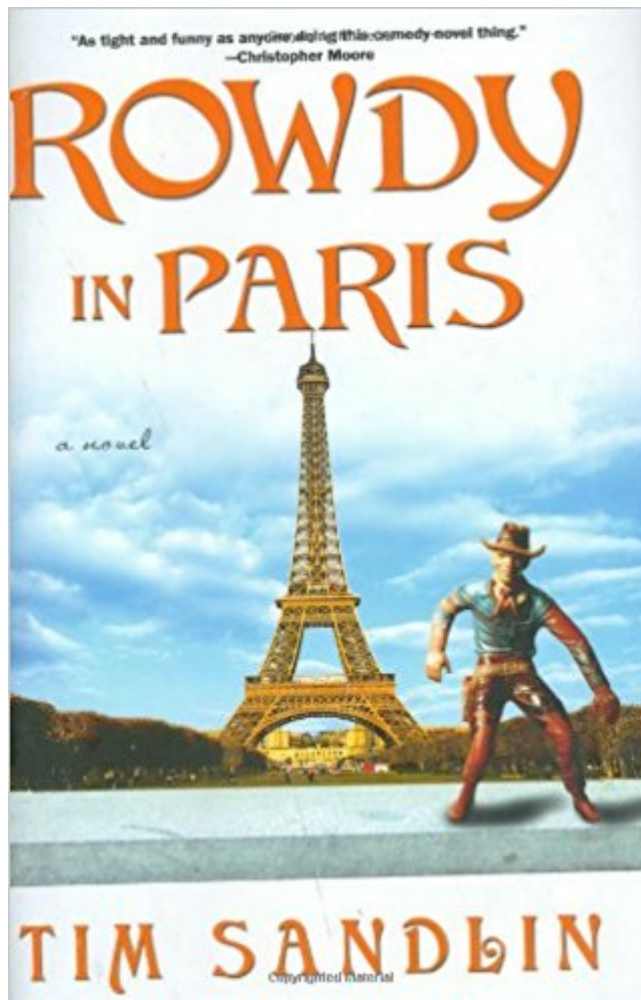




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Rowdy In Paris



Synopsis

From the great *Tim Sandlin* comes *Rowdy in Paris*, the comic novel Larry McMurtry hails as "a delight: lively, freewheeling, surprising, vivid. And funny." When Rowdy Talbot loses his silver belt buckle, the prize for winning the Crockett County bull-riding championship, to two Frenchwomen he met in a bar, he hops on a plane to the City of Light to get it back, only to tangle with disaffected French revolutionaries, a turquoise-peddling CIA operative, a middle-aged courtesan, and a plot to destroy an American fast-food franchise. As Rowdy discovers in the chaos, there's a whole other world beyond the back of a bull.

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"If you read only one book this year about a sawed-off bull rider looking for a stolen buckle...make it this one." —Sarah Bird, author of *Weightless*

"You read it as though your life depends upon it... You laugh until your stomach aches. It's truly that funny...It's Sandlin at his best." —Mark Spragg, author of *The Fruit of the Stone*

"You might split your gut laughing." —Library Journal

"There's at least a laugh a page." —W. P. Kinsella, author of *Shoeless Joe*

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Tim Sandlin is the author of the *GroVont* trilogy; *Skipped Parts*, *Sorrow Floats*, and *Social Blunders*; as well as *Western Swing*, *Sex and Sunsets*, and *Honey Don't*. He is also the

author of a collection of columns from the Jackson Hole News called The Pym: Unauthorized Tales of Jackson Hole. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I confess I always like Sandlin, even when he's off kilter. This book I loved though, it's no half-measure from a half-hearted writer. Rowdy is all-in, chasing a French philosophy major to Paris to get back the prize-winner belt buckle he took at a rodeo. Lots of sex, plenty of humor, Wyoming with a nasal inflection and french food. Unlikely situations but familiar and funny characters. Best he's written since Sex and Sunsets, for my money.

The greatest strength of this novel is the voice and point of view of its narrator and protagonist Rowdy. Sandlin has done a wonderful job of creating a persona whose dry wit and pigheadedness creates much of the humor in this text. Rowdy's logic can be ridiculously close minded one minute and amazingly tolerant and wise the next. It is this character's contradictory nature and his uncomplicated view on life that gives this novel its innate charm. Tim Sandlin is a gifted storyteller, and his writing has moments of sheer brilliance. You might be reading a chapter with a ridiculous plot element and all of a sudden stumble upon a line that stops you cold with its depth and singular power. This happened to me numerous times while reading this book, and I for one appreciate a text that has literary elements AND moments of simple "fun". Be prepared for an ending that is more touching than the reader will be primed for. The situation that Sandlin creates between Rowdy and his son Tyson rings very true, as I know people who have found themselves in very similar circumstances. The reality of that subplot is actually uncomfortable and painful at times because of its harsh authenticity. Overall "Rowdy in Paris" is a worthwhile and enjoyable read. Buy it. Maybe it will convince Mr. Sandlin's publishers to put more of his books back into print.

Good read and having been a bull rider for a (short) while, loved the references to the profession and to the Wyoming mindset. I live in Wyoming.

Great book. Quick read, funny, easy to put down and get right back into it.

The name says it all! A funny, laugh out loud story about a cowboy from Wyoming named Rowdy, but when he follows his championship buckle to Paris, his adventure is nothing short of a rowdy time. With crazy sexual encounters, fights with anti-establishment people and even a little bit of love, eventually the reader sees the extent a man would go to to re-establish the relationship with a child.

With witty one liners and self-evident truths, Rowdy learns a little about life and love and how to grow.

Very funny novel with lots of cowboy philosophy. Young bull rider spends his last dollars to fly to Paris, France to recover his stolen rodeo championship belt buckle. Why? To give it to his young son who lives with his ex-wife. Why? So the kid won't be brain-washed by his mother when she tells the boy that his father never amounted to anything. Along the way Rowdy learns more about life and love.

Full of crazy antics and strange sexual encounters. Sandlin has created a modern day western tale where code of the west meets French political tirades. Rowdy is a man on a mission and nothing is going to get in his way not even fanatic French revolutionaries, hippy cab drivers nor plotting bi-sexuals. Sandlin presents a wide cast of cooky characters at times witty and other times out of their minds. A fun read for anyone looking for an unusual adventure.

If you've ever read a Tim Sandlin novel, you know exactly what to expect here: an oddly delightful combination of deeply flawed central characters, offbeat, bizarre and unlikely scenarios, and startlingly keen insight into the human condition. Rowdy Talbot, a down on his luck 3-times divorced (to the same woman) 30-year-old bull rider, finally wins a competition through sheer dumb luck. His reward is a championship belt buckle which he wants to give to his estranged son. On the night of his victory, he meets and has a crazy sexual encounter with 2 young French college students. When he wakes up the next morning, his buckle is gone, and, without any internal debate, decides to go to Paris to get it back. Shenanigans ensue. Sandlin writes Rowdy with a unique and often hysterical voice, always confident and loaded with self-evident truth (literally). Newcomers to this author's work may be a bit put off by the very frank nature of the sex descriptions and the often jumpy scene shifts, but taken as a whole it's immensely enjoyable. For example, in one chapter Rowdy and a woman are having a moving discussion about emotional longing in afterglow, and then in the next one Rowdy is beating bad guys senseless with a gigantic dildo and getting thrown out of a window. Somehow it works, and Sandlin should be praised for that. Rowdy in Paris is a relatively short read, but what it lacks in length it makes up for with wit and heart. It may not have the emotional heft of his epic decade-spanning GroVont series of novels (Skipped Parts: A Novel (GroVont Trilogy) , Sorrow Floats: A Novel (GroVont Trilogy) , Social Blunders: A Novel (GroVont Trilogy) and Lydia , but it's just as memorable. Definitely worth a read!

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