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## **Riding Steele: Aftershock Details**

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**Tina "IRead2Escape" says**

**Hotness Rating 5 out of 5**

Riding Steele: Aftershock is the sixth and final installment of the Riding Steele book. Aftershock is aptly named, that's for sure. Steele has rescued Laurie and is trying to help her deal with the PTSD from her abduction and torture at the hands of her once boyfriend.

Before Laurie was abducted she had a lot of anxiety about having a real relationship with Steele. She was raised in a home that never had roots and her memories of that time weren't great. All she ever wanted was to make a home and stay there. That is definitely not Steele's kind of life. However, things have changed now. She is ready for a life with Steele no matter where that takes her.

Unfortunately, he's taken that choice out of her hands by making the decision for both of them. Steele makes me so mad in this installment. He justifies his actions by saying he's doing what's best for Laurie. And in his head it very well may be. But, he gets over his "doing what's best for Laurie" period when he sees her with another man.

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**Marta Cox says**

This is the final instalment in this fast paced series and it's been a very emotional journey for Laurie. Her abusive ex boyfriend Donovan had her kidnapped and viciously tortured whilst keeping her in a cage. Luckily Steele and his biker crew managed to work out where Laurie was being held and rescued her. Now Laurie is traumatised and not quite out of the woods yet. Steele has a friend in the police and as this episode begins Donovan has been discovered dead in his home and it looks like evidence points to Steele and Laurie! Is it possible that the beating Steele inflicted is the cause of death?

This is possibly the most emotional instalment of this story with a lot of soul searching. Laurie has been through such a traumatic experience at the hands of Donovan that Steeles very touch brings back flashbacks and as he's a guy who likes to dominate in the bedroom it's proving to be a real problem. I liked that the author took time to let this play out and didnt offer an easy quick fix. This is an over the top fantasy and yet with each instalment Ms Carew has managed to imbue her writing with a strong sense of direction. Laurie's character has grown throughout this book and with this the last instalment we see her making her own choices but she's not alone. This band of nomadic bikers are very protective of each other and although their lifestyle might not appeal to all as part of Steeles crew you know someone always has your back. Steele is a man with particular needs and has to make harsh decisions as the last thing he wants is to hurt Laurie. This is a sexy story and although there is no menage in this episode it's worth pointing out that these bikers like to share. I have enjoyed the way the author has managed to constantly end each instalment with a strong cliff hanger and has made me want to find out what happens next. I do prefer to be able to read as much or as little as I want though so for this reader it's probably best to stick with complete books. That being said if you enjoy a wild ride than this author certainly delivers.

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## Deb says

*Riding Steele : Aftershock* is basically Steele and Laurie discovering what they both want out of their relationship after all the craziness Donovan created calms down.

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## Samantha says

So we reach th enough of our serial installments to Laurie and Steele Gavin to over come some serious issues. Laurie recovery and wanting stability. While Steele wants Laurie but loves the open road an won't give it up.

All in all a great read and I did enjoy it.

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## Leigh says

In this final chapter, I was expecting more menage scenes but it did not happen.

Overall review:

Riding Steele could be placed in one novel. I don't get why this was cut into pieces lels. I was expecting cheating scenes or menage scenes but nah. I was also expecting that each chapter would be a build up for a maximum sexcapade hahaha...

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## Julie says

What a great ending to a great series. No loose ends and no unanswered questions. Steele and Laurie looked a little shaky for a while, but we knew they'd make it in the end.

This was really a very enjoyable serial. The tension in the story and the heat and passion kept me truly entertained from the beginning and right to the last page with a smile.

This was my first chance to read any of this author's work, but it won't be my last. I'd give this series 5/5

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## Shannon says

*Riding Steele #6: Aftershock*

*The Characters*

Laurie and Steele

## *The Story*

No story is complete unless we have a bout of stubbornness from our hero. All the drama is over and Steele finally gets to see Laurie in her natural environment. This, of course, throws him into a spiral of how different they are. Instead of finding out what Laurie's thoughts are (she had already decided to give up her stayed/settled lifestyle) he declares their relationship unworkable and rolls out with the the crew.

It's a good thing Laurie is determined to hold onto her man. It takes some doing but he comes around (after stomping around like a bear with a thorn in his paw). Voila, happy ever after for Steele and Laurie.

## *The Random Thoughts*

It bothers me that Laurie is never told Steele's real name. I mean, how do you fall in love with someone and you don't know something as basic as their legal name? (Benefit of the doubt: Maybe he tells her off page)

## **3.5 Stars**

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### **Fiona (Titch) Hunt says**

I would like to thank the Publishers and Netgalley for letting me read this wonderful series of installments.

This is the final installment for the Riding Steele series. I loved that Steele claimed Laurie as his woman earlier on and that Donovan got his comeuppance in the end. Raven was a beauty and a great friend to Laurie. The rest of the bikers were immensely sexy and what we all look for in a man. The sex was immense which is why the author made the reader believe that could happen to anyone (Good or Bad).

Does Laurie agree to leave all her old life behind to be with Steele and the Gang? Did Steele really kill Donovan or was it someone else? Does Steele have feelings for Laurie or not? YOU have to read the book to find out all the answers.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

3 - **"I'm sorry I got you into this mess."** Stars.

I think it is safe to say that the multiple partner trope is definitely not one I am ever going to find that enjoyable, but putting that 'situation' aside, I am going to base my thoughts on the rest of the book in my summing up.

**"I'd do anything to protect you. Anything.."**

I liked Steel and Laurie's story, but I didn't love it, the breaks in the book for every step in the series were very well chosen as they all leave the reader wondering what will happen next. Unfortunately, for each and every break in the story, the next part doesn't really give you any excitement and everything is all a little 'cut & dried' for me, my expectations were definitely left floundering somewhat.

**”It’s not you.” ... “I just have to... get past this.”**

I am also still very firmly riding with my ‘training wheels’ on when it comes to the whole M.C. storyline, and although this is probably not the best book for me to have started off with, I think it is a genre I wouldn’t mind putting my leathers on again for (minus the multiple partner aspect).

Not sure whether this author is one I would read again, but that is more to do with the subject matter not being something I enjoy, rather than her writing. It was an experience, and like all things in life, what doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger!

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## **Rebecca says**

RIDING STEELE BY OPAL CAREW

6 INSTALMENTS OR 1 BOOK?

HOW CAN PUBLISHERS CHARGE \$1.99 FOR 30 PAGES?

HOW CAN THOSE 6 INSTALMENTS, IF PURCHASED SEPARATELY, BE \$12 YET IF YOU PURCHASE THE BOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE PRICE IS LESS THAN \$9?

I HAVE NO PROBLEM PAYING A HIGHER PRICE FOR A QUALITY BOOK, J R WARD AND SHELLY LAURENSTON FOR EXAMPLE ARE AUTOMATIC ONE CLICKS FOR ME BUT THE LENGTH AND QUALITY I WILL BE GETTING FOR MY DOLLARS MEANS I AM HAPPY TO DO SO. I’VE SAID BEFORE THAT I DISLIKE THIS GROWING TREND FOR SPLITTING BOOKS INTO INSTALMENTS, PERSONALLY I FEEL IT’S JUST A CON TO GET READERS TO PAY EXTRA TO GET THE BOOK EARLIER RATHER THAN WAIT FOR THE PRODUCT IN FULL, CHEAPER BUT LATER AND 30 PAGES IS, IN MY OPINION, NEITHER HERE NOR THERE - A SLIGHT TASTE BUT NOT ENOUGH TO BECOME INVESTED IN THE STORY OR THE CHARACTERS.

AT THE END OF THE FIRST INSTALMENT I WAS JUST FRUSTRATED AS IT FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF CHAPTERS ONLY AND THEN BOOM, THE END. I NEVER PURCHASE BOOKS SOLD LIKE THIS AND HAD THESE NOT BEEN ARCS I WOULD NOT HAVE READ, AS A FULL EBOOK \$9 FOR UNDER 200 PAGES IS RIDICULOUS BUT THAT’S JUST ME.....

THE REASON I CHOSE TO REVIEW THE ARCS WAS BECAUSE I HAVE READ OPAL CAREW BEFORE AND ENJOYED HER BOOKS, SWING IS AN OLD FAVOURITE. AS A REVIEW IT’S DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE INSTALMENTS - AS AN OPAL CAREW IT’S NOT A BAD ONE, AS AN MC BOOK IT’S NOT A BAD ONE, AS AN EROTICA IT’S NOT A BAD ONE, BUT IT LACKS THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING, THE X-FACTOR IF YOU LIKE, THAT WOULD MAKE IT A FAVOURITE OR A REREAD.

In the arms of an outlaw, she found the freedom to live out her wildest fantasies. Don’t miss this scorching new six-part mini-series from New York Times bestselling author Opal Carew!

When Laurie is kidnapped by bikers, she has no idea her life is about to change forever. From the moment she meets Steele—their sinfully sexy leader—she can’t deny their fierce attraction. Even though she’s completely at his mercy, his eyes soften when he looks at her, and the others in his gang know she’s strictly hands off. But the more time she spends with Steele, the more her body insists she wants his powerful hands

all over her.

Now she's about to discover a new life on the open road...and what it means to be part of a gang that shares everything. At first their wonton lifestyle shocks her senses—but once she's had a taste of life on the edge, will she ever want to leave?

#### Riding Steele #1: Kidnapped

Being kidnapped by bikers is a harrowing experience, but for some reason, Laurie doesn't feel as terrified as she should. The leader's steely eyes soften when he looks at her, and the others in his gang clearly know she's hands off. But does that include Steele's hands? Her brain resists him, but her body insists she wants those big hands all over her.

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IN THIS FIRST INSTALMENT WE MEET STEELE AND THE REST OF HIS CREW HAVING DRINKS AT A BAR ON HIS BIRTHDAY WHILE KEEPING AN EYE ON LAURIE AS A FAVOUR FOR AN OLD FRIEND. LAURIE IS OUT WITH HER BOYFRIEND DONOVAN WHO SHE IS INTENDING TO BREAK UP WITH. HIS DOMINEERING, CONTROLLING WAYS AREN'T SITTING WELL WITH HER AND THE RECENT ESCALATION IN ROUGH PLAY MEANS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. STEELE VETOES KIDNAPPING HER TO KEEP HER SAFE AND LEAVES THE BAR WITH JUST ONE MEMBER LEFT BEHIND TO WATCH HER. UNFORTUNATELY CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE THAT LAURIE DOES IN FACT END UP KIDNAPPED AND IN A HOUSE FULL OF BIKERS. AS A START THIS IS REALLY JUST A SETTING THE SCENE. WE SEE INTERACTION BETWEEN STEELE AND THE MEMBERS, LAURIE COMES ACROSS AS QUITE WEAK IN THIS ONE AND LITTLE TO NO SEXUAL CONTENT.

#### Riding Steele #2: Untamed

THE STORY CONTINUES WITH LAURIE ATTEMPTING AN ESCAPE THAT RESULTS IN A NICE LITTLE VOYEURISM SCENE AS WELL AS A THREESOME. OPAL CAREW DOES GOOD SEX! A MISTAKEN IDENTITY ISSUE RAMPS UP THE TENSION BETWEEN STEELE AND LAURIE AND SO ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FOLLOWS.

#### Riding Steele #3: Collide

THIS WAS A DISAPPOINTING ONE. STEELE AND LAURIE FINALLY GET IT TOGETHER BUT I WAS SO ANNOYED BY HER WEAK AND INCONSISTANT BEHAVIOUR THAT I JUST DIDN'T CARE BY THAT POINT. LAURIE FINALLY DID ESCAPE ONLY FOR A TWIST TO END UP WITH HER BEING RETURNED TO STEELE. LOTS OF BACKGROUND INFO AND SETTING THE SCENE AGAIN BUT THAT JUST MEANT IT FELT LIKE NOTHING OF INTEREST HAPPENED.

#### Riding Steele #4: Wanted

THIS IS THE OPAL CAREW I EXPECTED FROM THE EROTICA ASPECT, MUTIPLE PARTNERS, MUTIPLE ORGASMS AND EVERYONE WATCHING EVERYBODY ELSE! HOWEVER, ONCE AGAIN THE CHARACTER INCONSISTENCIES SPOILT IT. LAURIE IS A WEAK WOMAN WHO RUNS AWAY AFRAID FOR HER SAFETY BUT THEN DROPS HER KNICKERS FOR STEELE..... OH, AND THEN THE REST OF THE BOYS ALL TOGETHER, WITH RAVEN WATCHING AS WELL?? TOO FAST A TIMELINE WITH TOO LITTLE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT TO BE

BELIEVABLE - WHILE I ACCEPT THIS IS FICTION IT STILL HAS TO BE WITHIN THE REALMS OF BEHAVIOUR YOU WOULD ACCEPT AS POSSIBLE. I FOUND THE END DEVELOPMENTS TO BE ANNOYING AND STEELE'S ACTIONS CHILDISH.

Riding Steele #5: Crossroads

THIS INSTALMENT IS A TAD PREDICTABLE, THE STORYLINE IS NOT GRAPHIC ENOUGH TO SHOCK OR SURPRISE AND WITHOUT ANY SEXUAL CONTENT TO REDEEM IT AS AN EROTICA IT ALMOST STRUGGLES TO HAVE A COHESIVE DIRECTION THAT MAKES SENSE.

Riding Steele #6: Aftershock

THIS IS THE FINAL PART OF THIS STORY BUT ENDED AGAIN WITH TOO MANY INCONSISTENCIES FOR ME TO CARE OR BE EXCITED. THE TYING UP OF THE LOOSE ENDS FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS FELT RUSHED AND LUKEWARM. LAURIE, HAVING SPENT HER ENTIRE LIFE DESIRING STABILITY AND FINANCIAL SOLVENCY, THROWS IT ALL IN THE WIND TO RUN OFF TO BE WITH STEELE WHO HAS NO EMOTIONAL STABILITY UP TO THIS POINT, THROWS CHILDISH STROPS AND IS HAPPY FOR ANY AND ALL OF HIS MEN TO FUCK LAURIE BUT HEAVEN FORBID YOU CUDDLE OR CONSOLE HER. I FEEL HE'S TARZEN LIKE - BEATING HIS CHEST, ALL 'MY WOMAN' BUT HAS NO MATURITY TO HAVE AN ACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.

A DISAPPOINTING OFFERING IN MY OPINION THAT DOESN'T QUITE DELIVER ON ANY LEVEL.

A 3 STAR MAYBE BUT, IN VIEW OF THE PRICING, A 2.5 STAR AT BEST.

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**TeriLyn says**

## **2 Stars for Laurie**

*Riding Steele: Aftershock* concluded this serial series in a rather underwhelming way. The eroticism laced throughout the first five novellas was hardly present here. And something about the path these two characters followed to the ending felt contradictory and contrived, especially Steele. His actions then reactions completely surprised me. Laurie was redeeming even though she felt weighed down by the abuse of her past. Her going after what she wants held as the best part of this fast-paced story. These stories are very short so character development limits itself with the pace of plot. Maybe that's why I felt a disconnect with Steele. Overall, I'd recommend this series if you want a quick roll with a MC president and an abused heroine. It won't take you long to get through the novellas - just don't be expected a huge ending. In my opinion, book six could have been cut down and added to book 5 to end there.

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## Margie 'CSR' Fite says

short and easy read... very steamy erotic thriller biker series..

if you like HOT STEAMY SEXY BIKER BAD BOYS that keep you thinking wth???? and did that REALLY just happen??? and some action this is the book series for you....

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## Brianna (The Book Vixen) says

*Review copy provided via NetGalley*

**Note:** *Riding Steele* is a serialized novel in the Ready to Ride series that is being released in 6 installments, and will also be published in one volume. I am reviewing this serial as one complete piece of work.

**Why I Read this Book:** First, I have a confession to make: I am not a fan of serials. It feels like a marketing ploy to get more money for what is essentially ONE book and I do not have the patience to wait for the next 'installment', especially when being left with cliffhangers. With *Riding Steele* being the 3rd book in a series, I don't understand why the decision was made to chop this book up into 6 parts. However, I couldn't resist reading *Riding Steele* because it's an MC Romance and I'm a sucker for those.

**What I Liked:** I had only requested the first installment, as this is a new-to-me author and I wasn't sure what to expect being that this is part of a serial, but the writing captured my attention enough for me to quickly request the rest of the installments. *Riding Steele* has an interesting premise, and I was curious to find out why the bikers would kidnap Laurie, and what would happen with her once they had her in their hold.

There was some interesting backstory with Steele and with Laurie. There's a sad and unfortunate event that took place in Steele's life. Laurie is trying to break things off with her overbearing boyfriend. These elements shaped who these characters are.

I really liked and appreciated how each installment started off with the last scene that took place in the preceding installment. While I pretty much read these installments back-to-back, readers who choose to read this serial in installments as they come out will surely appreciate this.

**What I Didn't Like:** There was no real hierarchy in the 'club' so it didn't really feel like an actual MC to me. Steele is referred to as the "leader", not president, and none of the other members had a role in the club. It was just a group of guys, and a woman, who hang out and ride together. Not exactly the type of foundation I look for in a MC romance but I'll take it. And the way the guys funded their simplistic lifestyle was a bit farfetched. None of the guys had a job, that I recall.

Let's talk about the sex. I like smut but this was a bit too much for me. Not necessary a bad thing, just not *my* thing as I prefer one-on-one relationships while Steele doesn't mind sharing his woman. I hadn't read either of the other two books in this series, and the blurb didn't give any hint of how erotic this story is, so I had no idea until about 1/3 of the way into the 2nd installment.

Also, giving someone not one, but two safe words doesn't sound like a good idea to me. Laurie is not experienced in BDSM, so for Steele to give her two safe words with two different meanings to remember didn't make sense to me.

And for all the boinking going on, nobody used a condom nor did anyone talk about birth control of any sort. After seeing an orgy take place before her very eyes, I'd have thought Laurie would have insisted on protection. She doesn't know any of these people, and they're casually swapping and sharing sexual partners.

Lastly, Laurie and Steele's relationship was an insta-love, which is not my favorite.

**Overall Impression:** *Riding Steele* was a good read though it was a little too *bow-chicka-wow-wow* for my liking, which I was totally unprepared for as there was NO indication to the level of erotica mentioned in the blurb. But for those who enjoy extremely erotic romance (we're talking orgies, sharing partners, BDSM elements, and M/M action) and enjoy MC romance, I'd say this is the book for you.

**Let's talk price:** If you're a fan of serials and love the anticipation that comes with them, and don't mind paying more to be able to read each installment as soon as it comes out (\$1.99 for about 35-40 pages, which comes to about \$12 for all 6 installments), then I would say to get them as they come out. There were minor cliffhangers at the end of each installment but nothing too extreme that I couldn't wait a week for the next installment. But if you're like me and would rather read *Riding Steele* in its entirety all at once, then wait until the complete novel releases in March 2015 and get it at the discount price of \$3.99. [Note: Prices noted were taken from Amazon when this review originally posted on 11/4/2014.]

**Review originally posted on The Book Vixen.**

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## Jay says

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*\*please note all 6 parts read continuously as one piece, so have reviewed as one (all 6 parts have the same review attached)*

another fun, engrossing read from Opal.

Would much rather have the single edition than the 6 mini installments, but I read them all back to back anyway so kinda the same thing. after finishing work at midnight determined to get a decent sleep for a relatively early morning, I ended up reading til 3am just to finish them!!

it's hot, sexy, emotional, heroes & villains... everything you love about Opal Carew books!!

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## Jennifer says

Received an ARC for review

Laurie and Steele's story has come to an end. Thankfully Steel pulled his head from his butt cause he was starting to annoy me. Now if only there was more of an ending. Very interesting look at a MC not at all what I've read in the past. I wouldn't mind a couple more books with Killer and Wild Card. Overall not a bad series.

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