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When Ray Justice receives a phone call that his father has died, he's shocked. As far as he knew, his father passed away twenty-three years earlier. Adding to the confusion, he finds that he's inherited a large cattle ranch in Montana.

Alfred Deacon came to the J Bar Ranch as a broken cowboy in search of acceptance and honest work. What he found was a best friend and a group of cowboys he'd do anything for. When Ray walks into his life, Deacon is torn between loyalties to his dead friend and desire so strong it makes him weak.

Ray comes face-to-face with a past he didn't know he had and a man he didn't know he needed.

## Reining in the Past Details

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## **From Reader Review Reining in the Past for online ebook**

### **Rossy says**

As usual this book for me was to satisfy my guilty pleasure for a Lynne story. The characters were likeable and i enjoyed the story, but i wish the main heroes would have talked about the big elephant called Ray senior. That talk at the end was necessary but somehow it was skipped and only the financial issues were discussed.

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### **Lacey says**

3.5 stars

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### **Sue bowdley says**

This was such a sweet cowboy short story....i want to visit the J Bar Ranch x

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### **Lisa says**

City slicker inherits a ranch in Montana. When he gets there he finds out it is staffed by gay cowboys. A short book. A little formulaic as the owner falls in love with the ranch manager. However, Ill read more in the series.

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### **Bo says**

Saddle Up...Your past is Catching Up to You

First in a trilogy of outstanding cowboy reads, this one has a fairly unique twist in that the main character, Ray Justice, not only is shocked that his father has just died, rather than 20 years before, but also how radically different his life was because of that huge lie in his life.

Thrown into the midst of a group of Montana cowboys who are anything but typical of what he might have expected, Ray comes to terms with what he's been left, but has a heck of a time figuring out how he will manage it.

Fortunately, Alfred Deacon, the ranch's manager, can help him out, but only so far. A reluctant dragon when it comes to revealing anything about the late Mr. Justice to his son, Deacon becomes the focal point of a slowly developing romance that keeps Ray, Deacon, and the rest of the crew slightly on edge--and you on the edge of your seat.

## Robin French says

## 4 Star Review for Saddle Up and Ride series by Carol Lynne

I've had these three books for quite awhile and they're ones I re-read a couple times a year. There is something about them that makes reading them feel like you're visiting with an old friend. They're familiar but you can always find something new. Even at less than a hundred pages each, each is a complete story. Each book builds a little more on the previous. I truly hope that there are more someday as Justice River Ranch is a place that I truly enjoy visiting.

## Book 1 - Reining in the Past.

This is where we meet Ray Justice when he comes to the J Bar Ranch after the death of his father. A father that he has been told died over twenty years ago. Deacon basically runs the ranch and was Ray's father's best friend. Both struggle to overcome the past to see if they have a future worth fighting for.

## Book 2 - Bareback Cowboy

Griggs is had wrangler on the newly re-named Justice River Ranch. With the guest part of the ranch now leaning more towards LBGT guests, it was only a matter of time before one of the employees fell for one of the guests. Bridger should have been just a young spoiled brat, but he's so much more. Will Griggs take a chance on love with the younger man, or will he fight for what he wants?

## Book 3 - Through the Montana Mist

Tyson came to the ranch when he and his father were hired to do some work on the newly expanded guest services of Justice River and he never left. When Caleb, and his partner Jeff, come to the ranch Tyson knows there's something wrong, but can prove it. When Caleb comes to him for help, Tyson steps up. Now the pair have to decide if what they're feeling is truly love or just gratitude for Tyson helping Caleb save himself from an abusive relationship.

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**Hrtnsoul28 says**

3.5

**Alina says**

Great story!

I loved the chemistry between the MCs and especially how Ray's father hadn't been portrayed as a saint and

just a person with his good and bad qualities. It was refreshing, really.

Usually I'm not very fond of the stories where someone escapes city life to find his 'true self' in the country (I'm a city girl through and through, lol), but here it was done very tactfully and I liked it.

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### **Betryal says**

I won't say too loudly that I've already been once with a cowboy, but this book makes me want to be one :winks:

Awesome story as usual by Carol!

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### **Eyre says**

I indulged myself with this guilty pleasure last night. This book delivered what I expected--a quick read about two characters whom I liked. I did put it on the "somebody needs to be smacked shelf," but the main characters aren't the ones who gave it that dubious honor; that shelf is reserved for Ray's parents. I went into the story expecting to feel sympathetic towards his father, at least, but the more I read, the more I wanted to knock some sense into him. Of course, since Ray's dad is dead from the beginning of the story, that wouldn't have been an option.

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### **Cole Riann says**

3.5 stars

I really enjoyed this one though I wanted to give dead daddy RJ a piece of my friggin mind!

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### **Lioness7 says**

This is a harder book for me to come up with a rating for. I was really getting into it, and it was over. I love modern westerns and everything was there to make this a great one. It was just way too short.

I loved the ranch and the storyline. It was sad about Ray's dad. I won't give out any spoilers because this was key to the entire story. I also loved the ranch hands. You have to love a ranch manned by people that don't fit in anywhere else.

Even though I found this story short, I can't wait to read more in the series. I am hoping that characters from this book show up in subsequent ones.

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### **Shawn says**

Givin' this a 2.5. It was sort of....well....boring. Really boring. I dunno. The makings of an interesting story were in there, there just wasn't enough plot development for my taste. And nothing kills me more than instant love. They've known each other for less than a month and they say I love you? I might have bought it if there had been some serious character development, but since there wasn't....I didn't.

Good for a quickie read...but not much else.

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### **Ale Rivero says**

A pesar de que esta primera parte me ha parecido un poco bastante introductoria, creo que la saga tienen futuro, así que quiero saber más sobre estos sexys vaqueros.

El personaje principal de esta historia es Ray Justice, quien de un momento a otro recibe la noticia de que es el flamante propietario de un rancho en Montana, así que se dirige allí y en el camino de aceptar todo lo nuevo que ha llegado a su vida, se cruza con el destino, en la hermosa figura de Deacon.

Deacon es un vaquero que tiene un pasado un poco dramático, aunque la historia no se centra para nada en eso, y que de repente se ve arrollado por el amor.

Desde el primer momento se siente obvia la química entre estos dos, y los obstáculos que se les presentan solo hacen que su relación se vaya fortaleciendo más.

Me encanta el cambio que Ray provoca en el rancho, y creo que eso dará mucho de que hablar en los siguientes libros. Recomendable.

P.D.: He llegado a odiar a RJ, y eso que ya está muerto.

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