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A feel good contemporary romance/romantic comedy with a 'sweet' steam factor about second chances at love.

Savannah Bondurant, a marriage and relationship columnist for the Savannah Sun Times, just signed her divorce papers.

Brody McAlister, the elusive and smoking hot gym boy, has finally recovered from his divorce three years ago.

Be it spurred by loneliness or sheer attraction, the two slip into the sheets for a memorable one-night stand.

Savannah's pesky ex-husband continues to try and worm his way back into her life, insisting they remain friends, even though he is living with his jealous new girlfriend.

An up-and-coming woodworker artist, Brody has every socialite cougar in town promising him success and riches, for a price, of course.

With two advice-giving older sisters, one fiercely single and one seemingly happily married, Savannah learns her parents' long and successful relationship does not come without its own secrets. Why should she believe in happily ever after?

Her constant overanalyzing and skepticism bodes well in her profession as a journalist, but proves counterproductive in her personal life. Divorce, guilt, suspicion, holding on to the past—can Savannah trust in Brody to help her Let It Go...

## Let It Go Details

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# From Reader Review Let It Go for online ebook

## Drita says

Totally enjoyed this book. Another beautifully told story by Brooklyn James.

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## Christina says

I can't wait to read this! Gotta love Brooklyn James...her other book "the Boots My Mother Gave Me" was outstanding! So much emotion.

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## Akanksha♥ Søren? says

This book was SOOOOOO **bad**.

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## Brooklyn James says

Review provided by Amazon Reader Review:

"I like Brooklyn James's writing. There is a realness to her dialogue and characters; the interchange seemingly something I might hear a friend say or do. The witty repartee between sisters, co-workers and lovers in Let It Go is something I might see in a romantic comedy film. I laughed out loud several times while reading this book.

'Did you know that primates, female monkeys...their bums turn red...signifying to males that they're ready for action,' Savannah whispers, her eyes as big as flying saucers at such a direct, non-wooing required approach. -Savannah, researching piece for newspaper column

'I think we come equipped with the same shading factor. It simply displays itself on our face rather than our ass.' Tami Lynn laughs. 'Think about it. First time gym boy ever talked to you, did you blush?' -Co-Worker

I can relate to Savannah, being a career-driven individual myself. Savannah wants to have it all, although unsure if she can have it all. Can anybody really have it all? Her career always wins out, especially when her ex-husband continues to push with his antics, 'You don't have time for me.'

Enter Brody McAlister, gym boy - holy hotness at the gym! Brody is swoonworthy with his logical, direct and quite debonair approach to life and love. And it doesn't hurt that I read a blog post where Stuart Reardon was cast as Brody. That man is fine!

'What's all of this man talk?' Savannah's voice matching his in its come-hither delivery, she returns his affection, her lips now playing softly upon his neck. 'Are you some sort of closet caveman?' -Savannah

'No woman wants a man she can walk all over. No more than she wants one who will walk all over her. It's my position to stay true to myself while becoming the man she needs.' -Brody

Their journey is a very real take on seizing second chances at love - fear of repeating past mistakes and behaviors, guarded hearts so as not to get hurt or hurt someone again and most importantly letting go of the past's baggage. The way Brody and Savannah talk about and work through things is inspiring and mature. I enjoyed that aspect of the story. It gave it a bit more depth than simply just focusing on the two of them being overly attracted to and hot and bothered for one another. And the sex scenes were HOT!

As a reader, if you enjoy sitting down with a medium-paced HEA romance, you'll likely enjoy this novel. Let It Go doesn't have a lot of twists and turns and shocking revelations. If that's the type of read you enjoy, maybe this isn't the book for you.

The writing is savy and quick. There are a lot of supporting characters. So, it's not a read to simply fly through because it might get confusing. But the supporting characters made it more real for me. It gave it a very familiar feeling, having family members and co-workers offering their two cents. Everybody has an opinion! That's why I really liked this book. There was a lot to take away from it, and it was very realistic."

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## **Georgina says**

Let It Go by Brooklyn James

I was asked to do a review for Let It Go and at the time it just so happened that it was next on my TBR list so of course I said yes. I had heard of Brooklyn James' earlier novel The Boots My Mother Gave Me and remember it being very popular so I was quite keen to get into Let It Go.

This story follows Savannah Bondurant, a marriage and relationship columnist for the Savannah Sun Times and Brody McAlister, the elusive and smoking hot gym boy. Savannah has just signed her divorce papers and Brody has finally recovered from his divorce three years ago. What starts out as a one night stand quickly develops into something more. Add to that a pesky ex husband, a socialite cougar, along lost brother and older advice giving sisters and you get this novel which explores the notion of moving on after divorce.

Firstly, I really liked the main characters, especially Savannah. She is a great role model for all ladies out there being strong and independent. She is intelligent and dedicated to her work which points out that there is nothing wrong with a women having a high demand career. We also see her be extremely mature about her divorce and even though we have her ex husband Jack being extremely immature she still holds her own and is able to keep her maturity in tact.

We first see Brody described as the smoking hot gym boy and so I expected him to be just another 'jock' character, however he was far from it. In Brody we see kindness and a lot of charisma, whilst at the same time having a playful and sexy side. Brody is evidently Savannah's equal and his level of maturity obviously matches hers. He is hard working, yet still family orientated.

Overall I think that once you put the elements of her job as a columnist, two divorcees and a lot of people willing to give advice you get a novel that acts as what I would call a modern day relationship guide. I found that a lot of material in the novel was examining relationships and the do's and don'ts for life after divorce. There was the growing of the relationship and often a steamy sex scene or two but refreshingly at the same

time I found that we were constantly learning about society and our interaction with each other.

Whilst there is that serious side to the novel, it also incorporates a lot of humour especially through the secondary characters. I enjoyed the secondary characters especially Tami Lynn and 'Scary Larry'. I have to say that every scene he appeared in had me in fits of laughter, every time I saw him call her Raven Queen I just had to smile. I think the sisters were perfectly written and the relationship between all three of them reminded me of a real life family.

An issue that I had with the novel was the secondary characters' POVs. Throughout the novel the POV changed very quickly between characters and sometimes I found it a little hard to keep up with who's head we happened to be in at the time. I did like the side story of Tami Lynn and Scary Larry, however I don't know whether a POV from each character was necessary. The only other thing I found to be odd was how much infidelity seemed to be in this novel, I know that it seems to be an issue in modern society, but here I found that every time we turned a corner someone was cheating.

Lastly I just want to mention the 'shag shirt', I did not know what this was and didn't know that people actually wear their 'shag shirt' to work the next day so I definitely found this hilarious! All in all I really enjoyed this novel and loved all the knowledge that James gave us on modern day society. Is there a happy ending? Yeah there is but it's not the traditional one, I would describe it more as a natural ending and opens up all possibilities for the future. I found this extremely refreshing as it wasn't just the usual wedding and kids ending. Brooklyn James you have created a beautiful novel and I will be keen to see what other adult contemporary romances you come up with!!

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### **Susie Guzman-carrasco says**

OMG hot amazing book! I just wished the ending had an Epilogue. But I could not put it down...LOVE Brody!!!!

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### **Ann says**

This contemporary-romance borders on chick lit at times with all its talk of men vs women (Men simplify, women overcomplicate). Took a while for me to warm up to long separated but newly divorced Savannah, from Savannah Georgia, but no time at all for me to adore Brody. He's talented, intelligent, charming, affectionate, achingly sweet and knows what he wants. Ok, yea, he's gorgeous, built and HOT too. Brody's the kind of guy I'd want pored slowly all over me. ;-) Definitely adding Brody to my Book Boyfriend List.

I do LOVE a Georgia accent and wished I could have heard this as an audio bk. All that southern charm and mannerly "yes Ma'am", and "Miss so and so". Then there were the witty phrases, like..."wondering when her cheese slipped off her cracker". LOL!

This almost sounded like a fluff read when I read the blurb for the bk. But not so...this is more than just a contemporary romance it's a family story with the theme of letting the past go and embracing the future as it pertains to several of the story's players. Love the side characters – Savannah's colorful family and her co-workers but most especially Savannah's oldest sister Jac..the roller derby queen "Jac-You-Up." LOL!! You definitely want this girl on your side.

When you're in the mood to be charmed by a romance...read this one.

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**Carol\*\*\*BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks says**

2.5 stars

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**Liz says**

5+ Stars.. Review soon - Let It Go" is yet again a wonderful novel. The relationships portrayed are real and not played up. The intimacy between the characters are sensual, written w class and Unforgettable. Let It Go are only 3 words but powerful.

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

FREE on Amazon US today (6/12/13).

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**Tessa Teevan says**

We meet sweet, sassy Savannah Bondurant an hour after she's signed the paper to officially free herself from Jack Brigant, the man from whom she's been separated for the past year and a half.

*Has it escaped your attention that you are a marriage columnist?* -her quirky boss, Willow, exasperates upon hearing the news.

Savannah creatively decides to use this new development in her life to appeal to those who've gone through, or are going through, the same thing. She's excited to share with her readers her experiences as she begins this new, unexpected chapter in her life. You see, there was no huge, explosive breakup. No cheating scandal. No sordid affairs. Savannah and Jack simply grew up and grew apart.

*People grow, they evolve, and not always in the same direction. -Savannah tells Jack, after he shows up, in shock, that she's actually signed the papers.*

It simply just wasn't working anymore, and Savannah refused to spend her life in an unhappy marriage. Savannah, although nervous, is eager to move on begin this new journey, adamant that she's not looking for anything other than friendship.

*I'm not going to be that girl, hopping out of one relationship and right into another. I am not afraid to be alone.*

Famous last words, right? Enter Gym Boy, the smoking hot stranger that Savannah's secretly noticed at her gym four days a week, every week, for the past year.

***Standing about six-foot-four, weighing in at two-hundred-twenty-five pounds, with a chest and shoulders out to there, his waist and hips narrow, chiseling his form into a delightfully attractive V.***

***There's this guy at my gym. I swear it's like an episode of Clash of the Dinosaurs: Mating Season on the Discovery Channel every time I'm near him.*** -Savannah hilariously reveals to her sister, Jac.

Fate. Coincidence. The universe aligning. Call it what you want, but there's something to be said for the fact that on this day, the first day of the rest of Savannah's life, Gym Boy, speaks to her for the first time, finally introducing himself as Brody McAllister. After a playful, flirtatious exchange, they part ways, but not before Brody can leave a note with his number inviting Savannah to join him for a run anytime she wishes. She soon finds herself contacting him, and they fall into comfortable conversation as they begin to get to know one another.

As there is an undeniable attraction between the two, Savannah and Brody quickly find themselves unable to fight the scorching chemistry that radiates whenever they're together.

***His intuition magic, he reads her, every part of her like his favorite book, knowing exactly how to touch her, taste her, enchant her.***

As they spend more time together, it becomes clear that there are feelings between the two. Savannah's apprehensive to begin another relationship out of fear that she'll end up in the same spot again. For now, Brody's comfortable enough to let her set the pace, his own experiences having allowed him to understand the need for time.

***We all have scars, Savannah. Wounds. They take time to close. To heal. But in the meantime, you'd be better off to stop second-guessing yourself. Beating yourself up over past mistakes. Trust me.***

The question remaining is how long will it take Savannah to allow herself to give in to her feelings for Brody...and how just how long is Brody willing to wait?

Savannah: I really enjoyed Savannah in this book. She was so down-to-Earth and comfortable in her own skin. She had such a positive outlook on life that I admire, especially when she could be drowning in post-divorce blues. She knew what direction she wanted to take her life in and she made it happen, no matter how hard it hurt. In the end, she came out a better person, with a better relationship, and a more beautiful view on life, love, and the art of letting go.

Brody: Brody was a fantastic male lead. Three years after his divorce, Brody chooses to be picky about the woman he plans on settling down with. He has a "checklist" of sorts, and darnit if he doesn't find himself mentally clicking off items every time he's with Savannah. Even though Savannah is the relationship columnist, Brody is akin to a modern day love guru. Rather than wallow in self pity, he used his relationship experiences and let downs to provide the insightful, heartfelt guidance that Savannah needs as they navigate the unknown waters of post-divorce dating.

Jack: Jack Brigant is an irritatingly sympathetic character, and he's ultimately an understandably lost man who is having trouble coping with the fact that he's now divorced. Although he did nothing to try and keep her, he didn't want to lose her, and now he's wallowing in self-pity. He cannot accept that his marriage is over, or that he had any responsibility in the breakdown of it. I'd actually really be interested in reading another story with Jack working through his issues and finding the woman he'd actually be willing to fight for and do anything to keep her.



The supporting cast truly made this book remarkable. Every character was relatable in one way or another. At times, I had to set my Kindle down and contemplate on various situations with which I could associate some of my own life experiences to better understand the character. Throughout the course of the story, we're given an incredible group of women whose stories are woven beautifully with Savannah's. We have many interactions with her sisters, mother, and nieces. The female dynamic amongst the Bondurant women is beautiful, heartwarming, and at times, laugh out loud funny. The extraordinary display of love and affection between the three Bondurant girls brought tears to my eyes. They loved each other fiercely, creating an undeniable support system as each sister dealt with real life issues that had them questioning everything they've ever known.

Overall, this was a refreshing, realistic take on modern relationships. We've all known someone whose suffered through divorce, or perhaps you have yourself. It can be painful. It can be lonely. It can be so agonizing that you're filled with pain with every breathe you take. But it can also be exactly what you need. It can be revitalizing. It can rejuvenate your soul and revive your heart. That's the message I got from this beautiful story of taking the reigns and finding happiness if you can just find a way to Let It Go.

ARC was kindly provided by Ms. James in exchange for an honest review.

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### **~ Cariat ~ says**

Now that's how you use fonts on a cover!

Hot, hot, hot using one hard and one soft font with the red, it speaks volumes. Love the way you entwined it through your name. You've sold me...count me in!

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### **Sbell says**

The chemistry between Savanna and Brody was swoon worthy. Their story was definitely 5star. However, there were just too many characters in this book. I wanted all Savannah and Brody and they were probably in only about 1/4 of the book. Way too many secondary stories that I really didn't care about. SO I rate this a 3.

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### **Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says**

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## Michelle says

This cover was amazing - being a complete cover whore, I was sold as soon as I saw it. Although I did expect a bit more of a steamy read, considering the cover; I was quite happy with the toned down coming of age story I found within its pages.

Savannah Bondurant is in her thirties, she writes a marriage advice column for the paper and when you meet her she has just signed her divorce papers. After eight years of being with Jack, it's just not working anymore. The year and a half separation did not cause her to go running back into his arms, but instead allowed her to see all the reality in a relationship where two people just really wanted different things out of life.

Jack is devastated, he doesn't want to let go of his wife and lover of the last eight years and the family he has grown to love. To say Jack had an odd way of showing his love for Savannah is an understatement - he was an ass, over and over again. But now a free Savannah has a chance to start over - to focus on what will make her happy. Enter gym boy.

Brody McAlister has been watching Savannah at the gym for some time, and boy did she notice him. Having just watched her from afar for the last year and a half he finally approaches her. Savannah isn't ready for a relationship, she expects that the right thing to do in her newly divorced state is to slowly date and not just dive in. But Brody, who has now been divorced for the last five years has other plans. Savannah gives into a casual date to go running on Sunday morning, and as they talk about their failed marriages Brody starts to check off each must have quality. He is finding that Savannah is a perfect fit.

We are introduced to their families, all southern and proper with yes ma'ams and sweet drawls. I loved the sassy Jaq and her strength, she was the oldest sister and would protect her two younger sisters at all costs. Vangie was the middle sister, who much like her mother fought for perfection, but what is later realized might come at a cost. To say this story was just about Savannah and Brody is an understatement. You get to watch the entire Bondurant clan let it go. The moment when Vangie's world comes crashing down around her was the most moving part for me in the book. Her mother's need to let go of a ghost to move on was written so simple - but choked me up completely.

Brody proves to be so much more than a guy with a hot body and beautiful face. He teaches Savannah how to fight for what she loves, to let go of the past and that she can find love and still have the life she wants. She doesn't have to compromise one for the other. She can retain her independence and still need a man, to allow him to protect her and care for her.

It might have been all the southern charm, but I felt like this had such a Hope Floats & Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood feel to it. It took a while to get into the narration type read of the book, I have been so used to the first person POV that it took a while for the story to flow for me. But once the middle was hit - I was indeed hooked. I would have liked to have had an epilogue rather than just have it end. But I have a feeling that Brody and Savannah will make this last.

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