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"Live your Dreams, Follow your Heart"

Emily Cameron is America's newest figure skating star looking for her own personal identity. Her high profile life was never her dream, it was her parents.

Jeremy Page is a minor league hockey player who always imagined himself playing for the NHL.

A chance encounter has them crossing paths after several years apart. Which way will his heart lead him? Will Emily embrace his charm?

Just when things finally fall into place, an unexpected event occurs leaving Emily reevaluating everything in her life.

Can Emily escape from under her parent's intrusive ways and take a chance on love? Will Jeremy be able to break down the barriers that have held her back for so long?

Book 1 of the Barriers Series. This story does not have a cliffhanger.

**\*\*Mature Subject matter. 18+ due to strong language and sexual situations\*\***

## Frozen Barriers Details

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# From Reader Review Frozen Barriers for online ebook

Christie«SHBBlogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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## Hooked On Books says

This is Sara Shirley's Debut novel Frozen Barriers. I enjoyed Frozen Barriers, it was a slow start but picked up its pace after the first 1/4. It follows the story of Emily who is the new American figure skating champion. Her mother always tried to keep the perfect image for the public's eye. Outside of skating Emily's social life is non-existent, she has no friends, doesn't socialise with the other students at school, she's a recluse and that's the way her mother likes to keep it. Emily felt she was a mere doll her mother played dress up with to keep face and make sure everyone else in the Country Club knew she had money and prestige.

--I'm nothing more than a commodity for my parents to use for their own self worth !

When Emily bumps into a old friend Suzy her life is about to do a huge U turn. Emily starts to realize that her parents hounding her for success, has only ever been a marketing tool for her Daddy's company. Emily then meets Jeremy, a small time league hockey player. Their paths have crossed a few times over the years.

--I've never let anyone into my awful lonely world, that way no one ever gets hurt.

But will he break down her barriers and reach inside for the real Emily he knows is hiding away ! Will Emily be strong enough to take a chance from holding back !

This was a new kind of read for me, I enjoyed the book but didn't love it. The plot of the story was good, but I just felt it lacked something. Emily turned out to be sassy and funny. She had me giggling a few times. Jeremy was.....just Jeremy, I didn't feel any connection with him. I didn't feel any sexiness coming of him. I wanted to pounce on him but sadly it just wasn't there for me.

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## Lustful Literature says

**\*\*BETH'S 3.5 STAR REVIEW\*\***

Frozen Barriers is an enjoyable sweet read about two people who came from different worlds but from a very young age, kept having their paths cross. From the moment Jeremy Page accidentally knocked his skating Princess "Barbie", Emily Cameron, on her butt at the rink, his life would be forever changed. For Emily, according to her parents, skating always came first, she was great at it but was never truly her passion but it was all she ever had known and sadly it was all that she had in her life. That was until Jeremy came into her life again and this time he was going to fight for her and not going to let her go. The only issue now is how can they make it work, just as Emily decides to try and let Jeremy in her life so they can be together, their busy season is just starting. She is heading on the road with all the skating competitions and him as well with the AHL hockey season kicking off and having to be on the road weeks at a time. Although if they are truly

going to make this work, Emily needs to finally break free of her controlling parents and do what she finally wants to do with her life for once.

I really did enjoy the love story between Emily and Jeremy, I am a huge lover of both hockey and ice skating and so a love story between a figure skater and hockey player is something I knew I would truly enjoy. I also enjoyed how their relationship evolved over many years, all starting with a simple accidental bump into each other, and then their paths kept crossing, it was a love that was always meant to be. I really enjoyed both the characters but found that the change in Emily's character went from being "ice queen virgin" figure skater with no friends instantly to sex vixen party girl in the matter of a week or two just didn't work for me, it felt like a complete 180 change that happened way too fast. I really despised her parents and how they controlled her life, the truly came across as people you ask yourself "why did they ever have children" and for Emily to come out on the other side nothing like her parents is absolutely astonishing. I love Grace and Travis, Jeremy's parents, they were the down to earth parents of your friend that always made you feel part of their family.

Although I enjoyed the story of these two, I had a couple of issues with the book. First I found it hard to get into the story in the beginning with it back and forth over a time span 12 years to be a bit confusing and hard to keep track of. Second I found that the numerous times other popular books and book boyfriends were referenced throughout it really took away from the story itself. Overall though it was a great sweet romantic story that I enjoyed and looking forward to book two and see Josh's story.

\*\* I was given a complimentary copy for an honest review

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### **Teresa says**

Loved this book from beginning to end! I loved all the detail and how the story line evolved. Excited to read Hidden Barriers!!! Excellent writing, Sara Shirley!!

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### **Jackie's Book Review says**

Did you ever see the movie Cutting Edge from the early 90's? Well this book so reminded me of that movie, which I really loved because I think I had a little crush on DB Sweeney, like I kinda have a crush on Jeremy in this book. With that said this was a very sweet story and not all bubble gum and candy drops by any means, very enjoyable.

I have to give credit to the author Sara Shirley on her first book which she did a great job on with the storyline in the book. Not that the book is anyway like the movie, it just somehow reminded me like this...Boy comes from a very supportive family with little money of and plays hockey, girl comes from a very establish family very prim and proper and is an ice skater and her dream is to be in the Olympics one day. Both the main characters Jeremy and Emily meet by accident...I mean really by accident because he knocks her down outside of the locker rooms at the rink and Emily is not so liking Jeremy. She see's him as

just a jock of a hockey player.

Enter senior year of high school and what to you have a chance meeting and Jeremy wants to get to know Emily not like they met years earlier. That is not going to happen until later again when Jeremy now playing for a Minor Hockey League and Emily trying out for the Olympics. Was Emily the one that got away from Jeremy years before...Well this time he is so not going to make the same mistake. Get where this is going...

So yes you can meet someone, and then meet them again, and then again and then BAM that's it there is a reason for all these dam meetings it's called fate.

Very enjoyable read.

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### **Bethany says**

No Barriers need to be broken down here. Love will melt these "Frozen Barriers". What a beautiful debut novel!

Jeremy Page. You delicious hunk. Hockey player that rules the ice with a heart of gold. He has a chance run-in, one that will change his heart and his life forever.

I thought from this chance encounter that I was going to hate Emily. I thought maybe she was going to be an "ice queen" at first, but I ended up loving her. She came a long way from "Barbie" to the Emily in the Epilogue. Speaking of...I LOVED THE EPILOGUE! I also loved the appearance of Killer Buzz Float from Strings, so cool to "see" them in action.

This was a beautiful love story. I loved how they both discovered that their dreams they once thought were everything, meant nothing without each other.

Beyond the love, this book also had the right amount of wit. I love realistic banter, it allows me to connect with the characters. Growing up in the area the book is based was also helpful. When some of the "local" words came out I chuckled to myself.

It also had a good cast of secondary characters, including one Josh Page, who I cannot wait to dig into a bit more in Hidden Barriers. I just know that boy has more to offer.

These Page boys have it going on.

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### **Jeannie says**

I absolutely loved this book!

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### **Kristina says**

This debut book by Sara Shirley Frozen Barriers was enticing, passionate and sexy. Emily was born into wealth and pushed to excel in figure skating. Jeremy is a fun loving ambitious hockey player. Watching their lives intertwine was beautiful, complex and addicting. This story had heart and a thoughtful message. Follow your dreams!

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## Three Chicks says

4 Star Review by Jen Skewes

Frozen Barriers is Sara Shirley's debut novel and she did a great job with it. I fell in love with the characters. This is a wonderful love story about learning to stand up for yourself and following your heart and your dreams for yourself.

Jeremy Page has been playing hockey for as long as he can remember. His dream is to play in the NHL but right now he is happy to be playing in the minor leagues and at the same time coaching and teaching the local kids. He comes from a wonderful family. When he was younger he bumped into Emily Cameron, a figure skater who was a few years younger than him. At that moment he knew she was someone that he wouldn't forget, even if he never saw her again.

Emily Cameron is an American figure skater who has been skating since she was a little girl. It has been her parents' dream for her to perform in the Olympics. Emily loves skating and had her own dreams of what she wants to become. But sometimes those dreams seem to get lost when you are doing it because of the pressure from your parents. Her parents dictate her life, when she practices, what interviews she goes on, what image she will portray to the media. She has no real friends and has never experienced the little things in life that most people take for granted. Her life is skating. And it is not so much that her parents want what's best for her. For them it is all about image. They push her way too hard and for most of her life Emily has done what they say. Until she meets Jeremy Page, the man that will break through her barriers and help her to follow her heart and her own dreams.

Jeremy and Emily met back when they were kids at the rink and then again when they were teenagers in high school. For Jeremy he knew there was something special about Emily. And to him she was the girl that got away. Well now they meet again through a mutual friend and Jeremy vows that he is not letting her go this time. There is a connection between the two of them that is so obviously clear to both of them. But Emily is not sure that she can give herself to Jeremy. She cannot give him what he wants and needs. Between her parents, him traveling with his team and her grueling schedule it just won't work. But Jeremy is not giving up and he plans on showing Emily how to live and how much they belong together.

This book was a really sweet and wonderful love story. Jeremy is just hot and sexy and so amazing in every way. He cares for Emily so much and shows her just how much. He gives her so many firsts that she treasures. But he also manages to get her to open herself up a little. He helps her to stand up for herself and follow the dreams that she wants. For all of Emily's life she has done what her parents expected of her. And honestly I felt so bad for the way her mother treated her. But at the same time there comes a point where you just want to yell at Emily and tell her to put her mother in her place. You want Emily to finally live her life the way she wants to. And at some point she does start to open up, does start to defend herself and what she wants. And that has everything to do with Jeremy. She sees how wonderful it is to have a boyfriend who loves her, friends who care about her and Jeremy's family who treats her better than her parents ever did. But with their relationship still comes struggles and they both need to work together to overcome those struggles. No matter what they may be.

This is a fantastic story and one that I loved. There wasn't much drama, or at least drama that you would

expect. It was simply a love story about two people following their dreams, and in the process finding a love that they never thought possible. Excellent job by Ms. Shirley

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### **Alexis says**

“Frozen Barriers” is a true story about breaking down one’s barriers (pun totally intended) and allowing love to find its way in. It’s also about standing up for yourself and not letting people dictate your life.

Emily is a completely sheltered, 21-year old figure skater. She eats, sleeps, and breathes figure skating. Her cold and calculated parents, have made it clear that skating is the most important thing in her life, end of. I really felt bad for her, as she missed out on many things that happen in a young girl’s life, dates, girlfriends, and just being an ordinary teenager. Jeremy is a minor league hockey player who has been in love with Emily for over 8 years when he gave her his number and she promised to call. This was the second time he had met her, the first time was 11. Flash forward to the present where Jeremy and Emily are reunited again and this time he will not let her go. Jeremy and Emily begin to date, but can the pressures of her skating and his hockey keep them apart?

Like I said earlier, I just felt awful for Emily. Her parents were just despicable and cared only about what they could gain from her celebrity. I have to admit I cringed a bit when Emily would refer to her mom as "mother". We are talking about a girl so sheltered that she literally learned about sex and whatnot from reading books and watching YouTube videos. But then, on the other hand she was such a professional when it came to the skating world. I enjoyed how the author made music a huge part of the story. I found myself Googling some of the songs and reading the lyrics. I did have a hard time with the insta-love factor in the book not just on Emily’s side but also with Jeremy. I wish I had been able to feel why these people loved each other so quickly. The supporting characters were a great addition to the story and the next story is about Josh, Jeremy’s brother.

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### **wendy lancto says**

#### **Fantastic**

This is a fantastic book. I loved the story line. Growing up in Massachusetts it brings a lot of memories back of the winters and skating. This is such a good book and it has its share of heartbreak and very happy times. Would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to read it.

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### **Stacia says**

Frozen Barriers, Sara Shirley's debut novel, follows Emily Cameron a professional ice skater who is living her parents dreams of stardom. She longs to live the life she dreams of, but doesn't have the courage to break free.

Jeremy Page, a minor league hockey player who has been in love with Emily for years, hopes to be the one to help Emily chase her dreams. But with many obstacles working against them, they have a hard time

coming together.

Sara did a great job with her debut novel. Frozen Barriers had humor, romance, swoon-worthy characters, and a support cast that could easily branch into additional books.

I would recommend this to readers :)

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### **Yasmine G says**

SO CUTE & COULDN'T STOP READING.  
JAMIE FREAKING DORNAN <3  
LITERALLY DIED.

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### **~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says**

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Wow this one surprise this one was. It was heavy on the details but once I just tucked in and got lost in the story I was able to overlook how long it was. I just simply loved how meaningful the relationships were and how I was able to watch this couple fall in love , learn how to stay in love and above all else learn how to love themselves.

It's hard sometimes to find refreshing and sweet romances. I need those more and more lately. So many



books are dark and painful. While there was some moments of angst in this story , it wasn't overwhelming. The characters learned from their mistakes and owned up to them. I loved Jeremy. He was just so sweet and possessive. I adored how much he respected women and how he did everything in his power to convince Emily that she needed to be able to fight for her dreams.

I look forward to more from this author. Josh's story is going to be one I can't wait to read.

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**✿kawehi.reviews says**

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