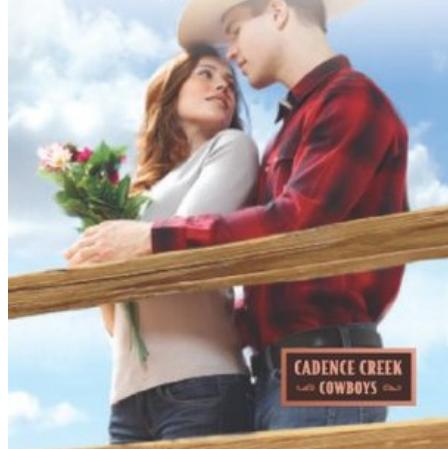




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*Friendship?* Melissa Stone has done a fine job of avoiding her *former* best friend Cooper Ford. She was devastated when she discovered her husband was cheating on her, and felt doubly betrayed that Cooper had known all along....

*Forgiveness...*

But she can't ignore him forever—especially now that they're working together on a charity project! And as she and Cooper get closer again, she confides in him her plans to start a family—alone.

*Fatherhood!*

Cooper wants to be there for her this time—but would he really consider being *the father of her baby...?* ?

## **A Cowboy to Come Home To Details**

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### **Linda says**

Melissa Stone had a serious crush on Cooper Ford since she was fifteen but he never looked at her as a girl, only his friend. No matter how much she'd dreamed about kissing her as she lay in bed he only thought of her as his buddy. So when Scott their other friend in the group of kids in the small town kissed her she instantly forgot about Coop. At twenty she married Scott and thought they could start a family until she saw her husband with another woman, but worse Cooper had known and she hated him.....

Cooper Ford knew that he was between a rock and a hard place when he saw Scott come out of a hotel with another woman and he told him that Mel didn't deserve this treatment, his feelings for her must have shown on his face as Scott claimed he was trying to get Mel for himself and that was the end of their friendship! When he and Mel agreed that after three years it was time to start over and as they got to know each other again she blurted out that she wanted a baby and the treatments weren't taking.....

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### **Susan says**

Good book. Melissa has worked hard to move past her divorce and the betrayal of her ex-husband. Harder than that has been accepting the loss of her best friend Cooper. They had been friends for a long time and when she found out that he knew about Scott's cheating she was devastated. She has managed to avoid him for three years, but now they're working together on a project and he's had enough.

I liked both Melissa and Cooper. Mel had been blindsided by her husband's actions and is now finding it very hard to trust any men. Part of her devastation at the end of her marriage was the loss of her dream of having children, so she decided to have a baby on her own. She was also hurt by what she saw as a betrayal by her friend Cooper, who had known of Scott's actions but didn't tell her. She had had a crush on him when she was in school, but when he showed no signs of returning the feelings she had moved on. She doesn't know if she can forgive him for his actions but she is willing to try. She doesn't expect to find that her attraction to him has returned and is growing stronger. She is amazed when he tells her that he has loved her for years but wouldn't say anything while she was married. His declaration has scared her because she doesn't trust that anyone will stick with her for any length of time. She has to learn that she's worth staying around for.

Cooper had been friends with Mel for a long time. By the time he figured out that he wanted more than friendship she was already with Scott. Because he was friends with both of them, finding out about Scott's affair caused him major heartache. He wanted to tell Mel, but Scott threatened to tell Mel about Cooper's feelings and make it look like he was trying to break them up. Staying away from her after the divorce was incredibly hard for him. When he finally talked her into giving their friendship another chance he was also hoping to show her his love also. He also had problems with the intensity of his feelings, knowing that losing her again would destroy him. He also wasn't sure that any developing feelings from her were for him or just because she wanted a baby.

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### **Gerd says**

After "The last real cowboy" this is probably my least favourite novel by Donna. I begin to wonder if it has to do with the type of men that Cadence Creek turns out, because once again I found myself growing to dislike the story's male love interest.

There's the whole sleeping around in Cooper's past, avoiding any and all close relationships to women, apart from having sex with them, which made me wonder on what exactly Melissa bases the idea that he likes women?

Sounded more like he likes sex to me.

The other thing about Cooper that made me want to pick up a shovel and hit him over the head with it, repeatedly, was his whole in essence whining about how he got caught in the "friendzone" (terrible euphemism that stands for: "Wah, wah, she won't sleep with me"); gee, guy, man up and *be* a friend or **MOVE ON!**

And then there's this whole baby-pact thing in the middle, that, to me, sounded like he wanted to try his luck with a "friends with benefits" (another terrible euphemism) relationship with Melissa... so, yeah, not much love lost, which made it really difficult to root for him, which in turn made the romance look a bit aimless to me.

Still, Donna's a great writer, and my personal misgivings towards Cooper as male lead notwithstanding there are some sigh worthy moments in it.

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## **Rhonda says**

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This is a nice romance story to read. I liked the characters. it was fun and pleasant escape. It is a clean romance.

Melissa Stone owns the flower shop. She has been divorced for three years after she got her husband in bed with another woman. She also found out her good friend Cooper knew and did not tell her. Melissa has not talked to Cooper since. She avoids him.

Melissa had a crush on Cooper years ago but he did not see her as a girl. Then her husband took notice of her.

Cooper was not interested in Melissa when she had a crush on him. Then when it was too late he realized that he loved her. He did not know how to tell Melissa the truth.

Now they are talking and trying to see where it might lead to. If they are both willing to risk their hearts again.

Fast read. It leaves you with a smile and pleasant feeling.

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### **Babs says**

Cooper decides it is time to try a truce with his old time friend Melissa. He walks into her florist shop and about gives her a heart attack. She is rough as she blames Cooper for not coming clean until after the divorce from her ex husband and his ex best friend. She has done a good job in the past 3 years of avoiding Cooper in their small town.

Then all the sudden they start seeing each other every where. Mel just can't let go of the hurt especially from her ex- best friend. He knew what was going on with her ex cheating but did not share that news. She had to walk in on her ex with another woman. Why couldn't Cooper just leave her alone to get on with her life.

She wants to start a family on her own and has been trying for a while with such disappointment. When she falls apart she is at a party where Cooper is at as well and their slow paced relationship starts taking place. Can Mel ever forgive Cooper and can Cooper finally tell Mel the truth about why he kept the news to himself.

This is the first book I have read by this author and will be looking for more. I love her writing style as she can grab you into the story right from the first page. The setting is realistic and you want to know what is going to happen with the characters.

Thank you NetGalley for allowing me to read this book for an honest review.

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### **Tina "IRead2Escape" says**

A Cowboy To Come Home To is the 3rd book in the Cadence Creek Cowboys series by Donna Alward. I have not read the first 2 books in this series and it didn't hurt the story at all. There wasn't any references that made it obvious that there were previous books. I will definitely read the future books, though.

Melissa Stone has moved on with her life and distanced herself from the best friend she ever had. She thought walking in on her husband and catching him with another woman was heartbreaking, but finding out that Cooper knew all along and didn't say anything destroyed her. She's managed to keep her distance for 2 years, which isn't easy in a small town, but all of a sudden she keeps running into him. The timing couldn't be worse. She misses Cooper being in her life and she's starting to question if her feelings are what she thought them to be. She still feels the attraction that she buried years ago when she realized Cooper only wanted her for a friend. Sadly, this couldn't have come at a worse time. Melissa has been trying to get pregnant through artificial means and she really needs to put her focus on that.

Cooper Ford has gone far too long without Melissa in his life. He screwed up years ago and lost her friendship. Now, he wants to make amends and will stop at nothing to get her back. Well, almost nothing. He can't bring himself to admit to her that he loves her, he's always loved her and the only thing that stopped

him from telling her about the affair was the threat from her ex that she would not believe him thinking Cooper was making it up to get her for himself. He has to figure out a way to get her to come to the conclusion they are meant to be without scaring her away.

***"I was afraid of falling in love. Afraid to give anyone that much control over my life, because when you're in love you put that other person ahead of yourself."***

This book was such a fun read. I really, really enjoyed Cooper. He broke my heart. The pain he carried from his part in Melissa's broken heart was palpable. The friendship the pair shared was heartwarming and entertaining. Melissa's struggles with wanting a baby, but feeling judged because of her choices was frustrating. I loved how Cooper was there for her when she was falling apart.

Thank you to NetGalley.com for the loan of this book in exchange for my honest review.

You can find this review and others at <http://riverinaromantics.blogspot.com> and <http://tinar1121.blogspot.com>

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### **Donna Porter says**

As with all of Donna's books, this one was also great. I really love her writing style and she knows how to tell a story. this is the story of Melissa and Cooper. After 10 years apart and the break up of Melissa's marriage they fight to try to regain a friendship to find out they had always loved each other. Its a great read

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### **Michelle says**

This is Donna Alward at her best - strong emotional story that doesn't whack you with melodrama. I devoured this book - great story, emotional tension that carries you through and makes you turn pages. Her stories are homey and comfy and gentle - this one is no different.

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### **Jenn Scranton says**

Love. Love. Love. Love this book.

Sweet. That about sums it up.

I really can't even describe it. Not enough to do it justice. Perfect read for a rainy day. Or when you give up on men or humanity. LOL.

The cover makes it look old and out dated, but trust me. It's a good read. It is short and sweet. So put a smile on your face!

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## **Hsiau Wei says**

This book tell the story of Melissa, who managed to avoid Cooper for the past three years since her marriage failed. She blamed Cooper for not telling the truth of her ex husband's philandering. Being ignored and attempts to avoid her at all cost for the past three years, Cooper wanted to put a stop to all these avoidance between them. He approached her and asked for her forgiveness but Melissa knows deep down that there is no way their friendship will be the same like before ever again. Melissa is attempting to get pregnant artificially, as she wanted a child of her own and with her marriage ended, her chance of getting pregnant naturally may never happen. But the day when she hoped for the best, her period comes and she was so disappointed that she cried. Cooper caught her and thru his persistence, Melissa spills her heartache to him. What caught her surprise was that Cooper offered to give her just that... by being the father of the baby that she desperately wanted.

What interesting about this book is that both the main characters' loves are for each other but due to circumstances, their love was hidden from each other. I like Cooper for his perseverance and his patience to wait for Melissa. She have issues of trust after being betrayed by her husband and Cooper and for her to accept a new relationship is something that she is not ready. Overall, this is a sweet read for me and I truly enjoyed reading it.

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## **Freda Mans-Labianca says**

So lovely!

This is part of a series that I haven't heard of before this book, but it didn't matter one bit when reading. It felt fresh and new, like the start of a series or a stand alone book.

It was like watching the perfect love story unfold. These two, Coop and Mel, are the perfect match, even if it takes them too long to figure it out. They finally come together and when they did I actually got a tear in my eye. It was that beautiful.

It was nice to have a Canadian setting too, which surprised me. Not a lot of romance books I read have a good ole north setting, so when I saw Edmonton I was wowed.

I really love this Cadence Creek Cowboys series. I am definitely going to check out more from that series, and from this author too. Her books have an ease that has you easily reading the book in a couple of hours. This was exactly what I needed at the right time.

Clean romance fans, this is right up your alley so get a copy today!

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## **Emily says**

When Melissa Stone walked in on her husband with another woman, she was devastated. When she found out her best friend Cooper Ford knew about it she was hit with twice the betrayal and hurt. Three years later she has managed to keep out of Cooper's path, never realizing that the reason Cooper never said a word was because he was in love with her and did not want her hurt.

Cooper has had enough, he wants Melissa back in his life be it as a friend or the possibility of something more. When Cooper finds out that Melissa is trying to have a child, he makes an offer to be the father. His hope is that she will begin to think of him as more than a friend, but when it comes down to it will Melissa

be using him as a donor or will she realize that he is the man who stole her heart?

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### **Debby says**

Reasonable story about trying to reconnect with your best friend after years of thinking they betrayed you. Happy ending.

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### **Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says**

A Cowboy to Come Home To has two very nice main characters. Melissa is strong but guarded and with reason. Cooper is strong but guarded and again with reason. There is tension between the two, secrets that must come out and of course a romance that finally wins out in the end. A quick satisfying read and another chance to go to Cadence Creek.

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### **Emma says**

Melissa Stone and Cooper Ford used to be best friends. That is until she found out that her husband had been cheating on her and that Cooper had known about it and didn't mention it to her. She would love to stay away from him, but since they are working on a charity project together, she decides to at least be cordial with him again.

Cooper knows he messed up, but what Melissa doesn't understand is that he was stuck between a rock and a hard place. He is willing to do anything to recover that trust that was lost when he didn't tell Melissa about her husband's cheating.

Now divorced, Melissa decides that she wants to have a baby, whether she has somebody in her life or not. Through all they've been through, Cooper must decide whether he's willing to be the father of the baby Melissa so desires. Melissa must choose to follow her heart to the one person who broke it, or do things on her own.

A very fast read, sweet and heartbreaking at the same time. Loved this book. Wish it would've been longer, since I want to know what happened to these two wonderful characters.

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