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Haley Brandt isn't the one-night-stand type, but too much tequila and a man with two sinfully black eyes left her breathless and willing to break her own rules. Her only solace was the fact that she'd never see him again.

Until the next morning when she finds out he's her ride out of town and back to the ranch where she grew up.

Nixon Holt works with Haley's father, so Haley makes her position clear—she doesn't get involved with ranch employees. Ever. At nineteen, she'd learned her lesson the hard way, and it became her one unbreakable rule.

But Nixon makes his position clear, too: He's going to wear down Haley's defenses and he won't stop until she breaks all her rules for him. He's well on his way when Haley finds out the one thing that could make her hate him. Nixon is left with two choices: walk away or break all his rules for her.

## **Tequila High Details**

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### Nadine Bookaholic says

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Michelle Leighton (M. Leighton) is one author that I can guarantee will have me in tears while I am reading her books lately. I don't know how she does it, but she ALWAYS gets me to feel everything! And while I did cry while reading this book, I didn't need a full box of tissues because I laughed too. While I absolutely love the deeply emotional reads that Michelle has been writing I am thrilled that we are seeing some of her lighter side again as well.

Haley left home at nineteen after having her heart broken and hasn't returned in ten years. Now, she is heading home and she is in for a shocker....and it's not just in the form of Nixon.

Nixon will melt your heart with how he is with Haley. Their first encounter is HOT but there is much, much more to the way he is with her. I loved that he didn't take advantage of her and that he did handle her with kid gloves when needed.

The chemistry between Haley and Nix was great. "Never Have I Ever" is and will always be a great drinking game and I loved the way Michelle Leighton used it for Nix and Haley to get to know one another.

If you haven't read any books by Michelle Leighton/M. Leighton yet, I suggest you start now because there are so many great books that she has written you'll want to read them all. If you enjoy cowboys or westerns this is a perfect read for you but I would recommend it to anyone that enjoys a good contemporary romance as well. Happy Reading!!!

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### Claire Robinson says

5 - **"Not until you..."** Stars!

I didn't realize just how long it's been since I last read a book by the talented Michelle Leighton, and it was such a treat to immerse myself in one of her lighter-hearted stories again.

**"Anytime you have an... urge you need to take care of, consider me your man of the moment. Use me however you'd like."**

I think it's safe to say this is an author that is back in her writing happy place with Haley and Nixon's story. *Tequila High* started and ended on a *High* and all the in-between didn't really offer any dips either.

*I've never seen someone fight attraction as hard as this woman...*

From the perfect meet-cute at the beginning, to the fact that Nixon was deliciously sexy, downright dirty, and all *Alpha*-man.

*Something about this woman captivates me...*

Then add in that I really liked Haley; a woman who has had a few hard knocks in the name of love, and although initially reluctant to act on her attraction, still isn't afraid to deal with a man she gets all hot and bothered over, and with supreme confidence and sass, a shield that hides a lot of her vulnerabilities, *Tequila High* was a book I pretty much read in one sitting.

**"You just don't give up do you?"**

**"...Not when I really want something."**

The dual POV really worked for this couple, getting in both of their heads at pivotal moments in the story gave depth to their reactions and also gave you more insight into the reasons why they behaved the way they did.

**"Everything I want about you is because it's you..."**

The plot was nice and easy to get along with, low but relevant drama, not overplayed, and the introduction to the rest of the Brandt sisters as well as Nixon's brother, makes me pretty eager to see who the author has in mind for the next book in the *100 Proof* series.

**"I'll never think of that liquor the same way again."**

ARC generously provided by the author, in exchange for the above honest review.

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## Shelly Crane says

I snagged myself an ARC of *Tequila High*, and Mrs. Leighton does not dissappoint!

I had no doubt, from the premise alone, that this was going to be a great book. I always enjoy her books. They are full of love and sweetness and hope. These characters are people that I could imagine living in my town, they were so well written and realistic.

Haley was complicated, real, and had been hurt. She loved her family and she wanted nothing more than for things to work out, all the way around. Nixon wasn't in her plans but once he met her, he wasn't letting her go. She grew up on a farm and the story was rich with horses and country/farm life. It set a perfect scene for the story.

And it was hilarious! Nixon was exactly what I like in my guys: sweet, caring, respectful of others, works hard, doesn't give up, doesn't get mad easily, wants what he wants and doesn't pretend like he doesn't. He was all of those things and more. And when they were together, they sizzled.

Snatch it up!! 5 out of 5 glorious stars!

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## Laura- BookBistroBlog says

Tequila High

By: Michelle Leighton

4 Stars

Let me tell you...I was totally ready to pack my bags and move to the ranch and work whatever job I could...just to get right up there next to Nixon Holt! Would love to have him teach me to ride a horse ?

Haley Brandt left home 10 years ago and hasn't returned since that day. Vowing when she pulled out of the ranch...

NEVER Again having anything to do a ranch hand.

Nixon Holt can't take his eyes off the girl sitting at the bar. When the stars have aligned, and she walks over to his table.... there was no turning back. He had to have her. The one thing that he has always promised himself was... never going too far with a drunk gal. Doesn't mean that he didn't have every desire to do so.

When the next day rolls around, boy oh boy were both of them in for a huge surprise!

I really enjoyed reading this book! It flowed great and read perfectly. I only wish that there was more to Nixon and Haley's background. They were both hurt previously, and we got a glimpse of it. But I felt that if there were more, I would have absolutely loved this book.

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## Elizabeth Clinton says

Michelle Leighton has given us another one sitting read. Tequila High is a book from the minute you turn to the very first page you are hooked and the next time you are looking up is when you see the words The End. Never have I ever met two characters that are so perfect for the other. Haley Brandt & Nixon Holt will steam up the pages from the first time their eyes meet from across the bar.

Haley & Nixon meet in a very unconventional way and when they realize they share an uncommon connection do you trust the other or do you jump in with both feet. They will have to overcome a lot along the way but do they take the chance or walk away. I know that I was cheering them on from the moment they met because this a couple that truly deserve to find that HEA.

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### **Heather andrews says**

Nixon is just always teasing his woman, "no, I don't mind if you strut around nude after your shower. I can live with that." Haley and Nixon are just all for each other, "well, to be fair, other than taking care of basic needs like food and hygiene, that is all we've done for the last two weeks..." I liked this book, I fell in love with Nixon.

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### **Melanie Cesa says**

I loved this! What starts out as a dare on a fun night out quickly turns into so much more. Neither Nixon or Haley are looking for love, but unexpected feelings take root and I enjoyed watching everything unfold. Obstacles of their pasts have them fighting their feelings as well as a secret that could change everything. Their chemistry is explosive and their relationship adorable, sweet, and fun. I also enjoyed the family dynamic and hope to see more of them all.

Nixon and Haley are so fun. I loved their banter, the slow build of their relationship, and the smile this story kept on my face.

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### **Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says**

M. Leighton has done it again! She has knocked it out the ballpark and lord have mercy do I love me some Tequila tehehehe.

This is one of those stories that will have you laughing and crying all at the same time. I loved Haley and Nixon. They both had their shortcomings but they were able to look past all that and become more than friends.

Haley has a rule she does not do one night stands. She stays clear from relationships because it is better to be friends because she has been hurt and does not want to go through that again. But she meets a dark and handsome man and a few shots of Tequila and she is romping in the bed with him. One night she thinks until she wakes up and realizes that he works for her father's ranch.

Nixon is such a sweetheart man I need him as my husband because he refuses to give up on Haley and he is determined to get her and keep her. But secrets come out and Nixon will have to decide whether or not to fight for Haley or walk away from her and be friends.

This book had me laughing and crying and rooting for Nixon and Haley. This is a must read so go ahead and one click it!

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### **Courtney says**

Any time I see that Michelle Leighton is putting out a book, I am all-in, no blurb needed. Tequila High is the first book in her 100 Proof series and she's definitely started the series out well.

Tequila High is Haley's story and it's quite an emotional one. She is the eldest of her sisters and the one who has been away from home and the ranch for the last 10 years. The beginning of this story was a bit slow for me, but what kept me intrigued was the story behind Haley's absence for the last 10 years.

Nixon is quite the character. I love that he was persistent with Haley and constantly having her trip over herself and her words at every corner. Their interactions were entertaining to the say the least.

I really enjoyed the background Michelle gives us with the family and the sisters. You could easily sense the deep roots in their family and how close they all were. So I am quite excited to see what Michelle brings us next with these sisters.

Overall, it was a great start to the series and I am looking forward to more from Michelle!!

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## **Angel says**

A NON SPOILER REVIEW!

OHEMGEEEEEE! I'm so full of happiness from this book!

Haley and Nixon will steal your heart, I'm giddy with excitement

Over how adorably cute these two were. I love their unique banter and his persistence. I mean who wouldn't want a Nixon (SWOON.)

I can FEEL his eyes when he's looking at her, gahhhh I couldn't put it down. I don't remember the last time I read a book in one sitting. It's not often. I couldn't get enough, I mean right from the moment they met I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. From lol moments to all the sexy these characters gave me all the FEELS.

Let's talk about Haley's family, I love when a family is as close as hers. Her sisters cracked me up, they're there for each other and even have some bantering of their own. I'm hoping each one gets a book.

I'm so in love with all the characters. I love the story and the writing. I adore This author, I've read all her books and I can tell you from the heart each one is special. Each one has a character that will stay with you, and each one tells a story worth reading. THIS ONE is no different. Michelle has written yet another story with a balance of heat and heart. Read it, read them all, you'll thank me.

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## **☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says**

Haley hasn't been home to her family's ranch in ten years. She left as a young 19 year old with a broken heart and soul and now she's divorced and back home for a while - with her dad and three sisters.

Enter Nixon. He's living on the ranch too. And Haley doesn't want anything to do with guys who work on the farm - never again. But she met him before she knew who he was!

And he's so mega irresistible, working out with no shirt on in the living room! Grrrr.

But of course there are some tiny little secrets surrounding both of them - secrets that could destroy what is just starting between them.

**What will happen with Haley & Nix?**

**Will there be a HEA?**

**READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT! ?**

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**Well, that was cute. And funny and cowboy-ish! A bit sad and heartbreaking too.**

I really enjoyed reading it!

I liked the whole family atmosphere on the ranch. Dad with his four daughters. I really hope we'll get to hear all their stories! Funny ladies with lots of stories to tell! A barkeeper, a cook and a photographer!

But back to Haley and Nix. It was a sweet and funny insta-attraction thing with them.

Nix doesn't do love and Haley will never again start anything with a ranch hand, or with someone who lies to her about his intentions.

Not a very good start for our two darlings!

Sweet story.

But nothing much happened. I wanted a little bit more excitement or funny moments, sexy moments. We didn't really hear anything about Nixon's life, his life and past and family - other than meeting his brother for a second. We also heard nothing much about Haley's store and the ranch and ... This book should've been 50 pages longer with a bit more of everything, it's like there have been three books about the three sisters, and we should know everything already!

But I still enjoyed reading it - I really loved the *never have I ever* game they played! Adorable!

Oh... another thing. LOL! Maybe I was just in a weird mood while reading this book, because from the moment I posted the cover reveal on social media (and didn't read the blurb! Because I only read blurbs the second before I start reading the book!) I was sure that this was going to be a **HIGHSCHOOL ROMANCE!!!!!!** But we're not talking about the high in high school - but the high you get from drinking too much tequila! LOL! I know, I'm weird, but I was really hoping for a sweet young romance! No idea what I was thinking where the tequila would be happening at a highschool, but I'm sure tequila happens at highschools. ??? And then I went and read the blurb and somewhere there it says 19! So I assumed Haley is 19, but that was ten years ago - ugh. I should really pay better attention to things! ?

Another tiny little thing. The praying before dinner thing. Too much religion for me. I'm absolutely anti-religion and I just don't want that in my romances!

But still - I really loved Nix and Haley and the others - can't wait to hear more from them!  
Don't let me scare you away from this book - it was really sweet and funny!!!!!!

**TEQUILA HIGH was a sweet & adorable & cowboyish love-story!**

**Please run to your nearest amazon for your own Nixon! This one is MINE!!!!!!**

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## **Kim says**

Haley Brandt's recipe for bad choices.

A night out with her instigating best friend, Lia.

Add Tequila + More Tequila. A dare. A sexy stranger. A hotel room.

And one hot as hell encounter.

Her night of stepping out of her comfort zone was just supposed to be a one and done.

But then the next day, it comes back to haunt her.

Nixon Holt apparently is not really a stranger to her family, and her dad asks him to drive her back to the family ranch she has not stepped foot on in ten years. She has a hard and fast rule about not dating ranch workers or anyone associated with the ranch. She's been burned by men and is not looking for love or attachments.

Nixon has his own past issues and is not looking for love either, but he is not opposed to having some real good times and exploring their intense chemistry further. And he is as persistent as he is charming and sexy. It's a game of attraction and resistance. I enjoyed their witty banter, flirting, and games of Never Have I Ever.

But sometimes lines get blurred and rules get overlooked. Feelings can get messy and the game can suddenly change. They both have some secrets that affect how they feel about relationships and could ruin any chance at something real. Is the potential worth breaking their own rules and fighting for? Or will they end up another scar on the other's heart?

This was a fun, sweet, romantic story between two people who were totally against falling in love. I liked getting their dual points of view and how their secrets and pasts were slowly revealed. I enjoyed the ranch setting with her father and three sisters Hannah, Harper, and Hope. Each of the women were interesting and had their own personalities. And his brother Tyson was intriguing as well. I am looking forward to more of their stories.

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## Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

*"Never have I ever..."*

All it took was seeing the author's name and I was all-in, without even knowing what the story was about. As expected, I loved *Tequila High*. What I didn't expect was to fall in love with Haley's whole family. I don't know what the future holds in this fictional world, but I really hope to spend more time at the ranch.

Haley is hanging out with her best friend at a bar and they are on a *Tequila high*. If she hadn't been drunk, she might not have let her lust make her decisions for her. *"Does Nixon rhyme with velvet? Because that's how it sounds to me—like velvet."*

Nixon doesn't do love, but he does do one-night-stands. She insists that's not going to happen between them. *"She doesn't realize that she threw gasoline on the fire of my attraction to her."* Hell yeah! I couldn't wait for that explosion. I had my fire extinguisher standing by, just in case. Not to cool their passion, just to make sure my Kindle didn't melt while I was being a virtual voyeur.

What I enjoyed most was my time at the ranch. What an awesome place that I hope to go back to. I was very curious about Haley's secrets, wanting to know what caused her to run away and stay gone for ten years. I was also highly entertained by playing *NEVER HAVE I EVER*. What a great way to get to know someone, right? It works with and without Tequila. I noticed the book cover says it's *A 100 Proof Novel*, so my hopes are high I'll be seeing these awesome characters again. The line forms here...

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## Jennifer says

*\* A review copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. \**

~ 5 Never Have I Ever Stars ~

FULL REVIEW to come on Release Day.... Read this book, you won't be sorry. I am in love with Nixon Holt!!!

### **FULL REVIEW Now Posted::**

Nixon Holt!!! Remember that name because you WILL want to meet him and he WILL take the top spot on your book boyfriend list. I can honestly say he has taken over my Michelle Leighton's Hero spot.

This book took me back to the beginning with Michelle and her writing. I have been an avid fan of Michelle's for years now. I am always left with a HUGE smile on my face and a warm full heart after reading her books. Tequila High took me back to her The Wild Ones days. I loved being back on a ranch with some swoony cowboys or ranchers. I was sucked into this story right from the beginning!! I had a hard time putting it down.

Tequila High is the first book in Michelle's newest series.... 100 Proof Series. This is a standalone novel and is a complete story, but I believe this series will be interconnected, because I believe the other books will be about Haley's sisters. This story is told in Dual POV. I loved the flow and pace of this story. I was swept up in these characters and the story they had to tell.

In this book we follow Nixon and Haley. Haley and Nixon meet in a bar one night and have an instant connection. So color Haley surprised when she finds out the Nixon works for her father on their family ranch. Haley is coming home after being gone for 10 years and she has sworn to never fall for someone who works for her dad again. So as you can guess this new found information causes a road block for Haley and Nixon. But Nixon is determined to win over Haley. What Haley doesn't know is that Nixon is carrying a secret?? What happens when that truth comes out?? Can Haley and Nixon get their HEA?? Read this entertaining read to find out.

I absolutely loved all of Haley's sisters!! You can definitely feel the bond between these ladies. I also felt the strong bond they have with their dad. I look forward to reading the stories of the sisters also. I hope we get to see more of Nixon's siblings as well. We got to meet his brother briefly and I hope we see more of him in the future.

If you are a fan of Michelle Leighton's books you are going to want to read this story!!! It was so sweet and swoony, it melted my heart and panties ;) Don't miss this AMAZING start to this new series!!!

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## **Teresa Mary Rose says**

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I have been an M. Leighton fan for years now and with each and every release I dive into the book with excitement. I was extremely excited for this one because I am a tequila fan and couldn't wait to see the tie in. I dove into this one almost immediately and it was so hard to put down.

Never have I ever wanted to visit a ranch so badly. I am not a country girl, I am city born and raised, but if they make them like Nixon there then I could maybe figure out some way to make it work haha. I adored Nixon; it's kinda ridiculous how quickly I fell for him, but he was just so great. He is charming and sweet and funny. The banter... OH MY GOSH THE BANTER. Nixon and Haley go back and forth so much and they go a mile a minute and it's fantastic. And speaking of Haley... I love that woman. She has been through quite a bit, but I love how she keeps picking herself back up and doing what she needs to do. The chemistry between these two is through the roof and they just work so well.

I also have to take some time to talk about Haley's sisters, because honestly one of my favorite things about the book was the relationship between the sisters. Haley, Hope, Harper, and Hannah are great together and their relationship feels so true to actual sister relationships. They bicker and tease and they fight but at the end of the day they put one another first and have each other's backs.

If you were a fan of some of Michelle's older work (think *The Wild Ones*, *Down To You*, etc) then *Tequila High* is going to be perfect for you! It feels so much like those books. It is very much its own story and it's not just a repeat of something she has already done, but this book elicits the same type of feelings those books did. It has so much heart and romance, all served with a side of heartache. And it's addictive, so so addictive and easy to get lost in.

All in all, *Tequila High* is another hit from M. Leighton. Her books always make me feel so much and Nixon and Haley got under my skin in the best way.

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