Sweetest Kisses

Book Four in the Sprawling A Ranch Series

Small-town life fits Adam Maguire like a pair of favorite blue jeans, while Nicolette Fournier finds it as constricting as a straitjacket. But when this good ol' country boy and rock n roll princess come together, sparks fly hot enough to melt the icing on the delicious cakes in Nic's bake shop.

As the youngest of six brothers, nothing is more important to Adam than family, and he believes Nic would make a great addition to his. Only Nic is counting the days to when she has fulfilled familial obligations and can return to her life of open roads and adventure, leaving bad childhood memories in her rearview mirror. To make this free spirit his, Adam will have to pull out all of the stops to convince her that the only bed he wants to set his cowboy boots under are hers, and home wouldn't be complete without her Doc Martens beside them.

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From the chest in the back of his truck, he withdrew a foam roll-up and a sleeping bag that he laid out across the flatbed.

"It's not the most comfortable of surfaces, but it'll be softer than the ground," he said as he held out his hand to help her climb up.

"You have quite the setup. Do you woo girls out in the open like this often?" "Well, um..."

Damn. Why did the mere thought of speaking of his past relationships make him want to hide in the deepest, darkest cave? Maybe it was because Nic had just come face to face with his crazy ex not more than half an hour prior, and what a stellar moment that had been. Way to show he was an excellent judge of character.

But his embarrassment went deeper than that. For some reason he didn't want Nic to think that he thought of her as just another date or potential girlfriend. There was something special brewing between them, and he didn't want the specter of an old standby tainting their budding relationship.

"I wouldn't say that," he stuttered. "I've been with girls here before. Not like this, but you know, tubing. And I've been outdoors with girls, necking and stuff. But not a lot of girls. Some. Few. Less than ten. I think."

Nic stopped him by placing her hand across his mouth as she doubled over with laughter. "Oh my God. You have to stop before I pee my pants. It wasn't an inquisition. It was a joke."

"Ha ha. Funny. Look, Nic, I just don't want you to think that this is just part of my routine. My normal seduction."

"And you think that's important to me? That I'll care if I'm just another girl?"

"It's important to me. And yes, I think it is to you, too. But you're too cool to admit it." He tapped her on her cute nose. "If I had to guess, I'd say you have had people tell you to stop being different so many times that you are now at the point where you embrace it and would hate being considered ordinary in any way."

With a light harrumph, she folded her arms over her chest. "That is quite the observation there, cowboy."

And dead-on accurate, if the pout of her lips said anything.

"I don't think you're weird, Nic. Or ordinary. I think you are extraordinarily special."

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