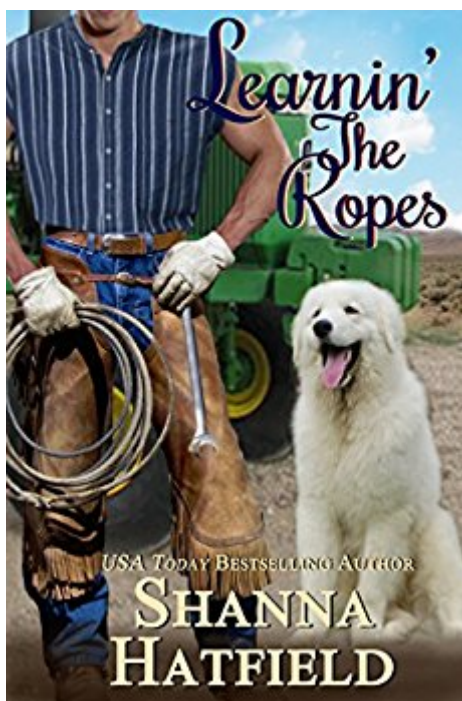


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Learnin' The Ropes



Synopsis

All he wanted was a job...He didn't plan on a beautiful boss, a crazy dog, or a ranch in the middle of nowhere. Out of work and out of luck, auto mechanic Ty Lewis responds in a moment of desperation to a classified ad for a job in Harney County, Oregon. Offered the position on a remote ranch, he bids goodbye to his sister and his life in Portland. When he arrives in the tiny community of Riley to begin a new adventure, he encounters the behemoth dog that rules the ranch although he has yet to meet his boss, an elusive employer named Lex Ryan. Lexi Ryan, known to her ranch hands and neighbors as Lex Jr., leaves behind a successful career in Portland to keep the Rockin' R Ranch running smoothly after the untimely death of her father. It doesn't take long to discover her father did many crazy things during the last few months of his life, like hiding half a million dollars that Lexi can't find. Ty and Lexi are both in for a few surprises as he arrives at the Rockin' R Ranch and begins learnin' the ropes.

ƎƎƎƎ An excerpt: If the shaggy beast eyeballing him was a dog, it was without a doubt the largest he had ever seen. He briefly wondered if it was some sort of mutated horse from the sheer size of it, but the shape of its face and body made him think it was a canine. Not sure whether it was friendly or sizing him up for an afternoon snack, Ty decided there was no way he could beat the thing back to his pickup. Carefully raising his phone, he called Swede. "Swede, this is Ty Lewis. I'm standing on the front porch of the house and no one seems to be home."

"Welcome to the Rockin' R Ranch, Tyler. Ya must've made good time this mornin'," Swede said. "Come on down to the barn. I'm workin' inside the big double doors."

"I'd be happy to, but there is an animal here on the porch and I'm not sure it wants me to move." Ty warily watched the four-legged monster as it took a step closer to him.

"That's Baby." Swede cackled. "Sit tight. I'll be right there. She generally don't bite. As long as she ain't growlin', ya oughta be fine."

"Thanks." Ty slid his phone into his pocket. He took little comfort in the fact that the animal didn't generally bite. Did that mean she did on occasion? Was he going to be an exception? He listened and realized the dog wasn't making any noise. Not growling was good. Scroll up and grab your copy today!

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Customer Reviews

Oh, Tyler and Lexie Jo! Tyler Lewis is down on his luck. Having lost his mechanic's job in a tough economy, he has been relegated to living out of his truck and accepting the occasional meal from his sister when he isn't able to secure a new position after many months. Down to almost nothing left in his savings, Ty applies for the mechanics job at the Rockin' R Ranch out in the middle of nowhere, Oregon. When he accepts the job and heads to the ranch, his world is rocked when he first realizes that Lex Jr. is not a man, but a beautiful woman. Lexie Jo Ryan, known to everyone as Lex Jr. is in desperate need of a mechanic that will stick it out far from the action of any nearby town. With the last two mechanics lasting less than a week or so combined, she believes that Tyler will be another that won't stick. She is speechless when she first encounters the gorgeous mechanic, who is nothing like the gangly grease monkey she was expecting. To both of their surprise, however, Ty takes to the desolate beauty of the ranch, his job as the mechanic, and to the additional job duties as part-time cowboy. What they don't count for is their growing attraction to each other. Add the fact that her giant dog, Baby, clings to Tyler as his new best friend, Lexie quickly realizes that her heart is in trouble. But, Lexie doesn't trust her feelings and Tyler doesn't think that he has anything to offer her as a homeless mechanic with nothing to his name. I loved the main characters as well as the cast of supporting characters (especially Swede) and enjoyed watching these Ty and Lexie figure out that sometimes you need to take a chance to find the happiness you deserve. Even with some steamy kisses, this is a clean read.

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