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Hailey Starr seeks refuge at the Rydell River Resort in the wake of her bitter divorce and from the ensuing hatred she receives from her daughter and her confused, hurt son. While her ex honeymoons with his new wife, Hailey decides not to care. She intends to recapture some of what she lost over the tumultuous years preceding the breakdown of their family. She chooses that place because it has no distractions except the sun and total relaxation. Then her daughter decides she's going to sleep with a man. Hailey's only true line of defense lies in her daughter's quarry. Joey Rydell is a decent guy who emphatically rejects her daughter's attention, but he doesn't turn Hailey down. Flustered and shocked by his irrational interest, Hailey fears it will do nothing but inflame her already rebellious daughter.

Joey Rydell moved back to River's End after years of being in the Army. Back for good now, he runs the Rydell River Resort, and consequently, deals directly with the guests. The woman who catches his eye, however, isn't the one that anyone could have predicted, including Hailey.

But all of that drama ceases to matter when the entire valley bursts into an out of control brush fire. The hot, dry summer fuels a fire bigger than anything anyone has ever seen. Erratically roaring through the valley, it destroys everything in its path. Joey is again called to duty to extinguish much more than just the stark miles that are charred in its wake. Fire augments the end to the loves and lives of the Rydells. Their destiny is in turmoil after being nurtured and groomed unlike any other family. Can they survive the somber aftermath of the Armageddon-like destruction? What if there is nothing left of the ranch? Is it the lifeblood of the Rydells? Or are the Rydells the lifeblood of River's End?

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Mary Fazzi says

Who knew you could find courage to start over at a ranch. Hailey needed an escape from the news and life of her ex husband getting remarried and the kids weren't invited to see it. Hailey has her hands full with Brianna and Jacob. Brianna is a 15 year old who is acting out due to everything not being like it use to. Now her parents aren't together and her dad is married to another. Joey Rydell was still hot looking and no one really thought he had it in him but one look at Hailey and he wanted her. The more they got to know each other the more he was ready for her. Hailey is still dealing with the life she once had and really always put her kids first, but she fell for Joey even tho the age played a part of her not wanting to. When everything is falling apart a huge fire happens and you have to think differently about the out comes and what is there to lose and can you deal with it. It was a great book.

Lisa Gallant says

I love this series more and more with each book.. Joey bac' from army and run the ranch resort ..Haley at the ranch with her kids to try and bond after her divorce and with her ex getting married and not wanting the kids there ...they started on a rough side a bit...but you could feel the connection and chemistry between them. for Haley there a age gape that bother her a bit and there that her daughter has a crush on Joeywill they be to overcom everything or not ...hurry buy this book it a must read book. You won't regret

Kitty Moon says

The continuing saga of the Rydells gets better and better. This episode focuses on Joey Rydell. After a stint with the Army, he's back on the homestead helping to manage the ranch resort the family has established. Hailey Starr checks in with her kids in the hopes of getting away from the turmoil of a bitter divorce and her ex's wedding to the girlfriend who was almost half his age. Hailey's under-aged daughter has it in her head to seduce Joey who tries to fend her off in favor of her mother. Hailey is battling her attraction to the much younger man while trying to preserve the already fragile relationship she has with her wayward daughter. Then wildfires break out and it becomes the worst disaster emotionally and economically in history for everyone in River's End.

This story deals with what happens to many families dealing with divorce. It's an emotional and in depth look into broken hearts and disillusionment of children's perceptions. Then the wildfires disaster is so spot on detailed it was frightening how much it brought me up close and personal to it. The attentions to details are so thorough. This author writes the most intensely real stories I feel I'm right in the middle of it all, experiencing every emotion, smelling the smoke, and crying along with them. I truly love reading this author. I really loved this book. Truly each story in this series is better than the last it seems.

Rebecca Austin says

Hailey Starr decides to take a vacation with her two kids, Brianna and Jacob, to Rydell River Ranch when her ex-husband, Brent, gets remarried. She is ready to start over and hopes this is the place to get them all ready for their new lives.

Joey Rydell has grown up a lot over the past few years and is ready to take his place at the ranch helping out and running his own programs for the visitors. When Joey sees Hailey he realizes he is interested but knows she had a lot to deal with at the moment.

Joey must convince Hailey that their age gap is not a big deal and they can enjoy each other on vacation. But when Hailey begins having trouble with Brianna will she reach out to Brent for help and will it cost her Joey?

When a large lightening storm hits the valley and fires begin will the ranch survive?

This was such a good book and I loved seeing a different Joey!

Hailey was great and I completely understood what she was going through with her children and caught between being a stable parent for them and moving on with her own life. It was obvious how much Brianna was hurting and needing attention by the way she threw herself at Joey.

Joey was awesome and I loved the change in him from the first book to this one. He was so much more responsible and not out partying every night.

I liked that Joey was able to convince Hailey to give him a chance and show her that he was good for her. I was so mad at Brent for accusing Joey of the things he did without even talking to Hailey first.

The fire was so sad and heartbreaking. I hated that Joey had to go off and fight it and I can't believe so much was destroyed. I know that the series can't end soon as I need them to fix everything!!

My heart broke for Ben and it really sounded like Marcy may have been cheating on him in my opinion.

I am hoping Joey and Hailey can keep it working as there really needs to be some positivity for the family but I am so happy they are all back together!

Lori says

It was a bit hard for me at first because I'm not really a fan of older women and younger men romances but Joey and Hailey's love story made up for it. There was so much in this book that I couldn't help but to keep reading and I couldn't stop. From Hailey and her daughter drama to her ex-husband and Joey coming a long way with his family. The fire was what made me keep reading the most because in a strange way you come to know these characters and care about what happens to them. I can't wait for Charlie's story!

Gretchen Chasse says

An angst, emotional read that pulls at the heart. Hailey is running from an ugly divorce that has left her and

her kids reeling. Wanting a new start Rydell River Resort seems like just the place but nothing is ever easy. Struggling to reinvent herself Hailey captures the interest of Joey Rydell. Joey has returned after serving in the Army and it helping at the Rydell Resort. But to complicate matters Hailey's daughter shows an interest in Joey for herself. This book is packed full of family dynamic and second chances, another great book in the series.

Amy Crull says

You know i had every intentions to write a bad review because I really got tired of Hailey's issues. I realize that when you're almost 40, freshly divorced and haven't addressed the issues with your kids, things can be tense and even more issues including acting out like a slut can happen. Hailey has her hands full with her oldest daughter. This was some of issues i had in this book. Hailey was hooked on age difference, her husbands new wife who was close to Joey's age and the fact that her daughter hit on him. She constantly brought it up until it finally Joey had enough. I didn't feel like they had a good connection. Their meetings were usually talking things that happened before like her failed marriage and her daughter. I felt like it was i don't know. While I felt like this, I stayed to see things come out in the open and hearts begin to heal. Things was all before the Rydells lost everything and my heart broke even more. I had so many tears, my heart felt their lost and heartache. It was devastating to say the least. That last part really opened my eyes to see how much Hailey and Joey love and respect each other. I can't wait to read the next book to see how they rebuild and start over.

Jami Kehr says

Heartbreaking

Not gonna lie.. the age thing did bug me out at first. I've never been into the whole cougar relationships. Not that I'm against it but it's just not my cup of tea.

I was bummed that Joeys story was this buuut it grew on me. Joeys maturity really made up for the age and Haileys background helped warm me up to her.

The ending had me sobbing. Once again I'm 100% going to recommend this book!

Robyn Washington says

River on Fire is an amazing story of loss, second chances, first loves, rebirth. The youngest Rydell brother has taken a long time to grow up and find his place in the family, such a true plot of so many in today's society. Then the triangle of Hailey arriving and the older woman syndrome and the daughter having a crush on the guy who likes her mom, which is a hard plot to write about. So many twists to the ory. My heroine is the mom, Haillie however bcause as a mom trying to win back the respect of her kids and the tragedy of the ranch ceated bonds that drew Hallie and Rydell together. Life happens like that, good book, but a little too many twists to deal with. Love her angles and love stories, the impossible to meet tthe possible. The only

part that was troublesome to me was the daughter having a crush on the man that her mom ended up with, a bit too much in the book. I love how she described the fire, and it lets me know she can enter the unknown and share with her readers. Good book. I gave it a 4.

Gina Marie says

Not quite a HEA

This is a tough book to rate, Joey and Hailey have a rocky start, middle and even a bit of a rocky ending. Yes they fall in love, but they have so many obstacles to overcome and a long distance relationship doesn't really equate happily ever after to me. The fire is heartbreaking and I enjoyed the way the family pulls together. However they have such a long way to go. I'm really hoping the next book is more uplifting and sees Joey and Hailey actually together, sharing a life together like they deserve.

Heather says

River of Fire follows the story of Joey Rydell, the youngest brother. It has taken Joey a long time to grow up and find his place in the family. He's come back from the army and matured but had to find a way to interact with Jack, his brother, but more a father to Joey since he raised him as his own when their parents died. Also Joey has a reputation with the ladies, having a drop dead gorgeous face and never wanting more than a fling he hasn't been taken seriously. That is until Hallie arrives at the resort, a recent divorcee with 2 teenage children. Over a decade older than Joey but the first woman Joey has had feelings for. Unfortunately Hallie's daughter has a massive crush on Joey and is acting out and Hallie is struggling to come to terms with the age gap. Enjoyed this story and really felt for Hallie throughout and then tragedy strikes the ranch which affects the entire family.

Missie Jones says

Heartbroken & Sadly Disappointed

This is a hard review to write.

First I'd like to state that I love this series. Every single book. However I can not give this book 5 stars even though Leanne Davis's storyline ripped my heart out and I had to stop reading a few times because of all the tears. That part, that continues on with the families I have grown to love was excellent writing and does deserve 5 stars. What I did not enjoy was Joe's love story. Just no. This 25 year old young man is supposed to fall in love with a 38 year old woman Hailey. Maybe. But it happens so fast in only a few weeks, with her constantly being whiney about their ages....ugh. I so looked forward to when Joey finally grew up and found true love like all his brothers. I don't know what I wanted but it was not this. A few ideas were : A strong young lady to put him in his place and he falls in love. Or maybe for him to realize someone else he used before, is the one and he has to prove himself to make up for the bullshit. Anything but what I got. I honestly skipped a lot of pages because of the insistent whining and the love scenes were not believable. I was not emotionally moved at all.

Soooo do I still recommend this? Yes I do. Why? Because of the rest of the family. What happens. Just be prepared with a box of tissues.

The grammar is 5 stars.

This is an adult read with detailed bedroom scenes.

Karie Gibson says

The fire that destroyed and brought them together

This book was one of my favorites of the series. Joey was so much more than everyone have him credit for. Hailey was newly divorced and dealing with her angry children. She didn't ever intend on finding love and definitely with someone so much younger.

The fire that threatens the Rydell's legacy will draw them all closer and form bonds like never before.

Jacqueline J says

Darn it, I really wanted to like this. I've totally been enjoying this series but this one fell totally flat. I felt absolutely no heat between the hero and heroine and totally didn't see why they loved each other. The author certainly didn't show me any cool interesting scenes of them falling in love. The most interesting part of the book was the fire. It was pretty well described. Darn well here's hoping the next one will be back up to par.

Claire M says

The best one yet with proper page turning suspense!

I was in so much suspense with this book, as the title and prologue suggest there is a life changing fire at the Rydell Ranch but I kept turning page after page with intrepidation thinking is it going to happen now!

Joey has always been the least responsible Rydell and nothing much was ever expected of him! His brothers had a new found respect for him when he returned more sensible mature,

Hailey is a mum of two who has recently been divorced and has taken her kids on vacation to the ranch while their dad is off getting remarried.

When they meet Joey knows it could be something more than what he has ever had but Hailey is quick to put their feelings aside for her hang ups about age difference!

Will they be able to put the difference behind them or will they break them?

Will the Rydells come out of the fire as one or will they not be able to pick up the pieces?
