

Heart of the Outback

by Alison Reid

She ran to the middle of nowhere to escape her past... and found the one man who might break her all over again.

After surviving a relationship that nearly destroyed her, Jemma Prescott has nothing left tying her to the life she fled—except the scars she hides beneath a quiet smile.

When she takes a live-in nanny position on a remote cattle station in outback Queensland, she's only looking for one thing:

Safety. Peace. A chance to breathe again.

What she doesn't expect... is Benjamin Callahan.

Gruff. Guarded. Infuriatingly controlled.

A man who trusts no one—and wants her gone almost as soon as she arrives.

But behind his cold exterior is a fiercely protective father raising a little girl who needs more than he can give... and a man still haunted by a past that hardened his heart.

Jemma isn't afraid of hard work.

She isn't afraid of silence.

But she is afraid of wanting something more.

And the longer she stays, the harder it becomes to ignore the tension building between them—quiet looks, lingering touches, and a connection neither of them knows how to handle.

Because falling for Benjamin Callahan was never part of the plan.

And loving again?

That might be the most dangerous risk of all.

Tropes:

-  Outback Romance
-  Single Dad
-  Nanny Romance
-  Grumpy Hero
-  He Falls First
-  Wounded Heroine
-  Forced Proximity

Reader Guide:

-  Heat: ★★★★★☆ (Moderately Steamy) *Several open-door scenes with moderate detail*
-  Angst: ★★★★★☆ (High) *Heartbreak, separation, betrayal & strong emotional tension*
-  Emotion: ★★★★★★ (Intense) *A deeply moving love story with unforgettable emotional impact & a rewarding HEA*
-  Dual POV
-  Open-Door Romance
-  No Cheating
-  Guaranteed HEA