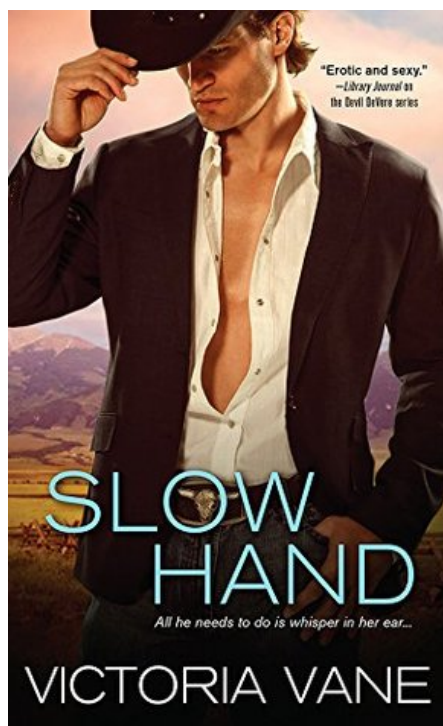




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In rural Montana...

Wade Knowlton is a hardworking lawyer who's torn between his small-town Montana law practice and a struggling family ranch. He's on the brink of exhaustion from trying to save everybody and everything, when gorgeous Nicole Powell walks into his office. She's a damsel in distress and the breath of fresh air he needs.

Even the lawyers wear boots...

Nicole Powell is a sassy Southern girl who has officially sworn off cowboys after a spate of bad seeds-until her father's death sends her to Montana and into the arms of a man who seems too good to be true. Her instincts tell her to high tail it out of Montana, but she can't resist a cowboy with a slow hand...

Praise for Victoria Vane's erotic romance:

"Erotic and sexy...absolutely marvelous." -*Library Journal* on the Devil DeVere series, a Top Ebook Romance of 2012

"The Mistress of Sensuality does it again!" -*Swept Away By Romance*

"With Ms Vane's trademark prose and touches of humor-this is once again a brilliant story by a gifted writer." -*Romantic Historical Lovers Reviews*

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From Reader Review Slow Hand for online ebook

Lisa Kay says

Montana... and Victoria Vane's inspiration for Wade (from Pinterest).

★★★★½ I've loved Victoria Vane's Historical Romance books, but didn't know if she could pull off a change to a Contemporary Western Romance. Let me assure you, she **certainly has** with *Slow Hand*.

I enjoyed the dialogue between Wade Knowlton and Nicole Powell. There is such great bantering delivered here, which is a wonderful way for the reader to get to know the characters. I can't even pick out my favorite, but the dessert discussion in the restaurant in Twin Bridges was fun and memorable... and lead to a very hot scene.

I loved the Montana setting, too. And the set-up, with Nikki in desperate need of rescue, all the while thinking it is lust ruling her emotions. Nevertheless, Wade is a gentleman from the beginning, even if Nikki doesn't realize it. It is fun to see these two come to know one another, love one another, and eventually trust one another.

The next in the series is about the a\$\$hat older brother, Dirk. I wonder how Ms. Vane is going to pull that one off.

Special Note: I was given this e-Book free of charge in exchange for a fair and truthful review.

Carol *Young at Heart Oldie* says

The wide open spaces of Montana's ranching country are a long way from the decadence of Georgian England but Victoria Vane has made an impressive entry into the world of Contemporary Western Romance with the first book in her *Hot Cowboy Nights* series.

MY THOUGHTS:

Wade –

What can I say about Wade? One word comes to mind—totally irresistible! Handsome, old fashioned, charming, attentive, generous, kind and sexy – who wouldn't fall for him. Those crystal blue eyes, the disarmingly boyish grin and the cute dimple on his chin only added to his appeal.

He was so self-sacrificing as well...not only a successful lawyer but also working tirelessly to keep the Flying K family cattle ranch afloat when he really wanted to cut loose and live his own life.

I knew there must be something more to cause such bad blood between Wade and his older brother other than their feud over the sale of the ranch.

Nikki –

Nikki came from a dysfunctional family and learned to be self-sufficient. She likes to be in control of her life and hates feeling helpless or having to rely on others.

After several bad experiences, she has a deep distrust of cowboys whom she views as ‘notoriously unreliable, generally unfaithful and rarely capable of settling down’. She refuses to let her emotions overrule her good sense ever again.

She is also coping with her changing feelings towards the father she hardly knew and the scene in her father’s cabin, where she finds his letters, was a very moving.

From the moment they meet, the sexual tension between Wade and Nikki positively sizzles. I love their verbal sparring:

Wade spun towards his office. "Help yourself to the phone and anything else while I get cleaned up." He paused again on the threshold. "Of course, you're welcome to use my office if you need greater privacy." He added over his shoulder with a look of devilment. "Or in the event any wild impulse overtakes you while I shower."

He went to work on his shirt button. His collar was soon wide open revealing a generous show of muscular chest that made her hands itch to rip it off him. She averted her gaze and curled her itchy hands by her sides.

"Have no fear, cowboy," Nikki replied in a tone meant to disguise the warm flush that had come over her. "I corralled all my wild impulses long ago."

"Did you now?" He still stood in the doorway, head cocked. "Somehow, I think you may have missed a few strays."

Of course, Nikki’s mistrust of cowboys causes conflict between them and I did get a little frustrated that it took her so long to realise that Wade was the real thing and worth grabbing and keeping! I loved the fact that Wade was sure that Nikki was the one for him and he was always there for her.

There are two deliciously wicked scenes that were most memorable...one where Nikki gets Wade all aroused with her suggestive talk about peaches and cream and another where the discussion about bulls and cows takes on obvious sexual connotations.

HOLY SMOKE! Ms Vane certainly knows how to write scorching hot love scenes. I felt sure my iPad was going to melt on more than one occasion!

I was intrigued by Wade’s brother, Dirk...a man bearing a lot of scars both physical and emotional. I’m anticipating that his story in **ROUGH RIDER** is going to be full of angst.

Ms Vane’s descriptive writing enabled me to visualise the sweeping beauty of the Montana ranching country and I also appreciated the elements of realism she brings to the story, highlighting the daily struggles of the ranching community.

What did I think of Ms Vane’s venture in the world of Contemporary Western Romance?

Bring on those hot cowboys!

REVIEW RATING: 5/5 STARS

Hot Cowboy Nights series so far (click on cover for more details):

The review is also posted on my Rakes and Rascals Blog:

<http://rakesandrascals.wordpress.com/...>

Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

“Darlin’, you ain’t seen a mountain until you’ve been to the Rockies.”

There are times you just want to pick up a book, get caught up in the sexiness and sweetness of it all and not have too much angst and drama. Well, that’s what we were in the mood for after a few ‘head messing’ books and what better way to find some sweet and sexy than with a cowboy! And Wade Knowlton fit the bill perfectly.

‘Wade Knowlton was everything she’d sworn off – all in one big hot cowboy package.’

Wade’s a smooth as silk, sexy as sin cowboy, with impeccable manners and a cowboy drawl that melted our knickers! We swear we were goners every time Wade so much as uttered the word darlin’....swoon city!

“Hate to burst your bubble, sweetheart, but a Stetson and a pair of Tony Lamas doesn’t make a man a cowboy.”

We’ve never read anything by this author before but after Slow Hand we intend to remedy that! We loved the setting, the characters were fun, their banter engaging. Wow! Those sexy innuendos had us fanning ourselves a time or two.

“Miz Powell, if I didn’t know better, I’d think you were undressing me with those pretty blue-green eyes of yours.”

Wade Knowlton is a lawyer and part owner of Flying K, though the ranch is a burden he’d rather not have. He’s not had a good run of relationships and has a pretty miserable past where women are concerned. We could understand him being a little gun shy of relationships.

When Nikki enters his life, the protective nature in Wade is brought to the forefront and feelings for Nikki go well beyond lust and mutual attraction. Wade wants more with Nikki but this lady has seen more than her fair share of players and bad boys, especially those of the love ‘em and leave ‘em cowboy variety and doesn’t believe Wade is any different.

“You sound like it would’ve been a bad thing but I promise you darlin’, you’d have awakened with a smile on your face. I know I would’ve.”

We felt the instant attraction, the lust and sexual chemistry between Wade and Nikki as it sizzled. This was one sexy couple. Wade completely and utterly stole our hearts. Really? What’s not to love about this guy? He wears his heart on his sleeve, never shies away from expressing his feelings, his wants and desires Nikki and he is a walking hunk of gorgeous male!

Wade couldn’t have made himself clearer, nor been more upfront and honest with Nikki from the start when he made it apparent how he felt towards her and what he wanted from their relationship.

“You devastate me, Nikki. Do you know that?”

Now herein lies the problem. Nikki did grate on us somewhat. Her lack of trust in Wade was unwarranted. This guy never did anything, never acted in any way to make her so distrusting of him. Oh sure, she’d been burned in the past but it was very clear Wade was cut from a different cloth than her previous boyfriends. Just when she was starting to grate on every last nerve though, thankfully the author pulled it back and we settled in to enjoy the story.

We’re certainly looking forward to picking up further books in this series. As we said, sometimes you just want an easy, entertaining, fun, sexy and sweet read. If that’s what you’re after, you can’t go wrong with this one! A hot contemporary cowboy romance series set in Southwestern Montana, what more could you ask for?

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Victoria Vane says

Sexy, flirty fun!

Excerpt from Chapter Three:

She let her gaze travel over him in a slow appreciation of his tall, lean, muscular frame. She guessed he stood at least six-three in his boots. “I suppose not,” she said. “It would be only prime grass-fed beef and Idaho potatoes for you.”

He crossed his arms over his broad chest and leaned on the door frame studying her. “Miz Powell, if I didn’t know better, I’d think you were undressing me with those pretty blue-green eyes of yours.”

A guilty flush infused her face but she refused to give him the advantage. She opted for a strong offense instead. “So what if I was? Weren’t you quite fixated on my ass at Denver airport?”

He raised a sandy eyebrow. “You noticed that, eh?” His confession came with a shameless grin attached. She jutted her chin. “Quid pro quo, Counselor. What do you say to that?”

He approached her slowly, the smile in his eyes transforming in a blink to a wicked gleam. A gleam that promised very bad things. His reply sent a warning signal to every nerve in her body. “I’d say, why just use

your eyes?"

BOOK TRAILER ON YOUTUBE

Patty McKenna Van Hulle says

Victoria Vane

PULL THE FIRE ALARM & STOCK UP ON FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR THIS STEAMY ROMANCE!

Nikki Powell is in HADES while flying in this tin can that feels like it's either going to crash or run out of gas! Why, oh why, is she doing this to herself, for a dead dad who left her high & dry at the age of 7. Nikki only has 3 days until she must get back to her slave driving boss in Georgia, so she hopes that her dad left her no surprises. When her tiny can lands, she just wants to get off ASAP, struggles with her new suitcase purse & her cell, tampons & makeup make a escape into the aisle. Now she has to wait to get off, dashes to her next gate, told she was on double stand by (what the HADES is that) & has a complete & totally ugly CRY moment, right in front of this yummy boots wearing COWBOY! I really HATE COWBOYS, their cheating a\$\$es & why is he winking at me?

Wade Knowlton is burning both ends with being a lawyer during the week & ranch hand at The Flying K, the family ranch, ever weekend & spare minute. The ranch is crushing his wallet & his last nerve, but his pig headed & "I DON'T COMPROMISE" big brother, Dirk, won't sell. So Wade is sitting at the airport on his way back from the NOT SELLING the ranch, when Ms. Hot A\$\$ has a melt down at the ticket counter. His mom raised him right, so he gives up his plane seat to Hot A\$\$, winks at her sexiness & is going to driving to Virginia City!

Fates are so working for these 2 crazy kids, with 1 wiped out & stress heroine with a killer a\$\$ who lost her wallet, so the cell phone Gods (Gods because cell coverage in Montana sucks) let her reach out & touch the lawyer who loves a damsels in distress. Wade tells this mysterious damsel he is on the road, will pick her up & Nikki is so shocked & relieved, so she camps out at the hotel that WON'T give her a room. Wade looks at this gorgeous sleeping beauty, shocked that it's Hot A\$\$ & Nikki's hormones got into hyper drive. Wade & Nikki go on a hell of a ride thru Montana with white hot lust reaching nuclear meltdown with just 1 kiss.

They get to his office in Virginia City, hook Nikki up with a computer to get a new license, because she can't do anything legal without an ID, go to see her dad in the morgue & hit a bar for Nikki to consume tequila! Nikki wakes up dresses but alone at his family ranch & her heart falls hard as he holds her hair, as she puked up the night before. She meets his family which has a "chip the size of Montana on his shoulder" brother, a frail dad & a "welcome sunshine" mom. Their sexually tension could & does light up Montana on a cold wintery night. Wade moves his hands on her body like he is reading braille, believes a woman should always come first & Nikki can't get enough of his wicked & spicy kisses & his utterly decadent caresses that melt her panties & sending burst of ecstasy to her pleasure center! The sex is great, but is it enough to build on. Will Nikki sees that her cowboy with Slow Hands is the one? Can Wade prove that his love is worth the risk? What did her father leave her? How will they be together when she lives in Georgia? Can I kick Dirk's chip off his shoulder via his bootie?

Ms. Vane's books just get batter & better. This romance had her hilariousness in it & made me smile, giggle

& hyperventilate from laughter. Nikki is a heroine who has been burned by all men including her dad & developed a moat, trench & drawbridge around her heart. She needed a knight to rescue her damselness! Wade is an old fashioned man raised right by his mama & is a modern knight in cowboy's boots & hat. Wade uses every weapon in his arsenal (he has many yummy & huge weapons) to lay siege to her heart. Ms. Vane included her amazing hilariousness with some one of a kind 1 liners like, "come to Jesus meeting," "gastronomic adventure," my mistakes have first & last names" & so many others. Now since it's a romance let's chat about sex, shall we. I highly recommend FLAME RESISTANT UNDIES & many FIRE EXTINGUISHERS before you read this book because it contains a tsunami of hotness, sexiness & sexually energy that made my pleasure side of my brain refresh, reset & reboot more than once. Ms. Vane has created a Sexy Montana Cowboy world that made me pull out my SPARKLY PINK cowgirl boots & dream about yummy Cowboys in tight Wranglers who melt my knees with kisses & have panties dropping caresses! Now this book COSMOS will be revisited many, many, many times because COWBOYSR4PATTY! Oh, just a little tip I learned from Nikki that I had to share, throngs chafe on horseback, so go commando! I must give Ms. Vane my top score of 5 fingers up & 10 toes for those steamy FLAME RESISTANT UNDIES worthy romance!

NetGalley ARC given for my honest review.

Jill says

4.5 stars

For Wade Knowlton, lawyer and reluctant cowboy, selling up the family ranch is a priority. Keeping it afloat, and battling his brother's opposition to the sale takes up much of his life. Returning from a business trip where another sale has fallen through, Wade is distracted at the airport by the lovely brunette who is desperate for a connecting flight. But with all the seats taken, what's a well-raised Southern boy to do? Why, give up his seat of course to the damsel-in-distress.

Nicole (Nikki) Powell, hates flying, but it's the only way she's going to get to Montana in the short time available to bury her late father and tie up his affairs. But after miraculously securing a seat on a flight at the last minute, she now finds herself stranded in Bozeman, Montana without her wallet. The only person she can think to contact is Wade Knowlton, the lawyer handling her late father's estate.

This is Victoria Vane's first contemporary novel. Known for her historical romances, she has stepped out of the Georgian era and into the contemporary setting of Montana. And what a great transition she's made. With her trademark fine prose, and attention to detail, **Slow Hand** is a wonderful story and sexy romance.

With a mature and experienced hand, Ms Vane writes believable and fun dialogue. Nikki and Wade's romance begins almost immediately with some flirty banter. Their strong physical attraction starts from the word go, but takes its time to develop into romance. With the conflict playing out with older brother, Dirk and the developing romance with Nikki, this is an entertaining read.

It's obvious that Victoria Vane has done her research into a working ranch. Readers will feel immersed in

ranch life and the ongoing struggle to make it a success. ***Slow Hand*** is the first book in the ***Hot Cowboy Nights*** series, and Wade's brother, Dirk gets his story in the next book, ***Rough Rider***.

For readers who enjoy cowboys in a contemporary setting, ***Slow Hand*** is all you could ask for. Welcome to the 21st century, Ms Vane!

Steam: 3.5

ARC courtesy of Sourcebooks Casablanca via NetGalley

KatLynne says

3.5 Sexy Cowboy Stars

Known for her delicious Historicals, the talented Victoria Vane has produced a winner with her first Contemporary. Here she gives the tale of Nikki Powell, a Southern girl returning to Montana to bury her father, and the oh-so-sexy Wade Knowlton whom she meets along the way. He's ruggedly handsome, a sexy-as-sin lawyer and without a doubt this cowboy is the **shining star** of this story.

From the beginning the flirty banter is delicious and the sexual tension thick. Both have reasons for not wanting a relationship, making the slow build enticing. Vane's talented writing brings alive the cattle industry in Montana, giving readers a greater understanding of the hardships many ranchers face. And her vivid imagery of this area had me feeling as if I was there in that crisp, cool mountain air.

My biggest hiccup was Nikki. Understanding her reasoning, her indecisiveness still had me at times wanting Wade to run! I'm happy to say that by the end my feelings had changed, however a little more groveling on her part would have been perfect:)

All in all, I very much enjoyed this story. Victoria's foray into Contemporary Western Romance is proof that her talent isn't limited to Historicals. The plight of the well fleshed secondary characters has left me eagerly anticipating the next installment.

Thank you to Netgalley and author, Victoria Vane, for the opportunity to read this and offer an honest review. It was a pleasure!

Didi says

DNF

Maybe it's my mood, maybe it's the pacing of this book, but unfortunately it's not holding my attention. Am I a big fan of western romances? Not in particular, but I'm not so obtuse to avoid them altogether. I guess it depends on the writing and the hero/cowboy's characterization. Wade was alright, but didn't quite warrant my attention. Things moved a little slowly for me and that's not to say I was expecting non-stop action. I wasn't actually, but even in a slow moving story I need aspects of it to keep me holding on, and to my regret

this book couldn't do that.

With the most sincere respect to Victoria Vane, I appreciate the arc, thank you for the opportunity. This has gotten wonderful reviews so I urge anyone intrigued by the synopsis to pick it up, it just didn't work for me.

Release slated for November 4, 2014.

*Copy provided by Victoria Vane for review *

Karla says

4.5 Yippee Kay Yay Stars! Wonderful contemporary romance debut for Victoria Vane!

Dual Review with Kathleen originally posted at Swept Away By Romance

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She did come around and I loved the way she handled things with her sister.

Best scene(s) and/or quote(s)

Kathleen says: When Nikki drank too much and came onto Wade. How he reacted and some of the things he said to her about the difference between the way a boy treats his woman compared to a man, were panty drenching good.

When Nikki was in her father's cabin and found all the letters he had sent her over the years and she finally saw the reason why they hadn't connected. This was a very emotional scene for me.

When Nikki FINALLY goes after Wade, the conversation she uses to get Wade riled up was hysterical. The epilogue! It was so darn ROMANTIC!

Karla says: The dessert discussions...peaches and cream...cannolis...

"Oh yes, Wade. I love cannoli. Especially if they're big and long and so filled to bursting that they explode in your mouth."

The time they spent at the cabin...HOT STUFF!!! Spam wasn't the only thing that Wade and Nikki heated up!

Favorite character(s)

Kathleen says: WADE! I LOVED everything about him! He was a complete gentleman, but he was also intelligent, considerate, attentive, charming, sexy, HOT and definitely made sure Nikki was WELL PLEASURED! I sighed so many times at the things he said and did. I TOTALLY fell in love with him.

Karla says: Wade! He was the perfect gentleman and was smart, sexy, kind, understanding and a hard worker. He put everyone else's needs and concerns before his own. He had me from the moment he appeared on the page and never let go of his hold on me, there wasn't one thing I didn't like about him.

Overall Thoughts

Kathleen says: I thought with this being Victoria Vane's first contemporary cowboy romance that she did a FANTASTIC JOB! The story line kept me VERY INTERESTED from beginning to end. This read drew many emotions out of me, I smiled, laughed, cried, got angry, sighed, but most of all I was really turned on. The heat level was just right; I tell you Victoria Vane sure knows how to write some very spicy love scenes. What she also does so well are the characters, they are all very original and I loved them ALL. This is a book you definitely should not miss out on. ~ **BIG 4.5 SEXY STARS!**

Karla says: Known for her well written, delightful, engaging historical romances, Victoria Vane the "Mistress of Sensuality", takes a leap through time and lands smack dab in the middle of contemporary cowboy country...boots first! No matter the century, 18th or 21st, this author knows how to weave a romantic passionate tale, and her first foray with a modern day hero is a success!

Victoria Vane not only wrote a wonderful contemporary cowboy romance, she also addressed social issues and used it as a backdrop for the story she told. Her attention to detail about the state of Montana and its people, along with some fascinating tidbits about the issues they face with government bureaucracy, gave the story authenticity, and also made for some informative interesting reading.

Some authors have difficulty transitioning from one sub-genre of romance to another, it's not often that they can master both. Victoria Vane has a proven track record with historical romance, and now I'm pleased to say that she has in fact hog-tied and branded her seal on contemporary romance too! ~ **4.5 Solid Stars!**

A copy of the book was provided by Victoria Vane in exchange for an honest review

Emily says

Nicole Powell has had a slew of bad relationships that have ground in one rule, stay away from cowboys no matter how good looking they are. When she receives word that her estranged father has passed away, it seems Nicole is on another unlucky streak with the flight from hell and a series of unfortunate events that follow.

Wade Knowlton can't help but keep his grin to himself when his eyes land on Nicole. Even though it looks like she is having a terrible day, he can't stop himself from being attracted. He never thought their quick moment of seeing each other would lead to the two of them being around one another for another matter, he is the lawyer handling her father's will. Wade wants Nicole, Nicole wants Wade, but he is a cowboy lawyer who makes insides flutter which has Nicole running in the other direction.

Very fun read. Nicole has been burned one time too many, but Wade has his own reasons to not trust. However for the first time in a long time, he wants to give a relationship a try. Nicole however is determined to head home to Georgia, while Wade is doing his best to convince him to stay. Perfect read for a slow sultry day.

Mei says

I received this book from the author through Netgalley for my honest review.

Maybe this book wasn't for me... And I'm sorry...

I gave it 2 stars only because something changed in the last quarter of the book.

In the first part I hated the heroine. She was TSTL! Let me explain: it's not a spoiler.

Nikki, our heroine, is flying from Atlanta. She's afraid of flying, but she must go because her father has died and she had to take care of his burial. After landing she drops her purse and all the things inside are scattered around. She frantically picks up: *her cell phone, tubes of lipstick, feminine products, and miscellaneous other objects that littered the floor.*

Obviously what did she forget to look for? C'mon, take a guess!

(view spoiler)

Will anybody do that??? I never, ever would! It's the absolutely the first thing I would be looking for!

After that she is very surprised when Wade (our hero) tells her that in order to get her documents, i.e. ID, credit cards, driver's license...

"I suggest you begin with the airline to see if your wallet's been recovered. If it hasn't, you'll need to notify the Denver police."

"I've already called the airline," she replied, "but why the police? It wasn't stolen."

"Should anyone get their hands on your credit cards and ID, you'll want to have a report on file for fraud"

prevention. You should also alert the credit reporting companies.”
“Thanks.” She offered a grateful smile. “I wouldn’t have thought of that.”

Really???? Really???? **REALLY????**
OMG, girl, where do you live??? On the moon???

The sad thing is that she's supposedly been living by herself since she was 17 years old... I'm wondering how has she survived all that time...

Then, shell we speak about insta-lust?
She met Wade 3 hours ago and she's already kissing him??? WOW!! **WOW!!!**

Well, maybe I'm a prude, but for me that is NOT normal behaviour!

Let's forget all this, as I cannot stand TSTL heroines, so maybe I'm biased... but, she's a bipolar too!!!

One moment she's all hot all over Wade and the next she's pushing him away. One moments she's throwing some heavy sexual innuendo and the next she's offended when he acts upon it.

Well, if I were Wade, I'll run away as far and as fast as I could!!! I wouldn't care that her ass is stellar. That her hear is heavy and silky. That her eyes are large and heavily fringed. She could be Miss Universe, but I would **RUN!!!!**

So the positive: Wade's patience, his explanation about his business and ranching and, hear, hear, Nikki's normal desire not to rush things.

I'm really, really sorry to give such a low rating, but I just couldn't stomach Nikki... :(

Geri Reads says

3.5 stars!

I love Victoria Vane's writing and have enjoyed a couple of her books in the past, so I was excited when I was approved for a galley of this book.

I still liked this book and enjoyed it for the most part. I loved Wade and the fact that the story was set in Montana. Vane's vivid description of the state was one of the things that I enjoyed. I haven't been to Montana but her writing made it seem like I was there breathing in the crisp Montana air.

My problem with book, which really put a dent on my enjoyment was the heroine Nikki. I just couldn't connect with her. Her stubbornness, her independence, her complete disregard for Wade's feeling and her judgmental attitude really rubbed me wrong. I get that her heart has been broken in the past but I felt she was just being difficult and obtuse. Even when her sister pointed out her faulty logic, she had the gall to get mad at Wade when he didn't mope around and wait for her but moved to another city instead. I mean, duh, the guy practically begged you to give him a chance and you just left him.

And she didn't even grovel. Okay. She did drive through the snow but I'm an equal opportunity grovel lover.

I love it when the hero messes up and grovels for the heroine. In the same manner, I fully expect my heroines to grovel when they mess up. She didn't, IMO.

Still, the sensuality and the Vane's writing is enough to make this an enjoyable read for me.

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Kathleen says

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Kathleen & Karla's Dual Review

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She did come around and I loved the way she handled things with her sister.

Best scene(s) and/or quote(s)

Kathleen says: When Nikki drank too much and came onto Wade. How he reacted and some of the things he said to her about the difference between the way a boy treats his woman compared to a man, were panty

drenching good.

When Nikki was in her father's cabin and found all the letters he had sent her over the years and she finally saw the reason why they hadn't connected. This was a very emotional scene for me.

When Nikki FINALLY goes after Wade, the conversation she uses to get Wade riled up was hysterical.

The epilogue! It was so darn ROMANTIC!

Karla says: The dessert discussions...peaches and cream...cannolis...

"Oh yes, Wade. I love cannoli. Especially if they're big and long and so filled to bursting that they explode in your mouth."

The time they spent at the cabin...HOT STUFF!!! Spam wasn't the only thing that Wade and Nikki heated up!

Favorite character(s)

Kathleen says: WADE! I LOVED everything about him! He was a complete gentleman, but he was also intelligent, considerate, attentive, charming, sexy, HOT and definitely made sure Nikki was WELL PLEASURED! I sighed so many times at the things he said and did. I TOTALLY fell in love with him.

Karla says: Wade! He was the perfect gentleman and was smart, sexy, kind, understanding and a hard worker. He put everyone else's needs and concerns before his own. He had me from the moment he appeared on the page and never let go of his hold on me, there wasn't one thing I didn't like about him.

Overall Thoughts

Kathleen says: I thought with this being Victoria Vane's first contemporary cowboy romance that she did a FANTASTIC JOB! The story line kept me VERY INTERESTED from beginning to end. This read drew many emotions out of me, I smiled, laughed, cried, got angry, sighed, but most of all I was really turned on. The heat level was just right; I tell you Victoria Vane sure knows how to write some very spicy love scenes. What she also does so well are the characters, they are all very original and I loved them ALL. This is a book you definitely should not miss out on. ~ BIG 4.5 SEXY STARS!

Karla says: Known for her well written, delightful, engaging historical romances, Victoria Vane the "Mistress of Sensuality", takes a leap through time and lands smack dab in the middle of contemporary cowboy country...boots first! No matter the century, 18th or 21st, this author knows how to weave a romantic passionate tale, and her first foray with a modern day hero is a success!

Victoria Vane not only wrote a wonderful contemporary cowboy romance, she also addressed social issues and used it as a backdrop for the story she told. Her attention to detail about the state of Montana and its people, along with some fascinating tidbits about the issues they face with government bureaucracy, gave the story authenticity, and also made for some informative interesting reading.

Some authors have difficulty transitioning from one sub-genre of romance to another, it's not often that they can master both. Victoria Vane has a proven track record with historical romance, and now I'm pleased to say that she has in fact hog-tied and branded her seal on contemporary romance too! ~ 4.5 Solid Stars!

A copy of this book was kindly gifted by the author in exchange for an honest review.

RachelW (BamaGal) says

SLOW HAND takes place in the wide open spaces of Montana; and as Nicole Powell arrives from sunny Georgia, she quickly realizes that she is out of her element. Nikki has received notice that her long estranged father has died, and as his only relative she must plan his funeral. She runs into a series of problems before she can even reach her destination of Twin Bridges, Montana, however; and a cowboy at the airport helps her out of her predicament. Unbeknownst to Nikki, the cowboy is none other than the lawyer who will be handling her father's will.

Wade Knowlton is on his way home from a meeting when flights are disrupted due to the weather; and gallantly gives up his seat to Nikki. After arriving and discovering that Wade is the lawyer she is to contact, another issue rears its head. She has lost her wallet, with all of her ID and credit cards. Wade, being the gentleman that he is, personally guides her through the process of restoring her identity and provides her a place to stay. It doesn't hurt any that he has taken a fancy to Nikki and wants to get to know her better.

As Wade and Nikki spend time together, the attraction between them grows. Nikki, having been involved in a long string of failed relationships, plans to take care of her business and leave; but thinks a little flirtation with the good-looking lawyer certainly can't hurt anything. Wade takes Nikki home to his family ranch to stay, and then on a trip up the mountain to look for stray cattle. When they are forced to spend the night in a cabin on the mountain, their casual friendship comes to a head. Can Nikki bring herself to trust this cowboy with her heart when so many other men have let her down?

SLOW HAND is historical romance author Victoria Vane's first foray into contemporary romance. The research into the inner workings of the cattle industry, as well as the vivid imagery of the Montana backdrop sets the storyline apart from the average romance tale. SLOW HAND is a meaty, sprawling family saga; as well as a tentative romance between a man burned by previous relationships and a restless, rootless woman. The flirty banter between Wade and Nikki is deliciously wicked, the sexual tension thick, and the love scenes steamy. The well fleshed out secondary characters and subplots of SLOW HAND leave the reader eagerly anticipating the next story in the series; that of Wade's contentious brother Dirk.

As always, Vicki; thank you

Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

3.5 Cowboy Loving Stars!!

This is my very first Victoria Vane book, and I have to say I'm looking forward to the next book in this series. I really enjoyed her writing style, she was so descriptive of Montana I can actually picture it.

I loved the Hero Wade, who wouldn't love this rugged yet refined Cowboy/Lawyer!! What I didn't love was the heroine Nikki, I found her to be wishy washy and indecisive and it drove me crazy!!! If not for Wade I'm not sure I would have finished, which would have been disappointing because when Nikki *finally* got out of her own head my feelings for her changed.

All in all an enjoyable read and I'm anxious to read the next book in the series Rough Rider featuring Wade's bad tempered, surly brother Dirk.

