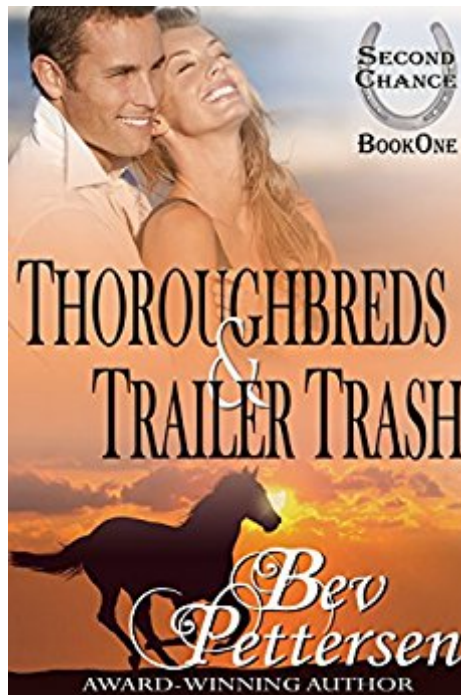




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Synopsis

At first their personalities clash--but will their explosive chemistry become too much to resist?

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Feisty Jenna Murphy doesn't give a whiff about an animal's pedigree. As the local horse masseuse, she knows she has the magic touch and is keen to help every animal in her small town, including her beloved pony, Peanut. Any extra money earned from her job at the Equine Center is earmarked for her younger sister. At least someone in their family is going to receive a college education. High-powered businessman Derek Burke's main goal is to fix his new company's financial woes. And the first thing on his agenda is to force employees to only look after Thoroughbreds. Working for free on trashy animals is simply not how a business makes money, and he's prepared to run off anyone who doesn't conform, even his attractive but free-spirited horse masseuse. Soon two stubborn people are caught in a battle of wills and there can never be two winners. Or can there?

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Customer Reviews

I have read all but one of Ms. Pettersen's books and loved them. However, this one is my favorite so far. Jenna is adorable and a breath of fresh air. I loved her down-to-earthiness. Her love interest, Burke, is a mixture of uptight, kind, steely, sexy, hunky, and also adorable in an alpha-male sort of way that makes one's heart pound. The ending of the book had me breathless and, dang, the battery on my Kindle ran out and I had to recharge it. Anyway, I finished the book with my heart in my throat. Kudos to Ms. Pettersen!

Completely blown away by this story of horses and the people of a small West Virginia town. My favorite scene is sitting on Jenna's porch swing watching the blazing red sunset. I can feel the warmth and slight breeze, taking a deep breath to blow away the stress and see the regal colors across the sky as the day comes to an end. It's a sight that I've seen on vacations, but would love to see day in and day out. This story includes romance, but it isn't the main focus and the couple doesn't act like horny 14-year old kids. Jenna's relationship with her parents plays a big part in her motivation to remain single. As an adult, she could pick out their good qualities, but growing up, the violence, rage, drunk & disorderly father who stole, was a card shark and lazy doesn't give her the confidence around men she needs. She misses her mom terribly but wishes she had the answers why she stayed with an abusive husband. There had to be more than love, right? Burke came storming into Jenna's equine facility, well where she worked ready to slash jobs, beautify the area and bring in competent management. It was time to bring the business out of the red and into the black. Another business with great potential, credentialed employees, all the new age equipment to rehab horses and not the freebies the locals were currently getting. Nope, Burke Industries owned and ran the cream of the crop and race horses, Derby winners & thoroughbreds would be the new clients. Mangy ponies and the townsfolk horses (up-to-date on shots or not) would need to go elsewhere or prepare to pay top dollar. After a day helping the construction crew chop wood, plane it

on sight and begin building the new work shed, he called it a day. He still needed to meet with the current manager in the office. What he didn't expect was the beautiful woman with long legs, long blonde hair and a friendly personality, aka Jenna. She mistakes his hard hat and work clothes for a man needing a job. He doesn't correct her, but the following day she meets him and learns he's her new boss. Her disposition remains cheerful and he learns her loyalty to current employees runs deep. This is the beginning of Jenna & Burke getting to know each other at work and later on her porch as he swings by on his way home. After-all, the home he's staying in is a half mile down the gravel road past her place. Her home is an old mobile home and his a mansion. It certainly provides a clue and ties in with the title. Similar to real life and not just in fictional stories, it's best not to judge by exterior appearances alone.

A delightful romance with captivating characters, who are totally different. Jenna is generous, spontaneous, and speaks her own mind. She's hardly able to support herself and her sister, and yet manages to help everyone around. Burke is the alpha hero over and over, authoritative, strict, and thoroughly honest. Yet he can't help falling for the sassy Jenna from the minute he catches her stealing vitamins to save her pony. They continuously clash during hilarious situations that often turn emotional or highly sensual. Ms. Pettersen's writing is a pleasure to read, down-to-earth and so appropriate to the cast of characters. Although I am not a horse person at all, the author managed to make me love the pony, Peanut and, the Derby winner, Nifty. I highly recommend this book and the author.

The title isn't awe inspiring but when you start reading this book - you will want to stay with it. It is poignant, lusty and a fantastic read from start to finish.

One of the reasons I bought this book was the number of stars it had been given. And I really tried to find redeeming qualities in the lead characters, but I just couldn't. Burke was a master manipulator; but his "ends justifies the means" approach was as much emotionally abusive as it was crass. Jenna's dishonesty was as bad. Yes, she had a "good heart" to those around her, except she stole from her employer, knew it was wrong and not tolerated, and, yet, continued to do so. The side piece on the Derby winner, his owner, and potential fire wasn't even suspenseful as I knew as soon as David spoke about his father dying in a fire, what would eventually happen. A potentially good plot line that just seemed

contrived and thrown in for good measure. I have way too many books to read by authors who can really spin a good story to waste my time reading anything else by this author.

I enjoyed this book very much. I loved the characters and the story. This is my first read by Bev but it want be my last. In fact I will buy the next on in this series.I received an email from recommending her and thought after reading reviews that I would chance it. I amSo glad I did.

The story was certainly well thought out through a great majority of the book. The ending was rather sudden and the way it was played out seemed so uncharacteristic compared to the rest of the book. The author has a great knowledge of horses and wrote so well that I felt as though I were there and knew exactly what was going on. There were some decisions that were made that I didn't agree on, but because the decisions were something that I would see that character do I was able to accept them. There was some humor through out the book and made for an interesting read. I really do not like the name of the book now that I have read it, but it certainly caught my eye.

Kept me wanting to read more from page one. The author keeps the story moving and interesting. Want to read more books by this author.

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