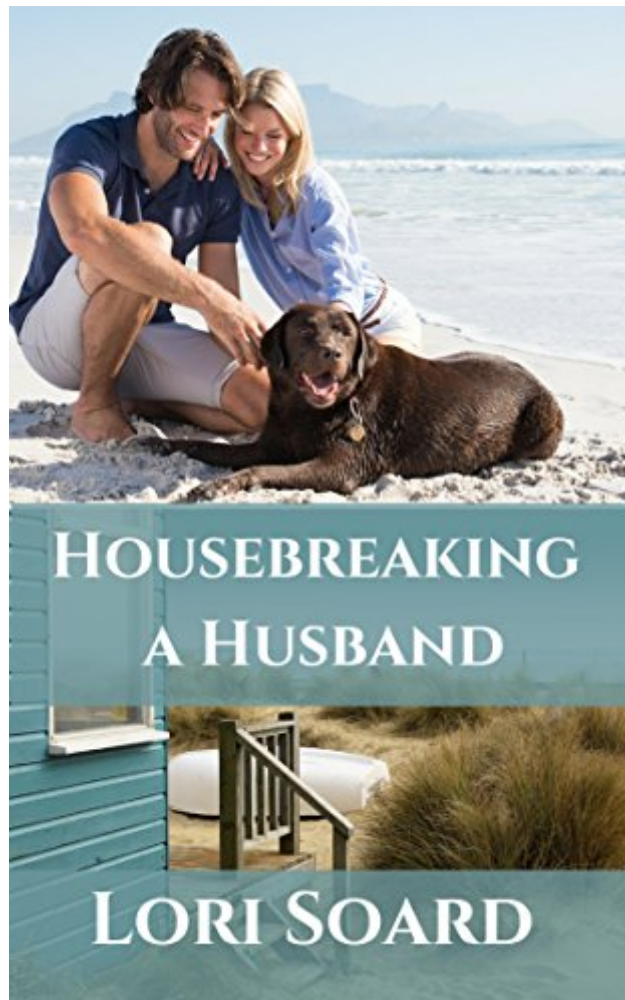




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# Housebreaking A Husband: A Clean & Wholesome Beach Romance



## Synopsis

Take four furry feet, two toddlers and a loving uncle and it's a recipe for mayhem. And sometimes love sneaks into the mix. "Aha! Here is a romance, light as whipped cream, and suitable for the young. Author Lori Soard sets the pace for "Housebreaking a Husband" with a humorous, romantic and action-packed beginning." ~ Carolyn Howard-Johnson, author of "The Frugal Book Promoter"

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Here is a romance, light as whipped cream, and suitable for the young. Author Lori Soard sets the pace for "Housebreaking a Husband" with a humorous, romantic and action-packed beginning. A beautiful romance with plenty of smiles and chuckles thrown in for spice, serve up a wonderful story of Trent and Sarah's love. A MUST Read! Great emotional roller coaster ride with lots of sexual tension, broken by the antics of two lovable kids and an undisciplined pet.

Following the death of his sister from cancer, Trent Kasey struggles with raising his nephew and niece, twenty-two month old twins, while also managing his construction company. When his

nephew Kyle vanishes out the house, Trent gives chase only to see the lad hanging with his neighbor Sarah Goldwyne and her dog Nightfire. Sarah helps Trent with caring for the twins and even watches them while he goes out on a job prospect. When the biological father of the twins claims he wants them, Trent's lawyer suggests he find a wife. He looks towards his neighbor with the long beautiful legs. Sarah finds caring for her neighbor's wards quite satisfying, as she can not have children ever since she miscarried. As she hangs with the Kasey trio, she falls in love with all three of them, but fears her heart will break if the custody goes wrong plus Trent holds back out of dread of losing another loved one. Though not providing new ground, *HOUSEBREAKING A HUSBAND* engages contemporary romance readers due to the two scarred individuals ably supported by the spaghetti-tossing twins. The story line focuses more on the love plot buoyed by a nurturing need, but handicapped by internal demons. Though the Saving Isaiah like subplot could have been stronger, readers will attain much pleasure from Lori Soard's pleasant novel. Harriet Klausner

...Aha! Here is a romance, light as whipped cream, and suitable for the young. Author Lori Soard sets the pace for "Housebreaking a Husband" with a humorous, romantic and action-packed beginning. A feisty young woman with a scarred past meets a man with heavenly green eyes on the beach behind her home-or rather she entangles that man with a dog, leash, the arms and legs of children and some of her own body parts. It turns out this man with whom Sarah has become entwined has some scars of his own. He is about to lose custody of two beautiful twins and, excepting for the deep love he feels for them, is determined to be emotionally unavailable to all others. This romance is titillating but is also so free from explicit sex that it would be suitable for most 14 year olds. Like most families, Sarah's is slightly dysfunctional and quirky and absolutely lovable. It appears that Soard is incapable of formulating a cookie-cutter character. They all have a reality quotient of 10. This is a story about how love can be corrupted by a lack of communication and by unaddressed fears. There is much more to it than a quick, romantic read.-----Carolyn Howard-Johnson [author of] *This is the Place*

*Housebreaking a Husband* Lori Soard Thorndike/Five Star ISBN: 0-7862-4578 December 2002 Hardcover When Melissa Kasey died of cancer, she left her twenty-two month old twins, Kyle and Caitlin, and a \$10,000 life insurance policy (for the twin's educations), to her brother, Trent. The twin's natural father, Nathan Winters, who has never shown an interest in the children, in fact, has never even seen them, now shows up and offers to sign away his parental rights, in exchange for the

\$10,000. When Trent refuses his offer, Nathan sued for custody of the twins and control of the money. Since Winters is married and Trent isn't, Trent's chances of winning this battle, looks bleak. His lawyer's advice to Trent? ---- " Elope to Vegas, FAST!!" Sarah Goldwyne is recovering from a love affair, gone sour, and a miscarriage. She has also been told that due to scarring, she will probably never have another child. She, having given up all hope of ever marrying and having a family, moves into a house on the beach. She hopes to build up a dog training business. But before she has even unpacked, she takes a walk on the beach and finds a child, a boy, about two years old, alone. He crawls onto her lap and into her heart. In trying to return him to his parents, she meets Trent and a female version of the little boy. When Sarah sees the quality of the people who apply for the position of Nanny, she agrees to take on the job. She quickly comes to love the twins as her own and when Trent tells her the whole story, she agrees to elope with him to Vegas, a marriage in name only, and only until Trent gains legal custody of the children. Sarah has no intention of falling in love with Trent. . . . Yeah, right. They appear before the judge, married, and the judge, suspicious of the quick marriage, orders a home study, before he'll make a decision. During the time that the study is being done, Trent falls as deeply in love with Sarah, as she is with him and he feels that the twins are enough of a family for them. But how will the judge decide and what affect will the decision have on Trent and Sarah? A beautiful romance with plenty of smiles and chuckles thrown in for spice, serve up a wonderful story of Trent and Sarah's love and their attempt to beat the odds and turn four needy people into a real family. Ms. Soard has spun a tale as old as time and as new as today. She tells this tale in such a way that the reader becomes more than "just a reader". The characters are so real that we hold our breath, feeling the pain, fear, joy, and love, right along with them. Reviewed by Irene Marshall

Cute story for the keeper shelf. Trent is trying to raise twins--his niece and nephew--keep them from being stolen by their greedy father in a custody hearing that's all about their trust fund, and keep his business running. Sarah is trying to convince herself that the dogs she trains are fine company and she doesn't really need anyone else but a part of her yearns for the family she knows she'll never have. These two collide--and I do mean COLLIDE--when her dog wraps his leash around the hero's legs and sends Trent tumbling to the ground, looking up at an "angel." While they have a lot of stops and starts in their relationship and a lot of emotional baggage each has to deal with, I can definitely see this hero and heroine winding up together and living happily ever after. I give this one high marks and highly recommend it to anyone who loves a good romantic comedy.

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