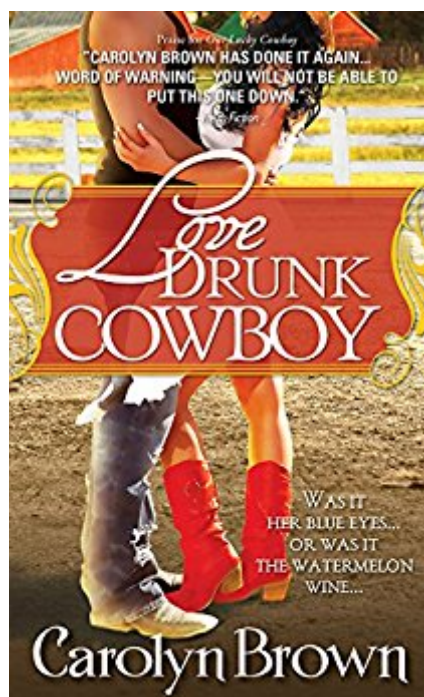


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# Love Drunk Cowboy (Spikes & Spurs Book 1)



## Synopsis

A New York Times and USA Today Bestseller! Book 1 in the Spikes & Spurs Series She's a self-made city girl...He's as intoxicating as can be High-powered career woman Austin Lanier suddenly finds herself saddled with an inherited watermelon farm deep in the Oklahoma countryside. She's determined to sell the farm, until her new, drop-dead sexy neighbor Rye O'Donnell shows up. Rancher Rye O'Donnell thinks he's going to get a good deal on his dream property â" until he meets the fiery new owner. Rye is knocked sideways when he realizes that not only is Granny Lanier's city-slicker granddaughter a savvy businesswoman, she's also sexy as hell. Suddenly Rye is a whole lot less interested in real estate and a whole lot more focused on getting Austin to set aside her stiletto heels. Spikes & Spurs Series Love Drunk Cowboy (Book 1) Red's Hot Cowboy (Book 2) Darn Good Cowboy Christmas (Book 3) One Hot Cowboy Wedding (Book 4) Mistletoe Cowboy (Book 5) Just a Cowboy and His Baby (Book 6) Cowboy Seeks Bride (Book 7) Praise for Carolyn Brown's Honky Tonk series "Fun, sassy, and fast-paced romance." -RT Book Reviews, 4 stars "Sometimes humorous, sometimes touching, and Brown's fans will be pleased to reconnect with her trademark cast of quirky characters." -Booklist starred review "Funny, witty, heartfelt, and sexy...a sizzling series!!!!" -Book Junkie

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## Customer Reviews

Love Drunk Cowboy is the first book in the "Spikes and Spurs" series by Carolyn Brown. It is set in present day Texas with a western theme involving Austin and Rye. Austin inherits her Grandmother's watermelon farm but wants to sell it and return to the city life. All it takes is one look at Rye and she thinks that farm life might be the life she has been missing. I actually liked this book! I loved Rye and Austin as a couple. They were fun, witty and easy to enjoy. As you read about their journey, you can't help but wish for your own piece of country life just so you can have as much spark as these two! While at times, Austin acts as though she has forgotten her city smarts, fans of Western Romance will more than likely enjoy this new series. If you are a fan of the author, I am sure you will want to pick up this new series as well. Sit back, turn on the music of Watermelon Crawl by Tracy Byrd, and enjoy the fun new series by an author who brings the spark to the genre of Western Romance!

Here is a perfect example of where the cover, book blurb and title of the book made me purchase. I am not even writing a review for the blog on this one. The first 20% of the book was pretty good and I was thinking it was a winner but it started going on and on and on about the attraction they had towards one another. Seriously nothing else was happening. Then around 30% I was getting really bored. Austin has a hissy fit because he made a joke about her mother (it was truly in jest) and she flies off the handle at his parents home like a twelve year old. She decides to walk home 7 miles in heels. I rolled my eyes. I also kept getting confused with her name being Austin and then the story takes place in Texas. Rye started out to me attractive and cowboy hunky but then he went all wussy. Here is an example: "He slapped his thigh and turned around three time in the motel room. She cared enough to worry about him!" I like my cowboys alpha. Not giddy like a school boy from a 1950's movie. I figured I had read enough and stopped at about 40%. It takes a lot for me to stop reading a book but I couldn't put up with the old fashion immature characters. I don't mind "sweet" stories but this one was over top.

Austin Lanier is an oil executive in Tulsa. Her mother has always encouraged her to put her career first and focus on working her way to the top. Rye O'Donnell is a cowboy through and through - he owns a ranch, raises bulls, and rides in the rodeo. When Austin's grandmother dies, she leaves her a watermelon farm and very specific funeral instructions. Austin goes out to Terral, Texas to carry

out her grandmother's wishes, and she meets Rye, who lives across the street from her grandmother's farm. Rye was friendly with Austin's grandmother, and after her death Austin and Rye spoke on the phone, but Austin assumed he was an older man in his 70s, not a 32-year-old hunky cowboy. Austin's intention is to clear out her grandmother's home, sell the farm, and move back to Tulsa, but her plans keep leading her back towards Terral: There's migrant workers who depend on working the farm, a watermelon winery that's a surprise to Austin, and she can't stop thinking about that sexy cowboy right across the street. My thoughts: Love Drunk Cowboy was pretty cute. I liked both Austin and Rye, and their chemistry was good. I loved how various scenarios made it seem that Austin's grandmother was pushing them together from the grave. The townsfolk were friendly and fun (the workings of the gossip mill had me smiling), and I enjoyed reading Austin's struggle between her corporate career and small-town living. While I liked Rye's family, I didn't care for Austin's mother and aunts - they seemed one-dimensional and flat. Austin's obsession with Rye's tattoo drove me up a wall, I think it was mentioned at least a dozen times.

Where to begin? Oh yes, at least I didn't waste money on this read. It was a freebie or 99 cents special for Kindle users. The writing was so immature that she makes Stephanie Meyer look like a national treasure. To start off, the author attempts writing in 3rd person, but she switches between perspectives so quickly (often within the same paragraph) that I had to attempt to figure out whose thoughts I was reading. Then she tries so hard to 'country up' the novel that it's not realistic. I'm sorry but I don't buy that a 30 year old woman who grew up in Tulsa constantly uses the phrase "Hell's Bells" in place of swearing. The plot line/concept was cute (if predictable), but the poor writing ruined this book. Don't waste your time with this one.

Love Drunk Cowboy is the first book I've read by Carolyn Brown. I started the book not knowing what to expect. The story was cute enough but I thought the premise was not original. Former country girl turned city girl returns to her roots felt like something I've read before. Austin and Rye's relationship was cute but not hot and spicy. Because Rye traveled a lot, their relationship was conducted mostly over the phone. I think this led to the relationship lacking heat in my opinion. I liked the townspeople who were nice and fun with their gossiping ways. It seems to be standard in these type of books. Love Drunk Cowboy was just okay for me. The premise was not original. I felt that the plot followed the standard contemporary romance formula. It didn't offer too much in regards to originality and surprises. I felt there was too much dialog and the country-isms were distracting. I'm from the South and know that southern folk speak a certain way, but I don't

necessarily want to read it. If you like cutesy western romance, then Love Drunk Cowboy is for you. It didn't work for me. I guess I'm not a fan of "cute and sweet".

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