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Green Beret Reid Steele needs a new career ASAP. After a knee injury permanently sidelines him from his dream job, Reid heads home to the mountains of Steele Ridge to regroup, but small-town life isn't cutting it for a man accustomed to action. When sexy boutique owner Brynne Whitfield captures his attention, Reid thinks he's found the perfect distraction from boredom.

The last thing recently-dumped Brynne is interested in is another fast-talking man who will break her heart and dismiss her like yesterday's trash. Even if Reid Steele's body does make her yearn for things she knows are as bad for her as hot fudge sundaes.

When Brynne's closest friend is murdered and she's also targeted, Reid can't resist the lure of action and goes on a hunt for answers to disturbing questions. But can he protect her from a cold-blooded killer—and win her battered heart?

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Bette Stanek says

This is book #3 in the Steele Ridge series, but the second full-length book. The first, Steele Ridge: The Beginning, is a very short novella that gives an introduction to how the whole Steele Ridge project got started. The second, Going Hard, is the story of Grif, second oldest in the Steele clan. This one is Reid's story. He's a washed up Green Beret, his words, who is at loose ends. He never thought he'd return to Canyon Ridge, now Steele Ridge, for any length of time. He certainly never planned on settling down there. Heck, he never planned on settling down anywhere. But due to a knee injury, his military career is over and he's got to figure out where his life is going. In the meantime, the Baby Billionaire has bought the whole darn town and needs Reid to help build a training center for law enforcement. It's not a question of whether or not he can; it's a question of whether or not he wants to.

Brynne is fresh off of a divorce and has returned home to Steele Ridge. She's opened up a high-end boutique and is trying to get her life back together. She's devised a five-year plan which doesn't include a male anywhere. Nope, she's done with that. She's going to concentrate on herself and her business. There's only one male she really has an interest in and that's her best friend since elementary school, Nelson. It's strictly platonic. Now that she's back home she's able to spend quality time with him. Until he's shot in front of her store. In front of her. Now he's on life support, all sorts of strange things are happening, and she's caught in the middle of it all.

In this one, the action begins almost from the very beginning. Reid and Brynne know of each other, but don't really know each other. Reid is six years older and they never ran in the same crowd when they were in Steele Ridge. The sarcasm between the Steele siblings is top notch and you can't help but laugh. You also can't help but envy a family like that. The town is small with all the charms a small town has. It has its share of busybodies which makes it all the more fun. This is a sweet story mixed in with some drama and suspense.

Shaly says

Again, the whodunit aspect of this story was the most intriguing part, though Reid pursuing Brynne as hard as he did was funny as hell. Everyone thought he was this loud mouth bad ass with no brain to mouth filter but he was actually really sweet, really outspoken but sweet nonetheless.

I am curious about one thing, what is up with Jonah's twin, Micki? This is already book three and she has only been mentioned like once in each book, each sibling acts like she doesn't even exist, like its only the four brothers and Evie. What the heck is all the mystery about this particular sister?

Dawn says

Living Fast, Book 3 in the Steel Ridge series was awesome! There were so many elements to make you want to keep turning the pages. Reid's family is very funny, there was murder, mayhem, and mystery, and Reid and Brynn's romance was sizzling hot. Add in some heartache with the death of Brynn's best friend, and

again when she finds out the truth, and still more with Reid, and you have another necessary element to every great romance. There were surprises all through the book. Just when I thought I had it figured out it twisted and turned again. I really liked how Adrienne developed Reid's character and showed that he could be sensitive and loving, and still be the hot tough guy. I really enjoyed Reid and Brynn as a couple, and look forward to reading the other books in the series.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

Leigh Sonnekus says

****Possible Spoiler****

I loved Reid - sexy, cocky alpha male. Brynne grew on me. The suspense was good, kept me turning the pages. But the romance side of things was a bit slow and it ended with no words of love or anything being exchanged - it was a happy ending, don't get me wrong, but there was room for the relationship to have been more of a focus throughout the book and I felt cheated in a way

K. Ryner says

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Gail says

This is a fun loving romance story with a touch of suspense. Reid who was a Green Beret and loved being one has to give it up because of his knee injury. So while trying to decide what to do next with his life he decides to pursue Brynne. Let the excitement and fun begin. It is a fast paced and fun read.

Clarie Giselle Mercado says

Frustrated

This story had potential but fell flat. This book was suppose to be about ppl in their 20's and 30's but read more teenagers. And extremely repetitive. I don't need to hear about your five year plan or that Reid smile. Nor every chapter is it necessary to mention how your ex husband made you feel. Not to mention the incessant need for the hero in this story to repeat his need to leave his home town. We get it!! The ending sucked. And this story was pure lust and some misplaced suspense. Deleted!!!

Bobbie says

Living Fast is the third book in this series, with each book being written by a different author. All 4 books

are about a town in NC called Steele Ridge. Each book is about a different Steele Brother. I have not read the other books, but this is a standalone and it was easy to figure out all the characters. I have loved most of Adrienne Giordano's work so was pleased to be able to read this ARC for an honest review. The book is well written, and the primary characters as well as the secondary ones are pretty well formed. This book is about Reid Steele who is a Green Beret with a bum knee so he is back home with the family and wondering what to do next in his life. He wanted to be a Green Beret but didn't want a desk job and yet because of his knee could no longer do active duty. Britt is a young woman who has gone through a divorce and has a self image problem because of her ex husband. Britt and Reid fall for each other but his indecision about whether to stay in Steele Ridge is a serious handicap. In fact, I got really tired of his indecision. I wanted to jerk him up and tell him to get a grip! I actually really liked Britt's character and thought she had really grown up since her Ex had done such a number on her self esteem. This is a good old fashioned HEA with a great plot. Ms. Giordano is known for her great stories and she did a fine job with this one. Now I think I have to go read the rest of the series. I read this book voluntarily for an honest review! It was a fun read!

Amy says

Living Fast by Adrienne Giordano is a fast paced enjoyable romantic novel filled with suspense and humor. Reid Steele is still struggling with what to do with his life, he misses being a Green Beret and the adrenaline rush that goes with it. Enter Brynne a young woman with her own business who got out of a marriage to an overbearing man. Reid is falling under her spell, but he has definitely met his match. Another sexy Steele brother, and intrigued to read the next book Loving Deep in this series.

Lisa Jahnke says

I was given this book as an ARC for a honest review. This was my first book by Adrienne Giordano, but it will not be my last!!

This book is the third book in a new series, Steele Ridge. The Steele brothers steal the show - these are some fun and sexy guys!! This book is about Reid, an ex-Beret (because of a knee injury), who is back in his home of Steele Ridge trying to figure out what to do with the rest of his life. His brother, Jonah, has plans to build a training facility for police officers and he wants Reid to run it. Reid has no plans to stay in Steele Ridge, but then he sees the beautiful Brynne and the plans he had to leave may have just changed. Brynne is coming out of a bad marriage and just wants to start a new life and she has no intention of getting involved with another man for at least five years (this is her "five year plan"), but will this plan change when Reid enters the picture?

Reid is a protector and "busy body" (you'll have to read the book to find out what I mean) and there have been some strange things happening in the quiet town of Steele Ridge and Reid just can't help himself but get involved. Brynne's best friend is murdered and Reid goes into protective mode when it comes to Brynne. As Reid and Brynne become closer, the plans they thought that they had become blurred.

The story has suspense, humor and love. The small town feel is what I loved best about this book. The banter between the brothers just makes you laugh out loud. I don't have brothers, but if I did, I would have wanted them to be just like the Steele brothers. The one thing that I did not get enough of in this book was heat between Reid and Brynne. I like a little more loving in my stories, but that's just me. With that being said,

the book was FABULOUS and I cannot wait to read the rest of the series.

Becky Burciaga says

Ms Giordano has once again capitalized on her gifted writing and expanded upon the Steele brothers' characters to put her own unique spin on the story. The humor, wry banter, the dialog that wavers between hilarity and serious, is all interwoven together to seamlessly create a truly enjoyable romance, interlaced with suspense, a bit of mystery and just the right amount of angst.

There is one thing I can say about Reid Steele...in the simplest of terms...he's quite a character. He's out there in his self confidence, goes after what he wants, nothing gets in his way, and he's a gorgeous hunk of man! But, he's met his match in Brynne, she has no problem telling him no...while she's falling under his spell. She was shooting him down left and right, trying to stick to her "no men five year plan". With his self confidence (through the roof... no conceit, just fact), he knew he could chip away at her a little bit at a time and break down her barriers. Between the two of them, this is one entertaining story.

I've enjoyed every book by Ms Giordano that I've read to date, and this one is no different. I'll continue to seek out her books as I know, I'll always be entertained...finding it hard to put down the book, late at night, before the story ends.

This book was provided by the author for my honest review.

Jane says

Fantastic!!

This is my favorite so far in the Steele Ridge series! Reid is looking for some direction in his life after being discharged from the service. Brynne is newly divorced and has no interest in men for at least 5 yrs. Needless to say that plan goes terribly wrong once she meet Reid! LOL! This story was exciting, intriguing and kept me on the edge of my seat. It also has funny parts that will have you laughing out loud! This story is the whole package if your a lover of romantic suspense.

Cynthia says

I am very excited with this new series from four authors I could hardly wait for them to be out. I decided to start off reading this one it was hard to pick which one to read first. Each author brings so much to this series if "Living Fast" is anything to go by what a series this is going to be. Ms. Giordano brings such wonderful characters with a unique twist that only she has. This was a little different than she has written before which makes it a freshen read. This is a very fast pace suspenseful read that had me holding my breath on the edge of my seats at the drive by shooting to the romance and everything in between.

Reid is very frustrated he is unable to keep the career he was trained for getting an injury he has to leave the Green Beret. Now he is stuck in his little home town where he doesn't want to be. I found him to be a very

exciting character knowing what he wants and going after it. Sexy as sin what a hunk of a man.

Brynne is looking forward to coming home to the small town she is raised in. She isn't looking and doesn't want a man. With one marriage behind her she isn't looking to making that two. This was a very interesting character she has no trouble standing on her own two feet. She cuts the sexy Reid down every chance she gets putting him in his place or the place she feels he should be. The trouble is he isn't staying in his place which is driving her crazy. She is bent on keeping to her 5 year plan of no man he is bent on bending her to his will. What a lovely bend it will be.

I know when I pick up one of Ms Giordano book I will be highly entertained and very invested with the characters. She brings such live to her readers that you almost feel you are part of the story. She gives you very vivid detail that you have no trouble picking the scenes as they unfold. This author always hooks me from the first page to the last. I really enjoyed reading this and can't wait for the rest of the series to find out how each author throws their own twist on each brother. I love the thrills and excitement this author brings to her books. I have trouble waiting for the next book to come out.

Tamara says

Love It

I am a sucker for a military hero come home because his career is cut short. The fact that he found purpose because his baby bro pushed him to take a role in a new venture was so awesome. The fact that he found and helped a women become her stronger more confident self supporting her through trauma and turmoil was just that much better.

Loved this book as much as last in series. Definitely recommend the read

Amy R says

Living Fast is a different type book than I was used to from Adrienne Giordano. While most of her books are romantic suspense with a mystery to solve and we are engrossed in the details of the case along with some great romance, Living Fast is more of a contemporary romance with mystery and suspense elements to me. It really focused more on the characters in the story rather than the suspense plot. While Giordano has a smartass, cocky hero in her book her heroine was more self conscious. The dynamic between the two was heart warming to read about. Living Fast is the third book in the series, and while it can be read as a stand alone, I am very intrigued to go back and read The Beginning, Going Hard and then Loving Deep when it comes out. This promises to be an exciting series.