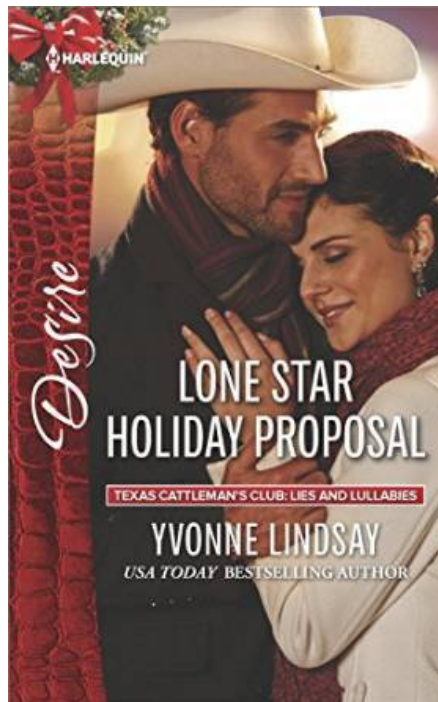




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A sexy Texan has the holidays to decide: close the deal or open his heart? Only from *USA TODAY* bestselling author Yvonne Lindsay!

Royal, Texas, native Nolan Dane's homecoming is bittersweet—he'd once lost everything here. But he's eager to finalize a key real estate deal for his mysterious boss by Christmas—even if making it happen means cozying up to local shop owner Raina Patterson. Falling for the beautiful single mom isn't part of the plan. But when Nolan's secrets catch up with him, he realizes his true feelings for Raina run deep. Now, can he prove he's worthy of her—before it's too late?

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Melody Cox says

Not an easy book for me to review. I know most will disagree but I did not like Nolan the hero. I thought it was admirable for him to relinquish his job for the good of Royal Texas but I always felt he was holding back from Raina which he was.

Prepare yourself for a Rant or just skip it altogether if you choose. I am angry and upset with this book and it appears I am alone on this.

Lots of complaints about the man who I didn't have a high opinion of.

Here is what troubled me: His constant thoughts about his dead wife. Yes his loss was tragic, horrific but it had been seven years. Then there were the times where his thoughts went to how much Raina looked like his first wife down to the descriptiveness of their hair and color. I'm sorry but that just felt creepy to me. Then someone told Raina that she looked so much like his deceased wife they could have passed for sisters. It bothered her when she was told about the look alike and felt he was choosing her because it reminded him of his late wife and I don't feel she addressed this with him. It felt as though it was left hanging.

He had taken care of her ex-partner so he wouldn't bother her again and demand money but he never did tell her. She was concerned daily about the jerk showing up and checking her safe to make sure the money was still there to pay him off. Yet he never tells her so she can relax and not worry about him showing up daily. Thoughtlessness personified. Then their first night together he leaves before the main event. She was hurt and felt very alone but he continues to tell himself she needs time?? Why the heck can't he ask her what she needs because he was so way off he only worsened her worries. What he continued to do was make her more unsure of him and her feelings. When she finally persuaded him to hit the sheets (I found it odd that she was the one to bring it up both times when he was the one who was so hot for her, yet he rejects her) he got up and left her without a word. Then he decides to leave her for a week and go to LA to clear up some things and leaves her alone to ponder why the heck he got up and left and refused to spend the night or spend Christmas with her and her son. Refused to even stop by Christmas morning because he was going to his mom's and dad's then leaving town. He never called or contacted her by text the whole time he was gone which made her think that maybe he wouldn't come back, or that he realized he didn't really care about her. She was a wreck.

Then on top of that he is keeping a whopper of a secret from her, something that should have been discussed before they got too serious or at least before he asked her to marry him. What in the world is wrong with this guy. I really feel like he didn't love her like he should or maybe not at all and it does make me question if she wasn't just a substitute. When he was away from her and when he was with her he most always had thoughts of his late wife like he placed his first wife in-between them. Then Raina was told by several people how deeply in love he had been with his wife...and still was. It just goes on and on and I felt like he made one mistake after another. I simply didn't care much for him. He seemed quite ignorant when it came to things he should not do like withholding secrets and leaving her alone. He was so clueless it bordered on ignorance.

I just finished a half an hour ago and I am still so upset and agitated. I hate to feel this upset about a book when I need to be asleep.

WOW!!! Talk about red flags all over the place. Do I recommend? No. Would I read it again? Definitely not. Regret reading it the first time.

Lyn says

I found this a quick little read... normally I find that Yvonne's stories can be read alone even if they are part of a miniseries like this one is. As I haven't read the previous story in this incarnation of the Texas Cattleman's Club miniseries by Desire, I did feel that I was missing some of the background.

I thought that the hero, Nolan, was super sweet... giving up his job, giving Raina time to come to her own decisions, and I know there's more that I'm forgetting.

I did find it awkward that both Nolan and Raina were keeping details from each other but they actually knew the truth before either fronted up with the information.

Overall though, I enjoyed this story and will likely re-read it when I pick up the rest of this lot of TCC titles.

Kerry Croucier says

Nolan Dane has finally come home to Royal, Texas. He left after a tragedy years ago, and has only returned to complete his job acquiring land for Samson Oil, then he will head back to the life he has made from himself.

Single mom Raina Patterson is finally starting to see the light after losing her shop in the tornado that destroyed much of Royal. When handsome Nolan comes into her shop, she is intrigued, but wary, as her past experience with men hasn't been good.

Raina has grabbed Nolan's attention, and he uses the need to gather information on the property as an excuse to see her again.

Both these characters have past hurts and secrets that they aren't ready to share. As they spend more time together, Nolan has to decide if he can let go of the past and come home to a future with Raina...if he can make her believe he was interested in her, not the property.

I really enjoyed these two characters. Nolan is a truly good man who buried his feelings to deal with the pain. Meeting Raina helps him realize that he is allowed to be happy again, and that his memories will always hurt, but not as much.

Raina is a strong woman who has learned to take care of herself and her son, not needing a man. When it comes to her ex, she doesn't take a stand, which I see as her biggest weakness...but we all have them. I think it makes her human.

This was a well-written story, with fun and likable characters, especially a rambunctious and adorable little boy! I enjoyed this story immensely, and didn't feel lost for not reading the first in the series, although I am interested in reading them!

**I received an advanced copy in exchange for an honest review.

Dorel says

This is the 1st book I read by Yvonne Lindsay. This book's story line was great but sad. I loved this book's story line. I loved the hot & steamy scenes. I loved Nolan's character. My heart broke for Nolan. I loved how Nolan helped Raina. I loved Raina's character. I loved Raina's strength in this story. I loved JJ, I thought he was so adorable. I loved the ending. I would definitely read more books by Ms. Lindsay awesome job.

Shelagh says

Nolan Dane has been operating on auto pilot since the death of his son and subsequent suicide of his wife. It takes returning to his home town and meeting Raina Patterson to wake up his senses and make him question his lifestyle and values.

Single mother Raina has not had the best of luck with men. Her former partner and father of her son JJ is a lowlife with a gambling and a drinking problem. He regularly appears n her life demanding money to cover gambling debts and like a fool, Raina regularly hands over the money. I really wanted to shake her for being so stupid. Other than constantly handing over her hard earned cash and living in fear of Je 's next visit, Raina is a decent, hard working woman who clearly dotes on her son and is doing all she can to give him a good life.

The book is set in Royal, Texas, and as a non-American, I immediately expected cowboys and Indians. You'll be disappointed if that's what you're looking for as this is very much a modern day tale. Yvonne Lindsay has done a god job of setting the scene of a town struggling back onto its feet after a tornado. The people seem very genuine and it was easy to imagine them.

This story has a well developed plot that flows nicely. There were a few loose ends with regard to the Samson Oil land grab around Royal, but I note that there is another book to be released in this series and judging by the title I think that will answer any questions on that score.

The dialogue worked well as did most of the prose although some similes here and there seemed a little bit superfluous. Despite my grammatical nitpicking, I enjoyed this book. It's a great choice for readers who like heartwarming stories of second chances.

Donna says

Another good book in this series. Enjoyed it.

Mem says

D2415 Dec15 TCC: Lies and Lullabies #2. Nolan Dane returns to his hometown, Royal, TX, to finalize real estate deals for his client who is a sheik. He questions antique shop owner, Raina Patterson, about the Courtyard shops where her store is located on a former ranch. Shops have opened her after the tornado destroyed so many buildings in the downtown area of Royal. Raina's landlord visits her, in her store, explaining that she will not sell the land to Nolan's client. When Nolan comes in to see her she tells him she wants nothing to do with him, she can't afford to start over again. She has her son to take care of and her loser ex. Just enough going on, Nolan's past, her father and son, her business, and her ex's many demands for money keep the story interesting.

Geraldine Sadiku says

Yvonne Lindsay Lone Star Holiday Proposal: A warm, cosy read that brings you some holiday cheer as well. Nolan is just the type of hero single mother Raina needs.

Andrea Laurence A White Wedding Christmas: A wonderful warm romance where the hero has to work for his happy ever after and the heroine has to learn to believe in the magic of love and the holiday season.

Loved both stories.

karen says

Nice to see sorrow turning to love and trust

Judy Rudy says

Lone Star Holiday Proposal is Yvonne Lindsay's contribution to Harlequin Desire's Texas Cattleman's Club: Lies and Lullabies series. Lone Star Holiday Proposal is set in Royal, Texas a town that is coming back after a devastating tornado ripped through the town. Raina Patterson, a single mother, is finally getting her life back together. She's reopened her antique store and has started teaching crafting classes. Nolan Dane has returned for one reason. He's buying-up real estate all over the town for Samson Oil. Nolan has his sights set on the complex where Raina has located her store. Not only does Nolan immediately fall for Raina, he also finds himself caring for her son. As their relationship develops, secrets are revealed that threaten their relationship. And along the way, Nolan comes to grips with a past that has kept him from returning to Royal. Lone Star Holiday Proposal was another fabulous read by Ms. Lindsay. This is a fantastic holiday novel that I highly recommend. I'd like to disclose that I received an advanced copy of Lone Star Holiday Proposal in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Renee Entress from Renee Entress's Blog says

4 star

The story has laughs, betrayal, secrets, and heartbreak.

If you have not read the below I would recommend reading those books(s) first
Courting the Cowboy Boss (Texas Cattleman's Club: Lies and Lullabies #1) by Janice Maynard

This is Raina and Nolan's story. Raina is just getting back on her feet after a horrible storm came through the town. She wants to raise her son and have her store be a success. Nolan was sent to town to get the person who owns the buildings on the street Raina works on to see to his boss. When he meets Raina he is attracted to her but he knows he needs to do his job. The more time he spends in town the more he wants to be with Raina. But Nolan has secrets. When his secrets come out will Raina want him in her life anymore? Will she be able to believe he wants to change and be a better man? Will Raina ever be able to trust him again?

I felt I was able to connect with the characters and the story was a great read.

I recommend this book.

Susan says

Very good book about two people with painful pasts who have a chance at happiness, if they can put that pain behind them. Nolan has returned to Royal to finalize several real estate deals for his secretive boss. He had left years earlier, after the deaths of his son and wife made staying too painful. He plans to finish his work and go back to LA.

There's one property that is resisting the buyout and Nolan goes there to see if he can find out why. In the process, he meets Raina, one of the shop owners. He's immediately attracted to her and thinks nothing of getting closer to her to see what he can find out. But it doesn't take long for Raina and her three year old son JJ to work their way past his walls.

I liked Raina. She has worked hard to get her life back together. but she is wary of men these days. She has proved to herself that her judgment about them hasn't been good. Her ex-husband cleaned out her bank accounts and left her while she was giving birth, but continues to pester her for money on a regular basis. Her antique store is finally beginning to recover from the effects of the previous year's tornado when rumors start circulating that the land could be sold and the tenants evicted. She has much to be worried about, and Nolan's attentions are a pleasant distraction.

I had a little trouble warming up to Nolan at the beginning because of the way he seemed to be planning to use Raina. I couldn't entirely dislike him because he was so wonderful with JJ right from the moment JJ dumped his ice cream on Nolan's suit. It quickly became obvious that he was developing feelings for Raina that conflicted with his job, and that conflict caused him to question what he was doing. I loved seeing what he did about it, though it came too late to keep Raina from finding out.

I ached for Raina and her feelings of betrayal. She had that pain to deal with, as well as the increasingly insistent demands for money from her ex. Her feelings for Nolan had grown quickly, and she was left feeling that she had failed again. Nolan was hurting also, as he knew what had happened was his own fault. I liked the way that he turned his hurt into action, finding a way to protect Raina and JJ. I also liked that he didn't give up, and was finally able to explain what had happened to Raina. The only thing he had left to confront were his memories of the past and telling her about them, which he keeps putting off. I loved that he admitted his feelings to himself, but also knew that it might be too fast for Raina, and had the sensitivity to give her time to think. His big moment at the New Year's Eve party was sweet and romantic.

In this book, the person behind the land purchases is revealed, but his motivations are not. He definitely does not come across as a very nice person, but there are hints that he may be due for some surprises of his own.

Dottie says

Second chances at love is something Nolan Dane and Raina Patterson feel will never happen in their life. Nolan has escaped his past filled with hurt and moved from his home town of Royal and his fathers law practice to California. Pain and hurt have followed these two for years with Nolan's loss of wife and child and Raina accepting that the father of her son wanted no part of her or his child. Raina is trying to rebuilt her life with her son JJ after a tornado destroyed their hometown and is succeeding although slowly, So enter Nolan who is working for a client wanting to buy out the Courtyard which includes Raina's new store. His assignment is to find out all he can and get the owner of the land to sell to him sounds like a plan, should be easy , till he meet Raina, and you have the beginning of such a lovely story of second chances. Life is difficult for Raina , her sons father Jeb now demands money as he is in trouble, promising to finally disappear from their life, hopefully this time for good, and just when she thought she found something with

Nolan she discovers why he is back in town. Hurt and disillusioned Raina shuts out Nolan not knowing that he found a way to get rid of Jeb for a long time. Nolan also decides that Royal is where he really wants to be, back at his fathers law firm and hopefully in Raina and JJ's life. Ms. Lindsay pens such a lovely story of two people a chance encounter and the ability to let go of the hurt and begin again. A wonderful story just in time for the Christmas holidays to sit in your favorite chair wrapped in a blanket and escape to Royal and enjoy Nolan and Raina's story

Chera says

I received this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

This was the first time I've read Yvonne Lindsay and I must say it was a sweet and touching story. Beginning with the introduction of our main characters, Raina, JJ, and Nolan; Nolan has come home to Royal, Texas only as part of his job. Nolan stops in at the barn and Rains'a antique store, Priceless, with the intendant of finding the reasons that the merchants of The Courtyard are not wanting their landlord to sell to Nolan's boss, Rafe. The town of Royal suffered a tornado causing merchants moved from the demolished areas to the Courtyard and the area is striving.

Nolan enters Priceless and JJ, Raina's 3 year old son runs into Nolan with an ice cream cone and right into the groin of Nolan's \$2000 suit. Nolan is immediately drawn to Raina. As the story continues, Raina's ex arrives and demands money from her to leave her and JJ alone. JJ becomes attached to Nolan and Raina is on the verge of falling in love with Nolan when everything falls into shambles.

Greta Riordan says

I am really confused half the time he is Logan and the other half Liam?
