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Ilze says

"If we were to just accept we're not so different from each other, we wouldn't feel so alone."

For five years Rowen has numbed her pain with alcohol and boys. After she barely graduated high school, Rowen finds herself in the middle of nowhere for the summer. She has to work at Willow Springs Ranch and she has to prove to her mother that she deserves to go to her dream art school.

Meet Rowen Sterling

"People had never ignored me, but they wished they could. They wished people like me would just disappear or fall off the face of the earth so they wouldn't be reminded their little lives were so fake and full of shit."

Rowen thinks she is a failure, a lost cause and a disappointment to her mother and she hops that this summer in a ranch she can redeem herself and prove to her mother that she isn't a failure she thinks she is.

"A long time ago, I'd learned I was good at "handling" life. I didn't excel at it, and I certainly didn't thrive at it, but I could handle life and everything it had thrown at me. My secret? I'd simply accepted that life was pain."

Rowen has to work hard in the ranch, waking up at 4 AM and cooking all day for the dozen ranch hands is not easy, but Rowen believes that she deserves it. She thinks she deserves to be alone and suffer. She has convinced herself that she is worthless and working hard is one of the ways she is punishing herself. She has build walls around herself to not let anyone in, but Walkers see thought her walls, especially Jesse Walker, who from the moment he met her had her figured out.

Meet Jesse Walker (gotta show you the dimples)

"In fact, if I had to pick two words to describe Jesse, those would be the ones: warm and welcoming. And attractive. There was no denying that."

Jesse is honest, hard-working, sexy cowboy. Who isn't scared to say what he sees and how he sees it. I cant remember another 19 year old fictional character who was so thoughtful, so considerate and so understanding. The things that come out of him were just so insightful, well, lets just say I had to highlight a lot.

"We all want to open up to someone, Rowen. The hard part is finding someone we trust enough to open up to. That person we're not afraid to let into the darkest parts of our world."

I loved Jesse and Rowen together, with Jesses clever and funny comments and Rowens smartass attitude they made a perfect couple. I had to laugh a lot. I liked that Jesse figured out Rowen pretty quick and that he was

talking to her straight, like when Rowen got all annoying about (view spoiler) he just told her to stop with that shit. I need more heroes like that, than maybe heroines wouldn't irritated the shit out of me.

"He was healing the wound that had been opened so long ago, I'd almost forgotten it was still there. I'd distracted myself with things that numbed my mind and body just enough I could continue to forget."

I loved this well-written book, with all its story developments and characters, including secondary. It was **another beautiful story** written by talented Nicole Williams I couldn't put down. I liked that the characters in this book were so different from characters in her other books. However usually I am not the fan of the golden boy, but in this book I fall in love with Jesse instantly. Jesse just warmed my heart with his sweetness and kindness and he was so smart and considerate ahh *sigh* just the perfect combination. Lastly, I really enjoyed getting to see how Rowen changes in this story from the lost girl that arrived to...

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A chance to be better."**

Aestas Book Blog says

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Christy says

4.5 Stars!

This was one of those books that hooked me from the beginning. I loved both Rowen and Jesse- I just connected with them from the start. It is just one of those stories, that when you are finished reading, your heart is happy!

My secret? I'd simply accepted that life was pain.

Meet Rowen Sterling. Rowen is a 'troubled teenager'. After making some mistakes with boys, drugs, alcohol etc, and barley graduating high school, her mom is fed up. Rowen has an ultimatum. She can go to her mom's childhood friends ranch in Montana and work for the summer, prove she is responsible, or her mom won't pay for art school. Rowen and her mom have a very complicated relationship. Her mother is not a loving caring person. All Rowen wants to do is get away, follow her dreams of art, so she hops on a greyhound and heads to Montana.

One of the first thing she sees when she gets off the bus is the ranch hand that is there to pick her up. Or rather the backside of the ranch hand.

I have to say, I have never had a thing for cowboys/country boys. Just not particularly my thing. Jesse Walker may have changed all that for me. I just loved this boy. When he first meets Rowen, he talks to her like she matters. Not like she's a freak. That's how she is used to being seen.

He didn't study me like I was something different and scary. He looked at me like I was a human being, no different from himself, and yet unique just the same.

She feels an automatic connection with Jesse. When she gets to the ranch, she meets Rose, her mom's friend. Rose couldn't be more different than her mother- in the best way. Rose has three daughters, who all treat Rowen like she is one of them. And to top it all off, the ranch hand Jesse is Rose's son. The more time she spends with the Walkers, the more she learns about acceptance and love. Two things she has seriously been lacking. Jesse and Rowen become friends, but there is more there. The two of them share a connection. Even though they appear to be opposites, there is something pulling them together. Jesse wants to know all about Rowen.

"We all want to open up to someone, Rowen. The hard part is finding someone we trust enough to open up to. That person we're not afraid to let into the darkest parts of our world."

Rowen has trouble forgiving herself and forgetting her past. Rose is always there to talk to her, encourage her like the mother she never had.

"Every morning we get a chance to be different. A chance to change. A chance to be better. Your past is your past. Leave it there."

“You define you. Stop playing the victim and live your life.”

Jesse really likes Rowen. The first time he asks her out, she says maybe sometime...

“I’ve never been so excited for sometime.”

?Jesse is so swoonworthy. One of the most adorable characters ever! He cares for Rowen. He knows about her past, and he doesn’t care. He only cares about who she is now. He sees the real her.

“I see the real you, Rowen. And I like who you are.”

?That summer isn’t always smooth for the both of them. There are misunderstandings, complications, but eventually, they work it out and are able to be together. Rowen finally lets down her walls and lets Jesse in.

For the first time in a long time, Rowen feels happy. Safe. Loved.

After five years of feeling like I was suffocating, I could breathe again.

Rowen grows so much that summer. Learns about herself. The most important lesson she learns, is to love herself. No one can fix her. She has to be able to fix herself.

The only person who could fix Rowen was Rowen.

I really enjoyed this one. Rowen was a strong female lead. She was broken, hiding behind her makeup, clothing etc. It took the right person to open her up. To get her to talk, to heal. Jesse was just that person. We learn Jesse’s past isn’t as wonderful as it seems. But Jesse made choices Rowen didn’t. He chose to be the person he is today... and that person is wonderful! Jesse was the sweetest guy ever!

“No. I was waiting for you.”

He had his hot moments too- his ass in a pair of tight wranglers? Yes please! And I just loved their first time together...

“That was one hell of a dance.”??

I can guarantee after reading this one, you will fall in love with this country boy! The advice given in this book is just phenomenal. It gives such a great message. My only complaint... as much as I enjoyed the ending, I could have really used an epilogue! Overall, a really good read!

“We shouldn’t spend our time trying to avoid falling. We should spend it finding someone who will help us up.”

Brenna says

4.5 stars

"A long time ago, I'd learned I was good at "handling" life. I didn't excel at it, and I certainly didn't thrive at it, but I could handle life and everything it had thrown at me.

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Rowan is young woman who puts up a front for the world. On the outside she looks strong, uncaring, dark, or a "freak" as many call her. She has gotten into her fair share of trouble and her mother has never known how to deal with her. All Rowan wants is to go to art school, so to "prove herself" to her mother, she must go work on The Walker's family ranch in Montana.

Once she gets to Montana, Rowan meets Jesse Walker. Oh. My. God. Jesse Walker... he is the epitome of a hot cowboy in his hat, boots, and *tight wranglers*. He's described as Brad Pitt in *Legends of the Fall*... ummm yeah, I can be down with that. So anyways, Jesse is intense, honest, and confident and immediately I liked him. He isn't just the typical southern gentlemen type that can get boring with the calling everybody "ma'am" all the time. He's snarky and funny and really keeps Rowan on her toes with their constant banter. Their romance is so beautiful; I just absolutely adored them together.

"I've only known you a couple of days. That's not that long at all. I don't know you well enough to pretend like I know you and your problems. But I want to know you. I want to know your problems. That is... if you want to know me."

Besides Jesse, the whole Walker family is really awesome. Rose, Jesse's mom was definitely one of my favorite parts of the story. Since Rowan's mom really sucks and has never been much of a mother to her at all, she is in desperate need of some motherly love and guidance. Rose really gave that to her throughout the story, but the best part was, it was completely natural. She doesn't force anything on Rowan or demand she act or do something a certain way, she just makes Rowan think.

"But you're wrong about one thing. This summer isn't your chance to prove yourself to your mom." Leaning back just far enough my face was in front of hers. Rose's eyes locked on mine. "This summer is your chance to prove yourself to you."

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"You're no more a freak than I am. You're just as much a freak as I am, too. Don't let some ignorant name you've heard directed your way define you. You define you." She pressed her finger into my face. "Stop playing the victim and live your life."

The characters are really what make this book so special. I felt a connection to Rowan, Jesse, Rose, and many of the others. The development is steady and believable and just perfect. Rowan comes off dark, but she really does have so much light in her and I love how that is revealed little by little. She was a phenomenal narrator for this story and I loved going through her journey to know herself better. Jesse and his

family really help to heal her and give her the love that she so desperately needed. Although I wasn't surprised by the events that transpired as I read them, I was surprised by the way this book made me feel. I wasn't expecting what I got and it was in the best possible way. This book just left me with such a good feeling. I loved it!

"I was done with labels. I was done with letting them define me. I was Rowan Sterling."

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xrysa says

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*** Meli Mel * says**

♥♥♥ 3.5 STARS ♥♥♥

Lost and Found is about an eighteen year old girl, **Rowen**, who aspires to go to art school in Seattle. Unfortunately, that may not happen, until she proves herself to her mother that she isn't the troubled girl that she has been growing up. That was the deal. Spend the summer working at her mother's friend's ranch sans pay. Rowen was kind of goth-ish, with her dyed black hair, dark lipstick, and dark revealing clothes. She's use to people thinking she is a freak. But that changes completely when she meets Jesse. He is a young gorgeous cowboy who sees her as the person she is.

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I really liked Rowen, in that she didn't care what people really thought of her. At least that is how she seemed in the surface, really she had an entire fortress built around her so that she could never get hurt. She had alot to move on from, her mother was never supportive of her. She doesn't know what it's liked to be loved by her mother because her mother never showed her affection. I felt so bad for her and how she thought she was undeserving of love. I absolutely hated her mother, she was a horrible woman. I can't

believe she was so selfish and uncaring about her ONLY child. I was so happy she found what she never had in her mother's friend, Rose. Now, that woman was wonderful. I loved her.

Jesse Walker is Rose's nineteen year old son and he is the one that picks Rowen up from the bus station. Their connection is immediate. I loved reading their funny banter. It was quite adorable. It was interesting how well they got along considering how opposite they were. Jesse was hard working charming young man. He is very positive with a sunny personality and dimpled grin. He sees the person not the 'freak' people think of when they see Rowen. He pursues her until she finally agrees to go out with him. Throughout their summer together, he shows her what a great person she is.

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"We don't deserve anything Rowen. We don't deserve punishment, we don't deserve happiness, life owes us nothing. Realize that." His voice wasn't gentle anymore; it was as strong as I'd ever heard it. "So we have to take what we want because life sure as shit isn't going to freely hand it over." He kissed the skin just above my collar bone. "And I want you."

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I LOVED Jesse. He was such a sweet and a wiser-than-his-years guy. I seriously loved him so much and how well he complimented Rowen. And of course, I loved his skin tight jeans that showed off his great ass. He was super supportive and understanding towards Rowen in making sure her dreams came true, with or without her mother's financial help. He knew she could do it. He was determined to make her see herself of a worthy person of love and not believe everything bad people would say to her, her mother included. I loved how he would comfort her when she needed it and protect her. He was just the most awesome and perfect character. It makes me wish I had a Jesse growing up, especially when I was in my insecure teen years. I can't say enough how much I loved him and how much he made me swoon with his sweet words. *sigh*

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"I love you so much it scares me."

"Are you done?"

It seemed the flood had come to an end, for the moment so I nodded.

"Good," he said, his breath warm against my neck. "Because I love you too."

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The storyline it self was quite interesting. I loved watching the transformation in Rowen as the book progressed. She was still herself, she just became more open. I loved any scene in which Rowen would talk with the sweet woman that is Rose. I loved all the advice she had for Rowen and how much faith she had in

her. It was beautiful to see her have a mother figure in someone when her own mother was pretty much non-existent, even when she was there. I loved Rose's daughters as well and how they showed Rowen a lot of kindness. Even Jesse's ex-girlfriend was super nice, which was refreshing. But of course my absolute favourite was seeing her with Jesse. I was just awesome! As much as I liked the relationship and character growth, some of the scenes were a bit predictable. I knew a few times just what was going to happen next and it did. It was a sweet light read, which was just what I needed after reading such a dark book. Still, the ending could have been better with an epilogue. If you're looking for a great in-between book, this one is it.

Natasha is a Book Junkie says

“Sometimes we just have to cut off the dead branches in our life. Sometimes that’s the only way we can keep the tree alive.”

Books like this one are the reason why I love reading. There is nothing more exhilarating than finding a rare gem of a story that holds you captive from beginning to end, makes you smile so much your jaw hurts by the time you turn that last page, and leaves you so delightfully enthralled by the characters, you wish the story never ended. This book quite simply stole my heart.

Rowen is a young woman desperately in need of a wake-up call in life. For the past five years, she has been spiralling down an angry hole of self-destructive behaviour, rebelling against everything and everyone around her. But behind the provocative black clothes, the dark contact lenses and the black lipstick, hides a broken-hearted young girl whose life has hurt and disappointed her so badly, that she has convinced herself not to expect anything but further pain.

“Instead of trying to get to the bottom of why her daughter was floundering through life, she sent me off to ranch boot camp to “prove” myself worthy of art school.”

After being shipped off by her emotionless mother to a ranch in the middle of nowhere with the directive to prove herself as responsible, hardworking and worthy of trust, Rowen finds herself sticking out like a sore thumb in wholesome countryside Montana. But for the first time in her young life, instead of fingers being pointed at her and being labelled a freak, people are actually taking their time to get to know her and seeing past her appearance. From barely having a parent who never showed her any love to suddenly being part of a large family where small demonstrations of love are a daily occurrence, Rowen is truly out of her element.

“Every morning we get a chance to be different. A chance to change. A chance to be better. Your past is your past. Leave it there. Get on with the future part, honey.”

At this point I think there should be a drumroll or some trumpet playing somewhere because lo and behold, prepare your hearts for the divine Mr Jesse Walker! Jesse is the ranch owner's son and he is nothing like the guys Rowen is normally attracted to. He is cheerful, positive, affectionate, he pays her compliments and asks

nothing in return, and he seems to see the person she so desperately tries to hide. The more she pushes him away, the more he gently pursues her, with nothing more than kindness and understanding. And a heart-melting smile.

“Why don’t you want to know that I like you, Rowen? Why don’t you want me to tell you I’m so damn attracted to you, I almost don’t trust myself to be alone with you like we are right now? Why don’t you want to know that I care about you so much...?”

Once her walls start crumbling and one very delicious cowboy gets under her skin, Rowen begins her journey of self-discovery.

“...when I looked into those eyes of his that saw everything, those eyes that saw me, I knew the fight would be worth it. The struggle to let him in when I wanted to barricade the windows and lower the gates would be a battle I’d never regret fighting.”

What is possibly one of the most enchanting and heart-warming romances I have read in a very long time, this is as much of a love story as it is a beautifully written and flawlessly developed tale of finding oneself and accepting that life is not just a string of negatives. Rowen is a complex character – her past has made her emotionally weary and afraid to let herself accept affection from others. She is hungry for it, starved for even the smallest sliver of unconditional love, but she has also been programmed to believe that she is unworthy of the kind of love Jesse is offering her. She perceives him as a ray of sunshine that her hang-ups would only end up clouding, but she ultimately fights their connection because she sees herself as undeserving to be loved, something her mother had ingrained into her with continuous neglect and grave lack of positive affirmations.

“You think you deserve this. You think you deserve to be alone and suffer. You’ve convinced yourself you’re so worthless that you’ve gone to the extreme to punish yourself. You think you deserve a life of misery.”

We watch the romance between Jesse and Rowen take root, blossom, weather the storms, as this young woman finds herself and learns that every woman deserves to have a ‘Jesse’ in her life. There is something very special in the way Nicole Williams gives her characters ‘life’, it is evident that they come from her heart and she somehow makes us love even the most imperfect of them.

It has been two days since I finished reading this book and my heart is still bursting at the seams!! A stunning book with a positive message – it was just what I needed, it was totally not what I expected, and it was simply perfect.

“We all want to open up to someone, Rowen. The hard part is finding someone we trust enough to open up to. That person we’re not afraid to let into the darkest parts of our world.”

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Allison says

I don't know if maybe I'm just over the entire new adult genre or what, but I thought this book was terrible. It was free on Amazon and so many of my friends thought it was great, but I hated it.

It started out okay, but the melodrama VERY quickly escalated until it was almost like the whole book was a big joke that I wasn't in on.

We've got Rowen (so tired of these stupid names), the emotionally damaged girl who can't hide her overwhelming beauty with make-up, hair dye, and black clothing no matter how hard she tries because she's just so pretty that nothing can stop the gorgeous from shining through.

Rowen has a bad relationship with her mom, she drinks, dabbles in drugs, and is over-sexed. Her mom sends her to a ranch in Montana to prove that she deserves to go to art school despite her bad grades. At the Greyhound station when she arrives, Rowen meets Jesse. Jesse is the most gorgeous adonis of a cowboy to have ever lived. Apparently. The way he is described is like he walked off of the set of a gonzo porno film. He's 19, but all man. Because everyone knows that 19 year old boys are super manly and physically mature. Obviously.

On the car ride to the ranch the author makes it apparent that every single character in this book thinks that are either the second coming of Gandhi, Aristotle, Plato, or some other dead person that people used to quote in their AIM away messages. I don't know about you, but reading about teenagers waxing poetic about their lives and damages like they have all of the answers makes me want to stab sharp objects in my eyes.

"We all have secrets, Rowen. Every last person on the planet. And you know what else? We all experience the same kinds of things. We just go through them at different times and to different degrees [...] If we just were to accept we're not so different from each other, we wouldn't feel so alone."

STFU Jesse. You're 19. You don't know about life.

BUT ANYWAY...

So Jesse is this perfect looking cowboy who is also perfect in every other way. So of course he inexplicably likes Rowen for no reason. As does the rest of his family and the rest of the town. I guess because this small town in Montana is a haven for superheroes whose secret power is to see the "real you" regardless of your bad attitude or the weirdo clothes you wear. That's the only explanation I can come up with as to why these small town country people seem to like her. They don't know her, she looks like a criminal, and she has a bad attitude, but they automatically know that deep down she's a good person. No hate crimes or prejudice in small town Montana! So obviously they have special abilities that the rest of hillbilly America lacks.

Jesse's ex-girlfriend also loves Rowen for no reason. Josie is obviously still in love with Jesse, but wants to

be friends with Rowen and isn't mad when she and Jesse get together.

The rest of Jesse's family is perfect. Rose seems to have quit her day job as the mom on 7th Heaven to raise a family and work on a ranch. She is inexplicably best friends with Rowen's god-awful mom though because it's obvious that Annie Camden likes to run with the wrong crowd sometimes.

The dialogue in this book is ridiculous. I could never say the things these characters say out loud without laughing. If a man said the things Jesse said to Rowen to me, I would have to bite my tongue off to keep from laughing in his face.

Up until about 79%, I would have given this 2 stars, but the last 20% made me want to do this:

The thing with the mom's boyfriend.. Oh my gawdddd.... Too much. I died laughing.

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Rowen is suddenly such a great horseback rider after 3 months that she goes on a rescue mission, in the rain, that men who have been riding for 20 years think is too dangerous to attempt.

This book. It was just absurd. I can't.

As always, this review is also posted on my blog: Crazy Something Maybe

Candace says

'Lost and Found' was a sweet, heartwarming story that ended up being a pretty good way to pass some time. This book tells the story of Rowen Sterling, a troubled teenage girl that has spent years acting out. She has used drugs, alcohol and sex to try and get her deadbeat mother's attention to no avail.

When Rowen's mother has finally had enough of Rowen's antics, she sends her to the home of an old friend in Montana. Rowen has never met the Walker family before, but she will be spending the summer on their ranch. It is about as far from Rowen's normal life in the city as possible, but she begrudgingly agrees to go or else her mother will not pay for her to attend art school in the fall.

Right from the start, I noticed that there was a contradiction between who Rowen was supposed to be and who she actually was. From the moment that she arrived on the ranch, she was considerate and respectful. She immediately fell into the routines of the Walker family and pulled her own weight. She was a far cry from the rebellious hell-raiser that she was supposed to be.

In very little time, Rowen and the Walker's son, Jesse, have caught each others' attention. While Rowen was supposedly the "bad girl", Jesse was a total sweetheart. He was hardworking, good looking and the type of guy that parents want their daughter to date. It was hard not to love Jesse.

As Rowen and Jesse's summer romance takes off, Jesse's past comes back to haunt them. His ex-best friend and his ex-girlfriend add a little drama to this story. Both Jesse and Rowen have to fight their insecurities at every turn.

When Rowen's mother shows up on the scene, all hell breaks loose. To say that her mother is nurturing is putting it mildly. Rowen's mother has spent years selfishly placing the needs of her revolving door of boyfriends above the needs of her own daughter. She is selfish and shallow. Suddenly, it becomes very apparent why Rowen had been acting out at home.

Overall, this was a nice, sweet story. If you're in the mood for a heartwarming, YA type of romance, this is a pretty good choice. This can easily be read as a standalone, although it is part of a series. You won't be left hanging. It will leave you with warm fuzzies.

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Jennifer Kyle says

4 ~ 4 1/2 Cowboy Tight Pants Stars

Saddle up and be prepared to join Rowen Sterling, a recent high school barely graduate on a summer of self-discovery.

Rowen's horrible mother has sent her to an old friend's ranch to prove that she is worthy of her mother's money to attend art school in the fall.

"I'd been labeled a goth, emo, a druggie, a loser and my personal favorite only because it showed just how ignorant people were: freak."

Rowen has let others define her including her peers and her mother. No one trusts her, no one loves her and no one believes in her.

Rowen boards a greyhound bus for Montana to spend the summer and right from the get go we meet Jesse Walker. Jesse is a hot cowboy, who all the girls in the town swoon over.

Jesse likes Rowen from the get go. He sees past her walls and they have some pretty funny banter and hot chemistry.

Problem is...Rowen feels unworthy of the county's golden boy.

"A girl with my past doesn't deserve a guy with your future, Jesse."

This story gradually brings Rowen into the "best her" she can be. Whether her mother acknowledges this another matter.

I loved the horse rides, the porch swings, the rodeo, the dance and I loved Jesse and Rowen's first time!

My only complaint was the depth in which Jesse and the Walker's offer advice. The advice was always

wonderful just a bit over the top for regular folk.

Nicole Williams does a wonderful job telling this story and adds a great cast of characters along the way including some of my favorites Garth and Jose.

Overall, a sweet ya read!

Ana says

I loved this book so much! The characters lived up to their descriptions. Entertaining, funny, moving. Highly recommended.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

Buddy reading with Kristina :D

Linda ♥? Sassy, Classy && a Little Bit of Nasty says

BR with Nancy♥?the♥?Bookaholic

4 Sweet Hearts!

This book kept me enraptured throughout. I was so enveloped by all of the characters in this.

Rowan loads a bus from Portland to go to Montana after she graduates from high school. This was a

stipulation from her mother, if Rowan wanted her mom to pay her tuition to her desired art school. Her mom wanted Rowan to "prove" herself and see if she could shape up before she dished out. So off she goes to show her mom she's not a f*ck up.

"I'd been labeled a goth, emo, a druggie, a loser and my personal favorite only because it showed just how ignorant people were: freak."

When she gets to Montana, she meets Jesse Walker.

Jesse is there to pick her up so she can be of some help to Rowan's mom's childhood friend, Rose. Rose and her husband Neil own a cattle ranch. With real cows. Talk about culture shock.

The Walker Family was uncharted territory for Rowan. All her life, she was known as a screw-up. Untrustworthy and unreliable. But the Walkers took her in, day by day. Not by first impression.

Being on a ranch, she had to work. Day by day, Rowan started not caring about her **grungy** appearance anymore. She started seeing who she really was. During her stay at Willow Springs Ranch, she developed a relationship with Jesse.

Jesse. What can I say? He is just *such a good person*. Just like everybody else in the Walker family, he doesn't judge. He takes everything in with a smile. Even if its sometimes an awkward smile.

I completely enjoyed and loved the relationship that Rowan developed with Jesse, as well as the whole Walker family. It was endearing to see Rowan's transformation. I completely loved this story and am currently enjoying the second book in this series, Near and Far while I'm writing this review! :)

I hope you enjoy when/if you decide to read this. Nicole Williams has yet to let me down!

Oh, and just a little something, something extra...

Garth Black - he's one of the supporting characters ;-)

Hannah ?Reader in the Rough? says

4.5 Stars. (As of 12/16/15, this book is free on Amazon!)

Jesse's expression didn't change. Nothing I said or did seemed to unnerve him. "Just one more thing," he began, looking so hard into my eyes I half expected his stare to go right through me. "The reason you're pushing me away, and the reason you've probably pushed everyone else away, is also the reason you're here." Stepping into me, Jesse's eyes dropped with what I guessed was sadness. "You think you deserve this. You think you deserve to be alone and suffer. You've convinced yourself you're so worthless that you've

gone to the extreme to punish yourself. You think you deserve a life of misery.”

Yeah, I was going to cry. Big, ugly tears I really didn't want him to witness. Instead of letting myself open up that way, I did what I did best. Stepping away from him, I lowered my eyes. “Get out,” I said, my voice shaking. “And leave me alone.”

Need a cowboy book-boyfriend??? **Look no further than Jesse Walker.**

There are many moving characters in this book and so many things done RIGHT. **This book carries heavy themes in a sweet summer love story.** Jesse and Rowen's chemistry was palpable through the text. There is nothing lovelier than a genuine story about an honorable man loving a distrustful women as she sheds her past.

LOVED... If only it hadn't had that riding a horse in the rain scene, a little heavy handed on that...

Jacqueline's Reads says

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4.5 Honky Tonk Stars

***Lost and Found* was rootin' tootin', yippee ki yay, dern fantastic!**

It was the kind of kiss a girl would forever measure against. It set the bar for all future kisses

Okay Okay, I should have a little disclaimer. Husband is a southern boy, he actually grew up on a farm, which I have visited and yes, there's a barn, cows and trackers oh-my. So, I really really really appreciated this sweet, light-hearted country theme story.

[Summary]

It's the summer before Rowen goes to college for art school. Because of Rowen's past poor behavior, her mom offers her a deal, if Rowen spends the summer with a family friend in the country, then Rowen's mom will pay for art school. This is a no brainer for Rowen, she gladly goes to the country, with steel toe boots, black hoodies and dyed black hair and all. Jesse is your typical sexy cowboy, he's sweet, strong and the ladies love him, but despite complete differences he's very intrigued with his new house guest.

[Rowen]

I wouldn't call Rowen Goth, I think she's just a little dark and damaged. Based on her attitude and how she's dressed, you know there is something bothering her and she definitely has low self-esteem. You also know there's a reason why she acts the way she acts. I liked Rowen, even though she's kind of edgy, but overall she's really sweet! Yes, there were times I was kind of ticked off with some of her actions, but hey no Heroine is perfect.

Guys like Jesse didn't say those kinds of things to me. They didn't look at me the way he was now. No guy said or felt those kinds of things for me, because I wasn't the kind of girl who deserved to be adored.

[Jesse]

Oh.My.God. Jesse, oh how I love you. Yes, I love your Levis' , your truck, your sexy boots and your sexy cowboy hat. You can take me horseback riding any time of the day. **If you have a thing for cowboys or country boys, then Jesse is it..** Can we say SWOON? I loved Jesse, he was sweet, level headed and just all around a standup guy. You will love him too. I promise.

I'm a cowboy, remember? I've got steel running through my veins

I wanted to be that girl that deserved the way he was looking at me. I wanted to be that girl that deserved him... but I wasn't that girl.

[Overall]

Yes, this is a light-hearted read, but there are also issues. I mean Rowen is just a ball of issues and throughout the read, we see her struggle with them. So, there's plenty of depth. I also, absolutely loved the side characters. Rowen basically stays with Jesse's family and his whole clan is freaking awesome. I enjoyed *Lost and Found* so much because there was the right balance of "sweetness" to "tension". I wasn't annoyed and I wasn't bored, everything just worked.

Every morning we get a chance to be different. A chance to change. A chance to be better. Your past is your past. Leave it there. Get on with the future part...

Finally, if you hadn't noticed, I LOVED the scenery. The read just screams "SOUTHERN" and being from TEXAS, you can see where I am coming from.

Lost and Found is a treat and you will not be disappointed!

I know, she doesn't have black hair, but this is what I was envisioning. :D

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