

Book review: *The Doctor's Choice, Book One of Badlands*, by JD Faver

JD Faver's Texas romance brings three cowboy hunks into the life of Camryn (Cami) Carmichael, a lonely doctor who inherits a ranch worth 13 million. Will she choose one and give up her lifelong dream?

After the untimely death of her great aunt Silky, Cami attends the funeral in Langston, Texas. She plans to stay two days before returning to Houston to accept a fellowship in immunology and marry her "safe and steady" fiancé Clayton Tremont, IV. Standing graveside, she looks across the coffin where a broad shouldered cowboy meets her gaze, distracting her. He is Breckenridge T Ryan, her Aunt Silky's lawyer and friend, a "big overprotective cowboy." Their mutual attraction grows, more so after Cami suspects that her aunt has been murdered. She decides to find out the truth. Cami settles into her aunt's Victorian house; the two ranch hands devoted to Silky assure Cami that they will stay on. Frank has worked on the ranch since he turned sixteen. His "dimpled grin," catches Cami unawares. The two establish an easy-going friendship. Soon after, Faver introduces us to EJ Kincaid, a movie-star handsome, rich young man. Kincaid's outsider status is similar to Cami's. While his father, Eldon Kincaid, made a fortune buying up small ranches, EJ grew up living with his mother in Dallas. Despite his privileged upbringing, EJ determines to become wealthy in his own right. When Cami meets him, one of the visible signs of EJ's success is the jaguar XKR that he drives because "I am," he assures Cami, "my own man." All three men have the requisite 6 pack abs, steely chests, muscular arms. Each in their turn, gather Cami close as they dance the two step with enviable ease. Chivalrous cowboys all, they are sweetly attentive to women. One falls in love with Cami, courting her with an intensity that's irresistible.

Romantic love with a mysterious death and another decades old mystery to solve keep readers on their toes.

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