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*Ramsey Carmichael has never cared about anyone or anything except writing the next story, until one innocent man turns his life around.*

Barney Rader can't shake the label he's always carried—that of the town's poor kid. It's been him and his mom ever since his dad died years ago. He's struggling to make a living and bring home enough money to keep him and his mom going. After months of trying, Barney gets hired at the Mossy Glenn Ranch, and the first thing he learns is that he wants Ramsey Carmichael. Bad.

Ramsey Carmichael has fucked more men than he can remember, and Barney is one tempting piece of ass. But while Barney might be naive, he isn't stupid. Before Ramsey knows what hits him, he's tangled up with Barney—and re-examining his life. Ramsey doesn't like what he discovers, but turning his life around is a lot easier said than done.

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### Phaney says

It's one of those stories. Mean guy with an agenda meets really good, openhearted guy. And becomes a better person against his will.

Barney's pretty awesome and the fun in this story really lies in watching Ramsey setting himself up for correction. That's sweet and unusual enough to appeal to me. I mean some of this basic idea applies to a lot of books (like the previous volume of this series) but it's taken to an extreme here that turns the story into something else again.

And it's actually quite beautiful, touching. Not shallow either. Definitely something to be read with a huge, non-stop grin. "The harmonious departure rules", heh.

Even the sex, which went the usual way for the author (i.e. a basic reciprocity, high intensity, high frequency), worked well here since it went through a thorough build-up process. Okay, maybe at the end there I could have done with more story and less sex – but that was a minor thing, really, since the story did get told and in retrospect there was only maybe one sex scene (and a brief one at that) that did not introduce an advance to the relationship.

So yeah. I really, really enjoyed this book. Another plus? While slotting well into the series, it can also be read as a complete standalone. Something to keep in mind when I need something to cheer me up.

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### Jenni Lea says

That was by far the best one of the series. I want a Barney of my own!

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### Karen says

I admit I was wrong and very happily so...

Fences & Freedom is about Barney we met him in the first book of this series. He was in the hardware store when Troy saved Fred Jr. from the beating he'd received from his father and he sort of took care of Will.

I liked Barney he was sweet and had a cute sense of humour, he's had a hard life but it hasn't made him mean or nasty and I wanted to know more about him. I wanted to see something good happen for him. Then along comes Ramsey and him I did not care for. He was angry, bitter and could be just plain mean to people. He was also hiding a secret one that was probably going to hurt a lot of people. So to say the least I was not impressed with him and did not want him to be with Barney, he deserved better. So for pretty much the first half of this book I was not a happy camper. I believe my comment was that not even Mr. Shakespeare himself would be able to redeem Ramsey enough for me to like him. Well this is where I was wrong and

luckily we didn't need the bard to fix things. Bailey Bradford did fine all on her own.

During the last half of this book we saw more of what made Ramsey the angry person he was and we saw Barney get past Ramsey's defences using just his sweet determination and faith in the fact that he knew there was a better person inside than the one that Ramsey showed the world. I'm not saying that Ramsey suddenly turned into Mr. Fantabulous, he didn't and that's probably a big part of the reason why I ended liking him and cheering for him.

(view spoiler)

The heart of this book for me was about someone who realized that in order to have Freedom he needed to take down the Fences that he had built around his heart and let people in. Fences & Freedom really was just a metaphor for Second Chances & Love.

This ended up in a close race with Saddles & Memories but in the end book #3 is still my personal fav for this series so far. So on to Riding & Regrets to see where that takes me. I'm just really glad that things are definitely looking up at the Mossy Glenn Ranch.

3.5 stars rounded down for GR.

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### **~SexyBookWorm~ says**

As always with this series this book was well written and well thought out. But it was Missing excitement, spark, that little bit of something extra that makes you love a book.

I really really like this series so I'm hoping the next book will really grab me.

One thing that was a little annoying was the author's use of the word "Family". I felt like it was overused so much that it began to feel cliche and a little annoying. I'm well aware of the meaning and uses of that word in the community. This reminded me of when a kid uses a new cuss word wayy too much and maybe not in the best places.

In future books I'm hoping that they will bring back that spark. I always prefer books that show the characters with their relationship at risk. Barney and Ramsey were never at risk. It kind of coasted...

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### **Rachel Emily says**

Sweet, sexy, everything I expect in a story from this author. I really loved Barney and I'm so glad he got his HEA!

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### **Angela Goodrich says**

Finally!!! I finally know how old Barney is. Yes, that elusive tidbit of info has been annoying me because when he "distracted" Will after Troy's attack in *Chaps & Hope* he seemed as though he was close to their age. Yet when Salt talked about him in *Saddles & Memories* I got the impression he was younger than I first surmised. As it turns out, Barney is only twenty but as we learn more about him in *Fences & Freedom*, I understood my confusion because Barney's past meant he had to grow up fast and assume adult

responsibilities sooner than he should have when his father died. No, Barney wasn't abused or anything like that. Well not in the sense we tend to think of because he was ridiculed by his peers for being poor and it was his mother's financial woes that resulted in him growing up fast as he began doing what he could (legally) to bring in money to help his mom pay the bills. Yep, Barney is a keeper and it just so turns out that Ramsey, the Mossy Glenn's least-liked hand, may just be the one to keep him.

As we find out in *Fences & Freedom*, Salt had every reason to be wary of Ramsey because he was not who he purported to be. But as the book unfolds and we learn who Ramsey really is, why he's at the Mossy Glenn Ranch, and the reason behind it, I found myself sympathetic to his plight – especially after seeing how his father treated him. But of course, this is after I was annoyed with him for trying to stake his claim on the "new guy" when Barney started on at the Mossy Glenn. However, my annoyance was short-lived when I realized that Barney had taken a shine to Ramsey and the "hunter" soon became the "hunted" with practically no one being aware of it because nearly everyone underestimates Barney. While Barney is most definitely sweet and comes off as naïve due to his age and inexperience, he's accustomed to working hard for what he wants and being patient as he works to obtain it. Because of this, he does a fine job of indulging his curiosities about sex, breaking down Ramsey's defenses, and making Ramsey his without being used by Ramsey or going all the way before he was ready. Barney's inexperience is easily outweighed by his enthusiasm and this makes for some really steamy scenes that left me chuckling at times.

I really enjoyed watching Barney break down Ramsey's walls simply by being himself. Barney is a good kid with a good heart and while Ramsey set out to scratch his itch with the dumb young thing, he soon found that he not only underestimated Barney's intelligence, but also what being around Barney's inherent goodness would do to him. Barney made Ramsey want to be a better man – a man deserving of someone as good as Barney. This is what made his conscience rear its ugly head and led him to try to make things right. While most underestimated Barney's intelligence, few underestimated his goodness and it was his willingness to stand with Ramsey that made Carlos, Troy, and Will give Ramsey the second chance he needed. *Fences & Freedom* is yet another enjoyable addition to the Mossy Glenn Ranch series and I'm glad I still have more of them to read.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.  
Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

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### **Shelley says**

3.5 stars

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### **Crystal Marie says**

When I started this book, right off the bat I couldn't stand Ramsey. In the other books in the series, I didn't really like him that much either, but once he started expressing his interest in Barney, that's when he really started to bug me! Barney is too sweet and innocent; he doesn't need anyone like Ramsey! My only real complaint about the book would be how oblivious Barney was when it came to what was going on around him. It felt like at times the author was trying to make him appear not smart, but then at other times he seemed like a genius.

As I went further along in the story, Ramsey did end up making me like him a little bit. Not a whole lot, just a little bit. I still don't think that he deserves Barney, but that's not my choice. I did like how the author did include a little bit about Ramsey's past. I think by doing that, it was able to give me an understanding as to why he is the way he is.

Barney's character was just really sweet. There was just something about him that made me like him so much and I really liked that factor. It was really easy to connect with him, and one reason I think that is is because of how much he appreciates the little things. It was great to read a story about someone who cares more about helping someone expecting nothing in return.

I did enjoy the book overall, it's not my favorite out of this series, but I would still recommend it!

Reviewed by Crystal for Crystal's Many Reviewers

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### Christy says

Yay, book four in one of my favorite cowboy series, and I'm pretty sure Bailey wrote 'Fences and Freedom' for me. Why do I think that? Because I stated very plainly in my review for the first book in the series that Barney was one of the characters I wanted to see more of. So, see? Obviously Ms. Bradford listened to my wisdom and wrote me a book about Barney and Ramsey. Thank you, Bailey, you are too good to me. \*snort\*

I wanted more of Barney because, honestly, the glimpses I had could've almost led me to believe he was "simple", but I had a gut feeling that was way off. Of course I was right, again. Barney isn't stupid, far from it. He's just a big, hard working, loyal guy who loves his mama and is an only child. All that alone time growing up after his dad died just made Barney more introspective than most. Combine that with the fact his mama raised him in a loving, non-judgmental and non-bigoted household and pretty much with Barney, what you see is what you get. That's not something I can say about Ramsey, at least when it comes to his reasons for being at the ranch. Ramsey is a polar opposite to Barney in a number of ways. Ramsey is bad-tempered, he can be obnoxious, he doesn't care if people like him, and he's spent most of his life looking out for number one. I have to admit that I didn't like Ramsey in the beginning, certainly not the way I fell for Barney.

*"While he hated to make his first relationship based on some kind of power play, he didn't see much other choice. Well, other than forgetting about Ramsey. Or being used."* See what I mean? For a guy who has never had a relationship with a man, or a woman for that matter, Barney is very smart about what he wants and he's determined to get Ramsey. And I can say, as the story progressed, Ramsey opened up more and he began to change, realizing that perhaps he didn't want to be a mean, old, bitter asshole like his dad. And the change of heart was a direct result of spending time with Barney who had a heart as big and true as the Montana sky. *"Ramsey might not have known what love was before that moment, but he did then. It was reflected at him in the way Barney looked at him, touched him, and he himself had to be shining with it. He knew right then he'd have to scrap his plans for the cheap story he'd been planning. Maybe he'd never had his heart into it in the first place."*

Barney and Ramsey have booted Drake and Ian out of my very favorite couple spot for the Mossy Glenn Ranch series. Don't get me wrong, Drake and Ian are most definitely still a favorite couple, but Barney and Ramsey are mine, now. I dibs them and they belong to me. I told you Bailey wrote this story just for me. These two were so incredibly adorable together that it just about killed me to read them. Barney was, literally, a virgin, but Ramsey with all of his hookups, was essentially one, too, and watching them was just breathtaking. The love was truly inspirational.

At this point all I can say is - I want more of the Mossy Glenn Ranch and its amazing people. Thank you, Bailey, for MY story. It is fantastic!

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