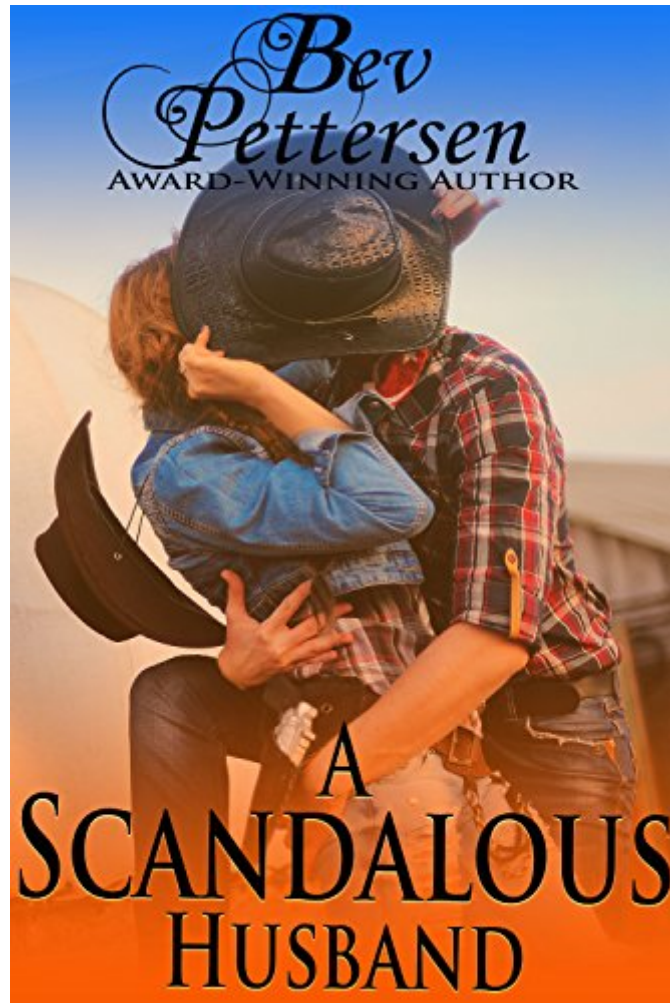


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CAN HE WIN HER BACK? It's been two rough years since Dani Tattrie has seen her husband. She didn't plan on running their California ranch by herself, but she's scraped by. Now though, a string of bad luck has left her reeling and ready to sell. Training horses is still her dream job but she's never recovered from her husband's bewildering incarceration. And she doesn't have the money or energy to continue alone. Dex Tattrie has survived being locked up thanks to his biker gang relatives and a job working with horses at the prison farm. He didn't expect to get out alive or to ever see his wife again. Yet as his parole date inches closer, he dares to believe redemption might be possible. However, a conniving cop is lurking, ready to steal both Dani and the ranch at the slightest misstep. And Dex's murky ties to a dead prostitute make it difficult to prove he's still the man Dani married.

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Customer Reviews

As usual, the equine thread in Pettersen's book makes you feel like you're truly there, in this case training troubled horses out of their bad habits. Then there's the loyal dog (who I would write more about, but don't want to spoil the plot). Into that interesting setting, Pettersen drops a strong, character-driven story. What would you do if your husband ended up in prison and sent you divorce papers...but you still loved him and were determined to keep your shared ranch going? How about if you were a good man trying to survive in prison, but both horses and people needed your help? Before I read this book, I would have said there was nothing romantic about prison life. But Pettersen proved me gloriously, glowingly wrong. I've now read four of Pettersen's books, and *A Scandalous Husband* is my favorite yet. Read it (or borrow it using Prime).

I loved *A Scandalous Husband*. Characters were compelling and strong and the hardships faced by both seemed beyond working out to any kind of happy ending – even when hearts were involved the urge to protect wounded hearts and learn from past betrayals kept asserting their power. It's not easy for anyone to forgive and forget and it seemed too hard for these two. The challenges and struggles of incarceration were scary and put me on edge. I worried for the lives of the characters and was shocked when I learned the truth... I don't want to give anything away. Because out this fabulously written, poignant tale...out of chaos and hardship comes a more than satisfying ending. *A Scandalous Husband* was a terrific read.

Bev Pettersen has written another great book! She knows horses and really draws you into her books! I loved the characters and never saw the ending coming the way it turned out! I could not put the book down! I loved the characters, Dex & Dani Tatterie, and the true love and sacrifice. I loved the different problem horses in the story and I was surprised how I enjoyed the prison aspect of the story but it was the horse program and the horses that helped the inmates. I really enjoyed the ties to characters from an earlier book by Bev Pettersen as well. I have read all of her books and can't wait for the next to come out!

I bought this book as soon as it was available. Bev Pettersen's books are always very readable and this one didn't disappoint. The characters are well rounded and very believable. I'm not a "horse person" but one gets a good picture into the lives of those who are, woven through the touching love story between 2 people with more than their share of outside influences pulling them apart. Well-written, well-edited and thoroughly enjoyable.

I like Bev Pettersen's books. There's enough horse industry details to keep me interested; enough romance without porn to satisfy my 'Cinderella Complex' and enough mystery to keep me guessing who dunnit. A Scandalous Husband was my choice of her books to date because Dex is a 'bad boy' who has an honorable character which caused him to sacrifice himself to protect those who were weaker or less knowledgeable of the dark side. Dani's loyalty to the man she loves and the life they'd begun together is shaken by the availability of a 'steady' man yet she isn't sure she's ready to give up. The plot is unusual for a romance yet not a 'tear jerker'. It's a 'bad things happen to good people' story that shows how to cope when 'Life happens'!

Dani is struggling to keep her horse ranch afloat while her husband Dex is in prison due to the death of a hooker who died of a heroin overdose in his company. Horse training jobs aren't coming in as readily since Dex has been away and the ranch is falling apart. Dani is persuaded to spruce the ranch up as good as she can and put it up for sale before the bank forecloses on it. In prison Dex works at the horse farm as a farrier, makes a few friends, and enemies, and the horse he became the most attached to is sold to a breeding farm. Dex gets out on parole and checks in to see how Dani is doing, not knowing that she didn't complete the divorce papers he started prior to going into prison. As romance novels go, it's predictable they hook up again, call off the divorce, fix up their ranch, and get back into the horse training business. The book was well written, and I found it hard to put it down, wanted to keep reading to find out what was happening next. I didn't connect with any of the characters, didn't find any of them really likable. The book moved along at a good pace, believable dialogue, and scenes. Definitely recommend this book to female readers, may be appealing if they have a loved one in jail, and horse lovers will enjoy the equine scenes and a few days at the racetrack.

Bev Pettersen is quickly becoming my "go-to" author for a good read. In addition to learning so much about horses, the story is paced nicely from beginning to end. Dani is struggling to hold onto

the ranch that she and her husband, Dex, own. Dex was incarcerated two years ago leaving Dani devastated. He had also sent her divorce papers that she has yet to sign. While Dex is counting the days to leave the prison, Dani has moved on and is planning to sell the ranch. Dex is released on parole for good behavior and seeks to get back into Dani's life. She is struggling to let him in because he betrayed her and doesn't know if she can trust him again. Their lives are intersected through the preparation of the sale of the ranch. Dex still loves Dani and is fighting to get her back while Dani is fighting to move on. This was a good story with suspense and lots of feeling.

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