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## Rolling Like Thunder Details

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# From Reader Review Rolling Like Thunder for online ebook

## Jonel Boyko says

This was a fantastic return to Thunder Mountain Ranch. Thompson takes readers on a chemistry filled, hope inducing ride that travels from Seattle through Wyoming. I loved the way that she painted the scenery for me along the way. I felt as if I'd really been there alongside the characters. This story was so filled with hope that I couldn't help but smile throughout. I also enjoyed the chance to take a short trip back to Last Chance before hitting Thunder Mountain. The way these two series tie together is fantastic. Thompson had me crossing my fingers for the Thunder Mountain Ranch by the end of this one. I was hoping for a miracle right alongside the characters.

Chelsea & Finn's banter was so real & fun. You can really get up close and personal with them through it. The simultaneously relaxed yet strained manner in which they interact speaks volumes. Finn's inability to see reason & what was right in front of him was difficult at times, but we got to see him come to grips with the ways he could balance work with life. I enjoyed reacquainting myself with the other characters in the series. Thompson doesn't go in depth with their development here, relying on past novels. But don't worry if you haven't read the rest of the series, this can still be read as a standalone. Same goes from the Chances that we encounter. And I, for one, definitely need to experience a Jack Chance dance lesson.

This was another hot & heartfelt novel from Thompson. I love her look at ranch life & at family, whether nuclear, extended, or bonded.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

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## Books and Spoons says

A true feel good story, about family, loyalty, and love.

Finn and Chelsea have felt the attraction to each other ever since they met five years ago. But Finn has been keeping the distance. They have been part of the series since the beginning, and I have been wondering what is the story there, and it turned out to a passionate, yet a sweet one. They both are attractive, charismatic characters, but not perfect. They have their fails and battles, past history that affects them still today, but they are willing to grow and learn from their mistakes.

The reasons behind Finn's distance are clearly played out, and are valid. But now that he can't fight the pull for Chelsea anymore, he seems to go all in. After five years of built up attraction and feelings, and friendship, it is no wonder the relationship forms quickly, after they admit their feelings to each other. I loved the honesty they have between them, the direct way they communicate, solve problems, and move forward.

At the same time, they are fighting the battle to find the finance to the Thunder Mountain Academy, and that is a thrilling roller-coaster ride. The family is all together in it, and the story has lots of fun, and endearing moments with the whole extended family. I love the idea of the academy, how the whole family pulls together to achieve it. How they support each other, and how they have made a family within each other, even though there's no blood relations. This series has been so heartfelt with the foster brothers, and this book ended with the possibility to learn the stories of the other brothers as well, I'm looking forward to them!

~ Four Spoons

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## **Shauni says**

Originally Reviewed For: Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy

In Book Three of her Thunder Mountain Brotherhood Series, author Vicki Lewis Thompson brings us Finn's story. Finn is the third of the original "brothers" of Thunder Mountain and his story is well worth the read.

Finn O'Roarke has serious tunnel vision. Once he decides on a direction, he focuses all of his attention on it and almost forgets everything else. His business is the most important part of his life and nothing is going to get in his way. Even his marriage suffered because he wasn't able to actually give his wife the attention she deserved. Now that his foster family has let them all know that the ranch is in danger, Finn and his brothers have ponied up. What Finn has to offer is more than just his charm and good beer. He has Chelsea Trask, a true marketing genius and the woman he truly loves. He just can't spread himself that thin.

Chelsea Trask has had feelings for Finn since they first met. She watched him marry and saw it fall apart. She gets him. But she doesn't get why he refuses to take a chance on them. She is the one person who is part of all of his life. When his family's ranch is about to go under, Chelsea is the marketing genius that comes up with a way to save it. Now she's determined to use the time they have together promoting the ranch as a way to promote their relationship.

Another fun book.. Finn is another lost boy who has survived his childhood and made something of himself.. He just doesn't know how to have a complete life and he's afraid of really trying. One thing at a time, that's all he thinks he can handle. If only those pesky feelings he has for Chelsea wouldn't keep coming back.

Sometimes a book is hard to review because it seems like such a simple concept but that's the true magic in Rolling Like Thunder. It's not some flashy romance, no PNR, or intense suspense... nope just pure romance and Vicki Lewis Thompson knows how to get the job done.

Take the time to enjoy this book, it's well worth the read!

Shauni

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## **Trudy Miner says**

In the final book of this Thunder Mountain trilogy, Finn O'Roarke has returned to help with the fundraiser for the Thunder Mountain Academy and has enlisted the help of his marketing pal Chelsea Trask who has flown in from Seattle for the occasion. Even though they have worked together for years, it had always been a professional relationship. However, in the shadow of the Tetons, will the simmering desire they felt for each other all these years become something more?

Finn was a workaholic, commitment-phobic following a failed marriage and Chelsea was very patient with

him willing to take whatever Finn was willing to do. After a slow start to the book, it got more interesting as the two of them explored their relationship beyond the physical and began to interact with others and members of the Last Chance Ranch community. It is a fitting end to this trilogy.

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## **Carole says**

Major spoiler alerts.

I had mixed feelings about this book. There were parts I liked, parts I loved and some of it was 'meh'.

The story was sprinkled with fun scenes and dialogue that I really enjoyed. Great teasing around how being a cowboy made Finn a 'chick magnet' and when he put on his grey Stetson, he started walking and talking like a cowboy again.

Once Finn finally surrendered to their chemistry there was lots of steamy sex. But the back story that he married his ex-wife to avoid risking his heart by getting involved with the heroine Chelsea did not show him in a good light - it was both cowardly and really not nice to have consciously chosen second best - no wonder his marriage failed, and even though his first wife is portrayed as superficial and mercenary, it seems he was immature and even cruel in his choices five years before. What a waste of energy.

His sudden turnaround getting involved with Chelsea happened so quickly and completely. I could understand why it happened the first time, based on their pent-up lust, but once they had sex, he 'jumped in with both feet' so to speak, and I was not sure I believed it based on his hesitancy and doubts from the earlier 2 books and the start of this one.

I was disappointed again in creation of a predictable 'conflict moment'. In this story it was a business crisis that had him considering bailing, after things were going so well. On the other hand, I was also surprised at how suddenly this was resolved. It happened so quickly, I'm not sure I completely tracked his mental processing or believed his 'aha' moment.

So formula is: boy meets girl, boy fights attraction, girl fights attraction, uncontrollable feelings of lust head to best sex ever, they admit they are in love and want to be together in a possible HEA, just when things are going well, MUST CREATE A CONFLICT to break them up, so they can separate to figure it out, and then come back together for their resolution/HEA.

Major spoiler alert next....A bit underwhelmed by big ending...yes it was a nice twist the ex-nerd character Lily put the funding over the top because she was wealthy from royalties from her successful video game, but the plot seemed to indicate that this group of characters would have let the project that they were emotionally invested in (for 3 whole books) fail, rather than take Jack Chance up on his offer to top up whatever they were short, to ensure they could meet their goal. It just did not make sense to me and it dishonoured his heartfelt offer.

My favourite parts of the book were the warm, funny, entertaining dialogue and scenes in many places where the Last Chance Ranch families kept popping up, and Jack teaching Finn to dance was hilarious.

Final Rating: 3 Stars

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## **Jennifer Reed says**

I was given a copy of this book by Netgalley for an honest review.

Vicki Lewis Thompson has another hit on her hands with **ROLLING LIKE THUNDER**. The characters and story line are very well-developed and we also see other character from past books. Chelsea is an investor in Finn's bar. She is going to Thunder Mountain Ranch to help save it from being foreclosed on. They are going to the Last Chance Ranch to try and round up investors for Thunder Mountain Ranch. As they get closer together on this trip, they start to have strong feelings for each other. Finn does not want to commit to the relationship, for he believes that he cannot let loose of having full control of his business and the relationship would suffer. Chelsea has to show him that he can delegate the smaller day to day tasks to free up his time. This is such a great book, that I loved every minute of reading it. I recommend this book to everyone and give **ROLLING LIKE THUNDER** 5/5 STARS.

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## **AG Reads says**

I really enjoyed this couple, Finn and Chelsea. Finn is a Seattle-based microbrewer and Chelsea is his PR agent. When the ranch where Finn spent his teen years as a foster child is in danger of going under, Chels helps develop a Kickstarter campaign for his foster parents and foster brothers to raise money and establish Thunder Mountain Academy.

They have known each other for five years and felt the chemistry and sexual tension between them for just as long. There is a refreshing openness and honesty between these two characters that I love to read but rarely find in romance. They admit their faults, especially Finn, accept that their week away together is all they will have despite wishing it could be more, and tell each other about their sexual desire and how much they enjoy finally being together. And when, inevitably, they begin not wanting things to end when they return to Seattle, they are open about that, too. There are no long passages, page after page, of tortured inner dialogue. No hidden secrets, no little white lies (or big lies) to hide their emotions. The conflict comes from watching them move from five years of friendship and longing to an honest, mature relationship and really getting to know each other.

It did feel like we got to know a lot to more about Finn than Chelsea. He did the most growing as a character, and at times it seemed Chels might be a little too perfect. Also, some of sex scenes bordered on silly when the dialogue dipped into attempts to be too cute, or the author was making obvious efforts to be graphic without using graphic language. When it begins approaching purple prose territory, I'd rather the author be forward and realistic. Still, the sexual tension and scenes were mostly hot to read.

Overall, I definitely recommend this book, especially for readers like me who enjoy when a couple does not spend most of the book fighting each other and their feelings.

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## **Kathy Davie says**

Third in the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood romance series (intersecting with the Sons of Chance series) and revolving around the three foster boys who became fast friends. The couple focus is on Finn O'Roarke and Chelsea Trask.

This ARC was sent to me by NetGalley and Harlequin Blaze for an honest review.

### **My Take**

This is a sweet, simple story with a believable conflict, and Thompson pulls you right in emotionally with Herb and Rosie's problem and Finn's unwanted desires.

I do adore Thompson's Sons of Chance series, and this installment of the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood simply proves that she keeps on rolling out those cozy romances that make you feel so good. The conflicts are real, and the supportive characters are people you'd want to know.

While Thompson does put a bit of a twist on the I-can't-be-with-you trope, it was an irritating one with Finn protesting too much. Why Finn thinks it can only turn out one way is beyond me. It does reinforce how sad his attitude makes Chelsea.

As for that Alison, well, I agree with Chelsea. She didn't deserve what she took from Finn.

Jack and Josie stepped in (and up, lol) to "refine" Finn's and Chelsea's dancing. Yep, Jack insisted on dancing with Finn \*more laughter\* while Josie is dancing with Chels. That's not the only collaboration between Josie and Finn, either. They do have beer in common, and I suspect Thompson will make use of it for further Thunder Mountain Brotherhood / Sons of Chance conjunctions.

Mmmm, who knew cowboy skills translated into undressing skills, lol.

I do love that the Chances are business-like, but in a fun way, and very supportive of each other. It's a stark contrast with Finn's need to control every detail of his brewery.

Oh, boy. Thompson gives us all this feel-good cheer with a few conflicts: raising money for Rosie and Herb's ranch and Chelsea and Finn's non-relationship. Then she drops the big one. My heart just broke, and I had to start reading faster to find out if/when it was resolved. I so wanted a happy ending!

### **The Story**

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### **The Characters**

**Finn O'Roarke** is a microbrewer in Seattle: **O'Roarke's Brewhouse**. **Alison** is his ex-wife. **Brad** is his brewery assistant. **Jeff** is his most experienced bartender. **Roger** is his not-quite-ready substitute.

**Chelsea Trask** is a PR and marketing whiz secretly in love with Finn. Her mom and dad are college professors: psychology and economics. **Beth** is her sister.

*Thunder Mountain Ranch is where...*

...the thirteen-year-old Finn landed after his grandfather died. His foster parents, **Herb**, a retired veterinarian, and **Rosie Padgett** run a ranch in Wyoming for homeless boys. A new program, **Thunder Mountain Academy**, is a residential equine education program for teens. **Ben Radcliffe** teaches saddlemaking ( *A Last Chance Christmas* , 17). **Navarre** and **Isabeau** are a couple of their horses. **Ty Slater** is a former foster child and their legal consultant.

**Cade Gallagher** is one of Finn's best friends and recently learned he's a Chance cousin. **Lexi** is his girlfriend, and **Ringo** is his cat. **Damon Harrison** is the third of the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood. **Philomena "Phil" Turner** is a carpenter and Damon's girlfriend.

#### *Last Chance Ranch in Jackson Hole*

Some of the Sons are in the promotional calendar for the Thunder Mountain Academy and includes **Jack Chance** sitting on his horse, **Bandit** (he's married to Josie); **Nick Chance** is **Dominique's** husband (she's a photographer), and they have a teenage son, **Lester**, whom they adopted; and, **Gabe** who is married to **Morgan**.

**Sarah Chance** is the matriarch married to **Pete Beckett**. **Cassidy** is Morgan's younger sister and the ranch housekeeper who babysits the grandkids. **Alex**, Josie's brother, is married to **Tyler**, who's Morgan's sister.

**Lily** is a computer genius married to **Regan O'Connell**, Nick's veterinarian partner. She also runs an equine rescue operation, **Peaceful Kingdom** ( *Riding High* , 14). **Harley** and **Wilbur** are their potbellied pigs.

**Trey Wheeler** (also does the vocals) and **Watkins** are cowboy wranglers at Last Chance who happen to be popular guitar players as well.

The **Bunk and Grub** is a B&B run by **Pam Mulholland** who's married to **Emmet**, the Chance Ranch foreman; **Yvonne** works for her. **Spirits and Spurs** is **Josie Chance's** bar to which Finn shipped samples of his beer.

#### **The Cover and Title**

The cover shows off a half-naked cowboy in a white hat atop a white horse, one elbow resting on the saddle horn, and leaning forward as he looks off into the distance.

The title is the Kickstarter campaign and the ranch supporters as they're *Rolling Like Thunder* promoting the ranch's purpose for foster kids and the new riding program.

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#### **Jessica says**

See more of my reviews on my blog [Thoughts At One In The Morning](#).

My Thoughts:

The Thunder Mountain Brotherhood series is seriously the best ever! I doubt I'll ever get tired of reading these stories. They're just so lovely in every way. In this story, we get to follow Finn and Chelsea, two people who have a strictly business relationship. Finn knows that if he allows Chelsea into his life in any way except professionally, it's just going to create chaos. He's too focused on business, and it's that way of thinking that ended his first marriage. However, he and Chelsea are working together closely and the sexual



tension is extremely high. They've spent years fighting their feelings, but in just one night they culminate into something neither one of them can stop. It's a passionate start, but they know there can be more, and they both want more. There's only one thing their relationship will come down to: Can Finn be able to find the balance needed to keep it alive with Chelsea?

Rolling Like Thunder is such a gorgeously written book. I've got to hand it to Vicki Lewis Thompson--she is beyond amazing at creating stories you fall for deeply. The main reason, other than the absolutely lovely romance, has to be because family is the center. It's the most important thing with these stories, and all the characters get that deep down. Chelsea integrated into Finn's family seamlessly, it was beautiful. And then there's the dancing... \*sigh\* So sweet. I don't think I can express how excited I am to read more! I just can't wait.

My Rating: Exceptional

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### **Josephine says**

I loved this series and was really looking forward to Finn and Chelsea's book however this ended up being the least favourite book for me. I felt like it left so much unfinished and was more of a shoutout to Chance characters than the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood. Also, as someone who hasn't read any of the Chance family books, it was completely confusing to keep everyone straight (except for Jack, who was the most unique). It was also repetitive regarding Finn's control issues and Chelsea's concerns that he wouldn't see the light about their relationship, and I found myself skimming forward looking for scenes with Cade and Damon, which were seriously lacking. The black moment was more grey than black, taking less than a couple of pages to resolve. Also, was there anything about Cade and Lexi getting married that I missed? I don't know if there are any more books planned for this series, but I hope there are because this didn't feel like a wrap up.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Autry's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Rolling like Thunder is the last installment in the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood Series written by Vicki Lewis Thompson. In Rolling like Thunder the final brotherhood member is brought to his knees by a little spitfire with lavender hair.

Finn O'Roarke is a quiet, hard-working man who prefers to be behind the bar and in the brewery rather than out front making noise. Finn has worked hard to see his dreams come to life and he knows that wouldn't have happened without the help from Chelsea. Denying the attraction brewing between the two for many years and now he's forced to reach out and ask for her help again.

Chelsea Trask is a genius when it comes to find a way to help generate funding through campaigns. She has worked long hard hours to provide the right research and materials to her customers; and one customer is very close to her heart. When she sees the chance to reach out and help Finn and his family, she jumps on the chance. While the two are off and running with the campaign, their emotions are running as well.

Finn and Chelsea have been dancing around each other for years; through thick and thin the attraction has not diminished in the least. The two characters are very down to earth, and I could easily picture them together in real life, the chemistry was great and yet they dialed it down for Rosie. Chelsea is such a little spitfire; she enjoys life to the fullest and doesn't know a stranger. Her work hard play hard theory was tested many times throughout the novel. It was easy to see where her heart was but Finn had the potential to crush it. I enjoyed Rolling like Thunder the most out of all three books, because I felt Ms. Thompson went into more detail with Finn's background; I was feeling anger over certain aspects in his life and then happiness for how he overcame and continues to strive for things in life. I felt hope and joy for everyone involved, but the plot had a twist I never saw coming. Even with the twist and turns, this was the best book from the Thunder Mountain Brotherhood Series, a great ending to a hard fought battle from a family full of cowboys and the women they love.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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### **Donna Repsher says**

I received an ARC of this title in exchange for an honest review, and here it is.

I enjoyed this book, as I've liked the previous two Thunder Mountain books, but for some reason, I didn't enjoy it quite as much as I enjoyed the others.

I really liked the main characters, Finn and Chelsea, and I liked the fact that after five years of working together and being attracted to one another, they finally have a chance to actually have a relationship beyond their business one.

It was also good to see some familiar characters from the earlier novels again, but once the nieces, nephews, sons and daughters and parents arrive on the scene, I felt that Finn and Chelsea's story took a backseat to trying to remember how all these characters were connected--it was as though they became lost in the crowd. Additionally, while I love the idea of the Kickstarter campaign to fund Thunder Mountain Academy, that too pushed the two main characters out of the forefront.

Generally, I like serials with an interesting cast of characters, but when there are so many secondary characters introduced and/or reintroduced, it often undermines the flow of the story, and sadly, that's what happened in this novel.

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### **Books, Coffee & Passion says**

Books, Coffee & Passion

In book 3 of Thunder Mountain Brotherhood series, we finally get Finn's story. I was waiting, rather impatient, for his story since Vicki Lewis Thompson introduced Finn in book 1. And I wasn't disappointed.

Finn and Chelsea have been attracted to each other for years. But Finn is definitely all work and no play. He's a highly driven business owner and his background story, along with his divorce, explains why he

works hard to keep his dream, his brewery, successful. He is fiercely loyal to his family, stunningly sexy especially with his cowboy hat on and he has a heart of gold. Easy to fall in love with Finn, right?

Chelsea is definitely my favorite character in this series. She is refreshingly honest with who she is and what she wants. She is, like Finn, a highly driven business owner with a huge talent in marketing but she also knows how to balance perfectly her busy moments and her fun moments. I love how she walks, dresses, teases Finn and how she becomes fiercely loyal to Finn's family even before she met them. Hard not to fall in love with Chelsea!

So, they travel together to the Last Chance Ranch to to raise more money to save Thunder Mountain Ranch, and then they continue their trip towards Thunder Mountain Ranch where Chelsea meets Finn's family and his brotherhood.

Even though Finn fights his attraction to Chelsea from the first moment they meet, Chelsea doesn't fight it at all. She teases Finn and never hides her feelings for him. Except when he was married. But this trip, along with a few years of buildup, brings them closer and closer until Finn finally can't fight it anymore. And it's a perfect, steamy, hot roller coaster with this two.

Pure romance in a memorable series about loyalty, family, passion and love.

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### **Jennifer says**

ARC received for review

I liked this one but not as much as the first two, and it was left open for future books with other foster brothers.

Finn and Chelsea were like fireworks once they hooked up. It just a same it took five years to get there. The middle part dragged some. Stop saying the same thing twenty different ways, we got it the first time.

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### **Danielle says**

I liked this book but not as much as the first two. Don't get me wrong I loved Finn and Chelsea, but I thought their relationship was a bit rushed even know they have worked together and have known each other for 5 years.

You can see right away they have a mutual attraction to one another and they both have been fighting it for 5 years. Chelsea met Finn and he went and decided not to get involved with her but ended up married to someone else. Now he is divorced but he still turned her down when she asked him out. They have been in a comfortable snarky friendship per se.

Now they are helping raise money for the ranch he grew up in for other foster kids and they start to act on their attraction which quickly happens during a week and fall in love. I didn't see any real conflict like I did

with the previous books and their relationship once they were together seemed a bit too easy. I was just hoping for more.

I did like Chelsea as the heroine. She is smart, funny, unique and has this snarky attitude, but she is very likable. Finn is sexy, smart, and maybe a little too serious but when he gets together with Chelsea a whole new side of him starts to show and I liked him much better.

In this story and the other stories in the series they mention other foster kids by names so I'm wondering if they will get their own books since they pop in from time to time on the ranch.

Overall Chelsea and Finns relationship was sweet and right to the point. In order to really understand their relationship I believe books 1 & 2 should be read because even though they are about the other couples Chelsea and Finn are mentioned more than once.

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