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Two cowboys fall in love. It's as simple and as complicated as that.

Tyler Newsome is heading home to the Lazy N, tired of the rodeo and tired of always being his charismatic twin's shadow. It's time he gets a life of his own and maybe the man he's always dreamed of, too. Ren Alston's always been attracted to Tyler, but never made a move because of his own mental and emotional baggage. But after years spent taming his demons and gaining control in every aspect of his life, Ren sees the younger man's return as a sign of good things to come. But first, they have to deal with Tyler's twin, past indiscretions and Ren's brothers. Will these cowboys manage to build a strong foundation of trust and love? Or will their problems be too much for them?"

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UnusualChild{beppy} says

synopsis:

tyler quits rodeoing because he's tired of it and heads home to his father's ranch because he loves it so much. he's hoping that he can start something with the guy next door (figuratively), ren, someone he's always had a crush on. ren, of course, has always had a crush on tyler, too. oh, and tyler has an identical twin brother, who slept with ren.

what i liked: i liked that tyler stood up to his brother and did what he wanted for once. i also liked that ren appreciated tyler for what he had to offer.

what i didn't like: really? ren had to have an affair with tyler's brother because he wanted him as a substitute for tyler? kinda gross. there wasn't a lot to the story, and the guys hooked up really quickly with forgiveness all around for the brother incident.

Monica says

3.5 stars

I love stories about cowboys falling in love. So I just knew a story from this author would be awesome. It wasn't awesome, but it was good. What bothered me besides the length, too short for all that was going on, and the characters could have been developed more, and some issues were left hanging, was the issue of going bareback! WTF! Tyler just allowed it and didn't even discuss the issue with Ren. Tyler brought up issues that were less of a concern than that should have been.

Shannon says

Nice story about two cowboys falling love. Nothing sensational or overly dramatic. Older cowboy that younger cowboy has loved for a while finally find eachother. Sex was lovely though!

♥Lynn ♥ says

I really wish this book would have slowed down so we could get to know the characters better. I felt this book rushed everything. Tyler and his twin got on my nerves. This was my first T.A. Chase book, I will read more, but this one was just ok for me.

JR says

This was a sweet story, enjoyed the central characters of Ren and Tyler a lot. Felt like it could have gone on a little longer, maybe dealt with the twin dynamic, but it was still good. Very romantic cowboys.

Snowtulip says

Not good, not bad, mmmhheee

Love: Tyler and TJ's self discovery of brother relationship and standing up for yourself
Sex between Tyler and Ren fit them

Dislike: Didn't really feel a connection with Tyler and Ren's relationship
Everything moved very fast (relationship, PTSD thrown in, etc)

Not sure the length of the book fit the story very well, too rushed.

Nic says

Cute cowboy ✓
Another gorgeous cowboy ✓
Some hot sex ✓
Best dad in the world ✓
Identical twin brother ✓
Identical twin brother who is a total dickhead and you just want to throttle ✓

This was short and overall sweet. I guess I just wanted Ren and Tyler to struggle more for their happiness but I still enjoyed it.

Elisa Rolle says

It's a bit a Fantasy Cowboy Land the one described in this book by T.A. Chase, but well, sometime it's good to forget that there are places in this world where you can't really be who you are without worrying of the consequences, and it's important to tell the story as you would like it to be, since maybe, time over time, you will change a mind at time.

And so in this story we have Tyler and J.T., twin rodeo cowboys. Both handsome and gay (well actually, J.T. is bisexual...), J.T. is the shiny twin, while Tyler is the shy one. Tyler is also the responsible one, first his mother on her death bed and then his father asked him to take care of his twin, and Tyler always acted as guardian angel. He also left his beloved ranch, and his beloved neighbor Ren, to follow his twin on the rodeo circuit. But eight years after, Tyler is wondering if it's not time to come back at home, J.T. or not J.T. on tow.

At home there is not only is aging father, but also Ren, the older and handsome neighbor who was Tyler's unrequited first love. Tyler has never had the courage to confess to Ren his feelings, instead he talked to J.T. who, soon after, seduced Ren. Now Tyler doesn't know if being happy to have a proof that Ren is gay, or be unhappy to be forced once again to compete with his twin.

On the other hand, Ren is only waiting for Tyler to be old enough, and tired enough of the outside world, to be ready to settle down in their ranches. Ren is the older brother of three, but his two brothers have no intention to stay at the ranch. So Ren is ready and willing to build a family, and Tyler was always is first choice when arriving to a life partner. His relationship with J.T. was only a fling, and something that tired him soon after the first encounter.

Ren has some personality issues, a legacy from his military service during war time, and he needs to be in control in every moment. On the other hand, Tyler needs to let the control sometime, since he is always the reliable twin, the one who everyone expected to take the right decision. In this way, Ren and Tyler are perfect together, being Ren always the top in their relationship, and Tyler the willing bottom.

So no problem in their relationship and no problem also outside their relationship: Tyler's father behaves like a old fashioned father, means that he only asks Ren's intentions toward his son, and he is more than happy when he is assured that they are honest; Ren's brothers are only waiting for their brother to find a partner in order to be able to move out of the ranch without worrying to leave their brother alone... Sure, there is no the time, or the chance, to see the behavior of who is not a strict relative, other than one of Tyler's friend, but the atmosphere of all the book is of a total acceptance of Ren and Tyler's love.

Setting and details are very accurate, with few right positioned words, T.A. Chase gives the reader all the necessary details to be deeply immerse in the rodeo and breeding horse culture.

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KellyJo says

The only reason this got three stars was I wanted more from it.. The story seemed really shot and not much going on. The couple was good together but like I said not much going on between them(well out of the bed)..

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

This story was ok. I think it really needed to be longer and more involved. I didn't really feel like I got to know the characters very deeply, though I thought Ren and Tyler fit well together. The sex was hot. There is a scene with the crossties in the barn that was scorching. But, the relationship seemed to skip ahead from one sex session to the next, with only a little bit of story in between.

There were a few little things that annoyed me, though they didn't take away from the story. One was that every time a horse was mentioned, so was its color. This doesn't seem like a big deal, but I felt it was totally unnecessary. The other thing that niggled me was after one sex encounter, Ty fell asleep before Ren had even made his retreat. I just found this really odd.

One major thing that really bothered me were all the loose ends. I want to know what happened with Ren's brothers and all their PTSD issues. Throughout the story, there is such tension between Ty and his twin TJ, then, all of a sudden, after one talk with a mysterious friend, TJ is sorry for the way he treated Ty all these years, and that's the last we hear about it.

Overall, I did enjoy the story itself and wouldn't mind reading a sequel that fills in the blanks I found in this book.

Heller says

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The twin brother screwing the crush. That just seemed off.

The big thing for me was the attitude of sexual safety. There wasn't even a token conversation about using no condoms. It just happened with no conversation after the fact either. Just that their relationship was on another level.

Calila says

Nice fluffy read. No angst (which is both a good and bad thing. I think I'm suffering from "The grass is always greener" syndrome). Very kinky but it was great. Ren and Tyler were both likable, but I wish I knew more about both. I hope there are more books to come. I want to know what happens to the side characters.

Erotic Horizon says

Tired and frustrated tagging along after his twin on the rodeo circuit, Tyler packs up kit and caboodle and returns home to not only his aging father and the ranch he loves – but also to see how much of a chance he has with the man he's always loved – Ren. While he always loved Ren he's also been too shy to approach him, now he's returning unsure of the welcome he'll get from Ren, but also with the knowledge that Ren has slept with JT –his brother.

Ren the eldest of three brothers has always loved Tyler. Wanting to give Tyler time to see and experience the world, he waits patiently for him to return to his father's ranch. With his own emotional issues and two brothers who are in the same situation as himself– waiting on Tyler has never been a problem, as he wants Tyler to have his feel of the outside world. Now that he was back he wonders if Tyler is prepared to accept him, faults and all.

T.A. Chase has always been a favourite of mine and Bound By Blood is another great outing by this author. JT and Tyler are twins, where JT is the take charge, adventurous and also reckless brother. Tyler is the shy, humble one and also the one with duty of care for his brother. Fulfilling his dying mother's wish to take care of JT, he's dutifully followed along on the Rodeo circuit for eight years. Now he's tired of it all and just wants to go home and try and win the man he's always loved.

Ren on the other hand is a man of the land, he loves his ranch and sees himself making a life there. The only thing he needs to complete the scenario is a partner, and although he has made some bad choices in the past, he has always known that Tyler is one man that completes him.

Together these two are perfect for each other, Tyler with his shy unassuming ways is more than enough for Ren's jittery nerves. Bound By Blood is a book full of regrets, harsh lessons and forgiveness and acceptance.

There is also enough little snippets of thing to come to keep the readers anticipating future books to complement Bound By Blood.

Julia says

Generally, I'm a fan of the gay cowboy theme, but this one didn't click for me. I felt like there could've been more depth to the characters and just more storyline altogether. Not bad, but not a favorite.

Kazza says

2.5 stars rated up to three as, to be fair, it wasn't bad, just not very good.

I was looking forward to Bound By Love, lots of things I like coming together. However, this book was just OK, very similar to many others in the M/M, cowboy genre. There was nothing new brought to the plate.

Tyler was nice enough but too nice to be honest. He was quite insecure but it was understandable I guess.

JT, Tyler's twin bother, was painted as the biggest asshole out and his character was. He was so maligned, I swear global warming and the global financial woes were his doing as well.

Ren Alston, once again, was a nice enough guy but he slept with both twins. His explanation about whether he preferred JT over Tyler wasn't very satisfying for me, how Tyler felt reassured I don't know (given his insecurities about his brother).

The sex was so so, not hot and heavy just a walk through rather than passion or showing me, with minimum dirty talk.

Ren's brothers were interesting and a longer book could have produced a better story with them more front and centre.

If you like fast, easy to read M/M cowboy then it's not a bad book.
