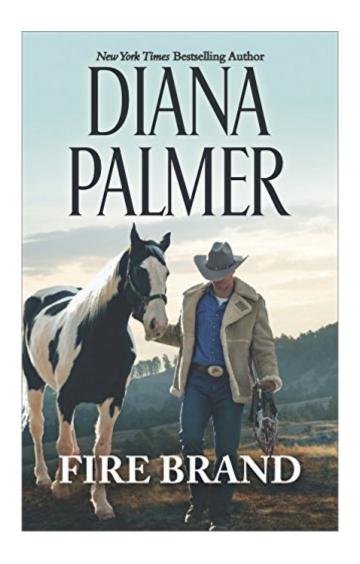
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He'll risk his whole heart to save her from the past Gaby Cane was always a bit afraid of her attraction to Bowie McCayde. Even when she was fifteen and Bowie's family took her in, she had sensed his simmering resentment. Now ten years later, she's an aspiring journalist who can hold her own with any man professionally, the dark shadows of years gone by far behind her. Then Bowie strides back into her life—only this time, he needs her, and the pull of loyalty to his family is too strong to ignore. Â When Bowie asked Gaby to help save his family's Arizona ranch, he never expected the girl he once knew to return transformed into a stunning, successful woman. As they work together, Bowie is shocked to find that her innocence and beauty stir a hunger he can't deny. But the rogue rancher can sense something holding her back, and he's determined to uncover the terrible secret Gaby is fighting to keep hidden…

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I received an ARC of this novel in exchange for an honest review and here it is: 3.5 stars. When I requested the ARC of this novel, I didn't recall that I had read it in the late 1980s, as a book-a-day reader, that's hardly surprising. What was surprising was that I liked her hero, Bowie, so much more than Ms. Palmer's more recent heroes, who have become more verbally abusive and emotionally

manipulative as the years have passed. I do however wish that since the novel was being reissued, that some of the basics had been updated. For example, I think calling an attractive male or female "a dish" or "dishy" are terms that date back to the 1940s, and we're now living in the 21st century. The same is true of the clothing descriptions which are referred to as "trendy" when they were trendy in the 1970s. Additionally, Bowie, is a smoker, frequently lighting up inside public buildings, another anachronism. Yes, these are minor points, but they are also fairly easy to update. There are also several references to Bowie's service in Vietnam--in 2016, he would be well into his sixties, if not his seventies. Further, as a fan of Ms. Palmer's novels, I'm well-used to her innocent, virginal, and shy heroines, and her tall, handsome heroes with very hairy chests who are at least 10 years older, and in this case 12 years older than her heroine. However, in 2016, while I can accept that a 24-year-old woman might still be a virgin, to have her be totally ignorant of her own sexuality and her own ability to pleasure herself is, in my opinion, utterly inconceivable.

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