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Throw together two strangers and strand them in a Cabin during the middle of a snow storm, the obvious is bound to happen... CowSex!

When Essex lifestyle blogger and fashionista, Gracie Elliott crash lands into the life of former country rock star, Koa Carmichael's world, fists, chemistry, and flirty banter ensue.

After sharing some sweet, emotional as well as laugh-out-loud moments, they find it impossible to deny that they might have just discovered what neither of them knew they were looking for.

CowSex, sometimes all you need is a little bit.

## **CowSex Details**

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## From Reader Review CowSex for online ebook

### Kia Bunby says

I was lucky enough to read an ARC of CowSex.

Wow! Wow! Wow!

I absolutely loved it!!

A great story line and some really quite funny sentences. I found myself laughing out loud so many times whilst reading this book.

I am def going to read this again when I am feeling low because it was a great pick me up.

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### sam says

Reading this book for me is like having a conversation with my best friend, theres something so comforting about reading British slang!

I loved Gracie's foul mouth and sassy attitude, she's exactly how I want to be when I grow up!!

Koa drew me in with his brooding behaviour (let's face it, we just love Aholes!) but stole my heart with his openness and honesty..

I could rave about every amazing detail but there are just too many!! The book is absolutely blinding and I'm chuffed to bits I got to read it!

Lesley really knows her onions ???

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### Melanie A. says

#### 4 STARS!

*"I plan to tell you beautiful things every day."*

Wonderfully funny!

After breaking up with her long-time boyfriend, Gracie decides to go ahead with their vacation plans on her own. But when she arrives from London at the cabin in Colorado, she finds the premises already occupied . . . by the new owner.

In dramatic fashion, Gracie meets Koa . . . which kicks off all the banter, *British-isms*, and angsty moments between these two fabulous characters.

Gracie was so much fun! Her quirky, irreverent 'working class' ways made for some seriously entertaining reading.

*My inner Essex Bird reared her head, and there was no stopping me.*

I loved how her inner monologue ran through everything from her 'what if' fantasies to her many insecurities to her moments of conviction - all of which were pretty funny.

*I wonder if it's at all possible to fuck a man like Koa Carmichael out of your system.*

*Probably not, but I bet it'd be fun trying.*

In contrast to Gracie's optimism was Koa's hard exterior. When they meet, he's stuck in a cycle of drowning his sorrows...

*When all else fails...bourbon.*

...until he's hit by the magnetic awesomeness that is Gracie. :-)

*Two days. Two fucking days was all it had taken for her, her pink and purple hair, and her funny accent to get to me.*

It was pretty great watching her tear down his walls by just being herself.

Where I thought the writing failed a bit was in Koa's backstory. His two ex-wives were ridiculous, OTT stereotypes of the worst kind; they lacked depth and really grated on my nerves.

But even after knocking off a star, this story is still definitely worth reading. I don't know how many times I laughed out loud:

*She's wearing a pair of thin grey sweats, which are tucked into a pair of palepink sheepskin boots from Australia that everyone wears. I think they are called Gangsters, or Thugs, something like that.*

If you're into strong yet vulnerable characters who make you laugh as they go from hate-to-love, this one's for you!

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## Nicola says

### 4.5 Stars.

Every now and then you just drop on a gem—a Facebook post catches your eye, you end up spending a couple of quid and before you know it you have yourself a new author to stalk. And in my case you also end up spending more to grab yourself a paperback copy to take to a signing next month (to add to the two others you bought this week for the same reason, shhhh let's not tell Mr. A). Anyhoo, *CowSex*—where there's not a shagging heifer to be found, but there is Koa Carmichael.

Chuff me, this man melted me. It's no secret I'm 1) a total sucker for a beard, 2) a sucker for a man fast approaching forty and 3) a sucker for a single dad. Koa is all three therefore happy happy me. There's also snow, a cabin and a lady who swears like a trooper and has no filter.

*She just blew in from London, crashlanded in my front yard and my life, and there I was, spilling my life story like I'd known her since the beginning of time."*

Straight-talking and with a no mess attitude, I'll be the first to admit I was a little unsure of Gracie, but that quickly turned into love for her and her strong personality. And from the moment she and Koa are somewhat thrown together, the sparks fly, flirty banter ensues and hearts run amok.

*...let's not plot, plan, or overthink what happens afterwards, let's just go with the flow and see where it takes us."*

Romantic, hilarious and with moments that tug at your heart but also make it sigh, Lesley Jones has created a couple who bring life to the pages and never a dull moment along the way. And when you add in a great bunch of secondary characters to love and hate and who bring even more laughs and odd moments of drama, this is definitely one to be adding to your TBR piles.

*Every relationship has to start somewhere, Gracie, ours just started a little different from most."*

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## **Book-Bosomed blog says**

1.5 Stars

Gracie Elliot, 32, is bound and determined to take her Colorado vacation with her long-time live-in boyfriend or not. So when he bails, she goes alone. Only turns out she's not hauled up in the snowy retreat by herself.

My expectations on this were way off what the story actually delivers. The blurb suggests a stranded together sexy, romantic comedy. Instead what I discovered is a tale about two people—one crazy and desperate, one with a lot of baggage, who find a reprieve from temporary loneliness and a way to scratch nothing more than an itch in a fling that realistically would go nowhere.

"Laugh-out-loud moments?" I didn't read any. Culture clash is a big theme, but it came across forced. The ongoing conversations where Gracie rolls off with British terms he's unfamiliar with and he acts puzzled felt contrived and grew old fast. It's as if the author simply made a list of British vernacular and wrote the dialogue around it. (And Americans do know that hot tubs are also called spas and jacuzzis.) None of this was "flirty banter," and I didn't feel any "chemistry" between them.

I found Gracie simply obnoxious. Stubborn and entitled would be good descriptors too. The situation when she arrives was obvious long before it sunk in to her, and then she continues to treat Koa like crap even though it's his own house. Only five chapters in and I was already starting to understand why her ex-boyfriend didn't want to spend any time with her. And since it's established that Koa has bad taste in women, his attraction to her wasn't exactly a measure of her greatness. Not to mention, talking about your vibrator and toilet wipes to an almost stranger does not make for sizzling chemistry, and drugstore flowers and candy as an afterthought during a condom purchase does not make for romance. That leads me to the problems with Koa Carmichael, 38, as a romantic hero...

I wasn't sold on them finding each other. If anything, they find exactly what they don't need. See Gracie, who runs a business out of England, wants a devoted man to settle down with and have kids. It's why she broke up with her boyfriend. Koa has already been married twice and is the father of two kids. His backstory is angsty and lends itself to immature drama in the present. Koa also has an on-again/off-again fuck buddy he's known since high school who would like to make something more of their arrangement. I felt bad for her because Koa was already getting intimate with Gracie when she calls. And at that point, I was done for with Koa as a book boyfriend. There was nothing to convince me he had any deep interest in Gracie other than as a sex partner and I certainly didn't understand why she fell in insta-love with him all of a sudden. All I sensed was two people who confused the urge for sex with something more. I also suspected that Koa too had a drinking problem. Even more mind boggling was Gracie's claim to "how perfect it all is" only a

chapter after Koa all but forces her to not use protection, and they argue about it.

Told via Gracie and Koa's alternating first person POV, I couldn't stand either of them! For thirty-something people they both behaved immaturely and would have been better off getting their lives together separately. Honestly after the snow storm passed, there was no compelling reason for them to even be "thrown together" anymore. Be aware this is not a steamy stranded together erotic romance. A lot of the sex scenes are either fade to black or simply referred to and don't occur till 70%.

A final aspect that lowered my rating—the presentation of women in this tale was quite bothersome. Gracie's a hot mess and all of the other women Koa has been with are presented as conniving, manipulative, gold digging, cheating, alcoholic, and/or easy. Most were a combination. Gracie, while supposedly standing up for herself, resorts to their same level of trash talk and name calling. Words like cunt, prostitute, whore, bitch, and more are thrown around on multiple occasions. That's not how intelligent, mature women, and certainly not ones with or around children, behave or communicate. It added a very crass tone to the story that was a huge turn-off. I closed the last page with a headache.

Safety Recap: (view spoiler)

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## **A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says**

5+ stars - Essex meets the US....full on!

This book is just brilliant, I laughed so hard it made my stomach ache and I smiled continually throughout. Lesley Jones can write an awesome story and this one is no exception; it's hilarious, touching and sexy. What more could you possibly ask for...well you get a brilliant story line and fantastic characters too.

I adored the characters in this story, Gracie is an Essex girl through and through, just like me. She is fantastic; she has one hell of a smart mouth and certainly isn't expecting what she finds on her sabbatical to Colorado. Mind you neither is Koa; the bearded, hunk who she finds in the cabin she is renting. I am so in love with Koa, he is perfect, absolutely perfect; sensitive, funny, a gentleman...most the time; sexy and gorgeous. He is everything you could possibly want in a man and he is my new book boyfriend/husband. The other characters who pop in and out of the story and brilliantly written, love 'em or hate 'em, they are perfect.

So what are you waiting for, you have to one click this book now. I think it is possibly, in fact quite probably, my book of the year! Oh and the title....well it's perfect, you will find out when you read it.

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### **Adriana says**

Insta love.....that's what this book was for me I fell in love with that crazy Essex bird Gracie as soon as she opened her mouth, I fell in love with that gorgeous "cowboy" Koa and I fell in love with their amazing story. Once I started I couldn't put it down and I didn't want it to end evverrrrrr, some of the stuff I read then re read and then read it again just so I could laugh my arse off again & again it really is that hilarious and that title finally makes sense and was soooooo worth the wait ? Lesley has done an amazing job with this book I'll be recommending it anyone that'll listen a mahoosive 5 stars from me ??????????

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### **Kim Sutton says**

I wasn't sure what to expect of this book, with having such a different title, but it's Lesley Jones and I Loved her Carnage series( I loved that Carnage had a little mention in this book) so I didn't read the blurb and went in blind! Don't be fooled by the title, no actual cows are involved in this novel! Haha!

This is just what I needed! A proper feel good, laugh out loud romance! I bloody love Gracie Elliot! She's a proper spit fire, who says things as she sees them! As soon as she's in Colorado the Americans look at her like she's talking a foreign language by speaking Essex slang! I laughed so much throughout this book, especially at the mistranslations! Koa is a hunk that's been burned before and has no interest in starting another relationship, then Gracie stomps her way into his life.

I didn't want this book to end, I'm not sure anything is going to compare for quite some time! Highly recommended! Five stars!

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### **Melissa says**

Don't let the Title fool you! It's perfect! See that smile I'm still laughing. Fast and hard that's how I fell for Gracie and Koa. Gracie the Essex spitfire uprooted from across the pond (ahh see like my use of proper slang?). She has some bark maybe even some

Bite however she's the most loyal and you want her to have everything. Chance encounters and we meet Koa well Mr. Tall dark and let me just worship at your feet Carmichael . He isn't what you expect. These two just go and the banter alone is enough to have you needing bathroom breaks or your vibrator . Chemistry off the charts! Oh boy he has a past and woah it's a good one! You're going to laugh so hard , I mean this there are some intense moments some angst but damn I am still in LOVE WITH EVERYTHING #COWSEX. Ticket to Colorado anyone?

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### **Tammi says**

I have loved all of Lesley Jones books this one included. It was a bit different, I am used to her emotional draining, thought provoking reads but this was light and fun. I really enjoyed it!

Stuck together in a cabin during a snow storm Gracie vacationing from England and Koa an all american country boy. Their cultural differences and language barriers were hysterical. But I think I loved their flirty banter the most!

I loved this book from the couples hilarious introduction to the heartwarming end. Just a fun, lighthearted read!

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## Stacey is Sassy says

**Trust me...the title makes sense...eventually.**

I'm sitting back reading *CowSex* and hubby walks in.

Me: Hubby, how am I going to talk people into reading this book when it's called **CowSex**?

Hubby: Is it about his good moooooves?

Me: Ha bloody Ha...

Hubby: Is it uderly sexy?

Me: Oh Geez, STOP. I haven't even worked out why it's called **CowSex** yet?

Hubby: Maybe, he's all animal in bed?

Me: STOP...PLEASE...STOP!!

Well, I've finished and now I *know* that there is a VERY good reason why this book is called **CowSex**, and it **CRACKED ME UP!!** I don't know about you but I had some very...ummm...weird...ahhh...kinky...thoughts running through my head trying to work out the reason for the title. **TRUST ME, YOU'LL LOVE IT!!** Have no fear, I would not lead you up the garden path, the title is fine, legit and OK. No animals were hurt or "used" in the making of this story. ?

So, we've established that the title is more than you think, now it's time to get to the nitty-gritty. I nearly gave up at 50%. My eye was twitching, and the reviewer in me was **STRUGGLING**. Do I put ALL my romance reading rules on the shelf and push through? Well, fellow members of the jury, I can say that no rules (well, my rules) were broken and I finished this story with the **BIGGEST...GOOFIEST...CHEESIEST...grin on my face.**

**THIS BOOK WAS BLOODY AWESOME!!**

Ok, it was nearly perfect. I did have a couple of times that I shaked and shuddered, moaned and groaned and squinted my eyes a little. I'm not sure the author knows this, but this book had a remarkable resemblance (definitely not the same) to *The Gamble* by the **LEGEND Kristen Ashley**. Now, before you all get judgy, it's definitely different. For starters, this chick is definitely no Nina and the bloke is definitely not Max. It just had tones of *The Gamble*, that automatically made me think of it.

I laughed, Oh how I laughed in this book. Another conversation with hubby...

Me: You know how I was cracking up before, do you want to hear why?

Hubby: Your idea of funny and mine when it comes to your books are worlds apart.

Me: No, this time it's **REALLY** funny.

Hubby: Sure...

Me: So.... (I'm not going to tell you, you have to read it)

Hubby: (at the end of telling him) Silly (with a big grin on his face)

Me: Silly, but funny too?

Hubby: Yeah, yeah...

Now, there were a couple of times that had me crossing my arms and shaking my head at the hero. I was

doing the whole...YOU WANT ME TO LOVE THIS DOUCHEWAFFLE? Well, I can confirm, that if you stick with it, this story will give you a HERO!! You know, those guys we read romance for. He says the right thing, does the right thing and acts the right way. I LOVED FRANGGY...I mean Koa. It was not hard at all to be picturing Franggy as the hero...not hard at all.

What a journey. I absolutely loved the highs and lows. This was my first story by Lesley Jones and it will definitely not be my last. I laughed, cried, squirmed and sighed. Exactly what I'm looking for in my romance reads. Accept the title...and enjoy the ride.

*\*\*\*Wine was drunk while writing this review, my apologies if this was a little whacky. I'll read my review again tomorrow and see if it needs "modifications". ?\*\*\**

*Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.*

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## **Laura- BookBistroBlog says**

CowSex

By: Lesley Jones

5 Stars

While Lesley Jones has made a name for herself with the Carnage series, CowSex proves that she can rip our hearts out in a book and she can also write a Rom-Com that is full of laugh out loud moments yet still tells a fantastic story!!!

Gracie Elliott has arrived in Colorado on holiday for 6 months. She made quite an entrance to say! Having just survived a long flight from London, in which she drowned her sorrows with excessive amount of wine. Shed some tears and chatted with a total stranger about how her life has changed.

Koa Carmichael is the local celebrity, if you call it that. Celebrity in everyone gossips about him. Born and raised in this little town, everyone knows everyone's business. Football superstar, Country rock star yet there is something he hasn't gotten right yet...

When these 2 meet, the banter and nonstop conversations are priceless! The twist on a guy that's a Cowboy and a gal from Essex had tears running down my face from laughing!!! Not to mention meeting "Vance". I really loved how Gracie held nothing back and said what she was thinking with zero filter. Then there is Koa who I will admit I was ready to head to Aspen just to shack up in his other home!!!

If you are looking for a great standalone Rom-Com, I highly recommend this one!!!  
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### **Michelle says**

When Lesley named her newest book CowSex I was like...really? But believe me Everyone should want CowSex. Love, Love, Loved this book. I love when a book could make me cry and laugh all at the same time. Just a fun book and I will be suggesting it to all. FYI...Gracie and Koa are totally sexy.

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### **Keri Roberts says**

OMG I ABSOLUTELY BLOODY LOVED THIS BOOK ??? I loved the banter and Smokin Hot Chemistry between Gracie and Koa and omg the phone conversations between Gracie and KOD and even Koa and KOD had me laughing out loud ??? Loved how feisty Gracie could be, she is definitely no push over (must be the pink and purple hair???). Ooh and I loved having Franggy as the muse for Koa ? AMAZING ? I just loved the whole plot to this book. Definitely highly recommend this to EVERYONE

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### **Abbey's Fully Booked says**

Loved this book so hard. The banter, the sex, the storyline - every single part of this story had me hooked and I couldn't stop reading. I had this ridiculous smile on my face throughout and even snort laughed in places.

Lesley has delivered a book that will warm your heart, give you butterflies and a serious case of Book boyfriend envy. CowSex for the win!!

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