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Taryn Downing has made a name for herself as a smart, tough businesswoman. The title she doesn't want though is Cougar. But Brogan Moore, the man she has feelings for has given her an ultimatum: Tell the world they're together, or he walks. As Taryn watches Brogan walk out of her life, she has to ask herself, if her pride is more important than Love. Taryn isn't the only one who has issues with pride and image though. Brogan will have to decide if Taryn is the woman for him, or if his parents are right and he would be better off playing it safe.

## **Tough Love Details**

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# From Reader Review Tough Love for online ebook

## Katie W says

I know plenty of couples where the woman is older than the man--or the woman is taller than the man, but I totally get how that can be a big deal to some women. And that's exactly the issue that Taryn has with Brogan. Brogan is a few year younger than Taryn and he's the little brother of her high school best friend. It's really hard for her to get over that fact and deal with the grown up version--the one who is head-over-heels for her. She just can't let all of her hard work in the business world go up in flames by letting everyone know that they're together.

On the other hand, Taryn's mother is pressuring her to marry and Brogan's parents want him to end up with anyone but her. With so many outside factors pulling and tugging this couple back and forth, it's really hard to make a relationship work. I thought it was ironic that Brogan wants to be treated like the adult he is, yet he acts so childish at times. These two took turns acting in a childish manner with lots of drama until everything comes to a head and big, permanent decisions have to be made. I have to admit, some of these immature behaviors had me laughing, but there were some great heart-tugging and tender moments too.

I love the strong family loyalty and relationships that were emphasized in this story, as well as the sweet romantic moments. This is a great ending to a fun trilogy.

Content: mild romance (kissing, implied teen sex with NO details); no language; mild violence. Clean!

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## Shauna says

I ADORE Shannon Guymon!  
And I LOVE her books!

FUN!  
SWEET!  
ROMANTIC!  
KEEPS YOU ON THE EDGE OF EACH PAGE!

Love can be SO bitter-sweet!

And even more so for Taryn and Brogan.

They have been secretly seeing each other, but when Brogan demands that she tell everyone...

She calls off the relationship.

Heartbroken and wounded Brogan becomes cold towards Taryn...which is hard because they work together.

As Taryn realizes she has made her biggest mistake~

She includes everyone, including an ex-Marine, to help her get Brogan back.

Some VERY FUN scenes follow!

Brogan AND Taryn will have to overcome PRIDE to get to the LOVE they really do have for each other...

No matter what anyone else says or does!

LOVED. LOVED. LOVED. IT!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!

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### **Alisha says**

Another sweet love story that doesn't disappoint. Complete with conflict and trials of relationships. I think Kam and Bailey's story (book 2 in this trilogy) was my favorite, but I enjoyed this one too. Taryn and Brogan both have points in this one that just made me want to smack my head, but they had an equal number that wanted to make me cry tears of sadness and tears of joy. As usual, Shannon Guymon pulls this story off wonderfully. These trilogies woven together in Fircrest are some of my favorite books now. Such easy, clever, sweet reads that all build on each other and have characters interwoven between trilogies even. Well done.

Romance: clean

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### **Shauna says**

I seriously wanted to smack Taryn, and thought her admission of her true feelings was kind of fast, but I absolutely LOVE this series. I could not believe how much ups and downs this couple had. Not sure I would have survived such harsh treatment from the in laws, but she was pretty harsh with Brogan. I wouldn't settle for that. Every character draws you in and I'm kind of addicted to these trilogies. Not my favorite in the series, but I enjoy a visit to this town. Cannot wait to read about Garrett!

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### **Debbie Saraceni says**

**Wonderful story of family and love**

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What a truly beautiful story of love and learning to let go for those you love. This has been a really good feel good series. The author did a great job with the storyline of each book making each one unique. The characters have been very enjoyable and so important to the story. Taryn is the last of the siblings to find her love or at least admit that she had found it. She just can't give in to Brogan Because he's a bit younger and just getting his life started. He's not what she had planned for her life. Brogan has been in love with her for years and is tired of waiting on Taryn to admit she cares and he issues an ultimatum and that sends their relationship in a whole new direction. Their story was filled with happiness....romance....misunderstandings.....making up to be let down again. It was funny...sad...and happy too. This was a beautifully written series and overall just simply entertaining. If you like a good romantic

story this series is for you. Highly recommend.

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### **Kathy Jo says**

I have to say... re-reading Tough Love put a HUGE smile on my face! I forgot how much I loved it!

Taryn is the manager of The Iron Skillet and she is madly in love with Brogan, the best waiter The Iron Skillet has ever had! But sadly she is stubborn and prideful and just can't admit that she is in love with a waiter, who happens to be 3 years younger than her and her best friend's little brother.

Brogan has been in love with Taryn for 10 years! Almost from the moment he first saw her, he knew that she was made for him. He will do anything he can to get her to admit that she really does love him.

They had been secretly dating and when Brogan asked Taryn to start telling everyone that they were together or they would be over, she did the only thing she could to "save her image"... she chose to be over.

\*sigh\*

Brogan and Taryn... I swear the two of you were almost the death of me! It was definitely a very long and bumpy road! But watching you two go back and forth was rather entertaining! Some of my favorite parts were the bonfire... date with Garrett... Kam busting in a door... haha!! I just love all these Fircrest characters!! They always know how to brighten my day!! ;)

I really enjoyed this book... even when it was beyond frustrating! Lol. The Downing family really grew on me throughout this series and I even got to the point of liking Anne! Shocking... I know. ;) Believe it or not... I'm wondering what happened to Anne! I don't think she needs her own book but a little paragraph about her ending would complete the series for me. I'm going to be totally honest and say... I don't like Brogan's parents... I think they suck! I feel so bad for Taryn... but having Brogan stand up for and doing anything for the woman he loves?! Yeah... she's one lucky gal! ;)

Like others of you... I'm sad to see this series end! But I'm looking forward to the next series Love and Flowers! I'm REALLY hoping Garrett will get his HEA!! He totally needs one!! ;)

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### **Amie Aycock says**

I absolutely loved this series! This book made the perfect ending in the series! I am a huge fan of Shannon's so I knew it would be Great!!

When I started to read this book, I didn't want to put it down! I absolutely loved it!! The story from the first page to the last had me hooked! I actually found myself sad when it ended!

The characters in the book are my favorite! I was so happy that she brought the characters from the other books into this one, it is almost like a fun reunion of friends catching up! I was introduced to Taryn and Brogan in the first book, and I got to tell you I couldn't wait for their story!

Their story was full of twists, turns, and lots of love! You definitely fall in love with love in this one!!

Taryn and Brogan have that amazing chemistry that just makes you fall in love with them as a couple! It was amazing to see the characters grow, and see what everyone else around them saw. I found myself laughing, crying, smiling, and ahhhhing throughout this book!

I can't wait for the next series coming out!

You definitely need to check this book, and the whole series out! In fact check out all three series, they are well worth it! These books will have you laughing, smiling, and doing the happy dance!

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### **Jen says**

Yet another terrific series! These books honestly make my world go round. I can idle away my time with cute little frivolous tales here and there but I jump up and down when I see a new release from Shannon Guymon.

This book was on the tougher side - Ha! Hence the title. Multiple times throughout the story I wanted to smack both Brogan and Taryn, but I have to admit I understand why they did what they did. I can relate to Taryn so much it's ridiculous, maybe that's why I sympathized with her character. And Brogan, gotta give the guy props for standing up for himself. I hated that he became borderline cruel at times but ya know what? A girl's gotta learn her lessons the hard way sometimes.

I can't wait for the next series to be released! Whatever am I going to read until then?...

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### **Heidi says**

**So glad this isn't the end....**

Tough Love is a fun light read and a beautiful story of love, family devotion, and that love...(even if it takes 10 years)....conquers all. This is book 3 in the Love and Trust Trilogy...Taryn's story.....but I'm extremely excited that once again it's not the end. I can't wait to start Book 1 in the Love and Flowers Trilogy and head back to the town of Fircrest.

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### **Kathy says**

LOVED!!

Content: Clean

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**Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

[ I don't know how she could handle being around his parents after they way they treated her. A simple apology when they learn the truth wouldn't cut it with me. You can't take

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**Gayle says**

3.5 stars. A nice ending to this trilogy. I thought the characters didn't quite act their age a few times - felt more like young teens with some of the tantrums and misunderstandings. I did like the concept of family loyalty and of course I always love a happy ending!

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**Valerie Waters says**

Ugh. I hate misunderstandings!! I liked Brogan a lot in the other books. He was super flirty and I loved that. He wasn't as flirty in this one. His parents were AWFUL!

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**Julia Lance says**

This book was definitely named well! Taryn is stubborn and becomes the biggest obstacle to her own happiness. She and Brogan have both liked each other for years but because of an age difference she doesn't want to pursue it. It think it is society that has made age differences weird. I can only think of one couple I know that is actually that same age. I see nothing wrong with marrying younger or older your heart what your heart wants. Her temper reminded me of mine. I totally would have reacted the same way she did in a few of her situations. I know how hard it to get past our normal frame of mind and open up to something new! I'm glad that she was able to change her way of thinking and see find her happiness!

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**Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

Another great addition to a series I've really enjoyed. It's fluffy, clean romance. There is lots of push and pull in this book (which sometimes drove me batty) but all's well that ends well. :)

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