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Previously appeared in the anthology Kiss Me.

Fact: Ryan Ashton has never been the hottest girl in the room.

Prim and proper doesn't really lend itself to sexy, but Ryan's okay with that. She's come to terms with her perpetual single status. Or at least she would have, if it weren't for her deliciously gorgeous boss.

Fact: Gregg Phillips is sex on a stick.

And Ryan knows that if she wants him to sit up and take notice of her, she's gotta take a chance ... and ditch the frumpy librarian look she's been rocking for way too long. It's gonna take a whole new wardrobe and the help of the local sex kitten to make it happen, but Ryan's up for it. After all, true love is worth the trouble—and that's a fact.

The Trouble With Sexy Details

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scribes23 says

1 and 1/2 unsatisfied stars

Ryan

“Why, you lousy, no good . . . you know what? Fine! Don’t bid on me. I’m sure someone else would love to see my tiny white corset.”

Gregg

“Messing with me right now is not a good idea, Ryan. I am beyond furious with you.”

Ryan is your typical heroine, by typical I mean insecure and no self esteem. Okay so what shock me is that her personality changed overnight. She undergoes to this make over, instantly changed. She's suddenly this Woman with self confidence and she's unlike what she were yesterday. And that is bad! She's been pinning for Gregg, yes Gregg with two 3 Gs in his name. And she suddenly decided. Hey you know what? I'm going to be the girl he'll like by changing my clothes and everything.

She asked for Gracie (A girl Gregg was into) for help. Then things went down hill from there.

I don't get how she went from, "What if I didn't changed my clothes? Would Gregg still notice me?" To "Don't you like me wearing whore clothing?"

She's a bitch and Gregg deserves better..

Gregg is sweet and he was right to not bid on her. Until She sorted up her mind.

Veronica says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

The Trouble with sexy is a fun friends to lovers story featuring a makeover of our heroine who goes from (in her mind) frumpy to sexy, a hot down to earth photographer and a charity auction.

I like the title and I completely agree with Gregg's explanation of what the trouble actually is with sexy - he was spot on.

I enjoyed this cute little novella. There are a few nice side characters who will no doubt have their own stories told in the future which I'll keep an eye out for. The Trouble with Sexy is a good read.

Monique says

After you finish drooling over the cover, get this book right away! This is the best friends to lover story I have ever read! It was love at first read for Gregg and Ryan: I loved them right away; they are so real, and so well-matched. And there's the wonderful, unflappable Gracie with whom Ryan becomes friends! If you have not read anything by the very talented Codi Gary, you should definitely start with THE TROUBLE WITH SEXY! In addition to this fab story, great characters, you get a lot of hotness, as well as some solid background on the characters from the Rock Canyon series. Definitely, do not miss this short story!

Red Cheeks Reads says

“She didn't have to act like she couldn't wait to have him, because that was exactly what was making her slip her bra down her arms so eagerly.”

The Trouble With Sexy is a novella in the Rock Canyon Series and although can be a standalone it does take place before the first book in the series, Things Good Girls Don't Do. I have read and loved each book in this series and this story was no different. Codi perfectly captures small town life along with giving us some super sexy men and women we can all relate to.

“Want to stay over at my place tonight?” “But I don't have anything to sleep in,” “Who said we're going to be sleeping?”

The Trouble With Sexy revolves around Ryan, pretty but modest girl who doesn't think she is the sexiest girl around and her boss Gregg who she does find to be the sexiest man around. While Gregg has always been a bit into Ryan he has kept things professional and friendly except for one New Years Eve kiss (if only she was the only girl he had kissed that New Years Eve.) But now Ryan is sick of being dowdy and a wallflower and enlist the help of Gracie, a sexy and outgoing girl, to sex herself up. Along with her new makeover and confidence come more attention from the men around and that is not going to sit well for Gregg. Can he step up and claim what is his or will he continue to just be the boss she has been lusting after?

“The trouble with sexy is people have different tastes. Some guys like girls in flashy skimpy clothes with big hair and cowboy boots. Other guys think shy girls that are less obvious are more desirable. Some guys check out her body and others look at her face. It’s all about personal preference.” “What kind of girls do you like?”

The thing that I love about Codi's characters is that they are all flawed. None of the people in her books are perfect, not perfect looking nor do they have all their crap together. They feel both real and relatable yet give us that love story we all yearn to dive into to. I highly recommend the entire Rock Canyon Series and think that this novella is a great place to start.

~miranda

Ruthie Taylor says

"I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads"

This short, sweet read is a great precursor to Valentine's Day - both if you hate it, or you love it! It starts out suitably cynical, but ends up just where you want every romance to be. It is sexy, quaintly predictable and amusingly cringeworthy. I like the photographic studio setting as it allowed us to see different forms of relationships and their impact on the leads.

??Trea says

This was a very short introduction to the townsfolk of the Rock Canyon series. I honestly wasn't expecting much out of it, but I found it to be a very entertaining read! It had me laughing out loud at points, though the heroine's name of Ryan often had me thinking she was the hero! I liked her insecurities, made her much more realistic to me. I am very eager to continue this series!

Jennifer Schultheis says

First let me say how much I adore this cover. It's so sensual and completely sexy, which makes it the perfect cover to go with this book. As for the story itself, I am definitely recommending this one as a must read. If you've read from Codi Gary before than you know she never disappoints. The Trouble With Sexy is such fun

story, which is perfect for the upcoming holiday; Valentine's Day, but should be read regardless of what day it might be. One of my favorite tropes ever is the friend to lovers storyline and Codi Gary did a fantastic job with this. I never once thought "this has been done before" because this author put her own flavor into this story, making it such an entertaining read.

Gregg and Ryan are amazing characters and you could feel the love between them as well as some intense chemistry. Ryan turned out to be a great heroine, especially once she gained some confidence, and Ryan is definitely book boyfriend material. The secondary characters were entertaining as well. They were written with a purpose, and not just thrown into the story to add to the dialogue. I really loved this story and will give it a re-read soon. Can't wait to read more from this author.

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life.

3 Stars!

What a fun read for Valentines Day! This was a short novella of approximately 100 pages or so that was easy to read in a single sitting. I found this to be a nice little story about two people finally getting together after being only friends.

Ryan and Gregg work together at the local photography studio. Actually Ryan works for Gregg which does make things a little more interesting. Ryan is ready for a change and ready to get out of the friend zone. Ryan enlists the help of a local woman, Gracie, when she decides to change her appearance. Ryan's new look does exactly what she had hoped.

This little story had a bit of everything. At times it was funny, it was sometimes serious and other times sexy. Heck, you even get to meet mom and dad before it is over. Ryan and Gregg worked well as a couple. Gregg was really such a nice guy that it was hard not to like him. Ryan really gained a lot of confidence not only because of her makeover but also because of her new friendships. I really liked many of the supporting characters in this little town a lot - they added a lot of fun to the story.

I would recommend this story to anyone who likes a not too serious friends to lovers story. This is the first story by Codi Gary that I have had a chance to read but I will be looking for more in the future.

I received an advance reader edition of this book from Avon Impulse via Edelweiss for the purpose of providing an honest review.

Chu says

DEFINE SEXY.

Ryan Ashton is shy. She's prim and proper and single. And not to mention, she wanted her hot boss, Gregg for a long time. But how can she step out of the friend zone when he couldn't even notice her. Greg is hot, and women go after him –will she stand a chance? Well, not if she doesn't give up her boring librarian look.

Thanks to a great friend who pushed her out of her comfort zone and accompanied her shopping, and the whole make-over thing that would make Gregg's jaw drop. Would he finally take notice?

I have always like short, fun, light, romantic read, and *The Trouble with Sexy* is one of those. It was easy on the heart, something you can read between those gut-wrenching, cry-my-heart-out novels. It's a novel that can make you swoon and smile. Perfect for before-going-to-sleep read or those lazy days at the beach.

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RJ says

I adored Ryan & Gregg's relationship! The transition from platonic to sexual was seamless and I thoroughly enjoyed them and their whirlwind of a relationship.

From the blurb I thought Ryan was going to be a mousy female lead but it's not like that at all! She has some insecurities and feels like she is awkward at times but she had a backbone. Her makeover just helped her feel more confident. And Gregg was also a great hero!

My only complaint is that it's too short! I would've loved reading more about these two.

Heather andrews says

Our boy Gregg is strong as an ox and does things to a girl, "her hands tangled in his hair as he supported her sweet little rear end with one arm, his other pressed against the wall for support." He has some animal tendencies that were really sexy, "he growled like a rabid wolf when he couldn't get her sweater off without ripping it because of the attached belt." With her new look comes confidence, go Ryan, "she slid her hand over his thigh and smiled seductively, "oh I plan on being very, very nice to you." His pants were suddenly a little tight across his lap and he grabbed her hand to stop exploring fingers." I loved this little novella great for Valentine's Day.

Catherine Crook says

"If a woman doesn't get any of those heart-shaped boxes of candy or a dozen red roses, she'll sit in front of the TV with a pint of Ben & Jerry's Half Baked, crying pathetically while watching *The Notebook*."

By now, y'all know I am a HUGE Codi Gary fan. I kind of devour everything she writes. I am sure if I lived near her, I'd find out where she grocery shops who I could read her lists! But, somehow I missed her very first story that got her in with the lovely folks at Avon. 'Trouble With Sexy' stars the prim and proper, Ryan Ashton who has pined for her boss, Gregg Phillips. With a little help from an unlikely friend, she shows him there is another side to her.

This story takes place during the 7 days before Valentine's Day in the quaint town of Rock Canyon. Ryan and Gregg work together at the local photography studio. Friends who constantly bicker with each other, you can see where a closeness might form.

He tries to invite her out for Valentine's Day since both are unattached, but she politely declines. That leaves him unsure with her feelings toward him and leaves her asking Gracie for help finding her "sexy," but not before what I find to be an uncomfortable interaction between friends.

She swallowed a little. "Gregg, we're friends right?"

He cocked his head and gave her a small smile. "Of course."

She twisted her hands in her lap. "And you'll be honest with me?"

He sat on her desk and nodded. "Sure."

She cleared her throat and whispered, "Do you think I'm sexy?"

After the makeover of a lifetime, Ryan and her new friend, Gracie head to Buck's to show off her new look. Heads turn and her dance card fills up pretty quickly. She can't help but compare them all to Gregg. The signs seem to be there for everyone to see, except each other. I will tell you, I am such a sucker for a man who gets all protective of his woman. When he laid Wayne out - I was a goner.

Things progressed pretty quickly for these two friends while they admitted to feelings that were always there. I adored the awkward and clumsy moments that the dolled up Ryan had. She had an unfortunate incident with a pair of heels that showed Gregg's sweet and silly side.

"Why don't we just pretend it was a clever ploy on your part so that I'd be forced to hold you tight?"

Her mouth twitched. "That's awfully chivalrous of you."

He shrugged. "What can I say? My mama raised me right."

She laughed and started to pull away. "Thanks for catching me."

"Anytime."

And finally you get to the auction. Oh man, that auction was the perfect setting for disaster. Jealously runs wild in situations like these. Codi's spin on an obviously tense scene made me love her style even more. You see a demanding side of Ryan and a hilarious side of Gregg. Oh course, I am NOT going to give it away - but I will hint at you the outcome.

The kiss ended when Buck tapped Gregg on the shoulder.

"I love a romantic gesture as much as the next guy, but maybe you folks could move it off the stage?"

AN EPIC start to an amazing series. I can see why Avon snatched you up Codi!

Kristine says

Original review can be found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

I received an advanced readers copy from Avon Impulse via Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!

The Trouble with Sexy is a cute story that is sure to get you in the mood for valentines day. At only 96 pages it is a fast moving romance that can be finished in no time. The story itself is by no means original, in fact it has been done many times, but the characters are so likeable that it doesn't matter. I don't know what it was about Gregg but there was just something that I loved.

I am one of those anti-valentine type people but I still thought it was a super sweet story with just the right amount of spice. Who doesn't love a story about friends who harbour secret feelings for each other but are too oblivious to realise it?? Codi Gary is a new author to me and I plan on checking out more of her work.

Just like the book I am leaving my thoughts short and sweet...

Lisa Filipe says

Can only be described as "Sweet as Chocolate"

THE TROUBLE WITH SEXY is the novella that starts the Rock Canyon series by Codi Gary, and I have only read the first of the series, with the others waiting patiently on my kindle, and YES, they have been moved to the front of the list!

The novella itself is a friends to lovers, or Boss to Employee romance and was so much fun to read...I love that even though Ryan does a little V-Day transformation, it was more for her own self than to really get Gregg (his attention...YES...His Love...NO...he already loved her!)

Gregg and Ryan are a great couple to start off the fun of the Rock Canyon Series, and got some definite sizzle between the sheets...OH YEAH! The V-Day auction scene had me cracking up...and leaving me with a HUGE smile on my face!

I already sent Codi a Facebook message about Gracie and Eric...WHAT HAPPENED?!? I can't believe we have so many books to get through before I have my answers...and MIKE, what happens with Mike? I feel like the town gossip trying to get the 411...

Fun start to a great, small town series...Not to be missed!

ARC kindly supplied by Edelweiss/Publisher

GraceMyBookSnack says

Review also posted at My Book Snack

An adorable Valentine's friends-to-lovers novella!

Ryan is 26 and ready to find that special someone. She's fallen hard for her boss, Greg, since the day she met him. Ryan enlists help to change her plain Jane look on the outside thinking that's what it takes to get Gregg to finally notice her.

I found *The Trouble With Sexy* to be an adorable Valentine-themed novella! I loved the small-town feel in the story with everyone knowing each other and the gossip among friends. Gregg is portrayed as more Ryan's friend than her boss, and they have this super comfortable friendship. Codi Gary did a great job putting the two of them in mixed-signals type of situations. I liked that Ryan and Gregg are both passionate in not only their photography jobs, but also in their friendship. I wouldn't mind reading more about them. A short and fun read!
