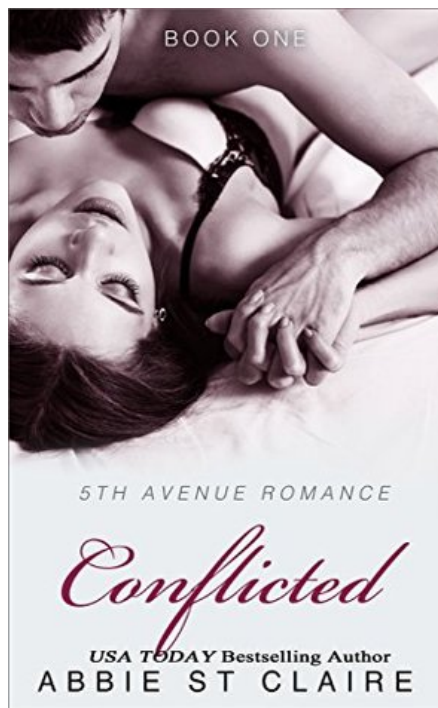




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USA TODAY Bestselling Author, Abbie St. Claire brings you Conflicted on 5th. There is no cliffhanger in this version, it has been removed.

Chance made them neighbors. Chemistry made them lovers. Will fate make them a family?

Widower and orthopedic surgeon, Ian Briggs has room in his life for two things, his practice and his son, Oliver. A forced relocation shakes up more than his sense of direction when he finds himself captivated and lusting for his new neighbor.

Chelsie Peterson is piecing together the shattered fragments of her life. A divorce from her cheating and emotionally abusive husband leaves her a single mother and doubting her value as a woman.

Fiery impulses entice Ian and Chelsie to surrender to a passionate and inconvenient romance. Is there more than the desire to escape the frenzy of life that binds them?

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From Reader Review Conflicted for online ebook

Tina Todd shobe says

Dr. Ian Briggs is a widowed single dad that was living in California who lost his wife in an accident. He relocates to Texas after being offered a job he takes hoping to give his son and himself a better life.

There he meets beautiful single Mom, Chelsie Peterson, who lives in his new neighborhood. Her ex husband has done a lot of damage on her self-esteem. Through Ian she learns she truely is beautiful and sexual.

Both Ian and Chelsie have baggage from their past and because of it they have some rocky patches. They have to learn to not shut each other out, trust each other and love again.

This book is very well written and draws you right in. I read the book through in one sitting. I just had to know what was going to happen.

This is the 1st book in the 5th Avenue Series. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Well done, Abbie St. Claire!!! Love it!!!

Missy Harton says

I can still feel your skin on mine, yet my flesh is cold without you.

This is the first book I've read by Abbie St. Claire. Definite 5 STAR read!!! If you're looking for a great romance, this is a MUST read!! Real life elements make this book easy to relate to. Strong character chemistry with amazing secondary charter support make this an enjoyable read. I look forward to the reading the next book in this series!

Being a single father and busy surgeon, Ian has no room in his life for relationships. Seeing his son struggle with friends and school caused Ian to consider making a transfer. Finding a home sealed the deal, starting a new chapter in their lives.

Chelsie is still learning how to raise her son alone. Her confidence and self esteem is non existent, compliments of her ex husband. Becoming friends with the new neighbor, she's learned a lot about herself. When your children are your world, do you put their happiness before your own? Does finding love leave Ian and Chelsie Conflicted?

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5 Steamy Stars

Favorite Quotes:

“What we were doing was like a prelude to a fairytale,”

“Ian, people put up walls to make others try harder. It’s human nature to want to be worthy.”

“Women can’t figure out inches because they’ve been lied to for centuries,”

“Shoes and handbags were my best friends, next to Shawna and my Bunco Sisters. I didn’t have a gazillion pairs, but the ones I did have were investments – small sinful assets.”

“My love for you needed time to bury my darkness.”

My Review:

Abbie St. Claire has a comfortable, enjoyable, and relaxed writing style. Her stories are easy to read and follow, deliciously steamy, and never fail to entertain. Amidst the sizzle there are always interesting and insightful stories of human foibles and personal struggles. *Conflicted on 5th Avenue* involves a belated sexual coming-of-age for a single mother in her mid-thirties, who was shattered in her divorce from a philandering husband - who took her self-confidence with him when he left her for a younger woman. She is inexperienced and self-conscious, but is slowly discovering herself with an attractive new neighbor who happens to be a sexy widower/single dad who is highly experienced in pleasure. Where is this neighborhood? I want to move there. The characters are likable and complex and the story is involving and well plotted. Be warned that it ends in a cliffhanger – thankfully I have the next installment already loaded on my beloved kindle, which I am going to immediately dive into.

Erin McFarland says

I wasn't sure what I expected when starting this book, but I can say that it more than delivered. I don't read many single dad books, so this was a refreshing change. Add to it a hot doctor with a light bdsm fetish and you have me hooked!

Ian Briggs hasn't had a relationship since his wife passed away. He just doesn't have the time, and he has his son, Oliver to consider. Chelsie is a single parent as well. Her situation was a bit different than Ian's, she was burned by her ex husband. Trusting doesn't come easy to her, so it's just easier to focus on her boutique business and her son, Ty.

You get sucked right in to their story and are pulling for them throughout the book. They are both navigating waters they have never waded in before and things don't always go according to plan. I wasn't expecting the emotions that this book would bring out. You feel Chelsie's hesitation at letting Ian in, you feel Ian's hesitation to start over again and let himself love again. These two really have themselves worked up. The neighbors don't help much. I loved Jorge and Shawna. I wish my neighborhood had it's own Jorge so we could shoot the breeze over his "famous bar b que".

For Ian, the story is about starting over, not only in a new place, but possibly with a new woman to share his life with. For Chelsie, it's about learning to trust and letting go of the past and realizing her own self worth. These two have chemistry that goes way beyond just the bedroom. I finished it in one day because I was anxious to see what happened with them. It does end in a cliff hanger, I will tell you that. And at quite the pivotal point too, because hey, authors love to make us want to throw our Kindles. I mean that in the best way too. I need to know what happens next like right now :) One consolation....we get more Ian and Chelsie

Leanne Bryson says

I bought this book last year and reread it this past weekend. I enjoyed this look into the relationship between Ian and Chelsie, single parents trying to move forward their pasts, and building new lives with their sons. I thought the book was well paced, characters were sympathetic, the story line very compelling. Both main characters had their faults that were real and their struggles were things I could relate to as a reader. This book is one of the few books I have read a second time and enjoyed as much as the first. I am so looking forward to re reading "Complicated..." and "Captivated..." Abbie, you are defiantly one of my favorite authors

Renee at Book Happiness says

I received this for an honest review.. First off can I please say that Ian is my new book boyfriend.. First he is drop dead sexy, then he is moody and can be extremely unexpected then add on to that he is a single dad and puts his kid first..

Single dad Ian moves from California to Dallas to help his son by leaving the house and community that his late wife was a part of. Then he meets Chelsie two doors down and the sparks just start flying and then things get hot and sexy!!! WOW I fell in love with this book from the first page to the last cliffhanger moment!!!

I can not wait for the next book in this series!! I need it soon!!!

Spunky N Sassy says

~~~~~Nicole's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

I was given the honor to beta read this book for the author. In return I would give my honest feed back and review.

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### **Alison says**

I was sent this book in return for an honest review.

I loved this book. Abbie's writing style is like a fleecy blanket on a snowy day and characters are so well

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drawn it's like you've known and enjoyed their company for a long, long time.

Dr Briggs, (great last name, but I'm biased) is a single dad who moves to a new neighbourhood with hopes for his young son and meets divorced single mum Chelsie. They hit it off, but all is not plain sailing in their romance. I can't wait to read the next in the series see how all the characters develop....

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## **Frank Atkins says**

Wow, Conflicted on 5th Avenue by Abbie St. Claire is one of the best books I've had the pleasure of reading lately. Ian is a widower who has become too accustomed to sacrificing his wants and needs in order to care for his son. Chelsie is divorced with tons of scars and emotional baggage from the insensitive cloud she had the misfortune of being married to previously. Watching them struggle to reach one another is nothing short of captivating.

This story develops so effortlessly I was knee deep in the twists and turns before I noticed. That coupled with how seamlessly it switched back and forth from each of their viewpoints made it a true pleasure to read. I also was very appreciative of how the sex scenes were written. They were extremely hot but also believable and and relatable for most readers. They engage in some bondage and wax play but he doesn't have his own dungeon or storage shed full of exotic toys.

The Devil gives this book a well deserved 4.5 pitchforks

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## **Vera mallard says**

Handsome Talented Doctor  
Beautiful Next Door Neighbor  
Love And Romance on 5th Avenue

### **STORY LINE:**

Author Abbie St. Claire has created an emotional novel of need, insecurities, and love. Widower Dr. Ian Briggs is raising his son, Oliver, trying to deal with his wife's death, and has a thriving surgical career. He will do anything for his small son including moving from Los Angeles, California to Dallas, Texas to insure his son is longer bullied in school.

Chelsie Peterson, divorced, is raising her son, Ty, with little help from his absent father. She is insecure with her femininity as her ex-husband undermined her emotionally and verbally.

As fate would have it, handsome talented Dr. Briggs buys a house on 5th Avenuel which happens to be two doors from Chelsie. The attraction is hot, steamy, and fast. The problems are many and varied.

Come along as Ian and Chelsie journey through the pitfalls of romance, insecurities, balancing careers, and raising children.

### **CHARACTERS, PLOTTING, AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Ms. St. Claire created a story-line that felt very real. Ian has issues dealing with commitment after his wife's death. He has kept his sexual life separate from his everyday life. Chelsie is devastated when her husband leaves her for a younger woman. She has no self-confidence and is insecure in herself as a woman.

"...You'll want more, and I'll end up disappointing you, and you'll leave just like they all do. The only person I can be true to ---is myself."

Ms. St. Claire skillfully leads Ian and Chelsie through the many pitfalls, misunderstanding, and their children's emotions and brought them through to become independent secure people.

Ms. St. Claire created love scenes that burn and smoke. Ian and Chelsie's sexual attraction was hot, steamy and fast as Ian, a skilled lover, leads Chelsie to understand she is a beautiful, desirable, sexual woman.

"You're beautiful, sexy, and more of woman than I've ever known. One day, you'll believe me when I say it."

The plot and pacing was spot on as Ms. St. Claire brought all the many elements together in this book and created a cohesive story. The story-line kept my attention as I watched Ian and Chelsie come to terms with the issues and situations in their life.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

If you do not like steamy sex scenes, this book may not be for you. I recommend this book for young adults and adults due to sexual content. The story has a bit of a cliff hanger, however book 2 is available and picks up the story-line. This book will appeal to anyone that likes a steamy romance with a good story-line.

I received this book from the author in return for an honest book review.

Books reviews of any novel are dependent on the book review author's opinion; all book reviews on line under my name are my opinion.

#### ABOUT THIS AUTHOR:

Abbie St. Claire is an international best-selling author. She lives in her Houston, Texas and composes her steamy romances in her kitchen.

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### Nicole says

I was given the honor to beta read this book for the author. In return I would give my honest feed back and review.

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## **loves 2 read romance says**

I was gifted a copy of this book for review.

I completely fell in love with this book! The characters have so much depth and the struggles they face feel real.

Ian is a sexy as sin doctor. He is sweet, caring , but with a bit kink. With his son being bullied at school he is struggling to make the right choices. He knows it's time to let go of the memories of his previous life but is striving to make the right choices for his son. So when an opportunity presents itself he moves them to a small town with an old friend and new ones.

Chelsie has a past she is trying to forget. Her only focus is on raising her son she is strong and sweet but has trouble asking for help. When the hot doctor moves into her street his persistence makes it hard to keep a clear head.

This story is wonderful. I absolutely love this community and the complete storyline. I am anxiously awaiting the next installment.

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## **Raecharmed says**

Ian Briggs is a single father trying to raise his son and move forward with his life. His wife died in a accident a few months after their son Oliver was born so he has been on his own with his son from the start. He decides to start seeing a single mom it goes crazy when things end so to protect his son from her bullying son they move. Chelsie Peterson is a single mom trying to start her life over after a nasty marriage and an even nastier divorce. Chelsie's ex killed her self esteem so she is content on her own with her son Ty or so she thought.

Ian Briggs was ready for this fresh start with his son when he sees Chelsie for the first time he is instantly drawn to her. As chance would have it this would not be the only time he runs into her. The neighborhood Ian moves into is a close knit one where people genuinely care about each other and not just in the nosy neighbor way. That's how Ian gets the opportunity to talk to Chelsie for the first time. At first it was just friendship and letting their kids get to know each other but the more time they spend together the deeper the feelings go. When they finally do end up in bed together a misunderstanding leads to Chelsie's self doubts and thinking that maybe her ex was right and she's isn't a good lover.

One misunderstanding... Chelsie ends up having to get hurt physical before she'll give Ian a chance to explain. One she realizes that she jumped to a conclusion she decides that they were moving to fast and need to slow things down. The one thing that neither thought about was how their new relationship would effect the kids. This book really lived up to its title and explored some of the conflicts a single parent goes through when starting over. Ian and Chelsie's chemistry is off the charts. This story will draw you in from page one however there is a cliffhanger this is a first in the series so that is inevitable. I can't wait to start the next book

in this series.

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## Heidi says

\*\*\*\*I was asked by the author to beta read this book and give not only my honest feedback, but my honest review as well\*\*\*\*

Conflicted on 5th Avenue was a richly enchanting tale of learning to trust again after you've been burned by someone you love. Learning to open your heart again after the love of your life is tragically taken away in the prime of life, leaving you with a deep hole inside your heart.

Ian Briggs is still hurting after his wife was killed in an accident, leaving him to raise their son alone. He doesn't have time for the hangups of dating, instead meeting women in hotels for a romp. He wasn't expecting Chelsie Peterson.

Chelsea Peterson has a problem with love: it doesn't exist. What should have been her happily ever after with her husband, turned into a nightmare after she finds out he wasn't being faithful in the least to her. He's not just a bad husband, he's not a great father either.

Ian and Chelsie have to learn to navigate this new feeling of intense passion they have for each other. Ian needs to learn to let the memory of his wife go; Chelsie needs to let go of her insecurities.

This was a beautiful story of learning to let the past go and embrace what the future brings. It was beautifully written, had me in tears at some places, and laughing in others. What I loved the most about the story is how real it felt for me. The feelings of loss, regret, anger, hurt, insecurity, fear of the unknown, and being hopelessly in love with someone who seems a bit intense.

Abbie St. Claire has outdone herself with this book.

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## Melissa Miller-Mattern says

Reviewed for A Wanton Book Lover Blog

Dr. Ian Briggs is a single dad living in California with his young son Oliver, both still revealing from the death of his wife. Ian has casual hook-ups and meetings with women so as to not complicate things; he also wants to protect his son. Ian is offered a job in Texas and decides to relocate hoping the move will be a fresh start for both himself and his son. While viewing houses, Ian sees the most beautiful women he has ever seen and oh, her laugh alone does things to him. He decides that this is the right neighborhood for him. Chelsie Peterson is also a single parent. She divorced her cheating husband but not before he brow-beat her about her sexual skills. She also has a son. Ian begs his new friend and neighbor to set him up with Chelsie but he refuses as the last time him and his wife, also Chelsie's best friend, set her up, it was a disaster. Chelsie and Ian finally get together. There is some confusion after they slept together for the first time and eventually gets ironed out but Chelsie thinks that they should just be friends. This goes on for a while but Ian and Chelsie can't deny their chemistry. Chelsie is in an accident that leads up to some serious health problems. Ian supports her but not before being side-tracked by some potential news that Chelsie was keeping from

him. When the finally wades through all these obstacles, will there still be a relationship to salvage?

I absolutely loved this book! Abbie St. Claire's writing is engaging and realistic. Her characters were easy to relate to and realistic. I couldn't put this book down! I read it over an evening and was left wanting more.

This book does end in a cliffhanger...I wasn't aware of this; I might have let some expletives go because it had a heck of an ending. I can't wait to see if Chelsie and Ian can make the relationship work while meshing their lives together.

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