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Savannah von Hopf has no choice. To save her uncle's life, she goes in search of Ken "WildCard" Karmody, a guy she barely knew in college who is now a military operative. She must convince him to help her deliver a cache of ransom money into the hands of terrorists halfway around the world. What she doesn't expect is to end up in WildCard's arms before she can even ask for his help.

WildCard has always had a soft spot for beautiful women. But when he discovers Savannah's hidden agenda, he is determined to end the affair. But Savannah is bound for Indonesia with or without his protection, and he can't just walk away. When her plan goes horribly wrong, they are trapped in the forsaken jungle of a hostile country, stalked by a lethal enemy. As time is running out, they scramble to escape, risking their lives to stop a nightmare from spinning even further out of control. . . .

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Leea says

Buddy read with Wendy F.

The *Troubleshooter Series* just keeps getting better and better as they progress. I'm hooked. Call me a fan of *Brockmann* from this moment forward.

"A flying bookstore." Molly smiled at him. "Be still my heart."

In *Out of Control* we are again given not one, not two but three love stories.

Savannah and Ken: Their love affair is like a fire, it's hot and started fast. Ken puts his foot in his mouth for most of the book but he finally comes to his senses and see's what's right in front of him. A beautiful, strong and loyal women.

(view spoiler)

Molly and Jones: This was such a beautiful story. Molly is older, she's had a life and made some mistakes but her life is on track. It's like she's completely open to meeting the right person and in walks Jones. He's a mysterious man, he's dangerous, he's sexy and about to walk away with Molly's heart. You cannot stop rooting for them.

She was overweight by America's foolish standards, but not by Jones's. To him, she was perfection. Soft and smooth and completely, lushly, provocatively female. She was Mother Nature, Mother Earth—with beautiful, full breasts peaked with generous dark nipples and womanly hips that could cradle and comfort and take a man to heaven without him fearing he'd snap her in two.

Rose and Hank: In classic *Brockmann* style she includes a heart wrenching WWII love story. It's weaved in between the other love stories in the form of an autobiography that Rose wrote about her time as a double agent. It's a beautiful story of love, devotion and how the heart can endure.

Alyssa and Sam: The madness continues. To say i'm anticipating this book is the understatement of the year. These two are going to burn down a house - they're just that hot.

Up close he was big. All wide shoulders and long legs and broad chest. He smelled like sunblock and heat, and as she breathed him in, Alyssa felt a flash of panic. What was she doing? This was crazy. She was crazy to get within ten feet of this man

Gina says

In this book Brockmann advances her skills considerably. Ken and Savannah are good characters, the WWII subplot is again an interesting one and even the 2 mini plots of Molly/Jones and Alyssa/Sam are good. All stories are intertwined nicely and the fact that someone from each of the pairings is reading the same book

was clever.

One thing that did aggravate me from time to time was again the female lead thinking she could handle a situation better than a navy seal. Savannah ignores things Ken says and talks to the terrorists in French and other stuff, but she isn't as annoying as Meg from *The Defiant Hero*. Overall, Van and Ken seemed like a good fit together.

What is up with Kelly Ashton still refusing to marry Tom Paoletti??

Brockmann is steadily pairing/marrying off each member of the seal team which will lead to introductions of new characters and moving away from the Navy and WWII scenarios eventually. I enjoyed the Rose/Hank WWII story and will miss these settings for stories but I know that things have to change to not get stale.

I am looking forward to the rest of the books but I'm wondering about Muldoon as the next leading man. There are other guys on Seal Team 16, Muldoon's new to the squad and young. I'm guessing someone needed a book before Sam and Alyssa could wrap their story up. I am really looking forward to *Gone Too Far*.

Shawna says

5+ stars – Romantic Suspense

I really enjoyed this one...very entertaining. I loved the Survivor-esque plot with Navy SEAL Ken "WildCard" Kamody and Miss Prim and Proper Pollyanna Savannah von Hopf roughing it in the jungles of Indonesia, while escaping and evading terrorists and the local warlord. I have to say, Savannah handled traversing rough terrain in bare feet, sleeping in the mud, and eating slugs much better than I would and without complaints. Ken initially thinks she's a spoiled, uptight, and straight-laced rich girl, but he soon gains tremendous respect for her no-fuss attitude, determination, inner strength, and will to survive that would rival any SEAL.

I loved Ken "WildCard"...he's zany, funny, romantic, sweet even when he's being a grade-A jerk, and he's always putting his foot in his mouth by saying the first thing that comes to mind. Pretty much everything he thinks and says is laugh-out-loud hysterical. Savannah's a nice, spunky, feisty heroine and really throws Kenny for a loop. They are both a tad insecure and a little bit goofy and make a super cute, syrupy sweet couple...I couldn't get enough of them!

The WWII subplot in this one has a strong tie to the main story, but once again I felt that the flashback scenes were a distraction, and I mostly skipped over them. I just wish there was more of the main action and characters instead, but at least this time the WWII flashback scenes were printed in a different size and font, making skimming through them easy.

Another highpoint to *Out of Control* is the steamy romance between missionary Molly and mysterious smuggler Mr. Jones, aka Dave Jones/Grady Morant. He's a sexy gamma/anti-hero worthy of an Anne Stuart 'Ice' book, and Molly's bluntness with him was priceless. Their explosive chemistry and spicy banter was one of my favorite aspects of the book. Things weren't totally wrapped up for them, so I really hope to see more of them in a future book.

We get a little bit more drama in the Sam and Alyssa saga and see Sam's internal misery over his loveless marriage and Alyssa trying to move on. The scene where Jules and Alyssa go to Sam's house and she mistakenly thinks Sam's wife Mary Lou is pregnant again because she hasn't lost her baby weight was both sad and funny. The scene where Alyssa lied to Sam about her feelings over their short relationship in an attempt to discourage his lingering feelings for her was absolutely heartbreaking, I sooo hope that Brockmann gives Sam and Alyssa a whopping HEA because boy do they ever deserve it! I can't wait to read their story in book six to find out.

Out of Control is a sexy, action-packed romantic suspense read with great characters and hot romance...big 5 stars.

?Karlyn P? says

Wonderful! Probably the best in the series. A must read for suspense romance fans.

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

I wasn't going to read this book for a few weeks as I didn't want to overdose too much on the same author....however I just couldn't resist reading Wildcard's story! And now the bad thing is, is that I can't decide who I like more Wildcard or Stan (although I would have to go with Stan just on a height basis)

The heroine in the story is Savannah Van Hopf who knows Kenny "Wildcard" Karmody from Yale and has had a crush on him ever since. She needs his help as her Uncle Alex has been kidnapped and she wants him to go with her to deliver the ransom. However that isn't quite what happens, they end up having a night together before her telling him who she is and why she is there and needless to say Kenny feels used. However he still accompanies her and the real trouble starts from there.

What I really liked about Kenny was how sweet and open to love he was, with most books the hero believes he doesn't want to be in love or doesn't need it; however, Wildcard wants someone to love and love him back but has been burnt in the past and despite being a "jerk" as Savannah would say, he also has a very big heart. I also liked Savannah as well, I thought she was sweet and tough, the kind of person I would want to be friends with; she didn't do too many stupid things either and when she did you understood why.

This book also had the WWII thread going through it and I really liked how she did it in this book, with the various characters all reading the same biography of a female double agent (Savannah's Grandmother) during the war. There was also a secondary love story between Molly and Jones, a missinairy worker and a smuggler with a shady path, that begins in this book and I hope continues in future books as it didn't seem to resolve by the end of this one.

Finally, the Sam and Alyssa saga continues and I really just want to read the their book. However I also feel sorry for Mary Lou although she didn't come across as the nicest person I feel kind of sorry for her and I hope she gets a HEA as well.

Anyways on to Mike Muldoon next!

MBR says

5+ Stars Romantic Suspense

Book 4 in the Troubleshooter series stars Navy SEAL Ken Karmody, who gets nicknamed as “Wild Card” because of his ability to think out of the box and come out winning however difficult a problem might be. Ken had certainly not led a charming childhood with an emotionally and physically abusive father, which had in the end toughened him up and made Ken determined to do what he wanted in life. Ken is a genius when it comes to computers and whatnot and beneath his tough SEAL facade lies a heart that yearns to love and claim a woman as his forever. His ex-girlfriend Adele had certainly done a number on him with a continuous on and off relationship with Ken which had gone on for around 10 years until Ken had finally seen the light and refused to bend to her every whim which had pretty much ended things on the relationship front.

Savannah Van Hopf couldn’t be any more different from Ken even if she tried. A rich heiress who works as an appellate attorney, Savannah is the granddaughter of the famous Rose Van Hopf who worked as a double agent for the US and the Nazi during World War II. Savannah had always had a huge crush on Ken even though he hadn’t noticed her much, and it is through Adele that Savannah finds out Ken’s address and travels to San Diego to find him and ask his assistance in locating her uncle Alex who had disappeared in Indonesia without a trace.

From the moment Ken comes across the beautiful and utterly feminine Savannah, he is smitten something fierce and before Savannah can muster up the courage to bring up why she is actually in the neighborhood, these two light up the sheets with intense passion and red hot desire that practically leaps out of the very pages. To say that both fall completely in lust and a little bit in love with one another during that night would not be a lie. However with the morning, the truth comes out completely walloping Ken with intense feelings of betrayal which makes him pissed off at Savannah to no end. However, even with all the intense feelings of dislike churning within him for a woman who still has the ability to make him go a little bit weak at the knees, Ken is not willing to let Savannah travel all the way to Indonesia alone to find her uncle.

It is in Indonesia that the real adventure begins when Ken and Savannah are kidnapped by Russian goons at gun point right from the airport itself. Barely managing to escape them, Savannah and Ken are forced to survive in the jungle that grows densely throughout the Parwati island of Indonesia. To survive and outmaneuver everyone who is after them, Savannah and Ken are forced to endure each other’s company which in turn makes each of them discover why they had fallen for each other so hard in such a short span of time.

This book was so frigging good that I believe I have dug myself into a hole from which I won’t be able to escape anytime soon. Since I haven’t read books 1 – 3 in the Troubleshooter series and jumped straight into book 4, I was a bit overwhelmed to say the least when characters kept leaping right into the pages from left and right. However, a couple of chapters in, I was totally captivated by the ease with which Ms. Brockmann makes each and every character count, how she makes them come alive and how effectively she makes each and every one of their stories matter.

Head onto <http://bit.ly/fACxFa> to read the full review with quotes from the book!

Lori McD says

4.5-5 stars (And 5 stars is really, really hard for me to give!)

What can I say? This one was FAB! Loved that there was more of a light-heartedness feel to the book most of the way through. Sure, the situation in the jungle for Ken/Savannah, Alex, Molly/Jones isn't "light-hearted", but there was something other than intense gloom and doom at all times.

I'll have to come back at another time and really review this book... not feeling well today.

I want MORE of Rose's and Hank's story! I always love the WWII flashback stories as much or more than the present-day stuff, but this one was, amazing! And even better that Rose wrote a book that she was narrating for an audio book and that virtually everyone involved with the book is reading at one point or another. Great way to move that story along. I really want to know more about Rose and Hank after the war. All we know from Savannah is that her grandpa is dead....

Wonder what happens with Jones next?

I had a theory that perhaps George was closer to Alex than we thought. But Rose put an end to that at the end of the book.

The Max-Alyssa stuff is... fascinating, and yet, it hurts my heart. Max, because he really is hung on Gina, and Alyssa, because of all the Sam stuff. Sam and his wife? Wow - don't get me started! My dad was a marine, and he often said to me that even when using protection it was drilled into him that you don't sleep with someone you can't see yourself married to. I only wish Sam had taken that to heart. (Good thing to live by, too.) If I didn't already know that Sam and Alyssa have another shot in book 6 (or after), I'd probably be ready to kill someone over all of this. What great angst!

It'll be hard to top this one for me, but I'm hoping that Ms. B does it!

Chele says

This author may not be for me. This is the second book I've read in this series. I don't like the writing style of returning to the past and present and the different storylines. I prefer to concentrate on just one or two couples. I have more of this series in my tbr but I think I'll take a break from it for now.

Linda says

I wasn't expecting to enjoy Out of Control as much as I did. Really!

When I consider a series, I am one of those readers that **needs** to start with the first story. Rarely -and I actually have a tag for this- do I reveal a book is fine as a standalone. That said, Ms. Brockmann used

multiple characters from previous narratives with The Troubleshooters. When I began, *and having not read the first three books*, I considered (I didn't actually do it) looking for a notebook to write down who was involved with whom. *There were a lot of characters and three individual romances that were swimming among the pages.*

One of the love stories was a thread that took place during WWII and stitched all of the existing scenarios together. For those of you that abhor continual exchanges referring to previous alliances, look elsewhere.

In case you were wondering, this was Ken 'Wildcard' Karmody's turn for romantic closure. If you have ever fried bacon in a cast iron skillet and got up close and personal, you will relate to 'Kenny's' relationship with 'Van'. You know what I mean; think about it. You hear the sizzling. You consider screaming for a brief moment when grease pops onto your hand. You smell, wonders of wonders, a *delicious* aroma. It was a balm. A message. You finally arrived home. Or I should say, Ken did.

Then there was Molly: the older woman with a past. And 'Jones', the loner. Theirs was a lesson in opposites-attract. A couple that found one another in the oppressive and muggy heat of the Indonesian jungle. A missionary and a smuggler. And talk about some steam!

The third romance was the thread that took place during WWII. It was the story of Savannah 'Van' von Hopf's grandparents. It concerned itself with spies, a war and insta-love. Soulmates. And a sweet forever.
Sigh.

There was plenty of action. Some of the occurrences were page-turners. Without it, I don't think I would have enjoyed this book half as much. And once I finished the first quarter, I was hooked.

For lack of a better word, it was busy. But I had a handle on things. I loved the snarky banter. The chemistry. I *guessed* at what twosomes would earn their HEAs and which others would find happiness in future books. Thank you, Luli, for recommending Out of Control to me; I thoroughly enjoyed it!

Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says

Three fantastic storylines contribute to one awesome read!

Each book in this series just gets better and better.

• * ° *•••**Gwendolyn**•°***★°***★ says

5 Splendidly Romantic Stars!

This pic reminds me of Savannah~she's was a sweetheart! And not a damsel in distress , which is so awesome to read.

The MC's SAVANNAH & KEN "WILDCARD" were awesome!

The secondary romance of Molly and Jones were an adorable. The WW11 subplot love story with Rose and Hank was sweet and interesting and this time held my attention.

The car scene had me LMAO. And the development of the MC and SCs as always was stunning. This is where Suzanne Brockman excels along with her diversity and rock solid writing. Gosh, I had a few niggles in the end....but honestly, there is so much to love about this series and, I still do love this series hard.

Mitzi says

I spent the entire month of February in Cozumel on the beach reading the rest of the Troubleshooter series and it's a good thing my Kindle's whispernet worked or I would have had a stroke!!!.....This series is so damn addictive....you can't read just one, and you definitely must read them in order. I liked some of the books much better than others....but this one is Fantastic!!!...There is so much going on.....

- 1)The main story of the rich prim/proper girl (Savannah) meets bad boy Navy Seal Ken Karmody aka Wild Card working together to rescue her uncle that takes them on an exciting adventure into the jungle and foreign countries...they are an unlikely match yet they are perfect together
- 2)An introduction to a blossoming hot romance between Molly (older woman/missionary in the jungle) and Grady (younger man/pirate) that leaves us begging for a conclusion
- 3)Plus a WW2 story (book/autobiography) by Savannah's grandmother describing how she endured those horrendous times and ended up with her true love
- 4)And last but not least, we have the continuing friction between Sam/Alyssa and their unrequited love for each other....It broke my heart when Alyssa told Jules (after reading the autobiography) that she....'Wanted her own happily ever after'.

As a (primarily) historical romance reader...I would recommend to those that want to broaden their reading spectrum to dip their toe into this series....I don't think you will be disappointed. The romance between the H/h is so strong and takes center stage, while the suspense wraps around them and adds to excitement of their situation.

Carolyn says

Fabulous! Great characters, wonderful back story (WWII). I just loved Kenny "WildCard" and Savannah. Enjoying the hell out of this series. So far, all of them are "I can't put this down" books. Onto the next one! ;)

Shae says

I think this one might be my favorite so far. Or at least, the characters were some of my favorite so far. As always, there was a WWII related storyline going at the same time, and I really liked how this one was done. It was kinda funny that all of the characters in the book were reading the same thing. It was a lot better than

the Alzheimer lady of the previous book just slipping back into the past. One thing I thought was interesting was the fact that Wildcard who is basically a big giant geek (and even has trouble picking up women, which is adorable) is stuck in the jungle a bazillion miles away from any type of cool gadget. Oh, and it was kinda sad seeing Max hit on Alyssa and Sam being so miserable in his marriage. If Max and Alyssa get involved I'll scream. I reeeeally don't want them together for any length of time

Shabby Girl ~ aka Lady Victoria says

Five big fat stars all the way. Two great heros paired up with two absolutely wonderful heroines, three great love stories, lots of action and laughter and tears all the way. Just wow. I can't wait to go onto the next one. Thank God I'm years behind this author and I've all the Troubleshooter books all good to go.
