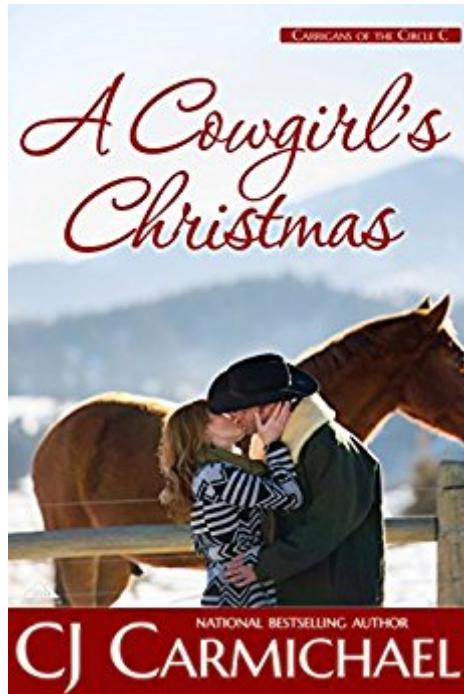


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# A Cowgirl's Christmas (Carrigans Of The Circle C Book 5)



## **Synopsis**

This Christmas is she going to lose her ranch? For years Callan Carrigan has been her father's right hand man, so when her dad's will names city slicker Court McAllister the new owner of The Circle C Ranch, Callan feels betrayed on every level. Then she and her sisters find their mother's diaries, hidden from them by their father since their mother's accidental death 18 years ago, and the shocking revelations explain a lot. Reeling, Callan seeks refuge in the local saloon, where it seems no one can reach her, until Court offers her a challenge. If she agrees to be foreman at the Circle C for one year, he'll deed the ranch back to her and her sisters. The deal seems too sweet at first "until Callan realizes Court has his eyes on something she protects even more than her family's land "her heart. Carrigans of the Circle C series Book 1: Promise Me, Cowboy Book 2: Good Together Book 3: Close to Her Heart Book 4: Snowbound in Montana Book 5: A Cowgirl's Christmas Book 6: A Bramble House Christmas

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## **Customer Reviews**

I absolutely loved the Carrigan girls and loved the way that this story completed their stories. This

book is about the youngest sister, Callan. She stayed at home and ran the ranch with Hawksley, her dad. However, she is surprised when she finds out what Hawksley does with that ranch. Court is left the ranch in the will when Hawksley dies which surprises all of the sisters but mostly Callan who has devoted her life to the ranch. Court is such a gentleman and offers a deal to Callan to split the ranch if she will be the foreman for a year. Callan is so hurt by her father and revelations found in her mother's diaries that she is torn up and unable to decide what she wants from life or Court. I loved the way that the characters' relationship was slow and not just a hot, heavy sex relationship. They make friends first. I absolutely loved Court. He is kind, thoughtful and really understands the situation that Callan and her sisters find themselves in with their father's death. There are a great deal of secrets revealed and I just loved this book. I love CJ Carmichael's books and this is no exception. I don't know if there will be other Carrigan stories but this is a great wrap up of the sisters and their loves.

This was yet again; another fabulous story. This book revolves around Callen, the youngest sister who stayed home on the ranch all these years in order to help her father. Hawksley was a hard man to love though, and try as she might, she could never seem to please the man. Then when he died, she was dealt another big blow. And if all that wasn't enough, there were so many secrets uncover in the letters that she left for each of the girls, and in the diaries she left behind. Devastating news for all four girls, but Callen seemed to be hit the hardest. Callen was so surprised and devastated to know that all the time and effort she'd spent with Hawksley, virtually meant nothing. I felt so sad for Callen. She gave him everything and she was the only child there right to the very end. Yet, he left her out in the cold as if all her love, time, and effort she put in by his side running the family ranch for all these years meant nothing to him. The pain she felt, the indecisions of what she was going to do with her life now, and trying to come to terms with the shocking secrets the sisters had uncovered, had me balling my eyes out for her. Her sisters had their significant others to pull them through, but Callen had absolutely no one to turn to. Plus....she had to relive her father's final collapse over and over again in her dreams. At first when he'd showed up in town, I wasn't crazy about the reasons he was there. But honestly.....it wasn't his fault things went down like they did, it was Hawksley's. It didn't take me long though before I absolutely fell in love Court. He was so kind, thoughtful and he really took the time to understand the whole situation that Callan, and her sisters found themselves in after their father's death. The reason I only gave this book a 4 star rating, rather than a 5 star, was the ending. It just felt a bit too rushed to satisfy my tastes. Yes it did have somewhat of a HEA, but it just felt a bit too forced.

I loved this continuation of the Carrigan family's story. Callen, the youngest daughter, is dealt quite the blow when her father, Hawksley, dies and once the will is read a ton of family secrets are brought to the forefront when he leaves the ranch to Court - a distant cousin that the girls had never met. This was a very emotional read. Hawksley really was a tough father to care about and more of his failings with his daughters were brought out in this book. I really liked Court. From the beginning he was clearly a great guy dealing with a difficult situation. My heart broke for Callen and her sisters with the drama that was unfolding in the family. I got so into the story that once the family's secrets were revealed I sacrificed sleep to get to the end. I just had to see how things worked out for the Carrigan sisters and the rest of their family.

Love the characters and storytelling. The way you bring to life the situation, emotions and area are amazing, BUT I despise the editing and contradictions your writing brings; I would challenge you to have someone edit each of your books, now and in the future with an eye on content of word placement and continuity. Reading a paragraph, or even a sentence, with a word or two missing or as a he rather than she is so distracting, especially when in the midst of a touching story. Would be happy to send you my notes on these seemingly small, yet important challenges that I had reading these wonderful stories (and yes, I have read all six Carrigans of the Circle C books).

When Hawksley Carrigan died, his daughters came to the Circle C Ranch to mourn him. They didn't realize that when his secrets were revealed that everything would change. Callan who devoted her life to her father and to their family ranch would lose what she loved. Why had their father been so brutal? This was such an emotional story. Callan's pain broke my heart. I felt anger at Hawksley's cruelty toward his girls. CJ Carmichael did a wonderful job showing how each reacted to the revelation of their parentage. Court McAllister was a distant cousin. He was placed in a difficult position when he inherited the property. He handled it with grace and dignity. I liked him. His connection with Callan was amazing. I enjoyed seeing them change from enemies to lovers. The setting was perfect. I love Marietta and the surrounding area. As always it's wonderful to catch up with familiar characters. CJ Carmichael had me teary eyed with this deeply emotional story. A Cowgirl's Christmas is a touching holiday romance.

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