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From the author of FEARLESS, the first in a new Dartmoor spinoff series:

Colin O'Donnell grew up in a lie, believing the man who raised him was his father, stirring up hell in the Louisiana bayous. A shocking revelation about his parentage led him to his half-brother...and his half-brother's motorcycle club. Now Colin is a prospect for the Lean Dogs MC, and he's just been transferred from his home town of New Orleans to Amarillo, Texas, where Vice President Candyman runs a tight ship, and holds tight secrets.

Jenny Snow has spent the last seven years in limbo, waiting for the pain to recede, when she unwittingly catches the eye of the club's newest prospect. She doesn't have the time or patience for a biker in her life. If only she can convince herself she truly believes that.

SNOW IN TEXAS is the first installment of Lauren Gilley's new Lean Dogs Legacy Series, and features characters first introduced in her Dartmoor Series. Be sure to look for the Dartmoor novels FEARLESS, PRICE OF ANGELS, HALF MY BLOOD, THE SKELETON KING, and SECONDHAND SMOKE.

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Michelle [Helen Geek] says

02/12/2017 -- Reread

Toilet paper. Toilet paper, baby !! I'd read toilet paper if Lauren Gilley wrote on it. I just know I'd love it.

Rating stays the same -- 4 Stars.

Happy Reading!

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Overall Rating = 4 Stars

Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 3 / 4 / 4 = 4 Stars

Writer's Voice = 4 Stars

Character / Secondary Character Development = 4 / 4 = 4 Stars

"Did I like" Hero / Heroine = 4 / 4 = 4 Stars

Story / Background Story Development = 4 / 4 = 4 Stars

"Did I like the Damned Thing" = 4 Stars

Ending = 4 Stars

Worth the Chili = 5 Stars -- [\$1.99 on Amazon]

Smexy [HEAT] Rating = Mild to Steamy

232 pages

***First sentence:* Amarillo, Texas. Colin. His father told him once, when he was a boy, that it was a man's responsibility to find his place in the world.**

***Last sentence:* As if he sensed her staring, Colin turned to look at her. He smiled. She smiled back.**

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02/13/2016 -- 4 Stars

Anything. I'll read anything this author writes. I just love her. Her stories are well drawn. Her characters always nicely developed and multidimensional -- this is key. What do I mean by this? Not predictable and multifaceted. So, if we are to be a girlfriend, we get that great story, but we also get the details on being a friend, a daughter, a student, etc. There is always an underlying story with grown-up issues. She doesn't unnecessarily draw out the angst and take us down immature paths. It will unfold and have the the depth needed. I may not be explaining myself well? The price is right. Simply the full package.

This isn't my favorite of hers, but it is very good. I enjoyed it. It is a spin-off in her Fearless series. If your familiar with the Fearless characters, this is Colin's story; Mercy's "brother." I love Mercy. It made me want to re-read Mercy and Ava again. I've downloaded it and am ready to go! I really like Candyman and can't wait for his story.

If you haven't read this author and you love romance novels like I do, you owe it to yourself to give her a go. She has incredible talent.

Happy Reading!

Saunders says

Lauren Gilley is an author I have only come to know over the last 6 months. Having had the opportunity to read the complete Dartmoor series I was blown away by the quality of this authors writing, the interaction of the characters in each book and the complete build up of the relationship between Lean Dogs UK and USA.

This is a "spin off) and brings us Colin half brother of Mercy from Dartmoor book 1 and I am so glad we are introduced to Colin. Lauren Gilley will be always be an automatic read for me. Her writing is sublime and her stories are just so believable.

TeriLyn says

5 "...What kind of monster are you?" Stars

I love the Lean Dogs MC. Lauren Gilley books are like stepping onto a film set and living in the action alongside the great characters. This is the sweetly and hilariously told story of Colin and Jenny. Much like Gilley's previous works the camaraderie of brotherhood and family life inside the MC is ever present while infused with much humor, love, and danger. I enjoyed every minute of this shorter tale told from multiple points of view. Colin and Jenny give something to each other neither planned for as Colin settles into life in Texas as a Lean Dog under the watchful eye of the hilarious Candyman. I can't wait for more!

Judy says

This continues to be one of my favorite authors and she continues to amaze me with her ability to pull me into all of the Lean Dogs characters. Even though this book is a stand alone I urge you to read the Dartmoor Fearless series where many of the characters are initially introduced. All of the books in the first series and now this spin off series have been 5 star reads for me.

In this book, Ms. Gilley again shows her unique approach with giving us an older woman with a younger man. Even if Colin might be younger, he is one hell of a man. For those of you who follow the series, Colin is Mercy's half brother. Colin is a drop dead, gorgeous Cajun who comes with a lot of emotional baggage and his former man whore status. He knows when he first sees Jenny that she's special. Jenny is the club president's sister and she makes Colin work for it. Her past is sad and she lives in fear each day of her ex-husband coming back to torture her some more. In this story Colin does a lot of growing up and Jenny finds that she's not to old to enjoy life. Most importantly she realizes that not every man is an abusive ahole. I loved Colin/Jenny's story but I can't wait to get Candyman's story. He captured my interest in Second Hand Smoke and his love for his sister stole my heart in this book. I hope there will be many, many more Lean Dog stories.

Elfina Renee says

Oooh my gosh what a kickass start to a brand new series, then starting it out with the Cajun prospect Colin's!

Trying to learn the ropes and figure out his place within the MC, new dangers unfolds targeting Candyman and his sister! Guard your secrets well, for the truth of them can get you buried six foot under with one way ticket to hell!

“This is official federal business, son,” Riley said. “Don’t get involved.” “That’s the biggest load of horseshit I ever heard. Sir,” Colin fired back. “You arresting her? Taking her in for questioning? Nobody strong-arms an unarmed woman on official federal business. This is personal as all hell. So I’ll say it again: Get your hands off her, or I’ll blow your fucking head off.”

Fabulous five star read!

Liz says

5 "Prospective" ? ? ? ? ?

I do love a good MC story. So gritty and dirty, makes me miss SOA : (

It's been a while since I read an MC story, but SIT definitely made up for it. It had everything I want in an MC story, cuts & cussing galore. Jenny was a gem, that woman deserves all the happiness she can get, and the lovable (and sexy) new prospect is just the man to give it to her.

Jenny Snow is getting through life one day at a time with help from her lovable brother, Candy (be careful though, he'll take every tooth outta your goddamn head.) But her past wants to catch up with her. Loveable, cajun gator wrestler Colin to the rescue, or maybe a little pup?.

I could kick myself for not reading the Dartmoor series first though. I bet Ava & Mercys story was a riot. I'm looking forward to seeing this club grow. Mr.Candy.....

5 Stars from me :)

"Excavate it out of him. Give him a chance. Demand nothing less than his whole heart, and see if he won't step up and surprise you."

~IreneOust~ says

This author continues to blow me away. I don't even know how to review her books because nothing I can ever say will do her work justice so here goes nothing ...

Every time I finish a book by Lauren Gilley, I always ask myself two questions:

1. HOW does one learn to write like this???

and

2. WHY isn't EVERYONE reading her???

When discussing books/various authors with my closest reading buddies, we always say how much better we enjoy authors who 'show instead of telling' and boy, does Lauren ever show! Her books are so vivid that there are times when I feel that if I stop reading and lift my head from my Kindle, I'll end up right there, in the middle of wherever the characters may be at the time. I am literally lost to the world when I read her. Her writing is so captivating, no detail is ever wasted. And lets not forget THE feels!

Considering I am not a very fast reader, I seem to DEVOUR her books. I don't know how she does it from the very first chapter, she seems to suck me right in and doesn't let go till the very end. Her stories are very much character driven and the ongoing plot is absolutely brilliant! If you love exceptionally well written family sagas, you owe it to yourself to check this author out!

**This book is a spin off of Lauren's Dartmoor Series and, even though CAN be read as standalone, I'd recommend you read it all in order to enhance your reading experience.

Cheers!

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

3.75 Stars

Colin was cool...but he's no Mercy. I also felt that he and Jenny's connection never matched or outweighed her connection to her brother. Looking forward to his book.

Jennifer Kyle says

3.75 Stars

DW says

What a great start to this series. I think that if you loved the Dartmore series like me, then you will love The Lean Dogs Legacy.

As much as I really liked Colin, I kept trying to compare him to Mercy. I was excited to get a little peak into

what Mercy and Ava were up to.

I guess I was hoping for a little more action but nonetheless, it was good and I will be continuing on.

Bev says

Two things that made me dither and delay wanting to read this

* I didn't like Colin in earlier books in the Dartmoor series

* Brick wall issue - I am **not** a fan of older heroine/younger hero books. They just don't do anything for me at all.

So, I'm thrilled to say I bloody loved this book so hard. Colin is not an uber OTT alpha male, and that worked for me in this instance and didn't bother me at all. The age thing wasn't an problem for me either, simply because the author didn't make it an issue so it was something I overlooked and didn't really think about again. And best of all I ended up absolutely loving Colin, and also the new characters from Texas.

Deborah says

Why did I put off reading this book?

Seriously, because it seems crazy that I put it off because I wasn't sure I liked Colin enough to read his book. After 'Loverboy' I struggled to settle into anything else so I figured I'd give this a shot and now it's straight onto 'Tastes Like Candy' for me.

This book was as surprising as it is fantastic and now I'm wondering why I wasn't too keen on Colin, he's great.

Colin finds himself in Amarillo, Texas prospecting for the Lean Dogs MC. Now Colin's been a wanderer, women flock to him and he's never really had to work that hard for anything but being a prospect isn't easy he's going to have to bite his tongue and knuckle down for a year or so.

While prospecting might be difficult that's nothing compared to the woman he can't take his eyes off, Jenny isn't interested (or so she says) but the more she rejects him the more interested he becomes and he quickly realises this might be his biggest challenge yet.

Jenny has a history and she tells herself she's not interested in the new prospect but she can only lie to herself for so long especially since circumstances push them together when Jenny's past finds itself smack bang in the middle of her future.

Now I have to say older woman/younger man is not my thing, ever but here it worked because it wasn't ever an issue, it wasn't a big deal and therefore it just worked.

This book introduces us to the Amarillo chapter so we get new characters, a great story and the promise of great things to come plus we get to spend a little time with our favourites from Dartmoor (Mercy) we also get humour that I love in my books and of course as always Lauren gives us multiple POV.

This book had some brilliant lines:

"A man who wants to get me naked," she said.....

"You can't tell me you've got any use for a man who looks at you and doesn't want to get you naked."

I rarely give 5* (or at least that used to be the case) because I figure if you use it all the time it loses its value but these books are just that good that I can't give less and trust me when I say I don't give 5* easily.

Lu?ka says

Okay, this is the spinoff and it's my least favorite in the Dartmoor series. Ms. Gilley's writing shines the most when she writes 400+ pages books. This one was obvs too short and the plot and the characters seemed underdeveloped. Nothing really happened until 90% of the book and I felt the romance was forced.

The hero, who's Mercy's half-brother, is completely different from Mercy and not in a good way. He's too soft and unmanly for my taste. Not the brightest bulb, iYKwIM. I still liked him a little. He has a big heart. The heroine....Uhh... Sorry, I got nothing....I don't have an opinion other than she was more badass than the hero.

TBH, I couldn't connect with this book. It was okay, but didn't give me any feels. I'm glad I got a glimpse of Mercy and Ava though. Still loving the shit out of this author and will try with her paranormal series soon.

Lisa says

4.5-5?

Loz says

3.75 stars

candy stole the show. jumping right into his book next!
