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Kera Montgomery says

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Tabatha says

I thought that Hustlin' Texas was a decent read. I've always loved the golden boy falling for the black sheep of the town type of story. Jett has always loved Nikki, but she thinks herself not good enough for him and decides to run away. She fears he will eventually realize this and leave her, but she is back in town and he is determined to make her his. He wants to accomplish this by the one means he knows she can't escape from... her word in the form of a bet. I did notice a few areas that needed some improvements. Unfortunately, the middle of the book drove me nuts with its whiplash inducing POV changes. Now aside from the POV changes with Jett's sister and some random guy from her past (which in my opinion should have been taken out), I really did think this book was funny and romantic. I enjoyed the banter between Jett and Nikki most of all. The one other area I wished would have been further developed, was that I kind of feel like we just dropped off with what was going on with Frankie. I just would have liked to see more with her, and maybe see her end up with Jett and Nikki as her guardians. Like I said though, this was an overall decent read.

I received a review copy of this from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review

Amy says

I loved TEXAS WIDE OPEN but HUSTLIN' TEXAS kept me on the edge of my seat.

Just when I thought no relationship could hold more fire, more emotion, or more love than Cole Logan and Katie Harris in TEXAS WIDE OPEN along comes Nikki and Jett in HUSTLIN' TEXAS by KC Klein.

KC knows how to conjure characters that capture our hearts, our imaginations, crush us when things fall apart, and makes us soar when everything comes together in a sweet happily-ever-after. Nikki is by far one of the most broken women ever created and Jett is her hero, her lifeline, and her savior. Oh, Jett is pretty well bruised as well – most of the time literally in this story – but he knows what he wants, what he needs, and most of the time, knows how to get it but with Nikki, all the rules change and it's a delight to watch him flounder, stumble, and even screw up big time.

HUSTLIN' TEXAS by KC Klein is amazing, wonderful, heartbreaking, exciting, edge of the seat anxious, and one that will have you begging for it to never end. KC gets better with every story she creates and I'm in awe of the emotion that she wrings from her characters and from us as we read her stories.

I highly, highly recommend HUSTLIN' TEXAS, book two in the Texas Fever series by KC Klein if you love romance at all. It has it all in huge proportions just as it should be since it's Texas all the way. This one is a must read, my darlings.

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Kera Montgomery says

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Char (1RadReader59) says

Jett Avery was Cole Logan's best friend. Even if Cole was from the so called wrong side of the tracks. It never mattered to Jett. They had been friends since they were young boys.

One day Cole's little sister Nikki who always chased after them to be included never wanting to be left out, always wanting to be included. She all of a sudden looked like a real girl. She sported a new or at least new to her, bikini bathing suit and that was all it took. Jett was a goner, even though he tried not to let it show. By acting in different he also befriended her.

Then their dad died and their mother fell ill. Which changed the dynamics of the family. Cole had to become the bread winner as well as a father figure to Nikki which was a lot of pressure not to mention see his baby sister not only go to school, be called all kinds of foul names, but have to care for their terminally ill mother.

Causing Cole to have a drinking problem for a while.

When their mother died she knew she had to leave even though she knew she was in love with Jett. She knew she wasn't good for him. So, she borrows money and leaves without anyone knowing. She feels its better that was now she has come home to pay the piper.

This is an overview but let me tell you there is so much more. You will find yourself laughing out loud and other times tearing up. The only bad thing for me is I felt like the ending was rushed. The whole handcuffs gag could have been expanded. But oh well it was still overall it was a very good read. Provided by netgalley.com

JL Roberts says

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After two years away at college Nikki Logan is back in Groves Oak. When she left she left in the middle of the night without any goodbyes and burned a lot of bridges, and the only reason she is back now is because she needs to repay a debt. She plans to stay long enough to pay off this debt and then she plans to leave again. Only Jett Avery Has other ideas when she returns.

Jett Avery was in love with Nikki, he wanted to make things work with her, and on the day she left he had begged her to try and make things work; she agreed, and the next day she was gone. Two years later she walks back in his life. He decides he wants her to stay but she is still a runner, now he just needs to figure out how to get her to stay after he figures out how to get her back into his bed.

I found this a pretty good read. I loved Nikki's fearless attitude. I loved Jett's smooth southern charm. When they say opposites attract they were right. Nikki is wild and free, and Jett is smooth and calm. Except when it comes to Jett. They clash, but in an oh so good way.

Nancy says

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Jett is the town's boy and the best friend of Cole Logan since they were very young. He has been in love with Cole's sister Nikki since he can remember. Cole and Nikki were talked about a lot or so they thought, because their father was the town hustler, playing pool and always looking to strike it big. Jett was always there for Cole and Nikki and on the night her mom passed away Jett was her comfort. Nikki took off for college after her mom passed and Jett expressed his feelings for her.

Two years later she returns. Nikki is back to repay a debt, but soon she has more problems than she had ever figured. Jett is not sure he wants to help the girl who ran on him two years ago, but somehow can't help himself or his feelings. Will Nikki break down her walls or continue to believe the rumors that had surrounded her earlier years?

Tina says

~I received an ARC of this book from the Author through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.~

Story rating - 4 stars

Character development - 5 stars

Hero rating - 4 stars

Heroin rating - 5 stars

Romance rating - 3.5 stars

Dialogue - 4 stars

Ending - 4 stars

Steam level - low to moderate

POV - 3rd person limited (Heroin & Hero mostly)

Over all rating - 4 stars

I really enjoyed this book I found myself totally sucked in by Chapter 2. It was a page turner for sure!

I really think the character development in this book was excellent.

Nikki was written very well my heart just broke for her at times. She was broken, resilient, funny, crazy but in a fun way, I really liked her. The bar bathroom seen broke my heart and the stuff about her mom and how she struggled with her self brought tears to my eyes. All this but she was still written with strength and a great humours edge.

Jett... Omg he's hot!! He was sexy, loyal, totally loveable and he had his Alpha moments. I love when he lets the beast within out, it's so sexy. Then there's his sweet side, everything he does to win Nikki back and stop her from running is amazing.

Nikki & Jett together was priceless the banter between them was really good and funny, but there where a lot of really funny conversations with them and the other characters too. It was so easy to like them all.

This book had so much to it, romance, tension, angst, even some action and suspense; there were some really touching and tear jerker moments and lots of humour. I nearly fell over laughing during the handcuff scene, and the eye twitching seen was priceless!! That's all I'm saying about that you'll have to read to find out, but it's totally worth it!!

I also loved how I was drawn into the subplot lines with Frankie, Mike, Lauren & Cash. I found them intriguing and I'm very invested in how they will play out in future books. I think it takes a very good writer to make the reader not only love the main characters in the book, but also the supporting characters as well. I'm really excited to see if KC (the Author) will write a book for Lauren & Cash I really hope so...

The one thing that stopped this from being a 5 star for me was that the character POV would change with little warning... You'd finish a paragraph from Nikki's POV then you'd be in Jett's head... I found it distracted from the flow of the story a little. A signal that there is a change in POV would be better in my opinion. It didn't drive me bonkers or anything, I just don't like anything taking away from the flow of a story even if it's minor.

Over all a great read that I would highly recommend! Bring on book 3 please.

Wminbc says

Texas in the title...I am there! Then add on some hot nine-ball action, cowboy boots and second chances, yee haw!! This was a cute, fast paced story about that girl from a small town who everyone labelled, but only one boy really knew! Ahhhh...

Jett Avery is the rich, handsome guy that everyone wants to be, befriend and betroth. Nikki Logan is the girl from the wrong side of the tracks, the daughter of a drunk and the long suffering caretaker of her dying mother (not that anyone knew what and how much she did, since it would be shameful to her mother for others to know how sick she really was). Nikki's brother loved her dearly, but with his own demons to wrestle, he left the clean-up jobs to his best friend Jett, who excelled at taking care of strays.

Two years ago, Jett finally told Nikki how he really felt and she did the only thing she knew how to do: run! Even though Jett's mom tried to pay her off to leave, she didn't use the money for herself, but did borrow money from the only strip bar owner in town. And when she means barrow, she meant for it to be a loan. Nikki is back in town to pay off her debt, prove to everyone that her full university accounting degree (acquired in only 2 years!) makes her an adult, and then run again.

Jett has had enough of Nikki's running. He knows where she belongs and she knows Jett wants her—at least for now. Nikki is so scared to trust anyone, especially someone that she loves as much as Jett; Nikki simply would not survive it when he tossed her aside.

I loved the battle of wills and the fun pool action. On a personal note, I love pool as it reminds me of my brothers, dad, uncles and grandfather. My Paa was a pool-hustler and poker player to pay for his University! He never played cards or pool for money again after he graduated from Dentistry, since he said God blessed his cards and his cue to get him and his family (of 17) the security they needed. Nikki was like that...she played for money, but in the final break, Jett was playing for her! Enjoy!

***P says**

Wow, great surprise

I really enjoyed reading this book. This is the second installment in K.C. Klein's Texas Fever series. In Hustlin' Texas we get to enjoy the twisted tale of Nikki Logan, the town bad girl and Jett Avery, the town golden boy. Now, I did not read the first book which may have given more filler information or background into Nikki and Jett's relationship, but I don't think the story suffered at all for it.

Nikki makes for a good heroine. She is rough around the edges, unlike the polished Jett, but she is loyal and she was strong and definitely did not see her worth. She allowed herself to believe the bad stuff people spewed about her. In doing so, she does not allow herself to love Jett as she feels she will ruin him.

Jett on the other hand can't steer away from Nikki. If she is in trouble he is there but he also has his own

family issues. Interestingly, I didn't catch what his job was, he just seemed to be rich and I'm not sure if that was due to his dad's political career or not.

This book made me laugh, it had me cry, and it had the right amount of angst to keep me turning those pages. I am interested to go back and read the first book to get more of Cole's story, Nikki's brother. And as a side note, my kids and I love visiting Texas, so getting the splash of Texas throughout the story was great.

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Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy

She's wild, she's bad, she was born to drive men crazy and she's back in town! Yep, Nikki is back and everyone knows it!

Hustlin' Texas is book two in KC Klein's Texas Fever Series and let me tell you, it's everything it promised to be!

Nikki Logan has a reputation! Oak Grove's bad girl, wild child and with a chip on her shoulder to boot! She earned every one of those whispers and finger pointing (or did she?). Having fled from town two years previously Nikki is back, she has a college degree and a debt to repay. The last thing she needs is to run into Oak Grove's resident good guy. All polished and pretty and from the "right" family. His family has their own private side of the tracks. But Nikki isn't going to let anything stop her from paying back her loan. She has the brains and the talent to do it and gossip be damned.

Jett Avery is a really, really nice guy. He cares.. just that.. honestly and completely cares. He has been a loyal friend to the Logans for as far back as anyone can remember. And when Nikki gets in trouble, then they just call Logan to bail her out. Only, Logan wants more, he always has. If only he can convince his family that Nikki is worth it. That she is the only thing that will ever truly make him happy.

Nikki and Logan are fun! Full of surprises.. You would think a town good guy, the white hat, wouldn't have such depth of character but Ms Klein does a wonderful job of writing him with all sorts of hidden depths. He is devoted and loyal but not without his own personal demons to fight. He just chooses to fight them by being a decent guy. Nikki on the other hand.. that girl has had a hard life and been battered and bruised by it. So much so that she doesn't know how to trust. Not to really trust.. even Jett.. but she is determined to live her life on her terms, not on the terms that others have set up for her.

I am totally enjoying this series.. it isn't a perfect world, the characters aren't over the top alpha this or bad boy that.. they are special, endearing, realistic and honest. Makes you fall in love with them over and over again!

While Hustlin' Texas is the second book in the series it can very easily be read as a stand alone, although why anyone would want to do that *grins*.. My advice, make sure you read Texas Wide Open, First.. Now there's a shocker read in order.. *grins*

Shauni

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Susan (susayq ~) says

I've got to say it - this one was better than the first one! While it was still a little on the dark angsty side, it wasn't nearly as angsty as Katie and Cole's story. Jett and Nikki had some laugh out loud moments :)

Nikki's self-doubt and low self-esteem had me wanting to shake her. I don't know how many different ways Jett could have told her, and showed her, he loved her. And she just did not see it. Or more precisely, she didn't want to see it.

I loved Jett when he lost control. His nickname was Cool Man, but Nikki knew just how to drive him to the edge. Those glimpses into him were great.

In this we met Cash Rodriguez, who is crushing on Jett's sister, Lauren. Is it too much to hope Cash gets a book? With, or without, Lauren :)

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Kelly says

ARC received through Netgalley

3,5 stars

I really enjoyed "Hustlin' Texas" even if I found myself a little less hooked to the second part of the book because Nikki's bad reputation became a little boring and that stopped me from being on the edges. It was a nice story about a girl coming back to town to clean a debt after leaving for college without even a goodbye note. She had her degree and now she has to face the people she left behind: the judgemental ones but also her brother Cole and Jett, the best friend and lover.

He is the golden boy of the town and adored by everyone (total opposite of Nikki). He's also coming from a wealthy and powerful family who's always trying to keep him from the Logans thinking they'll bring him down or more exactly, his career in politics.

To protect herself from being hurt, she learnt a long time ago to keep her emotions in check and love isn't a feeling she's familiar with but Jett will show her that falling in love and letting go is exactly what she needs. She's also a runner and Jett doesn't want to scare her like he did that night before she left two years ago. So yeah, she's sort of unstable when feelings are involved but he won't let her go without a fight this time even if he had to drop the cool attitude and if that doesn't make him a good romance hero...! :)

Jenn Cunha says

Received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Nikki and Jett's story was super cute and while there were a couple of details I wish Klein would have given us, overall it was a terrific story. Nikki is the bad girl from the wrong side of the tracks and Jett is the senator's son who's always taken care of her and cleaned up her messes. When she comes back to town, it's only a matter of time before sparks fly again.

I loved Nikki's sass and wit, although sometimes the fact that she was obviously being mean to protect herself got a little grating. Jett needed to stand up for himself more, particularly with his family, but he also needed to understand where Nikki was coming from and meet her half way.

All in all a good book set in a good community with just enough action to make it interesting. I'm interested to see what else Klein has in store and now I want to go back and read Cole's book.

Mojca says

[—there was no sex until the end (hide spoiler)]
