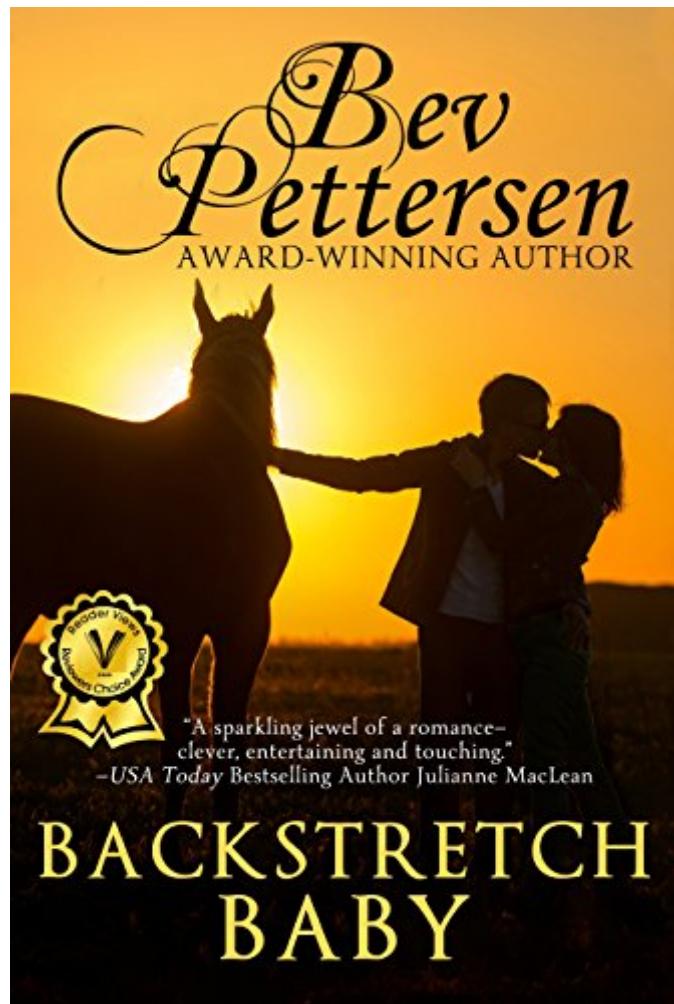


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# BACKSTRETCH BABY (Romantic Mystery)



## Synopsis

WINNER 2016 READER VIEWS AWARD, BEST ROMANCE NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN ROMANCE FICTION FINALIST 2016 BOOK BUYER'S BEST FINALIST OCCRWA 2016 She can accept his past...but can he? Private investigator Rick Talbot shuns polite society, preferring to keep horrific memories at bay by hunting the most hardened of criminals. Tracking down stolen bridles at a California racetrack is a mind-numbing assignment that's way beneath his pay grade. Besides, he isn't burned out and he doesn't need a working vacation--no matter what his employer thinks. Rookie trainer, Eve Lewis, has enough struggles coping with her boss's antagonistic wife and a track community that resents outsiders. Theft and sabotage have made riding impossible, and so far, none of her horses have even made it to the starting gate. The last thing she needs is a badass investigator reporting on all her problems and threatening her ability to provide for her young son. But Rick is tough, smart and drop-dead gorgeous and seems like the best man to help when the sabotage reveals more sinister undertones. In fact, as their attraction builds, she begins to believe he's the perfect man in every way. However, when hostilities turn deadly, Rick must conquer old demons or risk losing Eve forever. Wounded as he is, can he ever be anything more than a paid protector? OTHER BOOKS BY BEV PETTERSEN: Jockeys and Jewels Color My Horse Fillies and Females Thoroughbreds and Trailers Trash Studs and Stilettos Riding For Redemption Backstretch Baby A Scandalous Husband Repent (Kindle Worlds Novella) Strange Behavior (Kindle Worlds Novella) A Pony For Christmas (An All-Ages Novella)

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have read all of Bev Pettersen's books. She is a great writer. "Backstretch Baby" didn't disappoint! I loved the characters, Eve, Ashley, and of course Rick and his bad boy image. I was so smitten with the story that I read the book in one sitting, well into the night. I had to finish it, it was so good! And then I couldn't sleep, because the excitement towards the end had me all worked up. I am looking forward to your next horsy book, Bev!

So nice to have an author who "get's it" about horses... She writes a great story that keeps you guessing till the end every time. Also great to have a motorcycle guy in the mix!!!! As usual can't wait for the next one.....

Backstretch has an interesting cast of characters, including some very strong women, the troubled hero, and the beautiful thoroughbred horses...each with a strong personality of their own. Along with the romance and mystery, our compassion is stirred for the Hispanic immigrants who work so hard to scrape out a living...many who are here without papers, and must constantly look over their shoulders. I'm thrilled to have found this great new author, thanks to my Kindle. I have read every book Bev Pettersen has published, and each are well worth every penny spent! I again, patiently look forward to her next book.

I almost had to read the end when I got 3/4 of the way through. I just almost couldn't stand the suspense. This was so good to read. Being a wounded warrior was too real. One could feel his emotions and just wanted to hug him and reassure him that he would be O.K. But he had to work it through himself. Great writing job.

This book brought back characters from at least 3 of her other books - Horses and Heroin, A

Scandalous Husband, and Jockeys and Jewels. To someone that hasn't read her books I would recommend reading Horses and Heroin before reading this one. The story kept my interest and I loved all the characters. Tizzy was my favorite horse in this book. I liked Rick and Eve together. I found the ending a bit rushed and it left a few unanswered questions I would have liked to have seen tied up but overall another good read. I've enjoyed all of this author's books that I've read. I'd recommend them to anyone that enjoyed reading about horses, mysteries & romance.

This author is a favorite of mine, but this book is not so much. It is very dark, with the Heroine accepting a lot of the bad breaks she has been given, and the Hero, who is well off financially, needs "rescuing" from past emotional difficulties. A second issue for me is that these problems were solved by money -- the Hero's money. That is not very helpful to many women who need to determine what to do about the bad breaks they face. There are plenty of rich men, but most, if not all, of them want someone "younger" or "prettier" or "closer to their social status". Further, the Hero, who is a cop, STOPS trying to solve the murder mystery before there is a conclusion, and abandons the Heroine because of his emotional baggage. That doesn't say much for his instincts as a police detective, though he is supposed to be one of the "best". The Heroine appears to have only two career choices: working with horses or creating jewelry. Trust me when I say, NEITHER of those are things that even entered into the career choices discussed in my high school years. Neither is particularly wrong, but there are a great number of other vocations that work out of doors, and there are a great number of vocations indoors that don't require artistic creativity. Several other characters were also well developed, but not all received such care. Some were caricatures of personality types: the money-grubbing [ex] wife; the promiscuous women in a bar, and others. The mystery is what kept me reading, but it resolved out a fairly predictably way. All in all, not a total waste of time, but not the best of this author's books.

Backstretch Baby, is another great read from Bev Pettersen! Horse lovers will like this story because it's set in the horse racing world, with several charming characters, like Rick Talbot, the private investigator and Eve Lewis, the young horse trainer. Both their worlds will collide, because Rick is asked to investigate a robbery where Eve works! At first, she doesn't trust him, but as time goes by, sparks flare to start a beautiful relationship between Rick, Eve and her son Joey. And in all stories, you always find a mean character like Liam! Will Rick be able to protect her? Will love be in the air for those two? I recommend Backstretch Baby to everyone, but especially to readers who love horses.

I really enjoy these books . Great realistic horse ,mystery, romance books . I have read most all of her books that are available on ebooks . And always watch for any new ones that come out , and immediately read them .

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