

Saddle Up For Christmas

Love always finds its way home for Christmas

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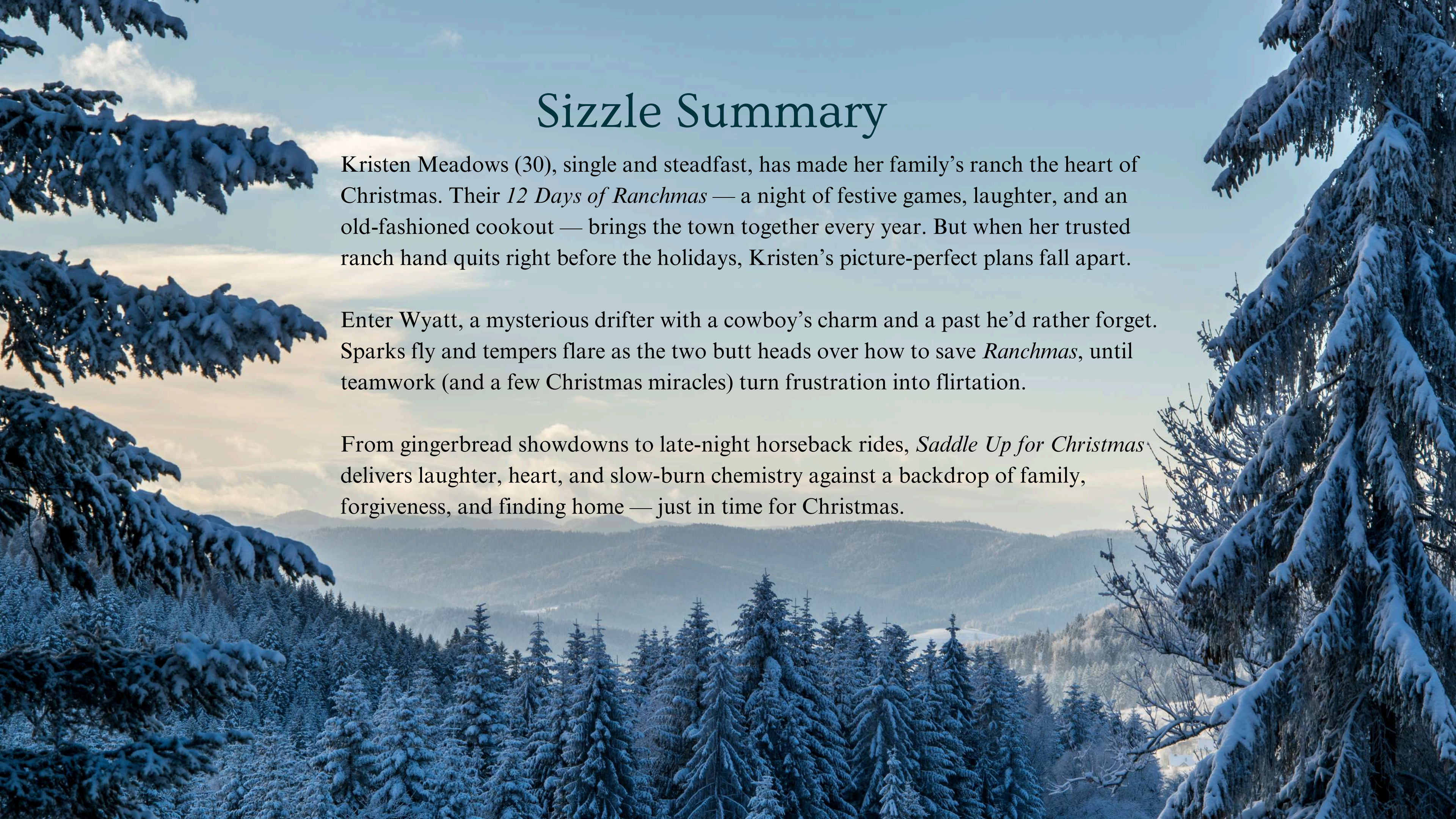
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Logline:

At a family-run ranch known for the town's most beloved Christmas celebration, the middle sibling scrambles to save the holiday tradition after her ranch hand quits only to hire a rodeo star in hiding who ropes her heart.





Sizzle Summary

Kristen Meadows (30), single and steadfast, has made her family's ranch the heart of Christmas. Their *12 Days of Ranchmas* — a night of festive games, laughter, and an old-fashioned cookout — brings the town together every year. But when her trusted ranch hand quits right before the holidays, Kristen's picture-perfect plans fall apart.

Enter Wyatt, a mysterious drifter with a cowboy's charm and a past he'd rather forget. Sparks fly and tempers flare as the two butt heads over how to save *Ranchmas*, until teamwork (and a few Christmas miracles) turn frustration into flirtation.

From gingerbread showdowns to late-night horseback rides, *Saddle Up for Christmas* delivers laughter, heart, and slow-burn chemistry against a backdrop of family, forgiveness, and finding home — just in time for Christmas.

Leading Roles



Kristen Meadows

(Think Shenae Grimes-Beech)

Practical, warm-hearted, and a little too used to carrying the weight of the world. Kristen helps run the family ranch and has been the backbone of The 12 Days of Ranchmas for years. She's organized, competitive, and secretly afraid of failure—especially after being burned by love once before. Beneath her composed exterior is someone who wants connection, but doesn't always know how to slow down long enough to let it in.



Wyatt Hawkins

(Think Kevin Mcgarry)

A rugged drifter with quiet charm and a mysterious edge. Wyatt's a former rodeo star who's walked away from fame and the spotlight, looking for something real. He's confident but humble, with a natural ease around animals and people alike. Beneath his stoic calm is a man craving belonging, and finding it in Kristen and her family may be the very thing that heals him.

The Meadows Family

Sam Meadows (50s)

Kristen's father and the heart of the ranch. Gruff yet good-humored, Sam's a lifelong cowboy who's seen both the hard years and the good ones. He supports Kristen but worries she's working herself too hard. Sam believes in the power of family and tradition, even if he doesn't always say it out loud.

Grace Meadows (50s)

The patient, steady matriarch who keeps the Meadows family grounded. Grace sees more than she lets on—especially the growing spark between Kristen and Wyatt. She gently reminds Kristen that love, like the ranch, requires a little faith and trust to flourish.

Grandma Rose (70s)

The spirited keeper of the ranch's legacy. Sharp-witted and full of heart, Grandma Rose refuses to let the family skip The 12 Days of Ranchmas—a tradition she started with her late husband. She's both comic relief and emotional anchor, reminding everyone what the season is really about: love, laughter, and legacy.

Lauren (mid-30s)

Kristen's older sister and confidante. A suburban mom with a chaotic family life, Lauren is equal parts supportive and snarky. She knows Kristen better than anyone and serves as her sounding board when things get messy with Wyatt. Lauren's humor and groundedness help balance the story's heart.

Ryan Meadows (20s)

Kristen's younger brother and wannabe influencer. He means well but often chooses content over contribution. His discovery of Wyatt's true identity becomes the story's turning point. Ryan provides comic energy but ultimately reminds everyone that family sticks together, even when things go viral.



Supporting Roles

Glen (30s–40)

Lauren's good-natured husband. He's the kind of guy who'd rather grill than gossip, often caught in the middle of Meadows family chaos. A few well-timed "dad jokes" keep the energy light when things get tense.

Carson (7) & Zoey (12)

Lauren's kids and mini-agents of holiday chaos. Carson idolizes Wyatt, while Zoey playfully teases Kristen about her "cowboy crush." They help bring heart and humor to the family dynamics and make the ranch feel alive.

Ashley (30)

Kristen's competitive cousin and self-appointed queen of holiday glamour. She's bold, flirty, and not above stirring up a little drama—especially when she sets her sights on Wyatt. Her presence at the Holiday Hoedown reignites Kristen's insecurities, forcing her to face what (and who) she truly wants.

Randy Jeffries (50s)

Wyatt's longtime manager, tough but loyal. A rodeo veteran who's seen it all, Randy's reputation and job are on the line when Wyatt vanishes before the national championship. Beneath his frustration is genuine concern; he's not just trying to save his career, but the cowboy he helped make a star.

Production Specs

Genre: Romantic Comedy / Family Holiday

Tone: Heartfelt, witty, and cinematic – where Christmas magic meets second chances under the wide-open sky.

Limited Locations

Strong Female Protagonist

No F/X

\$500K - \$1M Budget

Can be shot in 10 to 14 days