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Tragedy had Coleman Garrison fleeing to the rodeo at the tender age of 17. Years of dedication and an *I don't give a f\*ck* attitude turned him into a champion. Then tragedy changed the course of his life once more.

Buying a ranch on the outskirts of a small town, he planned to spend the rest of his days training horses, removed from society and the temptation of letting anyone close.

And then he saw *her*.

Tired of substitute teaching and unable to afford to move from her parents home, Abigail O'Neal jumped at the chance to start a new life away from the big city in the small town of Jasper Falls.

Shy and socially awkward, she wanted the chance to be a different version of herself. But breaking out of her shell turned out to be harder than she thought.

Until she met *him*.

Who knew Abby's resemblance to a dead woman would make her the target of someone's sinister deeds.

Can a hardened cowboy and a shy little mouse beat the odds, preventing tragedy from striking again?

\*\*\*This is a full-length, standalone, steamy contemporary romance with a HEA. Due to sex and language, it is recommended for persons over 18.\*\*\*

## **Freight Trained Details**

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## From Reader Review Freight Trained for online ebook

### Rachel Annie says

(3.75 Stars)

This was not my typical read. Not only is it a contemporary romance (though it has some suspense elements), but the dynamic between the hero and heroine doesn't reflect the sort of power balance I tend to prefer between main characters. Cole is certainly an alpha--too much of an alpha for some--and he has zero chill. And Abby, while I don't consider her a doormat by any means, she's not as strong-willed as the heroines I usually gravitate toward. Yet, despite my personal preferences, I kept reading. I wanted to know what would become of these two.

At its heart this book is about a sweet, intelligent woman with social anxiety who finds herself while falling for the sexy yet broken cowboy. I gave Cole the mental side-eye more than once and part of me wishes Abby found her strength before meeting him, but that's not their story. Either way, they won me over by the end and I was smiling like an idiot as things wrapped up. Also, I'm happy to have read about a couple who were somewhat outside my "norm". ?

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### Kiki says

Chapter twenty-three

*"I was wrong to leave you. Especially while you were still in the hospital after living through what you did."*

Oh fuck no! No fucking way! You have GOT to be KIDDING me! You broke up with her WHILE she was in the hospital and now you're traumatising her in the middle of the night because YOU can't live without her you fucking selfish useless POS? Cause clearly it wouldn't have mattered if she couldn't live without you, as you clearly left her while she was still recovering. What she wants doesn't matter to you. Neither does whether she lives or not! And she clearly CAN live without you.

*"I love you, Abby. I know I've said that before then let you down."*

Aaaaaand Kiki reaches her limits of BS and turns the bitch mode on! You fucking wanker! You left the woman you claim you "love" in the hospital to deal with shit by herself plus a breakup????????

And this is romance? And she'll give him a second chance because what? He "loves" her? Or she loves him? All I read in these three pages of "world class grovelling" was "me, myself and I"! Nothing about what heroine needs! So nope! Not gonna happen!

I'd rather go and finish the financial analysis right about now!

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## **Barbara? says**

I think I loved this just as much if not more the second go round. Cole is that dirty talking alpha that I just eat up with a spoon and then drool over.

"I vowed, right then and there, that you were mine. I want to be in your head, in your heart, and in your pussy so I also vowed, I would do whatever it took to make that happen."~Cole

And Abby is so sweet. I love how she grows and comes out of her shell. She's just the type of heroine I love. She's sweet, kind and shy but she also doesn't take a lot of crap.

I was still pissed at Cole near the end...damn man! But he is still a great hero. I know I will reread this one from time to time.

"My body longs for you. My heart beats for you. My soul lives for you. You're the light to my dark, without you I am blind, but with you I see."~Cole

## **Original review July 2016**

**\*\*4.5 Hot Dirty Talking Cowboy Stars\*\***

Abby is a shy socially awkward teacher trying to make her way in the world on her own. She comes across her neighbor, Cole, the ex rodeo cowboy now rancher. After a little hesitation on both parts, the two come together.

Cole was the kind of hero I love—that hot, dirty talking OTT alpha male. Boy did he make me blush! I loved Abby too. Even though she was very shy and at times seem to have inappropriate reactions due to extreme shyness, I loved seeing her come out of her shell and blossom.

There is a stalker involved and the author did a pretty good job of hiding their identity and implicating any number of people who could be the perpetrator. I really didn't know who it was until the end. I do wish it had been fleshed out a little more throughout the story. It was very minor until the end. Then, it was wrapped up a little too quickly.

Now, Cole, as much as I loved him, pissed me off near the end. While I realize why he did what he did, I was still angry at him, that he would make Abby suffer as well as himself. Luckily, he gets it together and does a fairly nice grovel. And then, there's a super sweet epilogue that I loved. This is only the second book that I've read by this author but I'm sure I will read more.

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### **Chantal ❤️? says**

This book was cute funny and hot. You could say it was perfect.

I am happy I read it.

The cookies were a sweet addition, pun intended.

I will not ruin the book for anyone.

It is safe there is some push and pull from him mostly and stalker action.

They have a sweet epilogue 10 years later that was sweet and perfect.

This should be a 5 star read but I somehow could not do it. Why? Well I guess I am weird, but the story was too perfect for me and that made it sounds fake. Just my personal opinion.

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### **Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says**

I liked the H, he was possessive and protective of the h. The h I didn't like much. To me she was a bit annoying she was very shy I was rolling my eyes at her.

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### **Stacey is Sassy says**

#### **The heart knows what the heart wants...cookies.**

Biscuits/cookies are my weakness. I have a very bad habit that I've tried to break numerous times...dunking biscuits in my coffee. There's a particular one that works best, Nice biscuits by Arnotts. They're a plain biscuit with a sprinkling of sugar on the top. The coffee (strong with a little milk, no sugar) soaks into the biscuit and you have to rush it to your mouth before it breaks off and it either falls to the bottom of your cup, lands on a surface, or you wear it. Now, I have tried to break this habit with no success. That is mainly because hubby, being the sweetheart he is, keeps buying the bloody things because I like them. Ohhh, isn't that sweet, you all say. No, it's not bloody sweet because I can't resist the bloody things. OK, maybe it's a little sweet. Anyways...chocolate chip cookies are my second favourite biscuit. Why am I gabbing on about biscuits/cookies you ask? Well I think *Sarah Curtis* has the right idea. Make the man in your life prove his love by baking chocolate chip cookies. Now, maybe I'm being a little tough by narrowing it down to chocolate chip cookies. Maybe we should just make it a general bake **something** or cook **something**. If he takes the time and effort to make you happy by giving you cookies...then he's a keeper.

*Freight Trained* starts off with a little snippet to a mystery. We're not given a lot of information, but it does set you up to question every character that you meet. Even though it's very limited information given, you know that the situation is dire and someone's life is in danger. I was convinced a couple of times throughout the story who the baddie was, but then I'd start to doubt myself and I'd be back to square one.

We meet Abigail O'Neal sitting in a little diner in a small country town. She's just moved there from the city after inheriting her Grandmother's house. This was a perfect opportunity for Abby to change her life. Being extremely shy and practically a hermit has led her to live a very lonely life. I actually think in this

case it was her parents holding her back. We only meet them fleetingly, but I did not like them at all and I especially didn't like the way Abby was around them. It was a good decision to be away from them and between getting the house and a job as a teacher in the small town, all her cookies were lined up in a row. Time to step out of her comfort zone and get *Freight Trained*.

Coleman Garrison is an ex-rodeo champion. *Freight Trained* is a rodeo/bull riding term.... supposedly?? I'm an Aussie who's never been to a rodeo in her life, so it was news to me. So, Cole's faced a few tragedies in his life that he blames himself for. To punish himself, he decides to quit the circuit and train horses on a property not far from a little town. Cole thinks he doesn't deserve happiness and that he should live his life by himself. Then one day, he walks into a little diner and sees a woman who changes everything. Can Cole get past the past? Will he be willing to put his heart on the line? Well, at first it's definitely a no. But...who can resist a cute little mouse.

Turns out that Cole and Abby are neighbours. Cole at first tries to ignore his attraction to Abby and pushes her away so he can't hurt her. Abby being so shy has not had much experience dealing with people and doesn't know how to read Cole. To thank him for a favour he does for her she delivers him a plate of cookies. As soon as the plate is handed over, Cole realises he's going to keep the plate...and Abby too.

I really enjoyed reading *Freight Trained*. It definitely kept my attention and had me smiling, smirking and a wee bit overheated. Cole is a dirty talker. When he decides that Abby is his woman he does not hold back on telling her exactly what he wants. Abby is so inexperienced that she's a little overwhelmed. His patience was pretty admirable considering he's a man who's had women throwing themselves at him for years. With his good looks and career Abby can't understand what he sees in her. Cole certainly knows what he wants, and unfortunately, someone else wants her too.

The mystery was not the main focus of the story but it wasn't a dump and run either. We weren't thrown a mystery at the beginning, left hovering to have an *Aha* moment in the last chapter. Little bits are given to us throughout so that all the puzzle pieces can be laid out to make the final picture.

I liked both Abby and Cole and I think they were a great couple. Abby's personality definitely got stronger as the story unfolded, but like I said before, I think her separation from her parents really helped. Cole was a little harder to love in the beginning...and the end to be honest. He has his douchewaffle moments that make you want to smack him, but luckily he gets his baking tray out and works his way back into Abby's heart.

*Freight Trained* was definitely a winner for me and I'm kind of hoping that *Sarah Curtis* will take us back to the little town to match up some of Abby's new friends.

To buy *Freight Trained* from Amazon - <http://amzn.to/29FYuy7>

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Here's some other stuff...

Click on the cookie to see my favourite chocolate chip bikkie/cookie/biscuit/bickie recipe.

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Abby, Maggie, her co-worker and new friend, and a few others are heading to a bar for Girl's Night Out!!  
Here's a Style Setter Tribute for Abby's outfit.

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**I'm an Aussie chick who loves to read and review romance, drink coffee, be a *Style Setter* and stalk David Gandy. To see more of my reviews, fashion, food and pervathons -**

### **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

This is the story of Abby, a shy and socially awkward school teacher, and Cole a former Rodeo star turned rancher.

**"I don't deserve you, but damn if I'm not going to keep you anyway."**

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I enjoyed this one. It was sweet with no OW/OM drama. Cole was a likable character that didn't come across like a man-whore. I LOVED his dirty talking (reminded me of a KA hero) Abby was sweet and thankfully NOT over the top annoying (a problem I had with the heroines in this author's other books) The stalker storyline wasn't that strong. It was pretty well advertised from first introduction who it was going to be. Plus it just felt underdeveloped and put in the book just to add a little angst and drama. Overall though this was an enjoyable way to spend a few hours.

**SIDE NOTE:** I LOATHE "Little Mouse" as an endearment. It isn't sweet, it isn't cute, it isn't lovable. It's DEMEANING! Especially when it is used on a person who is shy and has social interaction issues (as did the heroine in this book) Every time Cole uttered it, I wanted Abby to tell him to go shove it up his ass.

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### **Janie says**

I may have loved this one even more the second time around. Sarah Curtis writes the perfect hero imo. They

are imperfectly perfect. They make mistakes but you NEVER doubt their feelings for their woman. They are ALL IN. They are the perfect mix of dirty talking alpha with a sweet and vulnerable side they only show their woman. I also always love her heroines too which is hard for me to find. I'm always looking forward to the next read from Sarah.

\*Original Review\* Cole is living a life of solitude on his ranch not allowing himself to get close to anyone. Things in his past have made him closed off. Abby who is unbearably shy and somewhat awkward has been living with her parents who constantly complain about her and her choices. Her grandmother dies leaving her a house in the small town of Jasper Falls where she runs, to start a new life. Cole and Abby meet and there is an immediate connection. Cole is an alpha thinking mine, mine, mine. Abby feels a pull to him which is very unlike her. Along with their love story there is someone leaving mysterious gifts for Abby, a stalker. This was all woven together seamlessly. I liked Cole a lot but watching Abby blossom and overcome some of her shyness was great to see. Safety: No OW/OM at all. There is one scene(view spoiler)

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### **Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says**

3.5 Stars

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### **~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says**

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## **Coco.V says**

Freight Trained is the story of Cole Garrison and Abigail O'Neal. This was a sensual and fast-paced romantic read, I enjoyed a lot!

Feeling very fortunate in having secured a full-time teaching position at the local school of the little town of Jasper Falls, New Mexico, Abby is happy to start her new life and to have a new home. Abby is incredibly smart and also painfully shy. Leaving her parents home was a bold move for her but it was too much an opportunity to pass up. An opportunity to emerge from her cocoon of shyness, to make some new friendships and maybe put down some roots. When Abby meets Cole for the first time, she sees a strong and beautiful man who made her feel things she'd never felt before. She's shocked to be so attracted by a complete stranger. He's the first man to catch her eyes and that made her want to burst out of her shell.

Years ago, Cole was the almighty champion of the rodeo circuit. Back in his rodeo days, Cole was an ambitious and arrogant man, taking reckless decisions and behaving carelessly and selfishly until tragedy changed the course of his life for the second time. Three years after fate had torn the most important people in his life away from him, Cole is finally starting to find contentment living a simple life, training horses and taking care of his ranch, never letting anyone being close to him. Until Abby. At first and against his natural instinct, Cole tries to stay away from her, for once wanting to do the right thing and think of someone else before himself and thinking that someone like him has no business going near an innocent and sweet girl like her. Instinctively, Cole knows that Abby is special, that she's one of a kind. Before long though, his desire takes over his conscience and convictions and one kiss is enough to seal the deal. One taste and neither one of them can get enough.

Cole wants to claim Abby as his and to have a real relationship with her. But Abby can't be fully his, not yet, not until he tells her about the real him and hoping it doesn't send her packing. Over the past three years, Cole has been overcome by guilt, remorse and frustration and Abby has become his reprieve from the pain and loneliness that had haunted him since his devastating loss. But the ghosts of the past are difficult to exorcise. They color the past and forecast the future. With a stalker closing in and the threats mounting against Abby, all bets are off. Is Cole truly being given another chance at real happiness, or would it be dangled in front of him, only to be taken away once again?

Sarah Curtis did a great job with the storyline, character development and flow. She managed successfully to make this read enjoyable from start to finish. Nothing over-the-top, nothing too crazy and yet everything about this story pulled at my heartstrings. The chemistry between Cole and Abby was off the charts and the sex scenes were hot and steamy! And I LOVED the sweet epilogue and the whole « cookie-ten-year promise ». :D

*I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Sarah says**

Went live early :D Here's a link until GRs catches up. <https://www.amazon.com/Freight-Traine...>

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### **SB\*needs low angst books\* says**

This was a book I really needed. It had the type of heroine I like and a hot dirty talking alpha hero and was low angst. What more do you need. :-)

The story is of Abigail O'Neal, a schoolteacher, who is very shy and not comfortable in many social situations. She meets the hero, Cole Garrison, and feels an immediate attraction to him and him to her. She is too shy and doesn't think he would be interested. He is interested but old guilt on his part makes him hesitant to claim her at first. They do get together but there is some else that wants Abby too.

I liked Abby and could relate to her. I loved the hero and his no BS, dirty talking mouth. This helped my slump big time. I liked that it was more about the couple but did still give me a story I could enjoy.

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### **Nicla says**

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### **Libby Harrison says**

<https://romanticcynicblog.wordpress.c...>

#### **Beware of Spoilers!**

#### **Star Ratings:**

Heroine (Abigail): 22yrs old – 5/5

Hero (Coleman): 30yrs old – 5/5

Plot: 5/5

Grovel: great

Cheating: none

HEA: yes!!

Triggers: none

#### **Average score: 5/5**

Best Line: “*I'm asking for your forgiveness. No, I'm begging for your forgiveness.*”

Worst Line: “*she made some funky arm gesture toward her front door*”

#### **Personal Review:**

This book completely took me by surprise by how good it was (in spite of the cover)!

#### **Random Ramblings:**

- I found it a little hard to believe that a socially awkward and extremely smart woman would become a substitute teacher
- The dirty talk took me by surprise but I'm not complaining!
- I liked that they didn't rush into sex

**Overall Feeling:**

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