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Some call this river a taker of souls, a reaper. Sanguine is the Spanish word for blood and God knows plenty has been spilled in its murky depths. As Tina floats on her back, she couldn't help but feel its more of an artery, giving life to its limbs.

Not everyone would agree.

Tough as nails, Tina Foster, doesn't have time for a relationship. She's far too busy running her family construction company. Tina's take charge attitude may intimidate some, but to others, she's a rock, a woman with a plan. Taming a heart this strong will take a man up for a challenge, and so far, there haven't been too many contenders worthy of her time.

Bo Galloway is returning to Riverview after a rough few years. He's home to take care of his grandmother and prays for a chance at redemption and a fresh start. Untrusting of most women, he doesn't know what to think of his new boss. He definitely didn't expect to admire Tina Foster. Bo's only shot at getting Tina to notice him is to be as strong as she is.

Just like the waters of the Sanguine, Bo and Tina must find their flow. Will the waters sweep away their only chance at true love, or nourish a relationship as steady as the river itself?

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Kimberly says

****Was given an ARC by the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review****

A great book. This was the first time I have read a book by JoAnna Grace, but it will definitely not be my last.

Bo Galloway is trying to start over back in Riverside, TX where he grew up. The only family he has is his grandmother, Nan, who he's now living with. She's the mother to him that his own Mother couldn't be. Five years ago, after defending his drug addict mother from being strangled by his step-father, his mom then lied to the police and said Bo was trying to kill her husband. He then served 4 years in a California prison, when he should have been in college.

Bo's looking for construction work, and the owners know his Grandmother, so he goes for an interview; with trepidation. Once an employer finds out that you are an ex-con, they tend not to hire. But Bo gets the job.

Tina Foster, is the daughter of Foster Construction, she and her dad, Duane, own the business together. Only Tina now handles the construction sites and her Dad runs the business side. Her father broke his back several years ago, and after a botched surgery, he now walks with two canes. So Tina runs the show. All of her crew are men, and they love working for Tina. If someone doesn't, she tells them where to go.

When Bo is introduced to Tina, the chemistry between them is strong, but they both ignore it for each other's sake. He's impressed with how she runs the business, works hard in construction right along with the crew, and he admires her.

Tina doesn't know what to do about the hot new hire. Her friends tell her to be nice and see what happens. But she's been hurt before, so she treads lightly.

A definite must read!!

Amanda says

This is a 3.5 star read rather than a 3 star (come on GR let us do 1/2 stars one please?).

Returning to his childhood home of Riverview after being incarcerated for 4 years, Bo Allen Galloway struggles to find happiness and a place for himself in the outside world. After suffering a bitter betrayal at the hands of his mother Bo is wary of woman and struggles (briefly) with his overwhelming insta-love for his new boss Tina and her take-no-prisoners (hide the nail-gun) personality.

When Tina assumed the role of foreman of her family's construction company after an accident leaves her father desk bound she was emotionally burned when her boyfriend, unable to deal with her being his boss, broke her heart. She goes through her days busily "fixing" everyone and everything, being everyone's rock while drifting along in a lack-lustre, emotionally distant relationship. Tina has steered clear of a deeper relationship, choosing to guard herself from future pain.

As the story progresses Bo must prove to Tina that he can deal with her strong and dominant personality in the workplace, while Tina must learn to relax and let Bo take care of her in their private life. Their relationship builds smoothly (with a couple of bumps in the road) despite their insecurities and strong personalities culminating in a satisfying epilogue.

The supporting characters have interesting back stories that will no doubt result in future books to be set in the town of Riverview. Why the river runs is a light and enjoyable, 3.5 star, dual POV contemporary romance that flows as smoothly as the Sanguine River (when it isn't killing off the inhabitants of the town). Overall an engaging weekend read.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the publisher and provided through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Darrell Knippshild says

Great read

Sonia Knippshild says

Fantastic romance. Very well done!

C bond says

netgalley
3.5 stars

A pretty good read, I really liked it.

Curly Carla Celebrity Readers says

<https://celebrityreaders.wordpress.co...>

I really liked this book. Except, the fact that Bo went like super alpha towards the end which was a bit inconsistent with his character in the beginning of the book.

I liked Bo though, his personality was calm cool and collected. He reminded me of one of those people that don't speak that much but when they do, you listen, cause you know its something important. Those kind of people fascinate me cause I can't keep my gab shut! ? His love of family was inspiring considering his shaky past, but I loved that he wasn't jaded by it. I wouldn't have blamed him one bit if he was.

And then there's Tina. Ah, I may have a ladie boner for this woman! She had sass without coming off as a diva. She makes you think YES! Finally a woman who is REAL! The transition between her showing

strength and being vulnerable was great! It felt very authentic.

The love story started slow but then once it did it was like someone slammed on the gas which jarred me a bit but I got over it pretty quickly since the story was so good. The water references were consistent and relevant and I loved how they were incorporated into the story.

I'd read more from this author.

Jen Fowler says

This is a nice easy romance. The characters are very likeable, the story is one where you may guess the ending, but the setting and flow is enjoyable. I would recommend this to anyone who needs something light that will keep them engaged!

*I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Pouting Always says

Bo recently gets out of jail after four years and has trouble finding a job. After he moves from California back to Texas to live with his grandma she puts in a word for him to help him land a construction job. Tina is the foreman at Bo's new job, because her dad owns the business, and is intimidating. She is strong and smart, keeping all the men in line. Bo can't stop thinking about her even though he knows he's not good enough for her. Lucky for him Tina can't help but reciprocate the feeling, as her attraction for him causes her to wonder about her current relationship with a man she doesn't care much for.

An average romance novel, a little cheesy for my tastes but that's just me. The build up to their relationship wasn't too bad and it has the whole intense instant attraction going for it as well for those who enjoy that. Bo's a tough guy with a soft heart and I'm sure plenty of people are into that so you know good on you. I just couldn't get that into it but I had a lot of coffee and I'm feeling apathetic right now so I just kept rolling my eyes.
