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Abigail is just in Moose Creek, Montana for the summer to temporarily care for her great aunt. But a tender-hearted cowboy beckons her to stay.

Abigail Jones intends to spend just one summer in middle-of-nowhere Montana with her Aunt Lucy. Time away from her job is just what Abigail needs to reassess her life. The slow pace has her breathing deeply for the first time in years. And the majestic scenery encourages her to get reacquainted with herself . . . and God.

What she didn't count on was the handsome widowed cowboy who owns the ranch where her aunt lives. When the rancher loses his daughter's nanny, Abigail decides to lend a hand for the summer.

Wade Ryan can't help being attracted to Abigail. But he's given up everything to protect his daughter, and he's not about to risk it all on a pretty face.

Under Abigail's care, Wade's home and daughter thrive. And with Wade's touch, Abigail's heart feels at home at last. But Abigail knows this elusive rancher is hiding something. Will her own secrets separate her from the cowboy who finally captured her heart?

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Lisa says

This is a delightful story. From the moment Abigail Jones, the heroine, decides J. W. "Wade" Ryan, the swoon worthy hero, is a possible murderer, she jumps from one wrong conclusion to another. Add to it her perceived guilt from a childhood incident and his guilt over his wife's death and you end up with a story about finding forgiveness. A Cowboy's Touch is a clean, Christian romance Denise Hunter executes very well.

Cathy Daniel says

More like 4 1/2 stars. Ahhhhh!! Did this book ever play with my emotions! Every single one! Even though I'm still mad at Abigail for what she did (and her mom) I deducted half star for her being a ninny lol. At the end, gotta love a book that tugs on every emotion, plus Wade was TO DIE FOR! And a romantic ending, to boot :)

Dawn says

A Cowboy's Touch. I get why this is the name of the book—and I know which specific (amazing) scene it comes from too. But really, the title and the cover are the only things I didn't like about this book. In my opinion, the content of the book went much deeper than the title and cover portrayed to any would-be reader.

But again, and with great skill, Denise Hunter brings her antagonist (journalist, Abigail Jones) and her protagonist (ex-rodeo cowboy, J.W. Ryan) together while they each struggle through their emotional and spiritual bondage that threatens to keep them apart. I almost expected more complexities—but that is probably because of my recent ventures into two of Denise Hunter's other books, Surrender Bay and Driftwood Lane.

Janice Sisemore says

Abigail goes to visit with aunt for a few months to take a break from work and to watch over her aunt. She gets to be friends with Maddy, a young girl who is the daughter of Wade that is a widower. He discovers he needs a nanny for the summer after the one that was going to do it is not able to. Maddy suggest Abigail to stay with her, which she does. Abigail is a writer for her mother's magazine, she discover a story there that could help out the magazine, actually save the magazine. This causes some issues but work out in the end. Always a good book by Denise Hunter.

Emilee says

This was my very first Denise Hunter book! Loved it!

Katie W says

I loved the storyline!! Abigail works for a magazine and is dealing with some health issues. Her doctor, her sister, orders her to take some time off and her mother sends her to Montana to check on a great-aunt for the summer. Abigail meets a cute 11 year old girl, Maddy, and somehow becomes her nanny. Wade, Maddy's father, is a rancher and has been widowed for a few years. He likes seclusion and has closed his heart off. But when sparks start to fly, can he keep things that way?

Abigail is a very likeable character, as is Maddy. She's a good person, striving to do good things. Wade is kind of mysterious and seems pretty clueless about the needs of an almost teen daughter, but he's great.

My only pet-peeve (which is totally personal), is that by halfway through the book, the dialog was really starting to bother me. There were a TON of fragmented sentences, such as: "Don't know." or "Didn't bother me." or "Thought you liked her." It just started to seem like the characters spoke more that way than not and it almost started to detract from the story for me.

But...it was a cute, clean, enjoyable Christian romance.

Julie says

This is a very sweet, tender romance of a well-known writer and a rancher. Abigail is on a mother-ordered sabbatical from work to go to Montana and check on her Aunt Lucy. She is not too sure what to make of Aunt Lucy when she arrives in the land of the giant sky, especially when Aunt Lucy talks to her dolls as though they are living. One day while helping Aunt Lucy in her shop, a sweet little girl named Maddy walks in crying because someone stole her back. Abby is now on a mission to help this little girl. That one act of kindness has Maddy running home to her daddy Wade and begging him to hire Abby as her next nanny. So much for R & R!

I loved this story because, while it was Christian fiction, it pushed the limits a bit. I haven't read much "edgy" Christian fiction but I loved it and would recommend it. Some may not appreciate the tender romance talk (even though it is entirely appropriate!). I have always loved stories involving cowboys and Wade is a looker! Many times, however, I found myself mad at him...but then again, he's entitled to a few things!

Laura says

A very good contemporary romance. I will admit that I felt like screaming, " Don't do it Abby," for the majority of the read though. Thankfully, the ending was heartwarming and brought the drama to a happy

end. I would recommend this to readers who enjoy a good romance and those who love a good cowboy story.

Ausjenny says

This is a good read. Loved the story. It was interesting seeing Abigail go from a busy city to a country town and how she handles it. Seeing how she interacts with Maddy, Wade's daughter. Abigail has been sent to check on Aunt Lucy and I fell in love with her. There is more to the story than just Abigail becoming a nanny for Maddy and it's this story that I found interesting. I don't want to give anything away but I am sure you will enjoy the story and what happens as it evolves. I do love books set in rural settings as they have that small town friendly feeling which often happens in a smaller community. I also love the setting of the rugged Montana backdrop. Wonderful book and look forward to reading more books by Denise.

Mackenzie Carol says

A Cowboy's Touch is the first book in Denise Hunter's A Big Sky Romance series, but definitely isn't the first book I have ever read by her. I am a HUGE fan of Denise's, and have been for quite some time, so I was excited to be able to continue reading more of her books. When I found I had some extra time to read whatever I wanted, I knew I absolutely had to read this series. So, I added it into my blog schedule, and next thing you know, I'm reading this book! And, just like I expected, this book was fantastic! I absolutely love Denise's books, so I expected as much, but I definitely didn't expect to love this one as much as I did!

Abigail Jones was not my favorite character throughout a decent amount of this book. Now, don't get me wrong, I liked her when I was first introduced to her at the beginning of the story. It's just that about midway through this novel, she makes a choice, a decision, that I am absolutely NOT okay with. The whole time, I was so scared she was going to ruin everything, so that's why I just couldn't love her the way I wanted to at first. I wanted to love her for who she was, and I do now, but it was just so difficult for me to get past the horrible mistakes she was making! But I guess it wouldn't have made for such a great novel if she hadn't made a few mistakes along the way!

Wade Ryan was definitely my favorite character in this novel. All through this book his struggle with the death of his wife is by far the most charming thing, and you cannot help but want everything to turn out well for him. As I made my way through the story, I couldn't help but want to take all his pain away from him and help him to realize that he couldn't always protect everyone, and that it wasn't his job to. The more I got to know him, the more I loved him, for his sweetness and compassion and love for his daughter. Basically I loved everything about him, and that's why it was so hard for me to love Abigail when everything was at stake.

All in all, I really, really loved this book, and I'm super excited to read the rest of the series! I think the ending was my favorite part, but I really loved it all. I can't imagine not giving A Cowboy's Touch all five bookshelves, especially since it's now on my all-time favorites list. This book has definitely helped me to remember all the reasons why I love Denise's writing, and I'm so glad I decided to read it!

(This review is from my blog, spreadinghisgrace.blogspot.com)

Becca says

****2.5-3 stars****

A Cowboy's Touch is about Abigail and Wade. Abigail is an overstressed work-a-holic who was sent on three months vacation by her mother to visit her great Aunt. While there Abigail meets Wade's daughter and get's roped into being her nanny for the summer. But when she meets Wade for the first time she feels a spark of attraction that she hasn't felt in a long time. Wade was once a famous cowboy but after the tragedy and suspicion following his wife's death he moved himself and his daughter out of the spotlight and to Montana. Wade also finds himself unwillingly drawn to Abigail, she brings out feelings that he thought he had long since conquered.

Both Wade and Abigail suffer from hidden guilts and pasts. But when Abigail learns that her mother's magazine and all the jobs that go with it are about to be fired she decides that she is going to save the magazine. She has the perfect story expose where the famous cowboy disappeared too and to find out the mystery surrounding his wife's death. But things get more complicated for Abigail when her feelings start to get more involved and she questions whether to write the story or not. As things start to grow between the two both begin to heal old wounds but everything could change once Wade finds out about the story.

This is a Christian romance book which I didn't know when I began reading it. I have nothing against this genre but it came as a surprise. I loved Wade I thought he was an amazing character. He held so much guilt over what happened to his wife that he felt he couldn't be close to any other women including his daughter. He felt that they were all better off without him. I felt for him and understood his hurts, but was glad to see that he was able to heal and overcome some difficult things in his past.

Abigail I really liked in the beginning of the book, but I didn't like what she did to Wade. She knew he and his daughter and cared about them both yet she was going to write a story exposing their life and bring in everything Wade tried to get away from. I found her to be selfish, I know that she was only trying to help the magazine but what she did and how she went about it were very wrong in my opinion. She was naive to believe that Wade would understand, especially since she knew how hard he worked and that he didn't crave attention. I also didn't like how her mother encouraged her to write the story even though she knew how conflicted Abigail was about it, and also how they kept saying God put this opportunity in front of you he wants it. They were justifying what they wanted by using God as an excuse. I personally thought Wade deserved better than Abigail in the end. It was a nice story and I enjoyed it, but Abigail brought down the book for me a little.

Cheryl says

Abigail Jones is a workaholic. This is why her mother demands that she go spend the summer with her Aunt Lucy in Moose Creek, Montana. Population...1, 923. The first thing that Abigail has on her mind when she gets there is Wi-Fi. To her devastation, her Aunt has no internet. Though she does inform Abigail that the main house has internet.

Wade Ryan and his daughter, Maddy live in the main house. So when, Maddy takes a liking to Abigail and asks her to be her nanny, Abigail takes her up on the offer. Wi-Fi, here Abigail comes.

A Cowboy's Touch is book one in the Big Sky Romance series. My favorite person was Maddy. She was full of life and happiness. Plus she still had the innocent of a child that was endearing. Abigail was sweet as well. She was understanding with Maddy and was a good friend to her. The chemistry between Wade and Abigail was slow going. They don't really make a move until about the last half of the book. Even then it is more on the mild side, which I would expect form this type of book. This book was a nice start to a new series.

Casey says

“A Cowboy’s Touch” is romantic, heartwarming, touching and packs a message sure to reach the heart and soothe the spirit.

The angle of the story was a great way to start the book, when Abigail needs peace and quiet to ease her hypertension. And—ahem—I think she found a pretty good way to do that. *smile*

Wade is a hunky cowboy with a big heart—and a lot of problems. I loved that this novel went beyond the superficial romance and really delved into the spiritual aspect of both Abigail and Wade’s lives. There is a definite growth and definition in both of the main characters. As the book came to a close I appreciated the changes they made. And it affects more than just their physical.

The climactic scene was especially well done I thought and the plot was fresh and enlivening. I would have liked to see more of the book in Wade’s point of view, but aside from that, I really enjoyed this story.

It has a great setting (wouldn’t mind living there myself), terrific characters, unique and flawed, and a romance always does my heart good. But that’s Denise Hunter for you. *wink*

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the publishers through FIRST for my copy to review.

Book Chick (Tori) says

[I just couldn't handle it if Abigail screwed their relationship up by writing that article!! I wanted them to work out so badly!!! (hide spoiler)]

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

I enjoyed this one. I liked Abigail and while I cringed a little about her decision to write a story about Wade, I did like the way thing wrapped up. I actually would have liked it we could have seen the fall out a little more and what happens when everyone finds out who Wade really is. Did it really help the town? How was his privacy effected? Stuff like that. Anyway, I liked the relationship between Abby and Wade, I kind of wish the romance had been turned up a tad. But, overall its a nice story and I enjoyed the writing. Fun series.

Content: Clean. Religious content I would say is mild-moderate. Not too preachy and does not overshadow the story.
