex is pissed but that does not stop Leesa from winning the bid.

Cole is so happy that she won and she feels pretty good about it as well. They spend some time with his family that night and she starts getting to know them pretty well. The girls ask her to have lunch with them the next day so they could get to know her better. They decided to come back to the bar so they could watch the guys work on the boat.

After they leave the bar things heat up with Leesa and Cole. She knows that before they go out on their date she has to tell him about her past, because she is afraid of what would happen to him and his career if someone there found out about her. He was fine with it and told her that her ex was a dirt bag and if he would of been there he would of stood by her.

The next day she ends up telling the girls about her past and they were in agreement with Cole. She could not

believe these amazing people that she now has in her life. But aside from them being amazing and her growing feelings toward Cole she was still undecided on what she was going to do with her life. Even though it was getting harder and harder not to fall for Cole.

They went out on their date and ran into his ex. She put on quite a show. (Which you will have to read to find out what she done). It pisses Cole off real bad and then him and Leesa go for a walk for him to cool down. Things get heated.

They continue to get closer and closer. Having amazing sex and just being with each other is amazing. She is falling hard for him but she needs to figure out what she is going to do and she feels like she needs to go back and face her past in order to move forward. This hurts Cole's heart because he wants to be there with her to support her but she says she needs to do this on her own.

Now, like always I don't like to reveal all of the book. So here is some questions you can ask yourself and see how it ends up.

What happens when Leesa goes back home?

Does Cole's ex make an appearance?

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What happens when Lisa confronts her past?

Does she ever get closure and what becomes of her and Cole?

Well, I beg of you to read the book because you will fall in love with this family.

Until next time: Happy Reading!!!!

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## **Kay Pflueger says**

Another great story by Melissa Foster....This book continues with the Braden family from Pleasant Hill but can certainly be read as a stand alone. I have read the book as well as listened to the audio version and enjoyed both equally. BJ Harrison is an accomplished narrator who does a great job and is very easy to listen to.

Annalise (who chooses to use the name Leesa) has lived through a traumatic experience and has moved to Peaceful Harbor to regroup and to spend time with a friend. She is a middle school teacher who loves her job and the impact she knows she can make on their lives.

Cole is the oldest of the Braden siblings and he is a handsome, determined and focused orthopedic surgeon. He and Leesa meet in a chance encounter at the local coffee shop and sparks fly! They cannot forget that meeting and when their paths seem to cross on several occasions, they begin to realize that maybe "fate" has brought them together.

I like Melissa's style of writing. She has chosen a sensitive subject and has done a great job of sharing the emotions and the uncertainty of the situation. The plot was well developed and the characters were believable. I would recommend the book in either version... print or audio.

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## **Angie says**

Cole Braden is a hardworking, driven doctor in Peaceful Harbor. Leesa comes to Peaceful Harbor to stay with a friend and to escape from the aftermath of false accusations in her home town. Cole and Leesa meet at

a coffee shop and are attracted to each other but they don't act on it until after seeing each other again at her friend's appointment, because as it turns out, Cole is her doctor.

Leesa has some decisions to make. She won't be at peace until she can put her past behind her. Should she go home? Take a new job in Baltimore? Or stay in Peaceful Harbor? As Cole and Leesa grow closer, that question becomes more and more of an issue.

I loved listening to this book after reading it when it was first released to the print version. There was something about B.J.'s narration of this that made me love Cole even more. I've recently learned that listening to the audio version of these books allows my brain to better visualize and really feel the emotions from the book. I'm addicted to listening to all audio versions of Melissa's books.

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