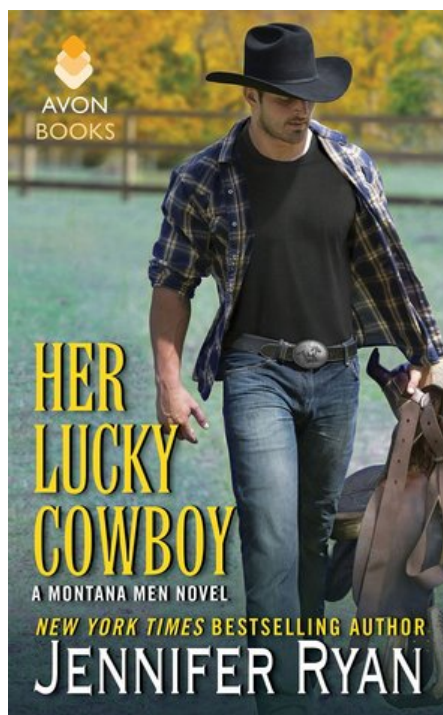




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Everything's bigger in Big Sky country, including the hearts of the Montana Men...

Champion rodeo rider Dane Bowden is eight seconds from winning under the Vegas lights, one last hurrah before reluctantly returning to his family's Montana ranch. But his bull has other plans. When Dane wakes up, he's sure he's died and gone to heaven . . . because the doctor who comes to his aid is the same girl who saved his life and disappeared years ago.

Bell would do anything for Dane. He's the fantasy that always kept her going. A child genius hidden away by her family, Bell was the secret no one talked about, the girl no one wanted. Despite finding success as a young surgeon, she's still the awkward girl who's never had a boyfriend. So why does Dane, a notorious playboy and sizzling-hot cowboy, insist on taking her on a real date?

Bell is the only woman in Dane's heart. When a rodeo rivalry turns deadly, it's his turn to save Bell's life—because he sure as hell won't lose his guardian angel again.

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

Her Lucky Cowboy...whoa! I think I might be the lucky one, to have gotten my hot, little hands on this book. I've enjoyed the other *Montana Men*, but Dane is officially my favorite—as I suspected he might be from the start.

Years ago, Dane Bowden was saved by an angel—a beautiful girl that disappeared without a trace. At the end of his championship rodeo career, Dane suffers an accident that leaves him prone...and staring into the same blue eyes that saved him a decade earlier.

Dr. Bell has experienced much success in her short life. But this genius doctor was all but abandoned by the family that hid her from the public eye, and her social skills are sub-par. There's no way a handsome, desirable man like Dane Bowden—her fantasy—would ever want her. Right?

Except Dane does want the Doc, and he's determined to prove it to her. She's his angel, and when she is threatened by his past, he'll do whatever it takes to save her...like she did for him.

I loved this book!! It was funny, sexy, sweet and deeply emotion in turn, and I couldn't put it down. I had wanted to read Dane's story from his first appearance in this excellent cowboy series, and I am thrilled with how it played out. Jennifer Ryan gave the playboy a story that was suspenseful and a little heart-breaking, yet so full of hope my heart near exploded.

It could have gone the other way. I had high expectations for this one, and that often spells disaster, but not here. Dane was persistent, kind and wonderfully playful with the somewhat awkward, but absolutely loveable Bell. I swooned for him, and the way he was intent on making Bell see that he'd changed...for her.

And why wouldn't he want to change his ways for her? Bell is the kind of woman I would love to be friends with; a smart, strong and generous soul, one that has endured much and still tries to see the best even as she feels (rightful) resentment for her circumstances. Both Bell and Dane were easy to love, and together they made a perfect romance couple. It just felt good with them—never forced, never rushed, always so *right*.

Yes, I do feel lucky to have read this story. The way Dane proves what makes a man and protects what he considers his, the love that is shared in this wonderful family, along with the very hot, very steamy scenes, make *Her Lucky Cowboy* the perfect weekend read. My only complaint is that it's over. I would read more about this couple in a heartbeat. I guess I'll just have to wait for more of Ms. Ryan's *Montana Men*. ~ Beth, 5 stars

Quinn's Book Nook says

Jennifer's Ryan's Montana Men series has gotten some really great reviews. I have some friends who really love this series, and this book in particular. Unfortunately, ***Her Lucky Cowboy* is really not a good fit for me.**

I should say that there are some really great things about *Her Luck Cowboy*. I really love and appreciate that **the hero of the story, Dane, is not a jerk.** He's a nice guy, albeit one who has enjoyed fooling around with a

lot of women. But Dane does respect women, he just wasn't interested in getting serious with one. But when he meets Bell again as an adult, right then and there, he is committed to getting to know her. He doesn't want any other woman, only Bell. And I like that a lot. That is a very attractive quality. I also liked how Dane didn't get into a lot of self-pity after the accident that damaged his leg so much. He was thankful to be alive, and ready to change his life.

Her Lucky Cowboy is also pretty fast-paced, which is always a good thing to me. The story moved at a good pace, and there were only a few parts that got a little slow for me.

But there are also parts of this book that just didn't work for me. So often I felt like Bell would say these things to Dane that I couldn't imagine anyone saying to someone they just met. Like criticizing him for having been with women in the past. I mean, she barely knew him. It just felt very peculiar to me. And judgmental as well.

I also felt like the story was a bit more melodramatic than I like. It just felt very unrealistic. I mean, Bell is this bastard child, and she grew up with her paternal grandparents because neither her father (who was already married with a family) nor mother wanted her. And her grandmother hid her away, and no one knew? I mean, really? And then Bell also happens to be a genius, and goes off to college at 15 years. But she's so much younger than everyone else that she never makes any friends and she feels really awkward with people. Maybe if only one of these aspects of the story were in *Her Lucky Cowboy* I would have liked it more, but all of these (plus more I'm not mentioning because of spoilers) felt like too much.

Even with Bell an adult she still didn't make any friends, and I guess I feel like she could have made friends if she made an effort now that she is an adult. **A lot of the story it just felt like Bell was feeling sorry for herself** but never did anything to make her life a bit better. There was even this part where she is thinking that she only goes to the movies alone and she deals with pity-stares from the other movie-goers. And all I could think was that was ridiculous. As if the other movie-goers give a crap about her being their alone.

But, again, I know so many people really enjoyed *Her Lucky Cowboy*. **My tastes tend more towards the lighter fare, so that is probably a lot to do with my feelings for this one.** I did really like that Dane was a nice guy, and committed. There wasn't a lot of angst on his part, and I really liked that. This review was originally posted on Quinn's Book Nook

Beth says

Her Lucky Cowboy was a heartfelt and moving home town ranch story.

Dane, the youngest and last of the Bowden brothers, was gored by a bull and has permanent damage to his leg. The night of that tragic accident, Dane was saved by a young doctor who happened to be in the rodeo crowd.

Bell was the unwanted, bastard child of a successful man. His mother raised her in a home filled with bitterness and hate, hidden away from everyone. Her upbringing left her isolated but Bell still managed to make something of herself and become a successful doctor.

So, when the acknowledge lady's man, Dane, sets his sights on Bell we get a front row seats to a marvelous rocky romance.

I loved how Dane ends up champion Bell. You could say the saving goes both ways.

Her Lucky Cowboy made me laugh and cry, putting me through the gambit of emotions you only find in outstanding storytelling. To put it simply, *Her Lucky Cowboy* is the perfect hometown ranch romance.

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My Rating: 5 Stars

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Stacee says

I really liked the premise of this, so I was eager to see how it played out.

I loved Bell and Dane as characters. They're so different from it each other, but it really works. I enjoyed seeing them teach each other things. There were a few sweet moments that left me wanting more scenes of their relationship growing.

My main complaint is that there was a lot going on and things progressed quickly. In less than one month, they start dating, there's an accident, then a death, then they move in, then even more shit hits the fan {I won't go into details because spoilers, but there's at least 3 other HUGE plot points dumped on us with only 20% of the book left.} By the time we get to the end, it felt like the book was running on clichés.

The other thing that kept me from rating it higher was the extra POVs that we got. I get needing conflict, but the way it played out was disjointed and for me, interrupted the flow of the storytelling.

Don't get me wrong, I did enjoy the story and I was interested in finding out what happened. If it would have been outlined a bit differently, I think I would have enjoyed it more. I will be checking out the other books in the series.

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Lover of Romance says

This review was originally posted on Addicted To Romance

Summary

Dane Bowden, is a champion rodeo rider, and has worked hard to win his last rodeo ride. But after reaching the eight seconds, he is injured from the bull who attacks him and crushes his leg, the doctor who saves his leg and his life is the same girl who saved his life years ago but disappeared and was unable to find her until now. Bell has always admired Dane, ever since she saved him and felt his sweet smile and gentle touch, but knew she could never have him. Bell is a dedicated and genius Doctor, she struggles with human contact and doesn't know how to react to Dane's flirtatious ways, she refuses to be another of his "women" that he seems to collect. Dane wants Bell, but not just to make love to, he wants her for herself. He sees a woman that he can't resist, a sweet and kind young woman, that has been dealt a harsh blow in life. While he ends up at home on his ranch, that his parents left for him, he is determined to pursue her, because he knows that she is something pure and special and wants to know more about Bell. But Bell is being stubborn, and is making Dane work for his affections. Soon Bell will need to face her past if she wants to have a future with love and family, a life she has only dreamed of or read in books, but if Bell chooses to trust in Dane's love...then she can have it all!

The Hero

Dane Bowden is a cowboy, and a Rodeo Bull Rider. He grew up on a ranch with a loving family, and his brothers. He is dedicated, honest and hardworking. Dane is not your average hero. Dane while working on the ranch, fell off his horse and ended up injured, and a young woman with a face of an angel and a kind smile saved him until his father was able to reach him. He never knew who this mysterious angel was, but he searched for her. He knew that he needed to find the person who saved his life. Now it has been years, but he has never forgotten his mysterious lady. When he almost loses his life and his leg, but this same angel fights for him and saves his life, he refuses to let go of her this time. This time he will prove to her that she is worth fighting for. Dane was quite a delicious hero, despite his flock of "women". He has this type of confidence that is appealing, but he has never really had to fight for a woman before. He is famous and that draws women to him like bees to honey. What I loved most about him was how he takes it all in, and accepts it and is quite persistent and never gives up.

The Heroine

Bell, was the result of her father having a one night affair. Her mother dumped her with her father. Her father already had a family, and refuses to let anyone know of Bell and deserted her with his mother. Bell was raised with a loving grandfather until he died when she was young, but her grandmother views her as a sin and worthless. Bell inherited her genius brain to her father and grandfather. When an opportunity arises for her to go to college, she takes it and by the time she was in her early twenties she was already working as a surgeon. Bell is smart, loves her books but lives alone. She doesn't know how to interact with others on a personal level just a professional one. Her childhood made her who she is. My heart just reached out for Bell, because she has never really known much love except from her grandfather who passed away when she was little. She has been emotionally abused by her grandmother, but despite the horrid way she has been treated, Bell is sweet and loving and doesn't have an unkind word to say about anyone.

Plot and Story Line

Her Lucky Cowboy is the third book, and this is the last brother's story. Like the two previous books, this story had a level of emotional intensity that definitely made me feel so drawn to this story. From the beginning, where we see how Bell and Dane first meet, and I am not sure if it was intending to be written in this way but it pulled me right in to the story. I was drawn to both of these characters. Then it speeds up to the rodeo ride that Dane takes. Bell is with her sister at this point, a sister she is trying to reconnect with, when Dane gets hurt. She rushes down to save him and almost loses her life in the process from the bull that has crushed his leg. Bell knows her stuff, because she is one of the few surgeons able to save his leg. What I

find most admirable about Bell is her fierce nature that slowly comes out. In the beginning of the story she is very reserved and keeps to herself. She isn't used to interacting with others other than on a professional level, but Dane is a bit persistent. We see how much Bell changes from zero personal contact, to opening herself up to friendship...passion...and love. Dane is a character you just are fighting for, because you see how much he connects to Bell on an emotional level. Even though there is an attraction, it takes some time before they get to the "sex" part of the story. We see how they need to build up a trust first, because Bell has almost zero experience in the intimate department and has never seen a real relationship work. We also have an added element to the story, an element of danger. Now part of this element, really broke my heart, and we see how this danger brings them even closer together. The Bowden family was a hoot...I just loved seeing the brothers and their wives and the way they just love Bell immediately. This was a story that just pulled me in and I loved every moment. It was quite an intense story that had me hooked till the end.

The Cover

I just love this cover, I love the male model's pose here, sexy and strong...I love the saddle and the black hat

Overall View

Her Lucky Cowboy is a emotional and suspense filled romance that will give you laughs....and will have moments to make you cry. Its a story that will tug at your heartstrings and you will want to reach out for more...Heartwarming and Brilliant!

At Wolf Ranch (1)

When It's Right (2)

Her Lucky Cowboy (3)

Stone Cold Cowboy (4)

Lyndi W. says

I have zero complaints. **ZERO!** I really liked this story, it was exactly what I needed to read right now. A sweet and sexy romance with a smidgen of suspense. Probably wouldn't consider it a "favorite" like most of my five-star reads, but definitely worthy of the rating.

? Kimberly says

Coffee Dates with Her Lucky Cowboy

First Date: We take a trip back in time to a moment where Dane Bowden and Bell briefly meet as young teens. That meeting influenced each of them differently. Fast forward to present day at the Championship Rodeo in Vegas where Dane has has the best ride of his life and wins. When dismounting something goes terribly wrong. He wakes briefly to see the same girl who saved his life years ago. Ooo so many things happen on this first date and I am hooked. I love sweet-talking Dane and Bell is quite the mystery. I am all in for my second date.

Second date: Banter, flirting and a slow building romance develop as Dane begins to unravel Bell. Bell is

unsure of Dane's sincerity especially with the slew of woman coming to visit him at the hospital. Folks refer to them as Dane's Dames, but the more we learn about Dane the harder I fall. We slowly begin to understand Bell and her history. Part of me is so damn proud of her and the other wants to protect her at all costs. Side threads begin to develop regarding friends of Dane's and a dangers enemy is lurking. All of which has me singing the "just one more chapter" mantra.

Third date: Swoons, heat, danger and shedding a tear moments, had me completely wrapped up in this date. While I have no doubt we will get our HEA, twists and danger have me wondering if we will survive this unscathed. The pacing of the story is fantastic and I just did not want to set this down. We see other couples from previous novels and get to know new ones. We see hints of what will come in the next book and I closed *Her Lucky Cowboy* completely satisfied and craving more from of this author and her *Montana Men*.

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GraceMyBookSnack says

Review also posted on My Book Snack

Jennifer Ryan has captured my heart with another Bowden brother!

The *Montana Men* series has become one of my favorite series this year, and I couldn't wait for Dane Bowden's story to be told. As expected, Jennifer Ryan did not disappoint me in *Her Lucky Cowboy*. I'll give you one warning...you'll need plenty of tissues!

Dane Bowden was 15 when he had a brief and unforgettable encounter with an "angel". Now, he's trying to win his final rodeo championship before he takes over his parents ranch in Montana. An unfortunate event has him crossing paths with his "angel" again. He's falling hard for her, but her heart is not going to be easy to win over. Bell did not have a normal childhood, and she fought hard to become the surgeon she is now. When someone sets out to wreck havoc with Dane's life, Bell becomes this crazy person's number one target.

First, I'd like to say that Mr. and Mrs. Bowden raised all their sons well. Dane is an absolute sweetheart! There's a reason why Bell is socially awkward. Dane understood where she came from and set out to carve out a meaningful friendship first. I loved this part of the story. Bell has always been special to Dane, and I liked how their connection was established early on. Bell's story just broke my heart so much. Unwanted and unloved by her family from the beginning, it's really a shame that they lost out in getting know a genuinely warm heart with a brilliant mind.

Jennifer Ryan has captured my heart with her cowboys again! *Her Lucky Cowboy* is fast-paced with tension, suspense, and that slow-simmering romance that goes from friendship to love. It's packed with so much heart-twisting emotion that I couldn't stop the tears from flowing at several moments. With each book in this series, Ms. Ryan consistently grabs your attention right at the beginning with some form of high-anxiety producing tension that will keep you turning the pages. Her characters are extremely likeable who share fun banter with each other. I enjoyed reconnecting with the rest of the Bowden family in this book and seeing what's going on with all of them.

If you enjoy reads with build up of family, love, and characters who care to do what's right in terrible situations, then you've got to get to know the Bowden brothers in the *Montana Men* series! Each one meets a fierce and strong heroine, and all their stories are so addicting!

Yesenia Gonzalez says

I very much loved the series, I liked how Dane was careful and patient with bell. He always tried to bring her out of her lonely life it was cute. Dane and Bell together were great, glad they got their HEA and even an adoptive daughter. Can't wait for those kendrick men

Lynsey A says

I decided not to finish this one, at least for now. It was a bit misleading when I read an article about this one. I thought there was a secret baby child between the hero and heroine of this book, but turns out the heroine is the secret baby child. Not the type of 'secret baby child' I like to read. It was just going slow for me.

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

Too much drama, too much cheesy goody toe shoes behavior. I couldnt really connect with the MCs. This one is not for me.

Also did the author really have to go there with Kaley? Im just saying if she was gonna kill off her parents and Dane was such a good friend why couldnt they just adopt. Everything was resolved in a roundabout and kind of ridiculous (not to mention unrealistic) way that it all left a bad taste in my mouth.

Cheesecake says

Dane and Bell. I bought this with another of her books that I hated. But I thought since I had it I should listen...

I ended up really enjoying it! It's like it wasn't written by the same person.

Kind of Bones and Booth story. Bell is a genius with a horrible childhood who grew up to become a applauded surgeon in her mid 20's. She really does come across as super smart, and not just 'cause the author said so. She's cool and collected and short on social skills because of her horribly sheltered upbringing. Dane was her neighbour, but never knew she was there til the one day she saves him, never to be seen again. Well, until she saves his life a second time after he wins the grand prize at the rodeo. He spent his early 20's as a happy o lucky manho winning rodeo prizes. Even before she saved his life, he was tired of it all and planned to return home to help take over his parents ranch.

He wants Bell from the get go, but he has a lengthy reputation as a manho whose type is tall busty airhead blonds. Bell is dark haired and anything but an airhead. I loved the way she would psychoanalyze his slutty ways! He's not used to having to work for a date, yet he never complains or gives up hope. To be honest it would have been a bit boring, if it weren't for the psycho ex-friend determined to destroy his happiness. Still kinda stunned I enjoyed this one so much when I hated the first two books I read by this author...

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

What an emotional ringer Her Lucky Cowboy happen to be. When I started to read this I didn't expected to be an emotional wrecking ball. Yes, Miley Cyrus Wrecking Ball popped in my head. Rough doesn't begin to describe what I went through as I read through the story. A lot of it stems from Bell's backstory. Oh my, I don't know if we could give an even more tragic backstory. Basically, she's the bastard daughter of Dr. Warwick, who made a mistake when he younger. Too prideful to admit he made one, he decide to hide Bell at his parent's home never look back. While there Bell didn't get a chance to feel love, because she was raised by crazy religious nut job called grandma. Seriously, she was horrible. There were times I wanted to crawl into the story to scream at the grandma and say, "You call yourself a christian. Oh my god you are a horrible person. Do you really think Jesus would be proud of you." Yes, I totally felt that way. I mean grandma would tell

"Bell every day that she was nothing but a sin, a spawn of evil, something to be hidden away from civilized, God-fearing people. Even her own parents had recognized the evil in her and cast her out."

Heart breaking to see those hateful words. Bell just needed someone to standup for her. Good thing Dane stepped up to the plate.

Dane is an awesome character. However, he's kind of a manwhore. I mean he had no problem with women chasing him, but when it came to Bell he had to change his game. Of course, when he hears about Bell's past, he really has to up his game. After all Bell has been told most of her life that she was evil and no good, even though she's a doctor. I love how Dane steps up and prove time and time again that he wants to be in Bell's life. It takes him a while to get her to understand.

Beside Dane chasing Bell, there is trouble a stirring. We see that one his friends is in trouble and he doesn't know how to save her. Another heartbreaking moment. I don't want to go into too much detail about that situation, but it does get a little hairy towards the end. We know there is a happy ending, but getting their is a big challenge. However, I do love this line that was towards the end:

"You have filled up my heart and my life with everything I never knew I was missing until I found you. I'm the lucky one."

Yes, you may melt. Loved this story, but you will need a box of tissue. If you aren't crying at some point Her Lucky Cowboy, you have truly been desensitize. This is story that truly is about overcoming the past and finding a new hope and start. I can't wait for more from this series. There will be more to come with the next lucky bachelors.

I leave you with my all time favorite quote from the story which made me think of Aqua's Barbie Girl: "He's like a one of those bug zapper lights. He attracts every blonde in a hundred-yard radius," Bell commented.

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XxTainaxX says

3.5 stars. Audiobook review. Bell is a saint for turning out how she did with two of the most poisonous and evil people as her kin. I'm genuinely surprised she wasn't messed up but rather a well adjusted adult. The circumstances under which she grew up were atrocious and inhumane. It goes to show that caring for a child is much more than making sure they don't starve. Her connection with Dane was sweet and tender. The growth in the sexy Cowboys is quite staggering. I enjoyed the change in Bell as well, particularly as she

begins to stand up for herself more. As a couple, they complimented one another. The plot was interesting. The writing very strong. Safety: No OW/OM/sharing though Dane has a looooot of former hookups trying to get a piece of him. There's severe abuse.

Danielle says

Wow! Ryan wrote an amazing emotional read that had me in tears and looking forward to a fantastic ending. She did not disappoint with this!

I loved the beginning when it starts out where Bell saves Dane for the first time when he was 15 and fell off his horse. Then jumps into present day where she saves his life after getting hurt during a Vegas bull riding show.

I really felt for Bell and the way she grew up. Her father was married and had a daughter when he had an affair and the result was Bell. Her mother basically abandoned her to her fathers parents and the only person who loved Bell was her grandfather. She didn't lead a normal life but after meeting Dane and getting to know him her life is actually looking up.

I love how Dane wants to get to know her and how he changes over time with his thinking and what he really wants now. These two were perfectly written for one another and they balanced out perfectly. This story had just the right amount of romance and courting for their relationship. It also had a little suspense that made me wonder what would happen next.

I loved the characters and at parts I couldn't help myself when I teared up. It was such an emotional story but it did have some humor. The ending was perfectly wrapped in a red bow that just brought a smile to my face. For a person who never had friends or love, Bell won the jackpot with Dane.

Hopefully there will be more to this series and more happily ever afters in the making. Ryan can sure deliver a fantastic read! This is a must read and keep the tissues close.
