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What happens when a fiercely loyal widowed half-Ute cowboy meets a fiery redhead with an Irish temper to match? Cassidy O'Hanlon – Cassie, to her friends – has set aside her Chicago career for six months to train racehorses for her dad after his stroke.

Furious the interloper has shipped in a ringer from the Chicago circuit to his Wyoming turf, Rancher/trainer Clint Travers sets out to put her in her place. Sparks fly immediately, but after their rocky start, the two quickly forge a passionate relationship, and he follows her to Chicago.

When it becomes clear someone is drugging Cassie's horse, Clint sets out to solve the mystery, but storms off in a cloud of wounded pride when suspicions turn to him.

Can love trump pride?

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LAKristy says

Fairly well written, with some editing issues. This is a stand-alone book.

Overall, I enjoyed this story and felt I learned something about horse training and racing. All of the characters were believable and interesting. The pacing of the story was a little odd, especially since there were several complex family issues involved. While there is some relationship drama, the mystery of what's happening with the horse really keeps the story from becoming too angsty.

As I was reading the book, I kept thinking to myself that the writing style was really odd -- almost a little bipolar. As it turns out, the author is actually two people, so that probably explains the odd style-switching. The bits dealing with the horses are direct and straight-forward. Several of the romantic sections are an odd mix of very flowery, old-fashioned romance and more current erotica. Most of the story moves forward smoothly, but the romantic scenes and some of the self-examination scenes have definite style changes that feel slightly different than the rest of the story.

Recommended for fans of the horse world who like romance.

Dorothy says

This book is amazing. It is definitely one of my favorites. The chemistry between the characters is explosive.

Arlena says

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Rating: 5

Review:

"Cassie's Hope" by Adriana Kraft was a very charming story of how Cassidy O'Hanlon and Clint Travers come together. They were two people that you wouldn't think would take to each other...certainly after how they met but more and more as they were thrown together well it happened. How did all of this come about? Cassie was living on her own place in Chicago and her father ask a real big favor of her...stop her 'career for six months and train race horses.' We find from the read that Cassie's father had recently had a stroke and this was one thing he had always wanted to doso after thinking this over Cassie does it! ...Yes, she leaves her job as a Social Worker there in Chicago, her friends for six months to do this wonderful thing for her beloved dad. Now, we find that Cassie meets not to her liking at this time.... Clint Travers who was a 'rancher/trainer.' There meeting wasn't the friendliest, however, there was something that immediately gets their attention? Will these two start a relationship? Clint has some baggage...and that is he has two children which he didn't reveal at the start of the relationship with Cassie. How will this and much more fit in with Cassie who has always said she did not want any children? Why was this? What had happen in her life that she desired no children? As the story moves on we find Cassie's horse 'Hope' is being drug and suspension

has been placed on _____...really!...now who is really responsible and why is this happening? Will Cassie and Clint be able to solve this horse mystery and even more be able to put their differences aside enough to listen to each other especially after the fallout? You will find in "Cassie's Hope" that there are lots of twist and turns that will leave you saying I didn't see that one coming...And only in the end will we all get to see how this author was able to put this amazing read all together so well for her readers. This story gets into some twists that you will only understand all by picking up the wonderful read. Would I recommend? YES!

Heather andrews says

What a wild ride this book was, Clint Oh my God, I'd totally have your babies, "whoa there, don't get all bent out of shape. I'm Clint Travers." The stranger rested a hand on Hope's withers. "I run some horses here from time to time. Didn't mean to impugn your horsemanship, ma'am." I mean the boy is totally affected when it comes to Cassie, "he witnessed Cassie O'Hanlon dashing down the ramp scattering popcorn all over the concrete floor. Damn, she had a butt that'd drive men crazy." Cassie that girl is a take charge kind of woman, "I do believe there is some unfinished business though," Cassie said, smiling as seductively as she could. "We need to set you free," she whispered, unbuckling his belt." It makes a man feel good knowing that his woman considers his 'member' a person,"she nodded at his arousal. "Down, boy. You'll get your reward. Soon. Sooner, if I can make this call." If you find a man that likes to cuddle after sex then he is a total keeper, "he held her. Remaining joined, they dozed. Clint awoke still nestled against her body. Carefully, he withdrew his still semi-hard co**, retrieved a blanket and covered his naked lover." I really loved reading this book.

Morgan says

Love this line! Memories overran her like so many unwanted bounced checks

Like always, a fun read from Adriana Kraft.

Sue says

Loved the story - laughed, cried, and hoped - all the way thru it! The typos were frustrating but the story got me past that. A nice romance filled with wonderful horses and horse loving people. The Native American slant was very well done...enjoy the book - I did!

Donna Porter says

This was a good book. Cassidy is a social worker, and she also travels home once a week since her father had

a stroke. She returns home to see him and he asks a favor of her. Cassie's father is a horse trainer, but now he can't do it. He has always searched for that one special horse. He has failed time and time again. This time he thinks he has the horse. He has named her Cassie's Hope and he want Cassidy to train her for races. He wants her to take six months off work and help him with this horse. After checking out the horse she agrees to do it for him. Weeks later she travels from Chicago to Wyoming to do a minor race to give the horse a chance to win. There she meets Clint Travers, the cocky cowboy. They instantly insult each other, although they do find each other attractive. Clint is part Ute and his home is part of the reservation where his family lives. Join this journey as they start to get to know each other. Will a long distance romance work? Read this and find out this is a good read

Victoria says

Is a great book to read forever

Jayna says

I received a digital copy in exchange for an honest review.

This book was very up and down for me. There were times where I was totally hooked and couldn't put it down, and there were times where I found myself skimming ahead.

Overall, I like the concept. Phrasing and word choice made it cumbersome to read at times. I also hated the villain. It made almost no sense. I was surprised, I'll give you that.... I really think this could be reworked into a really good book. But as it stands now, it is average.

Faith says

Adriana Kraft has done it again! This time it was an emotional roller-coaster, with twists and turns you never see coming! Cassie and Clint's journey was at times heart wrenching. (Though there were a few laughs along the way as well.) You can't help but cheer for them along the way.

Their family and friends were fantastic secondary characters that I won't soon forget.

I fell in love with all of them, and I hope to see more of these awesome people again. For I feel I know them, I took their journey with them. I felt their pain, their sadness, their struggles, and most of all their love.

And that is the mark of a truly good book, that you can laugh and cry with them, because the author has let you be part of their lives.

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The thoughts and opinions expressed are mine, and mine alone. Thank you, Adriana Kraft, for giving me a chance to read this outstanding and remarkable story!

JoAnne says

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<http://romancejunkiesreviews.com/artm...>

Donna Hokanson says

Hopes and Dreams becoming a reality

What a wonderful heartfelt story. Extremely well written and very entertaining to read. I love the interplay between the character's which was very well done. This author real get it when dealing with a man and woman in the story. Real life hope's and dreams becoming a reality. This story really moved me. Well written and very enjoyable to read. Great job to the author. I received this book as a free read from the author for an honest review.

Sheila says

Cassie's father gets her to agree to spending 6 months training their filly, Cassie's Hope, for the Land of Lincoln Stakes race. Trying to figure out why Cassie's Hope fails to place in her races, Cassie takes the horse to Wyoming to race on a small track where she meets Clint Travers. When it appears that someone is tampering with Cassie's Hope, Cassie and Clint work together to discover who is the culprit. Along the way it is suggested that Clint may be the culprit. In his anger and pride Clint leaves Cassie. Can it work out for them? Can each forgive the other for the hurts against each other?

I loved Cassie and Clint. These two stubborn, prideful people remind me of Darcy and Elizabeth Bennett. Both are sure they're right that they don't give the other one the chance to deny or defend themselves. Neither is perfect and both have legitimate fears to overcome. It is when they are honest with themselves and each other that they are a joy to watch. When they close down, I just wanted to smack them upside the head. These are two well developed characters that I wanted to overcome their fears and realize they are stronger with each other.

The secondary characters are also well developed. Tug O'Hanlon, Cassie's father, struggles to recover from his stroke while providing encouragement to Cassie in the face of the setbacks in racing Cassie's Hope. Her friends are a wonderful support system for her. Clint's children are adorable. I loved the wisdom of Clint's grandmother and his sister, Silver Hawk. Both see more than Clint wants them to see.

The world of horseracing is depicted as it is. The tragedies and the triumphs, the setbacks and the comebacks. I felt I was in Cassie's shoes as she knows everything is going well with her filly but come race day the prancing horse is dull and lifeless. I felt the defeat Cassie felt as she could not figure out what is happening. When the truth comes out I could feel the shock and pain Cassie felt.

Cassie's Hope is the first book of a series. I cannot wait to read the rest of the books. I'm hoping that Silver Hawk gets a story. Other than Cassie and Clint, she stood out for me.
