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A young veterinarian and a difficult man have been circling each other for over a decade. Under the southwestern sky, and with everything they hold dear in the balance, it's finally time for one of them to make a move.

Ever since graduation, when Santana Dark leaned over and kissed the brainy and shy Emma Glass, she has been smitten with the dark, brooding hunk. She thought about him while he served overseas, while she stayed home in Star Canyon, New Mexico and tended to its animals. Now he is back, ready to retake his place with his three brothers and his spitfire of a sister at the family ranch. He'll have to be the man of his family now, as his father died in a mysterious fire that the police are still investigating.

Nick Marshall comes to town, a cousin to the Dark family, though they've never met this wealthy stranger, and he claims to hold the legal title to the family ranch. Turns out Dad had more than a few gambling debts, including to the uncle his children didn't know that they had. With his world spiraling out, Santana finds solace and comfort in Emma's arms, and she finds heat and passion in his. Santana and Emma finally have ignited the spark that has always existed between them. Now the trick will be to keep the flame from consuming them both.

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Barb Lie says

Burned by a Kiss by Tina Leonard is the 1st book in her new Star Canyon series. After completing this book, which was a little short (200 pages), I am hooked to this series I can't wait to find out what Tina Leonard has in store for us in the future Star Canyon series.

Emma Glass, our heroine, is the town veterinarian, and has lived all her life in Star Canyon. Santana Dark, is our hero, and the oldest brother of the wealthy Dark family, who own their successful ranch in town. Santana has recently returned from deployment, to help his family run the ranch, and is given a dog by his sister, Sierra to keep company. Of course, he has to take the dog, Joe to the vet, running into Emma. It has been years, and Emma has not forgotten her major crush on the gorgeous hunk that Santana is. He too can't take his eyes off Emma. They both find their attraction heating up, but the 5 members of the Dark family will have the wool pulled from under them.

Their father, who died in a suspicious fire, had mortgaged the ranch to a brother no one knew about. The reading of the will has left them with nothing, and a cousin they didn't know, Nick. This is also a surprise to Nick, who also knew nothing about this, as with the death of his father, he is the one inheriting the ranch and all its assets. Nick is a successful investor, and doesn't need the money, but the will is explicit, he must keep it and run it or it will have to be sold.

Between Santana, Sierra and their 3 brothers, they have no where to turn, except to maybe work for Nick or everyone loses the ranch. Santana feels he has nothing to offer Emma, and tries to keep his distance. But their attraction to each other is too strong, and their chemistry is hot. As their romance heats up, Santana begins to work with Nick together to save the ranch. I loved Emma, and Santana together; I adored Sierra and her shenagins. I suspect that she and Nick will have their own book in the future. Burned by a Kiss was a great read, with a great couple, and wonderful secondary characters. I look forward to Tina Leonard's next book in this series..

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Paula says

Burned by a Kiss (The Star Canyon Series Book One) by Tina Leonard starts out as a sweet romance between Emma, the animal vet and Santana, the Navy SEAL vet. Then the bomb (figuratively speaking) in Chapter 3 drops so that suddenly the story becomes much more intriguing. Then added to the family drama is a hint of the mystical. It is an original take on small town living.

The story never drags but kept my interests especially with the twists and subplots. The characters are endearing and flawed, a wonderful authentic contrast. I even found the small town of Star Canyon too be populated by nosy, meddlesome people that you couldn't help but like while being glad that they couldn't be all in your business like they were Emma's and Santana's.

All in all, a well written story that leaves you wanting to know more about these people, this town and its

secrets. I am hoping that each of Santana's brothers and his sister get their own story in the future. This is a series that promises to be so much more than a small town romance set of stories.

4.5 Stars

Copy provided by the publisher through Net Galley for an honest review.

Joann Maggio says

Burned by a Kiss ?????????? Written by Tina Leonard

I found this to be a great audio book. The narrator just pulled you into this contemporary romance. Emma the town veterinarian has carried a school girl crush for the high school jock for years. When Santana Dark returns from tours overseas Emma learns how much he has cared for her as well. Full of hot love scenes but not overly done to my estimation.

The story is definitely a to be continued. When the Dark family learns their whole lives have been a lie and their true backgrounds and their fathers deception is revealed it is certainly mind blowing.

I would recommend this book and I plan to follow what will develop as well.

A Book Obsessed Chicks Review Team Selection.

Karen Machamer says

Yet another great book by Tina Leonard. I can't wait for whatever she has coming next.

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

2.5 to 3 stars

Okay, I don't know what happened, but this went off the rails about halfway through and never got back on track for me. I really wanted to like it, too, because I am a huge fan of Tina Leonard. While I liked the characters, the backstory was a little hard to swallow, and the whole episode during the snow storm made zero sense. The ending was also abrupt and unsatisfying, but maybe that will be remedied in the next book? Even though Burned by a Kiss didn't hit all the high points for me, I am curious to read the next book in the series.

Mandi Schreiner says

The start of a new series, the blurb features Emma and Santana as our hero and heroine, but honestly, other characters stole the spotlight. Emma is Star Canyon's new vet, as her father has recently passed away and she

took over his business. She loves her job and the small town she lives in. Santana is recently home from the Middle East and he heads back to his family ranch, where his multiple brothers and sister, Sierra, help out. Their father also recently died, and when they go to read his will they are shocked to discover the entire five million dollar ranch was left to their cousin, Nick. Apparently, Santana's father had big gambling debts, which led to his brother (Nick's dad) helping him out, and then securing the ranch in his will.

So now Santana, his brothers, and his sister Sierra are out of their family legacy. But that is not all - they also found out they are all adopted (they had no idea) and their dad was a CIA agent in the witness protection program.

scratches head

Santana and Emma went to school together, and Emma always had a crush on him, he even kissed her once in school - but then he enlisted and they lost touch. But now he is back in town and their chemistry is back on the burner.

Santana and Emma's chemistry and sexual tension start off well - it's a cute start. But once Nick gets introduced, and they lose their family ranch, things go downhill quick. Their story starts to almost entirely focus on Sierra and her rebellion against Nick getting the property, and Nick's attraction to Sierra. Since they found out they were adopted, Sierra isn't related to Nick. Pretty much the entire book is Nick and Sierra - and ALL of their problems. Once in a while we get a scene or two with Santana and Emma together. They jump into bed together but I needed much more focus on their romance and how they somehow end up with a HEA at the end. I assume Sierra and Nick get their own book next, so why they took up all the page time in this one confuses me.

The ranch leaving Santana's family and the fact their father was CIA and they were all adopted was very much glossed over. Just felt out of place.

This one didn't work for me.

Grade: D

Michelle Eriksen says

Tina Leonard is one of my Go-to authors for HEA Feel good romance and *Burned by a Kiss* did not disappoint.

Santana and his family are working to recover from the sudden loss of their father and keeping the family ranch in order when they find out that the entire thing has been left to another relative and their life is completely turned on its end.

The characters in this story are really interesting and there are lots of little twists to keep you on your toes while the romance develops.

Janie Evans says

"Burned by a Kiss (Star Canyon #1)" by Tina Leonard will not disappoint. I loved this story between Santana and Emma, and can't wait for the next book in the series to come out.

Cynthia says

This was such a sweet heartbreaking listen of one soldier coming home to help take over the family ranch who fallen for the nerdy girl every since it was a dare to kiss her in school. Through his tough days and nights overseas seeing the worst part of war his thoughts were on her and that kiss. He thinks just maybe once he gets back into the swing of things he just might try that kiss again and see if it is as good as he remembers.

A veterinarian who has spent so many years dreaming about the boy who kissed her turning into a man fighting for his country coming home and all that he must have endured. She wonders how he has changed. Just how turned upside down his world is and what she can do to help him. It is tough having a crush on a man that never knew you were around but for one night when their lips touch which changed her life forever.

When Santana comes home his sister sets him up with a dog that needs to go see the vet for a checkup. Once he gets there he realizes his sister has set him up, deciding not to let any grass grow under his feet he would tease the little vet. One can't be quite sure if he is teasing or being straight up. This is where things get interesting while Santana baits Emma sparks fly as the whole office hears what they say leaving you chuckling. Santana is one hot hunk of a soldier who has bad dreams and thinks he isn't good enough for Emma with all that he has seen he has come back broken. This doesn't stop him for baiting her every chance he can get. Santana are what dreams are made of every women in the world would like to have one like him.

Emma has heard that Santana has come home oh the dreams she has had but knows she isn't even in his league. There is no way a man like him would want someone like her. She has had a tough morning and the first person she sees is Santana and his new dog. Lord Have Mercy doesn't he look good, she has got this she can handle or Lord please help her. She plays it cool as he flirts she takes his words in another meaning two can play this game. Is it getting hot in here or is it just her being around this sweet talking hunk of a man.

Ms. Cauldwell brings so much so much to this audio from her sexy voice to her wonderful humors tones. Both her male and female voices were wonderful you have no trouble understanding who is talking or what emotion they are feeling. She adds humor with a chuckle you can hear the smile in her voice. I did not hear any high or low parts or any breaks in this audio. Her tones are right on mark as she gives you a delightful listen. Between the author's story and the narrator I had trouble putting this down. I even took a little longer shopping to hear as much as I could. I found myself laughing and chucking throughout this story as the narrator gave me a vivid picture that was playing out before me. I have not listened to anything by this narrator and am hooked on her voice. I really am looking forward to listening to more audios by her. I have bought a few and will be picking up some more of her work very soon. She is a total delight to your ears with a lovely clear voice that you could listen to for hours.

I have read several books by Ms. Leonard some I have liked more than others but I always know that she is going to give me a book that is entertaining with a wonderful plot and most of the times a book I can't put down. This is going to be a wonderful series that has me hooked already I can't wait for the next book. The

author gives you an outstanding story with humor, flirting that makes you smile, two people so drawn together neither has a clue the other would give anything to have them. I have laughed, hung my head as my heart felt so much pain for the Dark family. How can one family take more when they find that everything they believed in has been a lie right down to the father they adored and loved? This is a story that will pull you in with mystery, lose, love, humor, passion as these people get over broken hearts learning how to start over and love again. The author gives you a story inside a story I feel sure setting you up for the next family member who is going to have to face the facts. This was a very well written story with delightful characters and supporting characters. I just loved his brothers and sisters, even Nick after the first few pages he was in. You will find yourself rooting for more than one person as the author throws a few twists that leave you with your mouth hung open. WOW I sure didn't see that coming. There is a little mystery as you find out things about Uncle Nick that will rock a few worlds. I was very disappointed to find this is the first of the series and the only book published at this time. Man I want the next book now, I sure hope it will not be long before the next book is out and I hope the audio is with this same narrator.

If you are looking for a wonderful entertaining read that will hold you interest and keep you invested not only in the story but the characters you do not want to miss *Burned By A Kiss*. You will not go wrong with this hot little read that keeps you smiling and chuckling as the author takes you on a whirl wind ride in this wild New Mexico land where they grow them hot, wild and flirty with a man that can change your world with one kiss that leaves you wanting more.

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P.S at the time of this post this book is a goodreads giveaway
<https://www.goodreads.com/giveaway/sh...>

Heather andrews says

I know the book is supposed to be about Emma and Santana but Santana's sister Sierra just got my attention with her attitude, "stop being so nice," Sierra snapped. "You got our ranch, you don't need to rub salt in the wound by showing us what a prince you are." Emma's mouth fell open as she stared at Sierra. Nick looked startled, and Santana shook his head." Emma has a way of making her man forget things, "I didn't know you were supposed to be offering me something," Emma said, kissing him again . She slipped her hand along his side, just above his belt, and he couldn't hold back his wall of reservation any longer." I really enjoyed this book.

Donna Repsher says

I received an ARC of this title in exchange for an honest review and here it is: 4 stars.

Tina Leonard is a fairly new author for me, and if *Burned by a Kiss* is any indication of her skills, I'll be reading a lot more of her, especially the rest of her *Star Canyon* series.

This novel drew me in from the very beginning which is where we meet Emma Glass, who has taken over her father's veterinary practice in Star Canyon, NM, and the hero, Santana Dark, a Navy SEAL, who has just returned to the family ranch from his fourth and final deployment in Afghanistan. He's bringing the pup that his sister, Sierra, adopted for its check-up. It's clear from the start that these two are very attracted to one

another, an attraction dating back to a kiss Santana gave Emma on a dare back in high school where Emma was considered the class geek. That kiss is something they both remember fondly.

Santana has retired from the Navy and is back to work the ranch with his sister and his brothers, Luke, Cisco and Romero, after the death of their father, who was a local firefighter, in a suspicious blaze and explosion at the warehouse. The siblings are happy to be reunited until they are notified that they are to meet with an attorney about the conditions of their late father's estate--and the revelation of those conditions leave them all reeling and uncertain about their futures, as a family and as to the ranch they've all called home.

Although this novel is Emma and Santana's story, the other characters, especially their young and volatile sister, Sierra, are intriguing enough to make this reader want to follow this series. It's well-written, sexy, sassy, and above all, heartwarming. This series is definitely off to a good start.
