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**In Emily March's beloved new novel set in Eternity Springs, a woman who has given up on dreams of a family meets a man who needs her to complete his own.**

Town physician Rose Anderson hides a well of sadness behind her cheerful and capable professionalism. Heartbreak has only reinforced her belief that marriage and children aren't in her future. Yet she's a woman with a pulse—and when sexy, brooding artist Hunt Cicero shows up at her office with his young nephew, the sheer physical attraction he ignites in her is both exciting and unsettling.

Hunt has an artist's passionate temperament and a bachelor's lifestyle. So when he becomes guardian to his sister's children, he's riddled with conflict—and in way over his head. Without Rose and her warm maternal instincts, he'd be lost. Still, she's a woman who guards her own heart, and he's a novice when it comes to commitment. Can the healing magic of Eternity Springs shine on this patchwork family and allow Hunt and Rose to trust that love is the fabric holding them together?

## Teardrop Lane Details

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## From Reader Review Teardrop Lane for online ebook

### Bette Hansen says

I absolutely adore the Eternity Springs series and this book is one of the best. Town doctor Rose Anderson always appears happy and carefree but underneath is a sadness that weighs heavy on her heart. She's convinced she will live her life without the one thing she wants most in life. Eccentric artist Hunt Cicero never expected his life would come to this. Having lost his sister and now trying to figure out what to do with her four children, he's lost!

These two characters are perfect for each other and their story is one that will stay with you long after the last page. I highly recommend this one.

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### Hannah says

ARC REVIEW: 1/15

Book #9 in Emily March's Eternity Springs Series, Teardrop Lane is a wonderful read. I came in late to this series but how Emily March writes each book can be read as a stand alone. Emily March and Eternity Springs is another exception to my no books that make me cry rule for the reason that it's a good kinda cry. The emotional turmoil the characters go through is believable and heart felt and really touches you... in a good way. I love the characters all of them! The introduction to Hunter Cicero in the last book was just a tease to the man he is in this book. Doctor Delicious aka Rosemary Anderson is a beautifully complex and loveable character.

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## SECOND READING: personal copy 9/15

My feelings and love for this book have not changed. Cicero is still the best man for the job, whether it's as a glass artist, lover to Rose, or father to those kiddos. and Misty still made me cry at the end.

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### **Kristine says**

Original review can be found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2015/09/review-teardrop-lane.html>...

3.5 stars

I received an advanced readers copy from Ballantine Books via Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!

Teardrop Lane is the ninth book in the Eternity Springs series by Emily March. I haven't had the opportunity to read all of the books but I did read Dreamweaver Trail, the one that comes right before it. This book can be read as a stand alone but you will understand all of the secondary characters a lot better by reading the previous stories.

I think I enjoyed this one a little more than the last one in the series. Cicero was first introduced in Dreamweaver Trail and gets his own story in Teardrop Lane. I must admit that I was a little unsure before I started reading because I wasn't a huge fan of his. It's amazing how your opinion can change once you get to know a character. I really liked him in this instalment.

This story follows the typical formula of a good romance. Both Cicero and Rose have pasts that haunt them, both are fiercely independent, both have secrets and both are not looking for anything serious. With the unexpected addition of Cicero's young nieces and nephews there are many complications and twists to the plot that keep the pages turning. I really liked the story line where the children were concerned. It made it more than just a typical romance and provided more depth.

As I mentioned in my review for the last book I again have to say something about the community of Eternity Springs. It isn't just a setting but a character in itself. I loved reading about it and loved the closeness and sense of community between all of the residents. I could really picture myself there and loving it.

Teardrop Lane was a solid read that I am glad that I got the opportunity to read. I can't wait to see who the next instalment will be about!

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### **Debbie Oxier says**

I am slowly making my way through this series. I love the small community of Eternity Springs and the people who reside there. One of those people is Dr. Rose Anderson who runs the clinic in town. Her sister, Sage, lives here, so after a bad break up of her marriage, Rose decides to move closer to her younger sibling.

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scars of having an addict for a mother in addition to the not so good foster parents. As a result, he considers himself a wanderer. He's not looking to settle down, doesn't intend to have kids, and up to now, has focused solely on his work. Oh, he's had his share of women but he lets them know up front that he doesn't do serious.

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At first, Rose does her best to ignore the signals Hunter is sending her way. She's aware of his reputation with women and doesn't want to end up as another notch on the guy's bedpost. They start out just sitting with one another at dinner. (Funny how they keep showing up at the same place to eat every night. ) And while Hunter asks her out, she keeps refusing, until one night when they attend the same party and Rose decides she's tired of saying no.

Their relationship isn't easy. Hunter isn't used to letting people in so Rose takes some getting used to. She's penetrated most of his defenses and has slowly worked her way into his heart. They're taking their time, getting to know each other more when Hunter gets a call that changes everything. The young couple who have Jayne's kids have found out they're pregnant and suddenly Jayne's brood is too much to handle. They are going to turn the kids over to the foster care system which means possibly splitting the kids up. Hunter is livid. How can someone just decide to throw their kids away without any consequences? They made a commitment to Jayne, promised her they would always be there for them. It's more than he can fathom. Of course, after much soul searching, Hunter decides to take them. He's worried about his relationship with Rose though. He doesn't want to lose her but isn't sure what she'll think about taking on a ready made family all of a sudden. It's then that Rose confesses that she once had cancer and is unable to bear children of her own. This sounds like a good place to end the story, right? Unfortunately, it's not as simple as it sounds. Even though the kids come to live with Hunter, there are a few bumps along the way that they have to overcome before they can have their happily ever after.

I really enjoyed the way the author played this out. Hunter's sister dies of cancer while Rose, so far, is a cancer survivor. Rose is unable to have children. Hunter comes with a readymade family. In the midst of everything you have these four adorable orphans who desperately need someone to love and care for them. Not to mention Hunter's and Rose's love story, their work, and the wonderful people of Eternity Springs.

This was very well written. The author has a special way of making you feel a connection to the main characters. A couple of times I was almost brought to the point of tears. While you can read this as a stand alone, I recommend you start at the beginning of the series and work your way through. Believe me, it's well worth your time to do so. That way you will have met a lot of the town folks and you'll understand better where everyone is coming from. Now I'm on to the next installment.

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**Barbara Butler says**

**Truly amazing**

Once again Emily March takes us back to Eternity Springs.

This story is about four young children who have lost their mother. They spend some time with their uncle in Eternity Springs before going to live with the people who promised their mother they would care for them.

Hunter Cicero is the uncle. Through a mishap, he meets Dr. Rose who cares for one of his nephews when he breaks his arm.

When the kids move on, Cicero discovers he wants to get to know Dr. Rose. As they become friends, he also learns that his former apprentice has nominated him for a prestigious award and he is a finalist. He must now use his art of visualising to create a magnificent piece of work based on a poem. When his creativity escapes him, he takes Dr. Rose to the island where he lived prior to his sister becoming ill for a friends party and recovers his love of glass blowing.

On the way back to Eternity Springs, they stop in Texas to see the kids and find that their custodial parents have decided not to keep them. He makes the difficult decision that they will move to Eternity Springs to live with him.

This story is the healing journey of the children, their Uncle Hunk who suffers still about his own childhood, and Dr. Rose who experienced being left by her fiance when she was diagnosed with cancer and could not have children of her own.

The love they find as a family will bring you to tears when they are almost torn apart in the end.

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### **Pam Herald says**

With each installment in this series I think, ok, I can't love another book, this is the best one, period. And every time I love the next one! Teardrop Lane is no exception. This is Rose and Cicero's story. He is a talented artist, bachelor for life and uncle to four children who have lost their mother to cancer. She is a doctor, cancer survivor and big sister to Sage. As with all of the other books the tears will flow and then you will laugh out loud at some of the names Ms. March came up with for a brood of children. One thing is for sure, you will enjoy this visit to Eternity Springs just as much as the first one. I never want this series to end, each new character just slips right into your heart and joins the others who are already there.

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### **Chris says**

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Of course when you have such busy kids you know there's going to be a scrape or two to be had so enter Dr. Rose Anderson. A woman with so much to give and no one to give it to. Deep hurts are hidden, though not well, in this loving woman and she is an easy fit to help Cicero out with the children until life gets taken care of and he can finally ship them off to a home that is a better fit for them. Along the way a relationship sparks and events take off from there.

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## **Kathryn says**

4.5 stars

Teardrop Lane by Emily March is #9 in her Eternity Springs series. I have followed this series with eager anticipation as each book has been published. Books that explore the story of healing and love for the two main characters.

Rose and Cicero had already been introduced in previous books so it was easy to pick up with their lives and those of their friends and relations. Both of them have stories from their childhood and early adult years that had wounded them. Yet they have grown into gifted, creative adults. Rose is a caring and competent physician, Cicero a gifted, passionate artist crafting exquisite works of art with glass blowing. He learns that Gabi Romano, his apprentice, has entered his work in a competition, that could see him winning a prestigious award, if he can come up with a piece of art that embodies a stanza of poetry from the poet Emily Dickinson about hope. This turns out to be a significant part of the story, providing many a crisis and numerous points of growth for Cicero.

The first half of the book moved slowly as the relationship between Rose and Cicero developed. I thought it was okay but I was a little disappointed - I was wanting a little more 'explosion'. Then at about half way through - wham, things picked up and I was fully hooked. There are challenges that confront both Cicero and

Rose, things happen and their worst fears and anxieties are aroused. While there was fear and tension present, I loved how they managed to work their way through with challenging conversations that established trust and hope.

I loved the four children who come to stay with Cicero, those of his sister who died from cancer. She had left the custody to her dead husband's sister and husband. They had decided to put them in foster care because they were expecting their own first child and it was all too much. It might have been all to much for Cicero too, but he loved those children and all of Eternity Springs came out to support him as they do. Celeste had again her own little delightful input, and I had almost forgotten her usual last little act until it happened too for Rose and Cicero. So deserved.

When I had reached 99% of the story I guessed I was coming to that dreaded end. And it wasn't quite turning out as I had hoped. It was good - but not perfect for the characters and what my heart hoped for. However there were still surprises to be had in the 1%!

Another excellent, rewarding story about the characters of Eternity Springs.

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### **Diane Perry says**

#### **Beautiful! Breathtaking! Best yet!**

Oh how I have missed Celeste Blessing. Just when I think this series cannot get any better, Emily March does it again! This was the best yet! Such a beautiful story. Now I have to wait for the next one!

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### **Diana says**

I've been looking forward to reading Rose's story since I read Sage's. Admittedly, I really wasn't a big fan of hers then, but I was so intrigued by this woman, I truly wanted to learn what she had to endure in the past to be the woman she is now. I'm so glad I finally got to read her story, and Hunter's story as well (I kinda skip around in this series so I'm not familiar with how Hunt was presented in the other books). My heart broke into pieces, getting to know Uncle Hunt and Doctor Mom and their own crazy, lovable kids and seeing what they have to fight for in order to be happy. My heart was happy to see the hurts have started to heal and to learn that life, well, it really is a blend of Dickinson and Tennyson, and yes, even Dr. Seuss.

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### **Lindy at BookBinders says**

I was nervous about starting this book. With a name like Teardrop Lane and a character like Cicero (who I wasn't totally sold on in the last book) I wondered if Emily March had finally found a combo that wasn't going to work for me. Happily, I will report I was wrong! Hunt Cicero is an artist. No, he's an ARTIST with the requisite temperament and attitude to go with it. I have to admit that I was a bit turned off by him in the last book so I really wasn't looking forward to dealing with him as the hero in his own novel but Ms. March delivers us a man who has been knocked down a peg or two.

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Of course the amazing cast of characters that populate the town are all there as well and it's always lovely getting a glimpse of people from previous books.

I ran the gamut of emotions in this novel... not many books can make me cry but this one did. Not to worry, I was smiling again shortly after but it was a deeply touching book. Teardrop Lane, indeed.

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### **Jen says**

<http://romancing-the-book.com/2015/06...>

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### **Linda Smatzny says**

This is the story of Dr. Rose Anderson and glass artist Hunt Cicero. These are two people who have been hurt in the past and are afraid to reach out and grab happiness. The book was a quick easy read.

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### **Janeiowa says**

Ms March has a wonderful series set in Eternity Springs, and the various books in this series are well-done.

This latest one in the series is beyond superb. It's an incredibly passionate experience. The characters come to life and the story line has so many real-life issues that it's almost impossible to put down.

WOW! What an emotional rollercoaster this book is.

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### **Julie says**

The community of Eternity Springs is as always a strong support system and Rose will need that as she faces down her personal battles once again. The old heartstrings will be pulled on as the children face uncertainty about their future. Of all the characters in the story I felt Hunt was the person who truly took huge steps as a human being, learning how to prioritize and still maintain his love of art. Rose of course is a character I was just happy for. Doctor Mom was a blessing for these lost souls but they were a blessing for Rose most of all. You really can't read this book without a dabbing a few tears from your eyes. But, mostly these are happy tears. As I read the final pages of the story I came away with a renewed belief in the power of hope, a very strong theme in the book. Overall this was a very satisfying read and I highly recommend it.

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