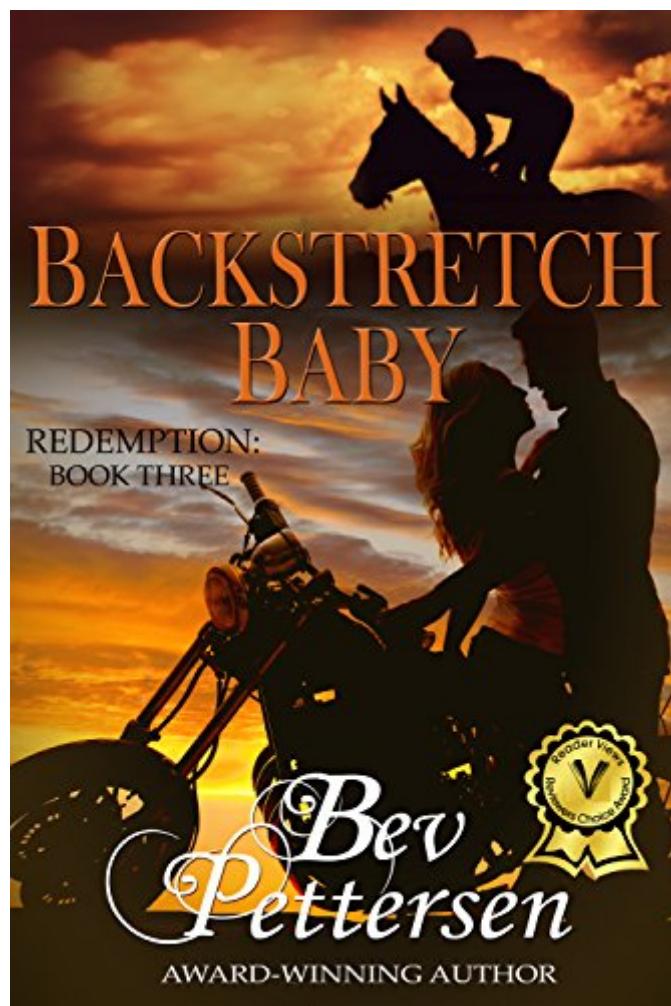


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Customer Reviews

This book brought back characters from at least 3 of her other books - Horses and Heroin, A Scandalous Husband, and Jockeys and Jewels. To someone that hasn't read her books I would recommend reading Horses and Heroin before reading this one. The story kept my interest and I loved all the characters. Tizzy was my favorite horse in this book. I liked Rick and Eve together. I found the ending a bit rushed and it left a few unanswered questions I would have liked to have seen tied up but overall another good read. I've enjoyed all of this author's books that I've read. I'd recommend them to anyone that enjoyed reading about horses, mysteries & romance.

I have read all of Bev Pettersen's books. She is a great writer. "Backstretch Baby" didn't disappoint! I loved the characters, Eve, Ashley, and of course Rick and his bad boy image. I was so smitten with the story that I read the book in one sitting, well into the night. I had to finish it, it was so good! And then I couldn't sleep, because the excitement towards the end had me all worked up. I am looking forward to your next horsy book, Bev!

This author is a favorite of mine, but this book is not so much. It is very dark, with the Heroine accepting a lot of the bad breaks she has been given, and the Hero, who is well off financially, needs "rescuing" from past emotional difficulties. A second issue for me is that these problems were solved by money -- the Hero's money. That is not very helpful to many women who need to determine what to do about the bad breaks they face. There are plenty of rich men, but most, if not all, of them want someone "younger" or "prettier" or "closer to their social status". Further, the Hero, who is a cop, STOPS trying to solve the murder mystery before there is a conclusion, and abandons the Heroine because of his emotional baggage. That doesn't say much for his instincts as a police

detective, though he is supposed to be one of the "best". The Heroine appears to have only two career choices: working with horses or creating jewelry. Trust me when I say, NEITHER of those are things that even entered into the career choices discussed in my high school years. Neither is particularly wrong, but there are a great number of other vocations that work out of doors, and there are a great number of vocations indoors that don't require artistic creativity. Several other characters were also well developed, but not all received such care. Some were caricatures of personality types: the money-grubbing [ex] wife; the promiscuous women in a bar, and others. The mystery is what kept me reading, but it resolved out a fairly predictably way. All in all, not a total waste of time, but not the best of this author's books.

So nice to have an author who "get's it" about horses... She writes a great story that keeps you guessing till the end every time. Also great to have a motorcycle guy in the mix!!!! As usual can't wait for the next one.....

Backstretch Baby, a contemporary romance by Bev Pettersen, managed to infuse thoroughbred racing with a suspense thriller and a romance with a pair of unlikely main characters: Eve Lewis is the trainer relegated with a misfit crew and misfit horses and next to no budget on a small track because she was forced to retire as a jockey due to severe injuries and had to care for her kid. A rash of thefts and sabotages had almost destroyed her future when Rick Talbot was asked by one of the horse's owner to join her at the track as a handler to find out what is going on. What they found were their interest in each other... and a conspiracy. When a body was found nearby the stakes are raised to the breaking point. The mystery and suspense were integrated nicely with the romance and there were enough red herrings to throw readers off on who may be the real perp. Very much enjoyed this novel.

Wow, amazing book from start to finish didn't want to put down. Rick and Eve's story was so amazing. At times great and other times a pulling back because of past hurts. However, when push comes to shove and the chips are down will they be able to pull through? Just can't say more than to just read.

Backstretch has an interesting cast of characters, including some very strong women, the troubled hero, and the beautiful thoroughbred horses...each with a strong personality of their own. Along with the romance and mystery, our compassion is stirred for the Hispanic immigrants who work so hard

to scrape out a living...many who are here without papers, and must constantly look over their shoulders. I'm thrilled to have found this great new author, thanks to my Kindle. I have read every book Bev Pettersen has published, and each are well worth every penny spent! I again, patiently look forward to her next book.

the story that shows how one young works so hard to help her friends and her self to keep there careers .

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