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BAR C RANCH: Love in the Dust

READER GUIDE

Chapter-By-Chapter Prompts, Reading Round-Up, Printable Tracker & Journal

Welcome to the Bar C Ranch. Come for the cowboys. Stay for the stories.

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Welcome to the Bar C

Out here in the wide-open spaces of West Texas, every cowboy has a story, every heart carries a few scars, and love has a way of showing up when you least expect it.

Bar C Ranch: Love in the Dust is about more than romance. It's about finding where you belong, embracing second chances, and discovering that family isn't always the one you're born into.

Whether you're gathering with your book club or exploring these stories on your own, this guide invites you to dig a little deeper, share a few laughs, and connect with the characters and their journeys.

So pour yourself a drink, pull up a chair, and stay awhile. There's always room for one more at the Bar C Ranch.

Happy Trails!

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Chapter-By-Chapter Prompts

1 • Chauncey & Post

1. How does Chauncey's childhood visit to the ranch shape her idea of home?
2. When do Chauncey and Post begin seeing each other differently? How do their workplace roles complicate their romance?

2 • Ryan

1. What does Ryan lose beyond a rodeo career when his accident changes his plans?
2. How does Ryan redefine success and decide what he wants from his future?

3 • Luke

1. What does Luke believe about himself when he returns from military prison?
2. How do the tarot reading, dream and wild horses function as turning points in his search for purpose?

4 • Holly & Hunter

1. Why does Holly feel the need to disappear and reinvent herself?
2. How does the difference between her public persona and private self affect her relationship with Hunter?

5 • Tom & Jackie

1. How does the passage of nearly four decades change what Tom and Jackie want from love?
2. What does their reunion suggest about forgiveness, lost time and the possibility of family?

6 • Zander & Alyssa

1. What do music and ranch life offer Zander that fame or a glamorous lifestyle may not?
2. Where should a couple draw the line between supporting each other's ambitions and changing for each other?

7 • Tommy & Cheridan

1. How does Tommy balance grief, fatherhood, a new business and the possibility of love?
2. What does Cheridan bring into Tommy and Branson's lives, and how does Tommy learn to accept support?

8 • Travis, Jake & Lacy

1. Why does Travis question whether his agreeable personality is enough?

2. What does the rivalry with Jake reveal about confidence, kindness and being yourself?

9 • Juan & Lula

1. How do Juan and Lula’s early misunderstandings shape their impressions of each other?

2. How does their relationship shift from conflict toward understanding and affection?

10 • Victoria & Les

1. What does Victoria value about the life she built independently?

2. How do Victoria and Les show that companionship and romance can be meaningful later in life?



Reading Roundup

1. Which character changed the most, and why?

2. Which romance surprised you the most?

3. How does the ranch operate as a found family across the stories?

4. Where do you see the difference between forgiveness and forgetting?

5. Which character’s vision of a happy future felt most relatable?

6. What role does humor play in the more difficult storylines?

7. Which relationship best illustrates the idea of a second chance?

8. How does the West Texas setting shape the characters’ choices?

9. What scene would you most like to see from another character’s point of view?

10. Which Bar C couple would you most like to revisit in a future story?



My Bar C Ranch Reading Tracker

Rate each chapter from 1 to 5 stars. Circle a rating and add a note if you wish.

1 • Chauncey & Post ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

2 • Ryan ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

3 • Luke ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

4 • Holly & Hunter ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

5 • Tom & Jackie ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

6 • Zander & Alyssa ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

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9 • Juan & Lula ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____

10 • Victoria & Les ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Favorite moment: _____



My Bar C Ranch Reader Journal

The character I connected with most

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My favorite couple and why

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The moment that made me laugh

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A scene I want to remember

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A line I want to revisit (chapter / page)

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What the ranch represents to me

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Fun

Bar C Ranch Awards

Which cowboy or cowgirl stole your heart? _____

Character with the biggest transformation_____

Favorite couple_____

Best Book Boyfriend _____

Most likable character _____

Least likable character_____

Best happily-ever-after _____

Ranch Recipes

Bacon Ranch Cheeseball with Crackers www.hiddenvalley.com/recipe/bacon-ranch-cheeseball/

Queso with Tortilla Chips www.ro-tel.com/recipes/sides-appetizers/rotel-famous-queso-dip

Cowboy Caviar www.mccormick.com/blogs/recipes/cowboy-caviar

Spiced Nuts www.mccormick.com/blogs/recipes/spiced-nuts

Cowboy Cookies www.southernliving.com/recipes/cowboy-cookies-recipe

Sweet Tea luzianne.com/whats-brewing/the-ultimate-guide-to-making-southern-style-sweet-tea-sweetened-iced-black-tea/

Soundtrack of the Ranch

George Strait – Amarillo by Morning
Cody Johnson – 'Til You Can't
Miranda Lambert – Settling Down
Reba McEntire – Consider Me Gone
Chris Stapleton – Starting Over
Brooks & Dunn – Neon Moon
Josh Abbott Band – She's Like Texas
Flatland Cavalry – A Life Where We Work Out
Pat Green – Wave on Wave
The Chicks – Cowboy Take Me Away
Alan Jackson – Remember When
Vince Gill – Look at Us
Shania Twain – Any Man of Mine
Midland – Drinkin' Problem
Zac Brown Band – Chicken Fried
Jon Pardi – Head Over Boots
Morgan Wallen – Everything he's ever written;)