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Paula Legate says

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I enjoyed this book, but was a little annoyed with Conner. He didn't want to date Dallas, or act on the chemistry that they shared until he found a job. He took losing his job very hard. Connor's friends, and Dallas saw a talented Cowboy when they saw Connor. Connor saw himself as not being worthy all because he couldn't find another job.

I was pleased that Connor, Dallas, and Richard was able to act like mature adults, with the situation. I did love the ending of the book!

Deb Diem says

Cowboy For Keeps by Cathy McDavid is an entertaining read. This book is fairly short, a good choice for those with limited time for reading. Ms McDavid has delivered a well written book with lovable characters. There is plenty of drama and spice to keep the reader engaged. I enjoyed Cowboy For Keeps and would be happy to read more from Cathy McDavid in the future. Cowboy For Keeps is book 4 of the Mustang Valley Series but can be read as a standalone. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

Susan says

Good book. The relationship between Conner and Dallas is very complicated. They had dated briefly a couple years before, but grew apart when Conner's work schedule interfered. Then she started going out with his friend Richard. Now Conner has lost his job because of company downsizing and Richard has his job. To top it all off, Dallas is pregnant with Richard's baby, even though they have called off their engagement. When Dallas's job as a photographer and Conner's work as a trainer bring them together they discover that the attraction is still there and stronger than ever.

Conner would like nothing more than to get involved with Dallas. But he has been out of work for six months and is making ends meet by working as a horse trainer for friends. He feels like a failure and his pride won't let him contemplate a future with Dallas until he has a "real" job again. He just can't see that how

much money he makes isn't important to Dallas. I liked seeing him with the horses and how patient he was with their training. I loved seeing the work that he did with the injured mare. He was also very impressed with how good Dallas was with her photography and I loved how he was supportive of her work. He also was wonderful with kids as was shown when he was around his friends' kids. He had no doubts that he could be good with Dallas's baby too, but he was also sure that he was unable to provide for them right now. It was hard seeing how much he wanted to be with Dallas but denied himself.

Dallas has broken things off with Richard because she realized she didn't love him. When she discovered she was pregnant he wanted to go through with the wedding anyway. I liked the fact that he stood up to his responsibilities. Dallas loved her work as a photographer and she was trying to get more jobs of the documentary variety. When she was asked to do the photos for a book about the mustangs she was thrilled. She was surprised by her renewed attraction to Conner and not particularly happy about it because she was afraid it might just be a rebound thing. The more time she spent with Conner the more her feelings grew. I loved the way that she could see both the business guy and the cowboy and that she liked both of them. I also liked the way that she tried to show Conner that she had confidence in him. I really enjoyed seeing the way that they worked together using the photographs to help with the horses.

Both of them had issues to be dealt with before they could be together. I liked the realism of the feelings shown. Conner's frustration and feelings of failure were well shown. He also showed his frustration with Richard's continued presence in their lives but knew it was something he'd have to deal with. Dallas had some issues with her stepfather that had colored her view of marriage and blended families. After talking with her mom she too had a new viewpoint on some things.

Kimberly Walter says

I enjoyed reading it, it was a good book. A very complicated relationship that turned out great.

Kristi says

3.5 stars

If you're looking for a romance plot with plenty of complications this is it! Conner Durham is six months into his job hunt as a systems analyst, training mustangs and renting out his home to try make the mortgage payments after having sold off his other possessions. Dallas Sorrenson is an up and coming photographer with a bit of emotional baggage from her blended family adolescence. To make matters worse, Dallas' ex-fiance, Richard, was Conner's best friend and took over managing his employees when their company downsized. The icing on the cake? Dallas is pregnant with Richard's baby! The situation has tension and doubts on both sides written all over it.

I enjoyed reading this book. I may have enjoyed it a tad more if I couldn't relate to Conner's job situation quite so easily. With the countless complications in a relationship between Conner and Dallas I was expecting things to feel really contrived and forced, but McDavid pulled it off. Each of the hindrances seemed real and plausible even in the context of the others - no easy feat I would imagine.

This is the fourth book in the Mustang Valley series. I have not read any of the previous titles, though I can

take a stab at which of the supporting characters are likely featured in them. I did not feel like I missed anything by jumping ahead to this title. Odds are good that I'll revisit the earlier titles in this series.

I received an advanced copy of this title from NetGalley for an honest review.

April says

Disclosure: This ebook was provided to me free of charge through NetGalley for the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments, and ratings are my own.

Really interesting tale that had my attention the whole time. The pace was wonderful and the characters engaging. Great dynamic in the relationship that made it very believable. Beautiful storytelling that entertained the whole time!

It had really great flow and did the job of making me think at times. I love a book that taps into my emotions. I am a real sucker for a sexy romance!! I laugh, I cry and I wish the hero were real so he could be mine! LOL

I would love to see more from this author! Definitely one to watch in the future.

Donna says

I thought it was just a mediocre read.

I felt the author spent too much time trying to push 'blended families' and not enough time trying to convince us the H/H actually belonged together.

Whoever wrote the blurb on the back of the book misled us as well.

Dallas is described as an old flame of Connor's, which I never felt was true. It barely felt like there had been a 'spark', much less flames. The author really didn't touch much on their backstory (i.e. what was the real reason why Connor stopped seeing Dallas). The author briefly said he got caught up in work and stopped seeing her. Really? And now we're supposed to believe he's not going to put work ahead of her.

That's another issue I have with this story as well. Both are so focused on their careers and getting ahead and yet they're still going to have time to take care of the baby the way it should, as well as keep their relationship alive.

This book was just too unbelievable for me and don't understand why these two ended up together.

It had potential (according to the back of the book), but it didn't live up to the kind of story it could have been.

I feel like I wasted my time reading this.
