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**An actor in the closet, a sheriff in love, and memories that won't stay hidden.**

Jordan Darby is known as the King of Christmas. The star of eight made-for-TV Christmas movies, the leading man who always gets his girl. Filming at Crooked Tree Ranch in Montana, in the ice and snow, Jordan is fighting to make a go of his new company and dealing with fears of exposure over one huge secret. After all, who the hell would buy into him being a romantic straight lead if rumors about him being gay were proven to be true?

Sheriff Ryan Carter is advising on the new movie being made at Crooked Tree. He hoped this would be one day of work and nothing more. Until, that is, he meets the hero. But while Jordan is sexy, he's also very much stuck in the closet—everything that Ryan doesn't need in his life. And then lust becomes part of the equation, and Ryan's quiet life is thrown into turmoil.

Their story unfolds against the chaos that overtakes the ranch, with Adam regaining memories that terrify him and make him look at Justin differently, and Justin leaving the ranch to make things right. Only through trusting in love and friendship can Justin and Adam learn to look to the future instead of letting the past destroy everything. But will they ever see clearly enough to do that?

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### **Pjm12 says**

I enjoyed Ryan and Jordan's romance, but I also liked having some closure on the Justin/Adam story, as that was left unfinished.

I am glad it wasn't hurried.

Can there be more of these? I would read them.

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### **Nerea says**

3\* I loved all the previous books, but I think this one wasn't as good as the others.

The Ryan / Jordan story is beautiful, they are lovely BUT all the secondary plot with the Adam and Justin drama... buff too much angst for me :( Makes a bit messy the main plot and makes me feels a bit anxious in some parts :(

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### **Cadiva says**

Sometimes I really hate Goodreads. I wrote a review for this which expounded on all the clever planning which went into the narrative and the great way in which RJ managed to pull them all back together into a cohesive storyline which was brilliant and it's lost it.

So I'm not doing that again - this book is excellent, Sherrif Ryan is gorgeous and he gets his Happy Ever After with the lovely Jordan - read it!

*#ARC kindly provided by the author in return for an honest and unbiased review*

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### **Heather Martin says**

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Snow in Montana is Book 4 in RJ Scott's Montana series. This book cannot be read on its own! If someone tells you otherwise, they're crazy. ;) Though this is a novella, it's chock full of drama, something I think is a specialty for RJ's books! This novella doesn't feature just one, or two, or three POVs. Oh no, it is full-up on POV's and was a great look into the lives of all the characters and couples from the first three books!

Crooked Tree Ranch has been booked for a made-for-tv Christmas movie. The lead actor, Jordan, is not new to this kind of Christmas movies but is considered the king of them. He's been cast in eight previous ones, but this one is the first one for the new production company he has created with his brother. Jordan and his twin have a long history of being in tv; their father was an actor and they were used as babies on the set until they were old enough to have their own Disney tv show. His brother had enough of acting and has moved to the production side of the business. Only a select few know that Jordan is gay and they are very supportive, but he has a five-year plan and doesn't plan on outing himself before then until he meets Ryan, the sheriff who is consulting with them.

Ryan is the local sheriff and has been out of the closet since he was a teenager thanks to one of his big mouth brothers. He's good friends with all the various people on the Crooked Tree Ranch and finds himself out at the ranch mediating the ongoing tensions between Adam, Justin, Ethan and Sam. Ryan is attracted to Jordan from the first moment he sees him but can't imagine that Jordan could feel the same away about a small town sheriff. He would like to find love, and when he unexpectedly does, he has to work with Jordan to figure out how their lives are going to come together.

We know from the previous books that things are still unsettled with Justin and Adam and this book will see some resolutions. Adam's still trying to get his memories back and is fighting to figure out what's real and not. He isn't getting any answers from Justin who is all too willing to allow all blame and abuse to be heaped on his shoulders. Ethan is caught between his love for Adam and his love for Justin, but he knows he'll always be on Adam's side. Sam and Justin are as strong as ever, and Sam continues to be one of the strongest characters in this series. We get to see a wedding, a kind of proposal and a pregnancy in this novella! And all of the previous characters are dragged into this story, in one way or another!

There was a lot packed into these pages that made me simultaneously want to keep reading and take a break! It's packed full of love, fighting, drama and friendship. I really liked Ryan's brother's and I really hope as this series continues that I get to see them find the rest of the guy's HEA, especially Saul's!

Rating: 5 stars!

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## **Jaime says**

Snow in Montana is book 4 in the Montana Series and although it states it can be read as a standalone, I think you would be lost if you skipped the other books in the series. Each book builds on stuff that happened in previous story's so it might get quite confusing, should you try to read it alone.

This is the story of Ryan and Jordan. Jordan is a B list actor who specializes in Made for T.V. Christmas movies, his company he owns with his twin has set up production of this year's movie "Snow in Montana" to be filmed at The Crooked Tree Ranch. Ethan, is sheriff of the area and long time family friend of all the Crooked Tree families, and is on site when Jordan arrives to help with security and other safety issues surrounding producing a film. When Ryan first meets Jordan - he is not impressed. However, after a few interactions the two develop a palpable spark between them that is just begging to be explored.

In true R.J. fashion she makes these two work for their HEA however there is a sense that it will always happen. No real angst in this story. The sex was pretty much all fade to black or use your imagination with limited information shared. In addition, this story had a lot of other characters fighting for the spotlight which sort of took away from Ryan and Jordan's love story. There simply wasn't enough about them to get into their head space and form that connection that makes a book go from good to excellent. I am not sure why this story had so many storyline all thrown together, maybe it's the end of the series and RJ wanted to

wrap them all up..whatever the reason, I feel it took away from our two MC.

Overall, 3 stars a cute story.

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### **Karen says**

'Snow in Montana' brings back to not just the 'Crooked Tree Ranch' but we get more about someone who's been floating around on the fringes of previous stories...Sheriff Ryan Carter. I have to admit I haven't really been overly intrigued by Ryan but 'Surprise, surprise!!!' that's what happened here. Ryan went from a secondary character who's a friend to the families at 'Crooked Tree Ranch' to a fully fleshed out person for me and damned if I don't really, really like him and I loved the story that he got.

We were introduced to Ryan's brothers...the oldest owns the local bar, ones a firefighter and another one's an accountant...I think...yeah, I'm pretty sure he's a number cruncher. I really enjoyed Ryan's interactions with his brothers and when he does some security advising for a file that's being shot at Crooked Tree Ranch his world gets thrown into chaos pretty much from the minute that he meets the films star one Jordan Darby and for whatever worked or didn't with this one I just really, really enjoyed the whole relationship between Jordan and Ryan. It was fun and sweet...generally just adorable.

Interspersed with Ryan and Jordan's story we also given more about Adam and Justin as Adam begins to recover what he thinks are lost memories amidst the turmoil and confusion of trying to figure out just how real some of his memories are relationships are tested...Adam & Justin's friendship, Justin & Sam's love...which I'm happy to say is rock solid, but as Adam tries to figure things out Ethan and Justin begin to feel the strain as brothers and Ethan's torn Justin's his brother but Adam's the man he wants to share his forever with. I loved the ending for this one it's not hearts and rainbows all tied up with a bow but it's a group of men who have been through hell and back and while they may not know all the answers what they do know is they've got each other's backs...no matter what they're family.

I've really been loving this series so far and I know there's at least one more book to come and I for one am so looking forward to it. I don't know who's story comes next but I have little doubt that like the previous books we'll at least get a peek at how everyone's doing and maybe if we're lucky at least one of the MC's will be Ryan's oldest brother...I admit he intrigued me and I'd love his story if not the next book something soon...I'll just cross my fingers and hope in the meantime.

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### **Dani Elle Maas says**

Author RJ Scott worked her magic  
where i was a bit dissapointed with part 3  
she hit this one totally out of the parc  
what a great way to sum up this more then awesome series  
Fabulous ending bringing all points together  
Very recommended!

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## **Denise H. says**

\*\*\* I really enjoyed this book #4 in this series !\*\*\*

I understood the characters and the plot flowed along nicely.

Closeted Jordan, 30, star of sappy Christmas movies

is on location at the Crooked Tree Ranch. He longs to produce an M/M Christmas movie.

Ryan, 33, big, tall, muscled cop

is making sure everyone is safe. He's gay, but just hasn't found his "one" for a true connection.

Our previous book's cast are all here. Adam is recalling some memories and Justin still feels guilt. The movie set is bustling and our men find time to get together.

They sizzle in bed, and their feelings are solid.

There is a death that shakes Ryan up; a sneaky reporter, and a camera bug.

As always, we get a deep story with lots of action. RJ Scott's characters are vivid and we are happy. Great series ! I would suggest reading the previous book, A Cowboys Home, first, because the book's trail into each other, you'd have more depth of the plot, but they can stand alone.

Highly recommended ! ENJOY !

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## **ButtonsMom2003 says**

I love this series so much!

Snow in Montana is the fourth book in the Montana series. It is such a great book but I do think you need to read the first three books in the series to really appreciate this one fully.

The story is primarily about Sheriff Ryan Carter and actor Jordan Derby, but it also contains a lot of scenes about couples who were the MCs (main characters) in the previous books. In particular there's a lot of information about best friends Adam (book 2) and Justin (book 3).

Jordan is known as the King of Christmas. He's a B-list actor who has starred as the leading man in eight, made-for-TV Christmas movies; he is also gay and pretty deep in the closet. He feels that Hollywood will no longer accept him as a romantic lead if he reveals that he is gay.

Ryan is hired to consult on a film that Jordan's company is filming on location at Crooked Tree Ranch. He's gay and out but has never really had the kind of romantic relationship that he longs for. He feels a pull towards Jordan and when he realizes that Jordan is gay that pull becomes even stronger.

This story had a lot of things going on in it. I have absolutely loved all of the books in this series, including this one, but I would have to say that there were so many different things happening, involving so many different characters, that I did have just a bit of trouble keeping track at times. I suspect that part of the

reason is that it had been a few months since I'd read the last book [note: I usually read about 5 books per week and even when I love a book it is usually a little difficult for me to remember all of the details a few months later.] and I also have to admit to being sleep deprived when I read this one.

It's a testament to RJ's writing that her books have the ability to keep me engrossed in the story, invested in the characters and stay up all night reading. She always manages to invoke all of my emotions. In this story I really felt for Jordan because he wanted to be out and openly gay but he was afraid of the consequences not only to his career but also to the lively hoods of other people who depended on him and his company for their jobs.

The secondary storyline of Adam and his difficulty coming to terms with the things that happened to him, and his best friend's involvement, was also the cause of more than a few tears shed.

This book seemed like it was a wrap up for the series (I don't know if more are planned or not); there was a nice epilogue where we get additional information about Jordan and Ryan and also about best friends Adam and Justin.

If you've read the other Montana books you will absolutely not want to miss this one. If you haven't read the others I highly recommend them as they are very compelling reads with interesting and complicated characters.

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## SoCalBookReviews says

4.5 stars

I really liked this book as a continuation of the Montana series. Not only do we get a book that gives us two new main characters—Sheriff Ryan and Jordan, the actor who is on set at Crooked Bend to make a Christmas movie—but we also get more follow up and resolution from Adam and Justin and the storyline of the first few books in this series as well. All of the characters from the previous books are seen in this one, so it really shouldn't be read as a standalone. But I was, as always, impressed with how well the author keeps the characters' lives entwined with each other as each book goes further along into the series.

Sheriff Ryan is totally adorable, sweet and shy, and Jordan is not quite sure of himself yet, he's just really nervous about being "out" and how that will affect his acting career. I loved that it wasn't really an instant love with them and that they actually get to know each other a bit first, but you can still see and get the impression that they have a pretty instant and deep connection with each other. They both make each other feel safe and at ease. I had fun reading this book and seeing all the different things these guys had to go through, Jordan being on the movie set and having to deal with acting and the movie production process, and Ryan having to deal with some harder cases being the sheriff in their smaller town. I also liked the family aspect in this book. We get to know a little bit about Jordan's twin, but we get a larger look into Ryan's family and four brothers, who I hope we will be seeing more of in the future. This book was great and I really would love if we could get an audio version of the book as well, definitely one I wouldn't mind listening to.

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### Christelle says

A follow-up on all the guys from the Dude ranch in Montana. This is the 4th of this series (not a standalone, imo) and it was OK for me. It was sweet to see Ryan, the sexy sheriff, and Jordan, an actor, romantic at heart, fall for each other. Nothing pretentious nor big.

This book was also about Adam and his dealings with the past. I felt it was stalling a bit on that part.

Nothing bad, nothing great. Let's go to the next instalment with the focus on Justin's former "colleague".

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### Elsbeth says

I feel a bit let down by this. Ryan and Jordan's story was meh. Nothing really exciting happened. No relationship angst and most of the sex scenes were fade to black.

And Adam and Justin's troubles were

I really expected something big as Adam slowly regained his memory. But no.

Glad everything is good again with the boys though.

I wonder if we'll get another Montana book?

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### Pianka \*call me PIU\* says

**"Snow in Montana" is the forth book in the "Montana" series by RJ Scott. This book includes important events related to two other couples of the series along with the featured romance, so it would be best if it's not read as a standalone.**

The story revolves around the "Crooked Tree Ranch" as always. **This time our MCs are Sheriff Ryan Carter and actor, Jordan Darby.** Jordan's film company chooses the ranch as the filming location for their new romance movie. Ryan is roped in for overseeing the security and that's how the lovebirds meet for the first time.

Jordan has a plan where he will strengthen his brand-new company in five years before coming out to his fans for real. He is an actor who plays straight leads in romance movies so he needs to keep his sexuality under wraps if he ever wants to further his career as a romance actor. Jordan is attracted to Ryan almost from the very start. The cake-loving cop is a temptation Jordan cannot resist and they start a "casual" relationship which quickly turns more intense and meaningful to both.

Ryan is out and proud with very supportive and loving family and friends behind him. He has never been in any serious relationship but he wants to be in one very much. He falls in lust with Jordan and despite the fact that Jordan is in the closet; he develops feelings for him quickly. He is mindful of Jordan's need to hide and was very understanding of his dilemma.

There is no angst in the actual romance between Ryan and Jordan. The angst comes from the sub-plot of Justin and Adam. They both are MCs of book two and three of this series. Justin and Adam are best friends who go through a lot before they settle in their lives in the ranch with their respective partners. Adam has lost significant part of his memory and now he is remembering bits and pieces which confuses him and gives him reason to doubt Justin. Justin already blames himself for his past deeds and feels himself responsible for Adam's latest problems. There is a lot of emotional angst going on between the friends in this book which kind of forms a backdrop for Ryan and Jordan's budding romance.

This story has a lot of secondary characters which included both family and friends. Ryan's family was super awesome as where his "extended family" which comprised of everyone else related to the ranch. Jordan's twin brother, Micah and his girlfriend were also very supportive and champions of his and Ryan's relationship from the beginning.

**I loved this mellow romance with its magical and picturesque setting of Montana, blanketed in snow. Fans of this series will love this installment. I enjoyed this romance very much!!**

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### **Serena Yates says**

This fourth book in the 'Montana' series has the many characters of the Crooked Tree Ranch come full circle, and that was a great thing for me to witness. While a lot of the emotional drama and the suspense about what happened to Justin and Adam was resolved in the previous volume, there were a few details that needed sorting out. Adam's memories and his relationship with Justin are the most important, and I was happy to find out that both men, as well as Adam's lover, Ethan, and Justin's lover, Sam, continued to play a prominent role in the current novel. The focus of this story, however, was Jordan and Ryan and they are a great couple to add to the Crooked Tree Ranch family.

Jordan is an actor who is known as a lead for romantic Christmas movies, and he has just started his own production company with his twin brother, Micah. They are filming at Crooked Tree Ranch, a very remote location, but the issues Jordan has been facing in LA don't just go away. There is a reporter who has been after any dirt he can find about Jordan and Micah and their family. There are all the little details that need handling with any startup company. And there is the fact that Jordan is gay but deeply closeted and he doesn't feel he can come out – after all, he is only a B-list actor and the channel they are selling the film to has a morality clause.

Ryan is the town sheriff and an advisor for the movie. He is not keen on the "LA types" and his first impression of Jordan is less than flattering. But then Ryan gets to know Jordan better, and lust enters the equation. But Ryan is out and can't imagine how he could possibly have a relationship with a closeted guy like Jordan, never mind how they would deal with the long-distance aspect with Jordan's life centered in Hollywood. Between dealing with the stress of his job and trying to figure out what's what with Jordan, Ryan does not have an easy time of it.

If you like the 'Crooked Tree Ranch' series with its drama and secrets, if you want to find out how Justin and Adam are dealing with Adam's resurfacing memories, if a closeted actor sounds like an interesting partner

for an openly gay country town sheriff, and if you're looking for an entertaining read with complicated characters, old and new relationships, and a wonderfully emotional ending, then you will probably like this novel as much as I do.

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## Jay says

We return to Crooked Tree ranch with Snow in Montana by RJ Scott. However, this installment deviates slightly from the last two, where Adam and Justin's disappearance and resettlement were the theme. We do visit with the rest of the ranch hands, and more closure is given to them, but the blossoming romance between Ryan and Jordan is featured.

As this edition further develops the characters in this series it's important to have read the collection in order.

Sheriff Ryan Carter is hired as a security advisor on the set of Jordan's movie production. He is out and proud with supportive family and friends. Loyal, strong and dependable he is a catch for any man, but he just hasn't found that special someone yet. There is a strange pull to the "straight" leading man, but... wait... is he "straight?"

Jordan Darby, the King of Christmas, along with his twin Micah, have chosen Crooked Tree Ranch as the location for their first production, "Snow in Montana." Jordan is a B-List actor specializing in made-for-TV Christmas movies. Being gay is not an option when he has to "get the girl" during his performances. He has set himself on a five-year plan before he can star in his premier male/male role.

When he first meets Jordan, Ryan is not impressed. However, as time passes, he learns that first impressions are not always what they appear. There is a reason for Ryan's actions, cocky aura, and typical celebrity vibe. Then a spark develops. Although Ryan is out, he respects Jordan's need for discretion.

What starts out as something temporary for Jordan and Ryan, quickly morphs into much more. Sadly, they can't seem to get out of their own way. Supported by those around them, readers would think they would recognize what they have and nurture it. Instead, they continually remind themselves that it will be over soon.

The rest of the ranch hands are present as Adam continues to recall memories, Justin is still plagued by guilt, Ryan is rattled by a death, Jordan gets stalked by his reporter nemesis, and when an on-set candid is taken, the pot is stirred creating the potential for "disaster".

Most of the angst in Snow in Montana is captured within in the subplot between Adam and Justin, while they work through the residual issues from their past. The ranch continues to thrive on dramatic, complex characters, as they build and rebuild relationships.

What's next? Only time, and RJ Scott, will tell. Several things were brought to a "resolution," but I can't shake the feeling that there is more to come for these guys. One thing is certainly clear. There is more romance on the horizon for Crooked Tree ranch.

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