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Thanks to her cheating ex-husband and her thieving brother, all horse breeder Nikki Kimball has left is a bruised heart, an over-drawn bank account and an empty home. When sex-on-legs Dillon Barnett and his brooding foster-brother Brett Anderson start showing more than just neighborly attention, Nikki is intrigued...and a little gun-shy.

Dillon and Brett have a history; back in high school, the two friends fought a bitter battle over Nikki. Now, ten years later, Brett still longs to be the man in Nikki's life, but he's determined to stand back and let Dillon win Nikki's heart.

Society says Nikki must choose between the two men she loves. Is Nikki strong enough to break all the rules in order to find happiness?

## **Texas Tangle Details**

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## Dee says

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I feel kind of neutral about this story. It didn't overly excite me but then it didn't bore me to tears either. The plot was okay but I was expecting more. I felt Dillon and Brett's characters could have been explored a little more. We learn a lot about Nikki and her failed marriage, but not a thing about what these two hot guys have been up to for 10 years, why neither of them married etc!

Nikki arrives home and finds she has been robbed; everyone assumes it is her brother. (view spoiler). Her parents are pissed at her for involving the cops. They constantly defend her dead beat brother but treat her like trash, huh??

The sex was hot for the most part even though I didn't care for some of the terminology. (view spoiler)

All in all a nice love story all tied up in a pretty bow. (view spoiler)

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## Tina says

Heat level: 4 out of 5 it was steamy!

Kink: menage, food play, rope play

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The story was good overall with a friends become lovers theme which is one of my favorites. The story starts with Nik (girl) breaking down and Dillion helping her out. They go to Niks home to find out that the house has been broken into. Dillion takes Nik to his house and Brett the foster brother enters the story. The rest of the story deals with Brett liking Nik and not wanting to horn in on Dillion. They also try to find Nik's brother. Nik gets involved with both Dillion and Brett and has choose which one she will stay with.

What I liked:

- The friends to lovers theme was great.

- Dillion came across as real and tender toward Nik.

- Brett's character was truly the best character. Loved how he brooded and thought about Nik but wasn't willing to cross the boundry of his friendship/family with Dillion. He really is the alpha of the two males in my eyes. Which is the character type I like best.

- Nik's family was portrayed well and balanced why Nik acted the way she did.

- The menage part was toward the end of the story and it didn't involve male/male interaction. It is a big turn off for me when the guys dig each as much or more than the heroine.

- My favorite part of the story was toward the end when Brett cried/sort of cried, it made me sigh and smile.

What I didn't like:

-I kept having questions about what happened in the past between Dillion and Brett and Brett and Nik. You do find out toward the end but I would have liked it explained better or more in the beginning/middle of the story.

-The focus was mostly on Dillion who to me was the beta out of the two males. I would have liked the story to have been more on Brett's story. He had a lot more going on in his past and his character I was more drawn to than the happy go lucky Dillion.

Overall a good book. I will check out more stories by this author.

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## **Brande Waldron says**

Texas Tangle by Leah Braemel is one of the new releases of Carina Press. The new all digital e-book publisher from Harlequin. And boy did they start with a bang!

Texas Tangle is a wild erotic ride and will take the reader on an emotional journey that they won't soon forget as three wounded characters learn to love and come together as one. For Brett, Dillon and Nik their story began over ten years ago in high school with Nik and Brett making out at a party, only for Dillon to end up jealous and bitter. Brett had no idea that Dillon who was like a brother, liked Nik, he couldn't have imagined the torment he would have to struggle through because of his desire of the one girl who would forever capture his heart. Their relationship never the same, but the boys moved on, until now.... 10 years later and it is all happening all over again.

Nikki has been divorced for a couple of years now, trying to save every penny she can to keep her little homestead alive while helping out her criminal and loser brother. But Phil, her brother, has taken her for a ride, liquidating her accounts, credit cards and everything in her house. Including her clothes!

Heartbroken and depressed she turns to Dillon and Brett, who despite her horrible marriage to Wade and subsequent divorce, her struggles with Phil, they have been an unrelenting shoulder to cry on for her. But when Nik and Dillon start a relationship and Brett walks away, it leaves Nik wanting. She knows that in her heart she has feelings for Brett that run deep, as do her feelings for Dillon. Thing is, she chose, and Dillon won. It is eating Brett alive inside because he loves her to his very soul. He would never do anything to betray this love and loyalty to Dillon though, who's family all but legally adopted him as a child and saved him from a horribly abusive father. He refuses to relive the drama and heartache that happened between Dillon and him all those years ago too.

Dillon knows Brett still loves Nik, and the three decided to open their relationship to one another for the sake of their love for Nik. They are both going to "date" her and see who she chooses. Problem, neither one wants to give her up, but they will for the sake of making her happy.

What develops between the three is deliciously and intensely erotic and beautiful. The love and trust that they all learn from each other will bond them together forever.

Leah Braemel has created three vulnerable and loving characters that are wickedly addictive and an emotionally stimulating love story that flows off the pages in a way that will entice any reader. Spectacularly

hot ménage love story that will have you turning up the air conditioning from the get go!

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## **Mandi Schreiner says**

Why I read: I wanted to try a book by the new publisher, Carina Press, and this just caught my eye. (Ok, so it was the TWO dudes and just one girl on the cover...who could resist?)

Favorite Quote: “What sane woman would object to having two hot guys buck-ass nekkid on each side of her?”

Dillon Barnett comes from a very close knit Texan family. Even his foster-brother Brett has always felt at home. Rescued from an extremely abusive father as a child, Brett has grown up as a close brother to Dillon. They have definitely had their bumps along the way though. In high school, they both lusted after the same girl, Nikki Kimball, and although Brett shared a night of kissing with her, as adults, Dillon is the one to make a move towards romance.

Nikki suffered years of a verbally abusive marriage, and still suffers from verbally abusive parents. Now divorced, she took Phil, her brother in, in hopes that he can move past his criminal youth and make a life for himself. Nikki's truck breaks down and Dillon just happens upon her. Her night is about to go from possibly a little action with Dillon to catastrophe. Nikki comes home to find herself robbed of all possessions, and Phil no where to be found. He also takes off with her money, leaving Nikki with nothing. Dillon offers her a place to stay at his house, and they both want to explore the physical side of their lust.

It doesn't get past Brett that his foster-brother Dillon and best friend Nikki definitely have something going on, and Brett feels left out. Brett feels like he owes Dillon his life for practically saving him from his abusive father, so he would never do anything to break apart the special thing happening between them. But he can't help but wonder what it would have been like if he was the one who had come across Nikki in her broken down truck. Soon, though, he may get a taste of what it is to love this woman, even if he has to share.

I have a little rule when it comes to a ménage – brothers should not see each other with hard-ons. Texas Tangle features two foster brothers, not related by blood in any way, so this passes the test for me. I also say you can't just throw three people together and have some nakey time and expect the reader to fall for it. Leah Braemel really works in the back story, giving us Dillon and Brett, who are very close, yet have young adult drama that have driven them so far apart in the past. Nikki knows them both growing up, and now that her drama has ended with her ex-husband, she is at the perfect spot in her life for something new.

At the end, I believed in this trio. I didn't love that many accepted a threesome so easily. His mother and others were rooting for the three of them to get together. It all seemed a bit too easy on the family end. However, Nikki, along with Dillon and Brett don't take the choice easily. They really spend so much of the book analyzing and really making sure this is the right choice for all of them and consequently, their relationship comes across very mature. Although I think you do have to give a bit over to the fantasy side. I mean – two really hot dudes that worship just this one girl? But hey, isn't that why we read these books?

Best of all, their sex scenes are smokin'. Brett doesn't make an appearance in the bedroom until after the halfway mark, and by the time he shows up, I was READY. Brett is a quiet man, but such a dirty, dirty boy. Leah Braemel gives us plenty of hot scenes and I really enjoyed them.

Texas Tangle is an erotic ménage that worked for me. I will definitely be checking out more from Leah Braemel.

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### **Jamie says**

The "Short Story:"

A HOT little number featuring a HOT cowboy, a HOT cop and a "HOT" chick that they BOTH want.

The "Long Story:"

I saw this e-book on one of Goodreads lists that I LOVE to frequent and I went to see if I could find it on my Nook...Since according to Goodreads it was available for Kindle users. I was beyond happy when I was able to download this one onto my Nook! I'm a HAPPY e-book reader! I'm even happier that in the last 8 hours and 40 minutes I've read 2 books so far!

OMG was this HOT! Our heroine Nikki is a divorcee who has been having really HOT fantasies about Dillion for MONTHS. When they are finally driven together by unfortunate circumstances. Then there is the SHOCKER...That there is another hero that wants to be with Nikki as well...Brett, the good looking cop, who has history with Nikki. Now this is were things get a little dicey...all three of the characters are friends and none of them wants to hurt the other(s). So who is Nikki gonna chose?!

What I really liked about this story is that ALL of the characters were of equal importance. Meaning, they all got an equal amount of "page time." Which I really liked. The background stories were well thought out and VERY vivid.

The only quirk that I had with the story (and it's only a small quirk) is that I thought that Nikki at points in the story was written as whiney. I didn't really care for that but it wasn't enough to knock the rating down any.

Which brings us to the sex....OMG! It's panty-spontaneous-combustion! There's some pretty AMAZING M/F scenes as well as a UBER HOT M/F/M scene.

5/5

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### **Laurie Garrison says**

This book is smoking Hot! I couldn't decide if I needed a shower or turn up the fan. I love it so much. I now have a new favorite erotic author. I have always be a sucker for M/F/M. I normally like them where the two males are already committed to this type of relationship this way you don't go through the I don't know if I can handle this type of lifestyle and on top of that they have to convince the girl to do it too. Sometime it just gets carried a way, If you read this type of books you know what I mean. This book is that type, so none of the males or female is into this lifestyle, so they all have to come to terms with it, either they stay together or separate, but the author keeps you interested, so it didn't get boring or on my nerves.

I loved the tension that the author builds between all three characters and how they handled everything. I also loved how the author takes you into their lives in such a short time you really get to know each of them, especially Brett he is the tortured one.

Few spoilers

Nicole (Nikki as you'll see her called) had a ruff marriage and divorce. She is now living with her brother. She comes home from saving some horses and finds her livestock hasn't been watered, her brother was gone, her hot friend Dillon from next door is there to help her. When she notices the lights aren't on in her house she gets a bad feeling. Dillon goes in the house first to check and find everything gone. I am not going in to who took the stuff it would be a bad spoiler sorry, you'll have to find out yourself on that one;)

Dillon and Brett are step bro's (you have to read to find out how they became bro. its not a typical situation you read all the time) and they both have had a thing for Nikki. When Dillon finds all of Nikki's stuff gone from her house the first choice is she comes and stays with him. Now you know what happens here (woo wee, it gets turned up.) Nikki knows Brett has a thing for her, but he never acts on it. She asks him and he says no he doesn't want her. This is were I would love to put a spoiler to say way he doesn't want her, lets just say its really emotional. One day Brett cant take it anymore so now they want her to decide between them, but how can you chose one love over another and not be hurt.

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**Sparklybearsy<sup>o</sup>.•~» says**

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Right from the first page Texas Tangle by Leah Braemel draws you in, It's a pantie squealing read for sure and if it had had another 100 pages of Dillon, Brett and Nikki i would have been a happy girl.

With just three main characters and a handful of secondary characters none of which leave you confused with "who is that again...who said what?" Just the right amount of protagonists to build an erotic tale that has both story and substance too.

Nikki is a girl you can like, i did, even if there were times she irritated me slightly when she was all angst ridden about which man to choose, but she is just a sweet country girl, lonely and is suddenly drawn into double attraction from Dillon and step brother Brett.

Pretty much right away things turn physical for Nikki and Dillon, it's a believable heat between them and i wondered how a menage as the cover implies would be brought into the story since Brett was determined to not act on his attraction for Nikki and give Dillon -who he thinks of as a brother- the chance he never had with her.

It was Brett's back story that tugged at my heart strings, and it makes you understand why he doesn't toss his hat into the ring right away to win Nikki over. And the tension with him and Dillon left you guessing to as to which direction the story would go in.

You know those books when there's more than one male lead and you feel the need to choose a team? I'm on team Dillet (*gettit??!*) 'cause i loved both characters, I liked how they were with Nikki and the love they have for each other, i'm hoping there is a follow on book because i loved Dillon's family, (there's younger brothers so i have hope!) the grandmother and mother especially i enjoyed reading, i'm not sure if Nikki was giving off "i'm sexing both your grandsons" pheromones but Gramma dearest nailed it right away and openly

encouraged them all to live as a threesome which gave me a giggle. Go Gramma!

Scorchin' sizzlin' sexy time, nicely paced, good character interaction, i love the flow the author has between them all, these are characters you want to care about, you feel for them when they hurt, you want to defend Nikki against her terrible family, and yes girls you want to ~~jump their bones nom nom~~ hug the beejeeuz out of Dillon and Brett.

*I'm not saying you were trying to rub my face in anything. It just damn near killed me listening to what was going on." He exhaled noisily. "Dillon's so fuckin' loud , it was hard to ignore." - Brett*

*Dear Lord, if the man was primed and ready while he was asleep, what would he be like wide awake? - Nikki*

This is a delicious sexy summer read for anyone who enjoys a good erotic menage story.

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## **Judi says**

I'm gonna try and Texas two-step my way through this review.

It's hard to write a review for a book that just doesn't do it for you and you can't pinpoint why? I didn't hate it, but didn't love it. If I had to accurately describe my feelings...I tolerated it.

I liked the cover and the premise sounded promising. I should have felt sorry for the heroine, but I didn't. I should have swooned at manly men Dillon and Brett, but I didn't. Sometimes you just don't make the connection. Doesn't mean it won't work for you. Lots of people liked Texas Tangle so you may too. After all we all can't like the same food, men or books. That's what makes the world go round. I did like Merlin the donkey.

Nikki Kimball has definitely been dealt a raw deal. She's newly divorced trying to make a go of running a horse breeding ranch. She's got a douche of an ex-husband who cheated on her, her parents treat her no better than dirt on the bottom of their shoes (I really hated them) and a brother who she's helping by letting him live at her ranch while he's on probation - HE is the king of the douche bags; A-hole with a capital A. Nikki's the poster child for bad luck when her house is burgled and everything gets stolen, her credit is ruined and her bank accounts emptied. Huh that's family for ya.

Then along comes white knight and neighbor Dillon Barrett and his best friend and foster brother Brett Anderson riding in on their white stallions - ok they were just driving trucks - to save the damsel in distress. Dillon and Brett are as close as any two blood brothers can be and when all three attended high school together 10 years ago both Dillon and Brett had a "thing" for Nikki, but neither followed through on asking her out and lost the opportunity when she ended up preggers and married to her douchey ex-husband. He who hesitates loses the girl boys!

So now years later, just when it seems like Nikki's life can't get any worse, it's like she's been gifted with these two hunky guys served up to her on a silver platter and now she's supposed to choose between them...or not.

I found it interesting that after almost ruining the brother bond between Dillon and Brett when they were in



high school when Brett and Nikki shared a kiss - now they're just going to let bye-gones be bye-gones like nothing happened and share her in and out of bed? Or better yet one of them will be the bigger man and step aside so the other one can have a go at a relationship with her. Nope back to option #1 - they are going to live like one big happy family. Everybody into the bed!

This book just wasn't for me but that doesn't mean much. I'm not going to claim that I read or like a lot of ménage stories. I've read them but they are not my read of choice. Texas Tangle does have lots of tangling in the sheets, on the kitchen table, in the front seat of a Jeep but one of the threesome scenes had a particular scenario that had me going whaaaaat? Did he really just asked her to stimulate that? Never read that request in a book before. It kind of had a WTF factor for me.

I read this book as part of the TBR Challenge hosted by Super Wendy and I finished it. Unfortunately it just wasn't my cup of apple cider.

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### **Vicki Essex says**

There's something about a threesome that both terrifies and intrigues me. Apart from the physical logistics of such an encounter, whether it's M-F-M, F-M-F or any iteration, straight or gay, as a writer, I am somehow incapable of wrapping my head around the emotional dynamic that must exist for such a relationship to work. In trying to put myself in the heroine's shoes, all I can think is: "Oh, God, what do I... Where do I... How are we...I mean, does that go there...? And who does the laundry?" Sweat, tears, and recriminations may ensue.

That's the beauty of Leah Braemel's Texas Tangle. This story not only gives the reader a scorchingly erotic ride, but it also beautifully captures the all-encompassing love and respect the two heroes and the heroine have for each other. There's never any doubt in the reader's mind that they all want the best for each other, and that they respect each other too much to step on one another's toes. Which is what makes their ultimate act feel absolutely real and devastatingly conflicted without any of the squick.

Written with lots of humor, heart-wrenching betrayal and plenty of heat, Leah Braemel sweeps the reader from drama to delight page to page. Cowboys, family troubles, small-town settings...this book has it all. A great read for anyone who has never read a menage romance, and for anyone who has!

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### **Yz the Whyz says**

When I read a menage book, I usually look for a happy ending for all three persons involved, not where a main couple includes a third party that in the end gets kicked out of the picture. Texas Tangle falls into the first category and that alone is enough to make me happy.

Here we meet Nikki. Divorced from an unfaithful husband and saddled with a deadbeat of a brother, found herself involved with her next door neighbor, Dillon and his foster brother Brett.

Unlike most menage books, you get a pair of men here who did not even think at the very beginning of sharing. You get to experience their own individual thoughts, complete with their own insecurities and jealousies. Add to that Nikki's own issues, and you have three people trying to find their path as they try to decipher their feelings for each other and how can they be happy without hurting the other.

I find the presentation of each character's concerns realistically portrayed, fitting to their own upbringing and values. Nikki has to believe that she is worthy to be loved, Dillon has to learn that generosity is part of loving and Brett has to accept that he is no outsider as they weave a tangled relationship that will in the end dare them to find an unconventional solution for their love for each other.

If you like menage books, and you like hot, sexy writing, coupled with some realistic issues in such type of relationships, then you should get a copy of Texas Tangle.

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### **Tabatha says**

Whew this one is as hot as the Texas heat!

I must admit that I loved this book because of the strong character development. So often with this type of writing, you find more porn than plot, but definitely not the case with this book. With that said, the love scenes are still incredibly steamy!

Brett and Dillon are closer than any best friends could be, but the only thing that has ever come between them has left them at odds yet again. Nicole has come out of her divorce stronger, but has a lot to learn yet on standing up for herself. After having all her possessions stolen, these two handsome guys show her how love can really be, but not without some very tough decisions on all their parts. As tension builds they realize that falling in love is easy, but staying together will take work and compromise for all three.

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### **Joanna says**

#### **Nice and easy read**

A quick and easy read that was satisfying. I felt invested in the characters and just wanted to know what happens next for them..

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### **Emily says**

Nikki Kimball has been doing everything in her power to change the direction of her life, with a failed marriage, an unsupportive family, and a brother who is mooching of her it has been a windy road, but she is managing. Thanks to the help of her neighbor Dillon Barnett she has received the support she has always longed for, even though she is attracted to Dillon she is surprised he has never made a move.

The timing is finally right for Dillon to ask Nikki out, but when he sees she has an interest in his foster-brother Brett Anderson he wonders which one she will choose. Both Brett and Dillon want Nikki, when an

idea forms from an unusual source they come up with an idea that maybe a solution for all three.

I found myself hooked with this story, wanting to see how it played out as you see the struggle between the three as long suppressed feelings are revealed. The story did have a few slow momens, but overall was an intriguing story.

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### **Sarah says**

Nikki has been through a lot at the hands of her ex-husband and her brother but she has always had her neighbour Dillon and his foster brother Brett to turn to. When her truck breaks down one night and Dillon offers to drive her home they discover her house is empty and everything she owns has been stolen. Moving in with Dillon the heat quickly builds between the two of them but Nikki also has feelings for Brett. Brett and Dillon fought over Nikki years before and now that she is free again they both want to win her heart. Will she be forced to choose between the two of them or can they find a way for them all to be together?

I have to confess that Texas Tangle is the first menage story I've read so I wasn't too sure if I'd like it but I was impressed. Nikki was a likable character who has been through hell and made you want to protect her but for me it was Dillon & Brett who stole the show. Usually when the heroine of a story has 2 men to choose from I find it pretty easy to pick a side but with Dillon & Brett I just couldn't choose between them. Let's just say that if those two sexy men were in my life I think I'd be more than happy to try out a menage relationship!

I found the feelings between the 3 were believable and kept me wanting to read more, I really didn't want to put the book down. The heat between them was incredible & scorched the pages leaving me in need of a cold shower! I loved the fact that Dillon & Brett genuinely cared for each other as well as for Nikki - they were best friends as well as foster brothers and neither wanted to see the other one get hurt. This story really did have a little of everything and I enjoyed the scenes with Dillon's family - his grandma made me laugh out loud and his mother gave Nikki some great advice.

Texas Tangle was an enjoyable erotic story and I could have happily carried on reading more about these characters. It has left me wanting to try more menage stories and I will definitely be checking out more of Leah Braemel's work in the future. I'd recommend this story to any erotic romance fans.

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### **FlibBityFLoob says**

I dunno... I didn't get this book. It made me laugh, and I don't think it was supposed to. It was very weirdly clinical at times. Plus, who asks a girl if they want to stroke his prostate? Hmmmm. Very weird. There are much better books for this topic in my humble opinion (for example, I preferred A Table for Three), but your mileage may vary ;)

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