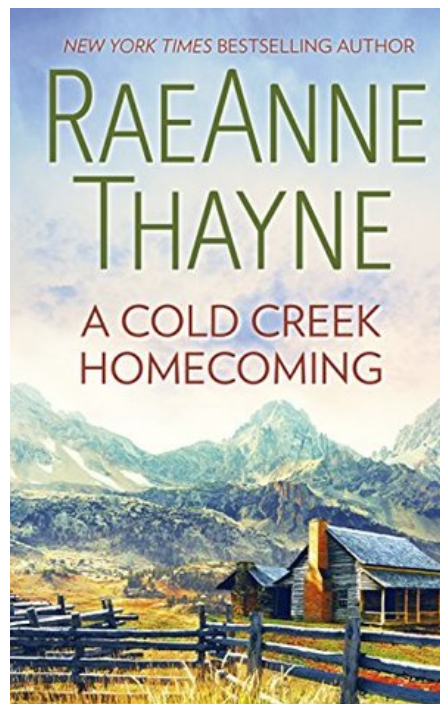




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Take a second chance in Cold Creek with a fan favorite from New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne.

Fifteen years later, Quinn Southerland still hadn't forgiven Tess Claybourne for treating him like the dirt beneath her boots. But the widowed nurse tending his ailing mother was a world away from the spoiled homecoming queen Quinn had known. Yet she was just as achingly beautiful, still arousing the old bittersweet longing for something he could never have.

Or could he? That fierce attraction still burned between them. This could be their second chance...if they let love lead them where their hearts longed to go....

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Sharon says

Really enjoyed this book. Glad I finally got to finish it. I was worried it wasn't going to be a happy ending, but it was. Can't wait to read some more of RaeAnne Thayne's books. This was a first for me.

Laura Aase says

Very satisfying. A little too much arguing but good story. Quinn comes home to say goodbye to his beloved foster mother only to find her number one nurse is Tess, a girl who was cruel to him all during high school.

Barbara says

I loved this book. Quinn Southerland returns home to spend time with his dying mother (no spoiler - the back cover tells you this). This book touched home with me because my elderly mother lives alone 1,073 miles away from me and has numerous health issues. Although she isn't dying, I could easily relate to the issue Quinn was going through. This book brought tears to my eyes numerous times, but I thoroughly enjoyed the story.

Cathie says

RaeAnne writes beautiful stories!!

Her characters are believable. They make you feel they are real and you are there in Pine Gulch, watching them from inside the story. Not from the other side of the book!

Sue Stewart says

Loved this book - the conflicts, the sorrow, the anticipation. Amazing characters, each perfectly doing their part to capture me and not let me go.

Bernie says

A Cold Creek Homecoming is the fifth book in the Cowboys of Cold Creek series written by author RaeAnne Thayne.

Ann Boytim says

A sad homecoming for Quinn one of three foster children who made their way into the world but now he is back to see his foster mother as she is dying and her wish is to see the three young men she fostered before she dies. Quinn has bad memories of someone in his past and then he sees her again as the hospice nurses for his foster mother. This young woman has had some tragedies in her past as she married young and her husband was in a very bad car accident and she nurses him for a few years before he passed away. Everyone is trying to make peace but things do not always go as planned.

Kathi Olsen says

A pretty decent novel about reconciling past events with how people change and who they were meant to be. Pretty predictable for the most part but enjoyable. Only had to skip a couple of pages of bedroom scenes.

Danielle says

As soon as I opened the pages for this story, I was pretty much hooked. What hooked me wasn't necessarily the romance between Tess and Quinn, but the story in general. It was very engaging just with the characters and the storyline and the writing. I find that something about RaeAnne Thayne's writing style really gets to me and just puts me right in the middle of the story. With this story in particular, I felt remnants of Diana Palmer stories, who is one of my favorite authors, and found myself comparing her with that and in a good way because it had such a familiar feel to me.

This was a different type of story that I have ever read in the past. In fact it was kind of sad and heartbreaking especially with the plot line. Quinn was coming back to Cold Creek to basically say goodbye to his foster mom, who was dying of cancer. She only had weeks to live, and her last wish was to see and say goodbye to her foster sons and niece. Quinn hadn't been back in years but for his foster mother's dying wish he obliged. Come to find out that the woman caring for his mother was Tess, an enemy of his who made his life hell in high school. So he wasn't happy with that turn of events. It wasn't exactly an uplifting start of the book, and I don't if I have ever read a beginning like this one and was very unique experience to say the least.

What was most engaging about it though was defiantly the characters in this story. I really enjoyed seeing the dynamics between the characters especially Quinn's interaction with his foster mom, and how truly he was devoted to giving her everything in her last moments of life. I liked seeing him taking care of her and talk to her, and just be with her. It was a very bittersweet moment especially since he knew where this situation was heading. All the characters did and it was like hovering and just waiting for the moment for her to pass as morbid as that seem. But what made really interesting was the fact that everyone in the book was preparing for this moment where she was leaving this Earth, but yet not being prepared for at the same time. Everyone was just hanging by thread waiting for the shoe to drop. As weird as it sounds, that created a lot of suspense and anticipation because as a reader I was trying to prepare myself for the foster mother's death and wondering with every turn of a page whether it was going to happen in this chapter or chapter. Was going to happen in the beginning, the middle, or end. Not that I wanted her to die, but I definitely was wondering when it was going to happen especially after all the lead up to that moment. It kept very into the story and

engage. And I hoped that she would get the death that she wanted.

While all that was going on Quinn and Tess had to deal with the dynamics of their own relationship both past and present. There was an attraction between them since high school, but nothing had occurred between them. One reason, Tess wasn't particularly nice to Quinn and treated very unfairly and cruelly, causing him to hate her. So they have to hash it out in this dramatic situation. The both had to see each other for what they were currently and not for the people that they were in the past. For example, Quinn thought that Tess was nothing but a spoiled little rich girl that had to always get her way or a temper tantrum would ensue and not caring who was hurt in the process like he was in the past by her. But come to find out that Tess was nothing like that immature high school girl that he came to know. Tess had dealt with tragedy in her young life and hadn't had the easy time. She was caring and devoted to those around her, which was not only shown with his care of his foster mother, but he learned about her taking care of her late husband after he was in a horrible accident leaving him with a severe brain injury. Once he learned about the true, Tess then he could see her more clearly and feelings started to ensue and grown. But they both had to get to that understanding first.

It was nice to see Quinn and Tess become close as they got to know each other as people. It was a nice and sweet coming together between them that had some really beautiful moments to them. They shared an intimacy and passion that they had never shared with anyone else, revealing fears, pasts, and desires. They bonded and it was sweet see. I enjoyed their scenes together especially the tender ones. I liked them together. This may not been my favorite romance that I have read of all time and I might have wanted a little more romance wise because it did feel a little rushed, but it was still good and was satisfied with it.

I definitely did enjoy this story overall, and I was engaged from the very beginning. The characters were the heartbeat of the story. It was bittersweet yet tender. Loving yet heartbreaking. Emotional. Just everything I would expect from this type of storyline. Each of the characters had been through some brutal times and had scars because of that, which in turn lead to complications especially in the romance department. I liked seeing them overcome those obstacles so they could be happy again. It was a nice change from what I usually read, and even though the romance wasn't what I was totally expecting it was still good and worth the read. It touched my heart and gave me all good vibes when I was reading it and once I completed the story, and that's all I can really ask for in a book.

Emily Higgins says

Quinn returns to Cold Creek because his foster mother is dying. He is shocked to find out that one of the hospice nurses is Tess, the girl who made his life miserable in high school. Have Quinn and Tess changed enough over the years that the teen antagonism can turn to love?

Sylvia says

Great book!! Great story!! Love this author's books!!

Carolyn says

What an wonderful, sweet, emotional read! What's more better than reading about friends, family, and your

hometown and add in high school classmates with attitude and this book is truly a first-read for me!

Roub says

i actually liked the book but the problem is dat der was not enough interaction between quin n tess. it felt more like a story about a family reunion than a love one at dat. neway i admired tess 4 she rised above her selfish n spoilt teenage self n became a very nice person after being an awful bitch. ofc her husband's accident helped in changing her, moulding her into a much better person

Suze says

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I loved this book, wonderful story about foster kids and their special mom. Great series, will eventually read them all.

Marjorie says

Quinn Southerland has come home to Cold Creek as his foster mother is dying. Her nurse is Tess Claybourne and he had had a tremendous crush on her in high school though she treated him terribly. Their love story is learning how to look beyond the past and realize how time has changed each of them.
