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## From Reader Review Hot Zone for online ebook

### **Kris Woltzen says**

Elle James did a wonderful job with this book the characters are well developed thought out storyline and a whole lot of chemistry. Trace and Olivia tried to fight that chemistry but couldn't. Trace is working with the department of homeland security to figure of some things that are going on in the mountains and Olivia is home to take care of the family ranch after her dads sudden passing that she learns later on it wasn't an accident. The story between Olivia and Trace is wrapped up at the end of this book but the mystery goes on til the next...I don't like to give spoilers in my reviews so I will go no further...Wonderful job Elle James can't wait for the next.

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### **Yvonne says**

I really loved this book. If you like an engaging storyline, strong , complex main characters, unresolved murder, suspense , bad guys, hunky military guys, and romance, this is the perfect book for you. The main characters are Trace "Hawkeye " Walsh, and Olivia "Liv" Dawson. Liv has returned to her fathers Montana ranch upon his death. She meets Hawkeye who is an Army Ranger sniper on loan to Homeland Security. He's part of a team trying to find out what's happening in the area which is suspected to be the bed of an anti-government group. The secondary characters are interesting and make this story a page turner. Another winner by this talented author. I was gifted this copy. The opinions expressed are solely my own.

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### **Lynn Brooks says**

The continuing mystery in the Ballistic Cowboys series picks up with a vengeance in this latest installment! I'm really enjoying this series and looking forward to more to come.

Army ranger Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh is spending some time in Montana working on a task force to figure out what's been going on around the town of Stone Creek when he inadvertently causes an accident that puts Olivia Dawson's ranch foreman out of commission for awhile. He offers to step in and help her out, and the timing is perfect because strange things are happening all around her ranch!

Olivia came back to town to take over the ranch when her father was murdered recently. She's not going to let whoever is trying to get their hands on her property win. As they spend time working the ranch and the dodging the dangerous situations that keep popping up, Trace starts to wonder how he will ever be able to make himself walk away from her when this is all over.

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### **Amanda says**

Guys, you have to read Hot Zone by Elle James! It is captivating and breathless from beginning to end. Danger abounds and keeps you on the edge of your seat while the hot, delicious romance between the main characters adds that extra spice to keep things flowing smoothly. Trace is sexy, broody and smart. And his protective nature makes him special. Olivia is his perfect match. She is stunning and strong as well, however, beneath her tough girl exterior is a woman who will make any man melt! In the end all I can say is that this story is a wild, thriller of a ride and the quest to bring justice is top priority!

Highly Recommended

5 Stars

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### **Tracy Quoka says**

I received this book as an ARC for an honest review. Romantic suspense is one of my favorite genres. And this book fit the bill. Travis "Hawkeye" Walsh is an Army ranger on loan to the DHS because of some odd happenings in a small town of Grizzly Pass, Wyoming. A motor vehicle crash puts him in the path of Olivia "Liv" Dawson, back home to take over the ranch after her father's unexpected death. Initially thought to be an accident, but many people are questioning if that's what really happened.

I liked the book a lot, Liv drove me a bit nuts. I get being the strong independent woman, (just ask my husband); However she took it a bit to the extreme. Not one of the men were trying to belittle her ability to run the ranch, but were concerned for her safety. And sorry you claim over and over again that you can protect yourself, but yet only carry your pistol when you're on your ranch. Not in town when you may need it? That is my only problem with this book and kept me from giving it more stars.

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### **Sandra says**

The third book in the Ballistic Cowboy series by Elle James, "Hot Zone" continues the saga of who is behind the recent murders in Grizzly Pass, Montana but we still don't know why. This book involves Army ranger Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh and ranch owner, Olivia Dawson who just buried her father. Descriptive phrasing of the physical setting is well done and the main characters are fairly well fleshed out, although more so on Hawkeye than on the character of Liv. There is some suspense and tension but the "sizzle" is missing. Even though the love scenes are descriptive they're lacking in real heat. I read books one and two in the series so the letdown from this one surprised me. Not sure I can articulate "why," just that it didn't quite get the job done for me.

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### **A. H. says**

Hot Zone is a great book. It's filled with adventure, murder, romance, ranching , intrigue, and of course-military hotties. What makes this book fun for me is that it's realistic; everything that happens is "possible". It's down to earth gritty action. Basically, something is wrong in Grizzly Pass and this book in the series focuses on Liv and her ranch's part in the mystery. Hawkeye, an Army Ranger, enters the story with a bang (literally, he is chasing a man on an ATV who just attempted to plant a bomb) and soon finds himself on Liv's ranch to help and protect her. Hawkeye also has to make a life decision, reenlist in the Army or try to make a new life for himself-possibly with Liv on her ranch permanently. One of my favorite scenes is where

Liv "accidentally" catches him in the shower and gets an eyeful of naked Ranger- \*oops\* :) Overall this is a fun book and my favorite type to read-it has a satisfying personal ending and leaves room in the unresolved overall storyline for more adventure (and of course military hotties)!

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### **Margie says**

Hot Zone is the third book in Elle James' Ballistic Cowboys series. This story follows along with the overarching theme of Homeland Security running an investigation in Grizzly Pass, WY searching for suspected terrorists. In Target Zone Army Ranger, Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh is on temporary assignment with DHS to aid in the investigation. He is assigned to protect rancher Olivia Dawson on whose ranch suspected illegal activity is occurring. I love how this author arranges the meeting of hero and heroine and the almost instant attraction she portrays so well.

This story is fast-paced, sizzlin' hot and full of suspense. I highly recommend this book!

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### **ButtonsMom2003 says**

Full of mystery and suspense!

Hot Zone is the third book in the Ballistic Cowboys series. Each story can be read as a standalone – the storyline for each couple is resolved – but the underlying mystery won't be concluded until the fourth and final story (expected in July). Elle James gives you enough information that you aren't lost if you haven't read the first two books.

Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh is on temporary assignment with Homeland Security. He stumbles upon someone putting dynamite near the oil pipeline in Grizzly Pass, Montana. He manages to stop the charge from being set but during his pursuit of the suspect a truck loses control and crashes. He stops his pursuit to save the two people in the truck. Olivia "Liv" Dawson returned to Grizzly Pass to assume running Stone Oak Ranch after her father is killed in an accident. She and her foreman, Abe Masterson, are in the truck that crashed.

I enjoyed this story a lot. The attraction between Hawkeye and Liv is apparent from their first meeting. Liv is very independent and doesn't think she needs help from Hawkeye or anyone else. She finally realizes that her father's death may not have been an accident after all and accepts help when Homeland Security assigns Hawkeye to watch over and help her.

Things really heat up when Liv is abducted from the local grocery store. From that point on I was on the edge of my seat and couldn't put the book down.

This is a great series and can't wait to read the final book, Hot Velocity, to see how the mystery is solved.

An advanced copy was provided to me but my review was voluntary and not influenced by the author.

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### **Jess Lawson says**

This is the 3rd book in the ballistic cowboys series. Hawkeye and Olivia are a match made in heaven. They are absolutely in sync. This book was a page turner. The suspense started on the very first page and continued all the way to the end. I could not put this book down. I loved the way that Miss Liv helped CJ. Olivia is a person that wears her heart on her sleeve.

Olivia had recently lost her father to an accident so she thought, but the more her and Hawkeye investigate the strange things happening on her ranch she starts to think her father's death just may not have been an accident. The danger that is coming to her ranch could be coming from some many different directions it's horrifying. If you want a fast paced book to keep you well entertained then this series is definitely for you!

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### **Hanan says**

What's not to love about Hot Zone?!

A hot military hero and his buddies,a badass heroine,mystery and intrigue!

Something is terribly wrong in small town Grizzly Pass. A group of military men are directed by Homeland Security to go and figureout what's happening there.

Enter Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh who spys someone suspicious on government land and tries to catchup with him and gets caught up in a traffic accident. He lets the guy getaway to help the occupants of the car accident.

One of those he helps is Olivia Dawson. She's a tough young lady who goes back to Grizzly Pass after the unexpected and very strange death of her father. She stays to run her father's ranch which is adjacent to the land where Hawkeye finds the suspicious man.

It's agreed by Hawkeye,his commander and Liv that he'll go undercover as help on Liv's ranch.

The attraction between the two is undeniable and their banter is great.

Good book filled with mystery and romance.

I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy

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### **Paula Legate says**

I really enjoyed this book. It had action, suspense, and romance. The heroine of the story was a strong independent lady. Her mother died when she was growing up. Her dad raised her on the family ranch. She loved the ranch, the animals, and didn't mind the work that went along with living on a ranch. Her dad talked her into moving to the city after high school. She promised her dad she would give the city 5 years and see how things turned out. 3 years in, she got a phone call that changed her life forever. Her dad had died. They said her dad fell off of his horse and hit his head. Her dad had been riding since he was a kid. She wonders if someone killed him, and why. She came home, ready to run the family ranch. Someone was trying to run her off. She was shot at, and other stuff happened. Hawkeye was working with the Department of Homeland Security. He quickly became Olivia Dawson's body guard and protector. The story was well written, and kept my attention.

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## **Elizabeth Neal says**

Trace (Hawkeye), is an Army Ranger and sniper, currently on assignment with the DHS, specifically for the Safe Haven Task Force. While helping investigate possible homegrown terrorists, he's also using the time to decide his future. After losing his best friend, Mac, during a tour, he isn't sure if he wants to continue until retirement as originally planned. Of course, with everything going on since his arrival in town two weeks ago, he hasn't really had time to even think about his situation. His "fact finding" mission today changes immediately upon spotting a man leaving dynamite along the trail. Trace follows, determined to capture the man and hopefully get some answers.

Olivia may have left home years ago to attend college, but she'd planned on returning as soon as she graduated. Her Dad, however, wanted her to experience life and give the big city a few years before making a decision. That all changed when he died in while riding his horse. Now she's home and refuses to sell the ranch, knowing her Dad wouldn't want her to, even if being surrounded by memories is painful. As she and Abe, the ranch's long-time foreman, are returning from her Dad's funeral, the sudden appearance of a four-wheeler causes an accident, leaving Abe badly injured, and unable to work. Thankfully, help arrives just in time and he's able to free Abe. But she soon realizes the stranger is the reason they even needed help.

Hawkeye couldn't continue chasing the man after he caused a car crash, then fled the scene. He had to help the victims. Unfortunately, the pretty Olivia believes he was the dangerous driver, not seeing the other. Before he knows it, Hawkeye is promising Abe that he'll look out for Olivia. Now if only she'd let him explain what actually happened, and believe him...nope, she's not listening. Well, there's one way he can think of to occupy her mouth. \*gasp\* He kisses her you dirty minded people. \*wink\*

"I couldn't think of a better way to make you shut up long enough to listen." - Hawkeye

Olivia can't wrap her mind around what Hawkeye and his temporary boss, Kevin, are telling her. Add in that they think she's in danger, and trying to handle thousands of acres herself, and she knows she needs help, even if it is from Hawkeye. Not to mention they seem to think her family's ranch may be the perfect area for what the bad guys plan, and may have killed her father to access it.

Even with circumstances such as they are, the mutual attraction between Hawkeye and Olivia has been present almost from the beginning. Now that they'll be spending so much time together, their chemistry will be even harder to deny...if they even wanted to. But if they can't keep Olivia safe, and figure out who's trying to take her land, they may never get the chance to explore the feelings developing between the two of them.

Can Hawkeye protect Olivia while uncovering the truth behind everything that's going on? Can Olivia maintain her family's ranch? Will Hawkeye retire or re-up? Is a HEA possible?

One-click now and follow along as two people must choose which path their lives are now going to take, and whether or not they'll do it together.

\*\*I voluntarily read and reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.\*\*

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## **Paula Brandon says**

When you end your book with, "They might not have all the answers to why someone would want Liv and her father dead. They hadn't solved the mystery of what was going on in Grizzly Pass," I am seriously left wondering why Elle James would bother to write the book in the first place!

Yet, I still gave it 3 stars! Why? Well, firstly, I read it in one go. I've been reading books for long enough to know that's a good sign! There was obviously something here that kept me reading. The fact the book mentions the ongoing story-line threads actually has me 25% confident that Elle James might resolve them in the final book in the series. This book is about Trace "Hawkeye" Walsh, part of the Homeland Security team, stepping in to help Olivia Dalton at her ranch, after the death of her father, and the injury to her ranch hand that puts him out of action. Although her father's death was ruled an accident, there's suspicion it was actually murder.

Of course, because this is an Elle James book, nothing gets resolved. But the romance actually works quite well. Hawkeye and Olivia talk to each other a lot, learn about each other, and I bought into their attraction to one another. Although there was a bit too much, "I don't need your help," nonsense from Olivia, she was a strong heroine able to stand up for herself and look after herself. Hawkeye had me swooning a bit. I'm a sucker for dark hair and blue eyes! On top of the believable attraction, there's a hot sex scene, and an exciting finale to the proceedings.

The 3 stars is generous. Elle James needs to work on creating books within the mini-series that can stand alone better. But this was a very easy read, and actually leaves me with some faint anticipation that the final book can wrap everything up satisfactorily.

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### **Lexee Toste says**

I really enjoyed this story! It's well written and I loved the characters. Hawkeye is chasing someone down on ATV when he sees Olivia's truck run off the road. He stops chasing his man in order to help pull Olivia and her foreman out of the truck before it catches fire. Olivia figures out that some strange things have been happening on the ranch. She's just come back to take over as her father just died. These get brought up when Hawkeye follows them into town to make sure they are okay. Hawkeye then has Olivia go to his boss's office so that both sides get the full story. Hawkeye then becomes Olivia's new ranch hand/bodyguard. I enjoyed the way that the story was written and getting to see the relationship build even though it happens quickly. I liked the characters and the way that things developed. This is the 3 book in the series and it would be helpful if you had read the others as the action does build off of the previous ones. They are after the same group in all the books and trying to figure out who all of the players are. This book can be read as a standalone though as it features a different couple and does have its own complete sub-story within the bigger story arc. I thought it was really well done. It has plenty of action and intrigue going on to grab and keep the readers attention. The sex is fairly explicit. I can't wait to read the next book.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

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