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He wanted her the first time he saw her. It didn't matter that he was on stage in front of a room full of reporters, or that his publicist was telling him to move on, or that *she* was asking him a question about racing. One look at her "just been bedded" hair — completely at odds with her deliciously prim appearance — and Ty Riggs is hooked.

Corrine Bellows is one of the woefully few women in a male profession: sports reporting. In a field where "Hey, sweetheart, can you fetch me a cup of copy" is part of her job description, she's determined to keep things professional. And while interviewing Ty Riggs, the hottest new driver on and off the track, is a major scoop, Corrine knows that she is in major trouble when it becomes clear that Ty wants so much more and is determined to get it. As things heat up between them, Corrine finds herself on shakier ground. Her big secret just may destroy everything.

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From Reader Review Crossing the Line for online ebook

Heather andrews says

I really liked Ty he could be quite sweet, "when they finally parted, he finished. "I'm serious. I want to at least try to be worthy of you. I want to give you what you give me. Beauty and brains." He looked a little embarrassed, then gave her a sly grin. "And orgasms." I enjoyed this book, Ty and Cori were perfect for one another.

Wit & Wonder Books says

ARC Provided by the Author for an Honest Review

'Crossing the Line' by Audra North is a book based on the sport of Car Racing. A subject I am not really interested in as I don't see the point of racing around in circles at ridiculous speeds. In saying that, it is a very popular sport and mine is just one opinion.

Cori Bellows is a reporter, a sports reporter to be more specific, who is given an opportunity to shine. A chance to be more than just the office assistant, at Gold Cup Sports, she is sent to two race meets to report on Ty Riggs, an up and coming Racer from Riggs Racing.

After her boss receives a tip off that this team could be embroiled in scandal, he sends her in to find him a story, doing, as he puts it 'whatever it takes' to secure it.

As the story progresses Cori makes a name for herself based on her terrific reports about the world of racing on her actual reporting skills, not the incriminating evidence she has received as she got closer to Ty himself. The closer she gets to Ty, the more she finds herself falling for him, thus making it harder to complete her boss' wishes.

Ty Riggs is a determined man, who is out to prove to the world that the cheating accusation thrown at him is falsely unjustified. After he gets into a fight, defending himself, he vows to stay out of trouble, concentrating only on beating his competitors on the track.

When he meets Cori at a racing meet, it is an instant attraction. She was unlike anyone he had ever met before and she made him strive to be a better person. An admission from his father, throws his life into turmoil and he battles an internal struggle between knowing what he needs to do, and what is expected of him.

Believing he has found someone he can trust in Cori, he opens up and admits his father's secret.

I will be honest and say that I found the storyline to be very predictable, and awfully quick. It seemed that just as I was getting into the story, it finished. In the end it becomes a great quick read and you find yourself rooting for them both, hoping for a happy ending.

If you are a racing fanatic, then this is the story for you. It is really well written and the whole storyline has been extremely well thought out.

For me this is a four star read.

Reviewed by Stacey J

Irene says

3.5 stars

Crossing the Line was a good read.

I enjoyed the storyline, it was well written and the characters were entertaining. Crossing the Line had the perfect amount of drama and sweet romantic moments to keep you turning the pages.

I enjoyed watching Ty and Cori come together and fall in love. They had an instant attraction with amazing chemistry that grew into love.

Overall this was a heartfelt, romantic read with relatable characters that will bring out the feels.

A big thank you to the publisher St. Martin's Press for the advance copy.

Kim says

Crossing the Line is a very quick and easy read featuring a charismatic race car driver and a journalist being sent to dig up dirt on him at any cost under the threat of losing her job if she fails.

Ty is known for his laid back personality and easygoing demeanor off the track so an uncharacteristic fight with another driver who accused him of cheating has him in the blinding focus of the media spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Cori is a racing fan turned journalist who has been waiting for the chance to actually write a story, but her sleazy boss uses her in the hopes of exposing a scandal on Ty's team. He sends in with the directive to do whatever it takes to get the story including sleeping with Ty if necessary and he couldn't care less about any other stories she may write in the process.

Of course Ty and Cori have an instant attraction and a connection they can't deny when they meet. He is quick to trust her which leads her to feel guilty about lying to him especially when he confides his secret. There is plenty of tension as Ty fights his own anger at his father's actions and Cori struggles constantly with what to do about her situation. Then it is one mishap after another as she tries to come clean with him until finally the choice is taken out of her hands.

The story itself was good but there were a few things that just didn't cross into the realm of "great" for me. First, I am not really a fan of insta-love which this story had in spades. Second, Cori was a difficult heroine for me to like. Ty and her mother describe her as strong and a fighter, but she came across as anything but for the majority of this book. The minute she encountered Ty she turned into a simpering airhead who alternated between throwing herself at him, pearl clutching and hand wringing as her internal debate raged. Don't get me wrong, I can totally empathize with going tongue tied and speechless when confronted with

utter male hotness, but she went into lusty eyes glazed over stupor more than once until it became annoying. It was a relief to finally see her grow a bit momentarily toward the end as she finally became more of the force that you would expect from a woman trying to succeed in a man's world.

Cathy Geha says

If you are looking for a quick, easy to read, contemporary romance with a car-racing/journalism theme then this story is a good pick for you.

Cori Bellows, a recent graduate with a journalism degree, is sent by her online news company to do an in-depth story on racer Ty Riggs. She is supposed to do “anything” to get the “dirt” on him, his company, his father and anything else she can find out. Wanting to do well but not wanting to be unethical she is in a dilemma – even more of a dilemma when she and Ty begin to fall for one another.

This, to me, felt almost like a NA genre story. The plot was rather predictable in many ways. It was a quick fun read that took me away for the evening and I would like to thank NetGalley and Saint Martin's Press for the copy to read in exchange for my honest review.

Book Gannet says

2.5 stars.

I'm not quite sure what I expected from this book – I saw the author, saw it was motorsport and I was in. I think the least I expected was more high octane action and some actual racing, with a dilemma that was perhaps a little more unusual than young sports reporter expected to whore herself out in order to gain promotion and dig up dirt on otherwise clean driver.

I don't know, this one just missed the mark for me. For a reporter who is being blackmailed, Cori shows a complete lack of interest in finding out who is behind the pressure being placed on her. Likewise, if her articles are being picked up by some many places and she's so ambitious to move on and move up, why doesn't she network at all and try to capitalise on her success and maybe get herself out of her bad situation? She's pretty passive about the whole blackmail thing, except to rail about how unfair it is and thinking she should maybe tell Ty the truth. People describe her as a fighter, but for the vast majority of the book she shows zero evidence of this.

As for Ty... well, he was surprisingly dull. And naive. She is a journalist, she is young, she is obviously ambitious, because she told him, yet he goes ahead and spills all his secrets anyway because clearly she is the best person in the world to trust. Actually, it doesn't really matter about her profession, Ty barely knows anything about her, but he goes ahead and spills his guts anyway. His complete lack of suspicion or self-preservation was pretty hard to believe for a sports star under the level of scrutiny he was at the beginning of this book.

The romance itself is instant, with Cori going all weak-kneed and unnecessary over Ty, while he just glazes over in a lustful haze. It's all pretty immature and lacked the heat or chemistry I was expecting. It's easy enough to read, but I needed more. Which is my overall feeling about this book, it's okay for a quick, predictable read, but I needed more to engage my interest and make me care about what happened. Even

though this is the final book in this series, it's the first I've read, and on the strength of this one, I don't think I'll be reading the others any time soon.

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

Krista says

Honestly I am not entirely sure why I read this one until the end. Probably had to do with the fact that it wasn't super long and it takes a decent amount of effort for me to toss something on the DNF pile. I probably would have enjoyed it more if it were a train wreck, instead it was just kind of dull.

I didn't feel like there was all that much chemistry between Ty and Cori, or rather it just went from introductions to 'look this is a thing' in a few pages. So we are just sort of told they like each other with not a lot of actual action or thought shown to back that up. The set up of what they are hiding from one other so oddly contrived that it just felt uncomfortable about the eventual blow up rather than intrigued on how it would get resolved. The smutty parts were just sort of ho hum.

So yeah, definite pass. Makes me reluctant to pick up another of the author's books unless someone has a strong rec.

Beyond the Pages says

Quick Summary: Short and sweet

Review: Crossing the Line #3 had a good storyline. The protagonists were strong, driven, and passionate. I liked that they had integrity, despite the challenges they faced both separately as well as together. Though their relationship came about rather quickly, it seemed like a natural progression versus a forced push towards the finish. In my opinion, this story could have been a bit longer. I would certainly have read it. I was enthralled from the time I started reading until the very end. There were one or two threads left waving in the wind that I would have liked resolved. Overall, it was a solid read.

Rating: 3.5-4/5

Recommend: Yes

Audience: Adult

Status: Contemporary

Chemistry/Intensity: Yes

Conflict/Drama: Yes

Family Dysfunction: Yes

HEA: Yes

Source: NetGalley

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

Crossing The Line is about a race car driver and a sports reporter. It's short, sweet and full of angst. It was

sweet because Ty and Cori were so cute together, yet full of angst because Ty was burdened by a secret from his father and Cori was burdened by the reasons she met Ty. When you got secrets, dating a reporter probably isn't the best idea, however, Ty just couldn't stay away from Cori. I have to admit, I was nervous while also enjoying this read. I knew the secrets were going to come out but yet there were so many "aww" moments with Ty and Cori that it was a weird mix of feelings reading this book. For such a short read, it sure packed a punch!

ARC provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Michelle says

You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net> Crossing the Line is the third book in the adult (though it felt more like New Adult to me) Hard Driving series by Audra North. Audra is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors. I absolutely LOVED Pushing Her Luck and now I have really loved Crossing The Line as well. This is the first book that I have read from the Hard Driving series, and now I want to race out (ha- see what I did there.) and get the first two books in the series. Crossing the Line is the final book in the series, and each one of them can be read as a standalone.

Crossing the Line is the story of an up and coming journalist that is trying her hardest to make a name for herself, and a racing driver that is trying his hardest to create a positive image for himself in the racing community. I loved that each one of them was trying to prove themselves. Ty and Cori are awesome together, although I do have to say Cori made me a nail biting mess a bunch of times in the book. Because the story is told in dual narrative, we know what she is doing the whole time and I could feel her apprehension sinking into me as I read. I just wanted to scream no! and don't do it.

Crossing The Line is a book that will appeal to both fans of New Adult as well as Adult contemporary romances. I don't often get the opportunity to read a book featuring a race car driver, and I have to say I loved it. I want more! So send me your recs! Ty is the sweetest guy. I was rooting for him since page one. I thought it was completely adorable how taken he was with Cori from the moment he first laid eyes on her.

Bottom line: If you like your romances with a healthy dose of sweetness (and spice) with lots of moments that will make you sigh and smile, Crossing the Line is a great book for you. And if you are a fan of racing, you have to check this book out. It's great!

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

Misty (Reds Romance Reviews) says

With Corrine Bellows job hanging in the balance she knows she needs to land a big interview and cement herself a place in the male dominated world of sports reporting. So, when her boss assigns her the task of writing an expose on Ty Riggs, a rising star in the racing world, she knows this is her chance to catch her boss's eye, and hopefully finally earn his respect. The problem is she has followed Ty's career and has always harbored a serious crush on him, and now she is expected to gain his trust, learn his secrets, and then spill them to the public in a tell all... and the thought of doing that to him is killing her, can she really hurt someone else for her own personal gain?

The minute Ty Riggs hears the sexy voice from the back of the press room he is immediately intrigued, then

when he sees the beauty asking the question he knows he needs to do whatever it takes to get up close and personal the sexy sports reporter. The chemistry brewing between them is like nothing else he has ever experienced and it has him wanting to explore every inch of her...the problem is she doesn't seem like she is feeling the same way, nor does she seem like the type to cross professional lines. So now he must figure out a way to convince her to take a chance on him, and forget all about her lines...

This was a first read for me, from this author, and I have to say she totally won me over, and turned me into a fan with this racy little read! Ty road up in his sexy race car and stole my heart from the get go and maintained my undivided attention from start to finish... I admire a hero who knows what he wants, and isn't ashamed to pull out all the stops to earn the heart of the heroine. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with these two, their story made me smile, had me blushing a time or two, and tugged at my heart strings... and in my book it doesn't get much better than that!!

Highly recommend you give this read a try, Ms. North's endearing characters are sure to steal your heart and renew your faith in happy endings!!

ARC requested through NetGalley, and kindly provided by St. Martin's Press- Swerve in exchange for a honest and unbiased review.

Maria Rose says

Crossing the Line is the third book in Audra North's Hard Driving series, and the first to feature the sometimes fractious relationship between the press and the race car drivers who rely, for good or bad, on their coverage. Ty Riggs is becoming an established name on the Riggs driving team, following in the footsteps of his successful father, Bobby. It's a family venture, and all the people who work for the team are loyal and competent – now.

But at one time, twenty years before, Bobby Riggs' crew chief had made a deal with the devil so to speak, arranging for another team to throw the race and to ensure Bobby would come in first. Though Bobby had nothing to do with it, and it was hushed up at the time, it's part of the track record of his team. But Bobby has been feeling guilty about it and Ty, who knows what happened, wishes his dad would just come forward and admit to it. Especially now, because someone has been implying that their current team is skirting the rules. It's resulted in a fist fight between Ty and another driver, and is putting his future plans of running a driving program for disadvantaged teens in jeopardy.

Cori Bellows is an up-and-coming sports reporter, having obtained a job six months earlier (and fresh out of journalism school) with Gold Cup Sports. In this traditionally male dominated field, she has her work cut out for her to make an impression, especially with her misogynistic boss. When given the chance to report on the Ty Riggs story, with a 'suggestion' to dig deeper and get to the bottom of the potential scandal, Cori agrees. It's not what she wants to do, but if she's going to get away from being treated like the coffee girl, she needs to get a significant story under her belt. Besides, she's been a fan of Ty's since he started his racing career and the chance to meet him in person is impossible to resist. When she finally gets to attend one of Ty's press conferences, she knows that she needs to attract his interest if she's to have a shot at getting more personal with him. She does this by being the only reporter to not ask about the fight or the cheating allegations. (Plus she's one of the only females in the press room, and a young, attractive one at that). Ty is intrigued. When some one-on-one interview time becomes available, they get the chance to meet in person, and things move forward from there. Ty believes he's found someone he can trust. What will happen when he finds out that Cori has a hidden agenda?

The first story in this series, *In The Fast Lane*, made my best of 2015 list for sports romances. It features a female race car driver and I love that it showcases the difficulties for women in the sport. In a way this story is a mirror of that, but showing the difficulties facing female reporters working in what is traditionally thought of as a male field. Cori comes across as a pleasant, friendly woman who is working hard to prove herself as a sports reporter. She doesn't have the support of her parents who were disappointed in her career choice, and for that reason it's doubly important that she prove to them that she made the right choice. As she starts to gain Ty's trust and he shares some of his secrets with her, she tries to find a way to please her boss by getting recognition for her articles (and thus more advertising money for their smaller company) without compromising Ty's trust. She writes articles that talk about him and his team, revealing his character to be what she sees – a thoughtful, generous, yet competitive man. The more time she spends with Ty, the deeper her attraction to him becomes. They share some very sexy scenes together. She wishes she could tell Ty the truth about why she sought him out in the first place, but fears his reaction. As a reader, you know the fallout is coming, you just don't know when it will be and I was on edge waiting for it to happen.

As for Ty, the knowledge of the cheating that happened on his father's team wears on him and on his relationship with his parents. His father isn't in the best of health and is supposed to avoid extra stress, and because of it, he just wants to sweep everything under a rug. But the questions Ty is fielding from some reporters indicate to him that somebody has talked. Someone knows about what happened and is going to be relentless about pursuing the story. As Ty gets to know Cori, the relief he feels at being able to confide in her is palpable. She doesn't judge him and seems to understand the difficulty he is experiencing in not being able to convince his father to come forward with the story before the press learns all the details. Ty feels a kinship with Cori, and their relationship progresses swiftly.

The world of car racing is well represented here, both from the press box with Cori, and down in the pit and in the race car with Ty. We get a sense of the trust and loyalty that the Riggs team members feel for each other, as well as the positive relationship that Ty has with the majority of the other drivers. The story is told from both Ty and Cori's points of view, and thus gives insight into both their thought processes. My main complaint is that the resolution to the conflict comes too quickly. The ending is abrupt after the long buildup, and doesn't give enough time to really feel that Ty and Cori are ready to move forward and put what's happened behind them. Despite this, *Crossing the Line* is a solid addition to this car racing series and worth the read.

Note: this review also appears at All About Romance: <http://allaboutromance.com/book-revie...>

A copy of this story was provided by the publisher for review

Nadine Bookaholic says

Crossing the Line is the 3rd book in the *Hard Driving* series and while most series you need to read in order to follow characters growth this book can most definitely be read as a standalone.

Ty and Cori have an instant attraction when they meet at a press interview after one of Ty's races, and while a relationship between the race car driver and the journalist would be frowned upon neither one of them wants to walk away from the sparks. Both Ty and Cori are keeping secrets from one another and they both are stressing over the morality of what they are doing.

I have to be honest and say that even though I enjoyed this book I couldn't connect with either character and

I'm not sure why. Would I recommend this book? absolutely! This has been a very enjoyable series and I look forward to more of it. I enjoy the way Audra North pulls you into her stories and keeps a firm hold on you until the last page, and while Ty and Cori may not have been my favorite couple it was a good solid story with lots of twists and turns that keep you guessing as well as some sexy time between the two.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book that I requested from St. Martin's Press through Netgalley <https://www.netgalley.com/>

ItsAboutTheBook says

Review can be read at It's About The Book

What could be worse than a race car driver meeting and falling in love with a reporter, especially when he's keeping a career-ending secret and she's desperate to keep her job? Well, read this great new romance from Audra North and find out!

Ty Riggs was following his father's dreams, competing in the professional world of racing. Being on the Riggs' team and following in his dad Bobby's footsteps was all he ever could have wanted. He'd been working hard for years to get where he was, so it was disappointing that when he won the first big race of the season, another racer—Dave Gilroy had accused him of cheating. No way would Ty ever do that!

But what no one else knew was that years before, without his father's knowledge or consent, Bobby's crew chief had bribed the frontrunner's crew chief to make enough little mistakes so the frontrunner would lose. Bobby had won the championship and started Riggs Racing Team right after. There was no evidence that the crew chief had thrown the race, but money had changed hands and there wasn't any way to prove that Bobby had won on his own. So that shadow always remained, a secret only a few knew. So did Gilroy know something or was he just guessing?

Then we have Cori, trying to make it in a man's world of sports reporters. Her boss is a total jerk and isn't giving her any stories. She knows she's a good journalist, but if she never gets to write anything she'll never get a chance to prove it. Along comes a story—but at a horrible price. Someone's hired the paper to do an expose on Ty Riggs and she's to do anything necessary to get close enough to him to get him to share his secrets. What the heck? That's really creepy, and she hopes her writing will be enough to get her editor to back down on that... because she just can't do it. After her first piece is a hit, she negotiates a deal that hopefully will save her from having to betray Ty's secrets.

The heat was fast to burn just like you'd expect from a racing novel, with lots of emotional connections and a wonderful ending that made a first place finish in this reader's heart. Thanks

Isha Coleman says

Crossing the Line is a morality tale of sorts. It ponders ethics and attraction with the lines of right and wrong becoming blurred. I received an ARC of Ms. North's latest novel in exchange for an honest review. The story centers around fast cars, sly women and a conspiracy that could blow up the careers of two people. Cori is a

smart broad but she makes questionable choices, mainly getting involved with the one man that could steal her heart and topple her career. Ty and Cori are bad for each other, but can't keep their distance. Audra North has written story full of saucy comebacks and heated stares that is easy on the eyes and fun for the imagination.
