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The Wilde brothers are addicted to the rush of adventure. But one of them is about to discover that it's sink or swim, when passion and politics collide...

Whitewater rafting guide Sawyer Wilde has taken his share of inexperienced adventure seekers through the rapids of Idaho's Salmon River, so his next group should pose no problems—even if it includes a presidential hopeful and his sexy, outspoken aide. After all, it's just a campaign photo-op for the congressman. Until a series of minor mishaps takes a sinister turn...

Devin Lockhart has one job on the rafting trip: to make her boss look both presidential and relatable. And no matter how distractingly attractive their guide is, she plans to do it well. But as danger stalks them through every bend in the river, Devin must put her life—and the congressman's—in Sawyer's capable hands. Because surviving the trip is only the beginning of a deadly ride...

## Wilde Side Details

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## No Apology Book Reviews says

I would like to thank Jannine Gallant, Lyrical Press, and Kensington Publishing Corp., for allowing me to read this novel in exchange for an honest review.

Devin Lockhart and Sawyer Wilde are drawn to each other the moment they lay eyes on each other. He's the guide on a rafting trip she's taken with her boss, a congressman seeking good press and a strong, hearty image. Devin and Sawyer decide to go with their emotions and have some fun during the trip—but when they realize the congressman's "accidents" are intended to be deadly, it's not fun anymore.

This review will be short and sweet. I really, really liked this book, and I'm surprised to say so because for some reason I didn't expect to like it. I don't know if it was the cheesy, unoriginal play on "wild" or what, but regardless, I consider it a pleasant surprise.

I thought I had this book figured out from the get-go, but a twist had me rethinking things. And it didn't come out of nowhere, after I thought about it. I enjoyed the suspense subplot, and the main romance as well. I haven't read too many books with the long distance relationship issue, but the ones I have didn't make it seem like that much of a problem, produced a solution too easily. Here it was a persistent dilemma, and I'm glad neither of them completely caved for the other. However, I wonder if Sawyer would have bent so willingly if they hadn't been in a life-or-death situation. I think he would have eventually, but he'd have taken more wearing down.

Sawyer was a little selfish, a little chauvinistic to begin with, but it was part of his arc—he learned to bend and meet halfway. Devin learned the same thing. I loved Devin. She was kind, she stood up for herself, she was upfront and honest with everyone, but in a friendly way, not a bitchy one. She was a great heroine—and Sawyer was a great hero! They both had their flaws and called each other on them even as they learned to accept them.

The writing was excellent. Not overly burdened with detail or thought process. The action scenes were exciting, and the pace moved right along and didn't seem to explain anything to death. The sex scenes weren't graphic, which was refreshing, but gave just enough detail to be sexy as well as sweet. Overall, I believe I'll look into Gallant's other work. If they're as good as this one, they may find a home on my keeper shelves.

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## Book Lover says

This is a romantic suspense.

Sawyer Wilde is an Outdoor Adventure owner and guide, as well as an accomplished artist. Devin is the assistant to a congressman running for president. She is independent, speaks her mind, knows what she wants from life and stands up for herself.

Sawyer and Devin meet when the congressman sets up a whitewater rafting outing for publicity. They are immediately attracted, decide to have a vacation fling because their lives and goals are so vastly different. As the days progress, feelings change and they begin to wonder if they could have more.

“Accidents” begin happening during the trip, involving the congressman. Once the trip is over, things continue to happen to the congressman and those close to him. Devin and Sawyer decide to try to make a go of things. Sawyer’s initial resistance to any compromise from him was so aggravating.

While I figured out early on who the bad guy was, the author does a good job of keeping you interested. I would have liked to see more of the romance developed; how they deal with their differences, how they adapted their lives, etc. Maybe this will carry over to the next book? As I didn’t read the first book in the series, I found this easily read as a standalone. I look forward to the next in series as Tripp sounds like he needs a good woman!

I was given an ARC by NetGalley and the publisher.

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### **Glenda Bettin says**

although I really liked this book my fav still is book one

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### **Alison Henderson says**

Hang on for a wild ride in this romantic suspense--as wild as the whitewater rafting trip that brings Devin and Sawyer together! Instant sparks fly, but she's a confirmed city girl, aide to a congressman, and he's only comfortable in the great outdoors. They both want a future together but don't see a middle ground. While Devin and Sawyer are trying to figure out their relationship, someone makes several attempts on the congressman's life, ultimately drawing Devin into the danger.

The author did a great job continually ramping up the suspense and offering several possible villains. Just when you think you know who did it, a plot twist sends you in another direction. Fans of romantic suspense are sure to love this one!

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### **Donna Repsher says**

Wilde Side is a second novel in Jannine Gallant's Born to be Wilde series, and I was looking forward to reading it since I enjoyed the first novel in the series, Wilde One, so much that I gave it 4.5 stars--but I can only give this one a 4-star rating.

Wilde Side is Sawyer Wilde's story. Like his siblings he's handsome, strong, likes the outdoors and adventure and he spends his summers leading whitewater rafting excursions out west. When he meets Devin Lockhart, congressional aide, and the lone female on his next excursion, the two are instantly attracted to one another. Devin doesn't feel ready to start anything long-term, having just ended her relationship with a co-worker, who she discovered used her connections to land a job with the Congressman she works for, and

since she lives and works in Washington, D.C., she can't imagine hooking up with a whitewater tour guide who spends his winters at his Wyoming ranch. She's there as an assistant to presidential hopeful, Congressman Walton Hinsdale, as part of his entourage, which also includes a TV crew from the show, "Political Spotlight," who will be filming the trip for an upcoming feature on the Congressman, who also happens to be Sawyer's godfather. Also along on the trip are Walton's son, Dwight, his brother-in-law, Charles, a last-minute replacement staffer, Roman, and Sawyer's regular business partner, Jon Berry.

From day one of the rafting trip, there are problems. After dinner the first night out, the Congressman gets what appears to be food poisoning, but everyone on the trip had the same dinner and he's the only one who becomes ill. On the second day out, one of the rafts is upended and the Congressman nearly drowns. Meanwhile, the attraction between Devin and Sawyer heats up. Devin is a wonderfully drawn character, a strong, resourceful, independent woman, and sweet, protective, sexy Sawyer is impossible to resist, even though she knows this can't be anything other than a short-term vacation fling.

The first half of the novel is excellent, action-packed, hot, exciting and danger-filled. The excursion wraps up early after Devin and Walton are nearly killed after what appears to be a rock slide, but was it really? The two new lovers agree to try to make their relationship work long-distance, and this is where I think the author went astray. While Sawyer and Devin have different careers, she's a native Vermonter who escaped to the city as soon as she turned 18. Sawyer likes working outdoors, ranching and whittling very expensive and sought-after collectible gnomes, hobbits and fairies during the winter months in Wyoming. What I found troublesome was that these are two intelligent adults, Devin is almost 30 years old, and Sawyer is a couple of years older than that. Once this on-again, off-again relationship began after the rafting trip ended, I found it impossible to believe that these two smart and savvy characters couldn't and wouldn't find a way to compromise somehow. Their indecision belabored much of the middle of the book and certainly slowed down what had been an exciting and fast-paced read. There was way too much waffling.

Additionally, there's even more action and danger ahead for these two, as well as more secrets that slowly come to light, all of which are well done and so well written that it was hard for this reader to put down, but in the end, I found that I enjoyed this second novel in the series slightly less than I enjoyed the first one.

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## **Reading In Pajamas says**

◆Review: Wilde Side (Born to Be Wilde) by Jannine Gallant <http://wp.me/p3d0RZ-7cg>

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Romantic Suspense/ Contemporary Romance

Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated: 4 Stars

A real nail-biter who-done-it mystery revolving around everyone. Devin was easy to like, even though a time or two she had me scratching my head. Sawyer also started out all alpha then a few things he did or thought didn't quite mesh. But that is the way of romantic struggles, and this one was a real struggle that couples tend to face at times. I appreciate how well the author handled the issue while weaving the drama. I also enjoyed how Ms. Gallant gave us city life and outdoor adventures all entwined with a plot that kept me guessing. I look forward to the next installment of the Wilde brothers.

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### **Brenda Whiteside says**

I've been reading these books out of order but it doesn't matter. I love this Wilde family! Ms Gallant is good at developing characters. Sawyer is definitely a wild Wilde but his transition to wanting to settle down with Devin was spot on. Devin was the kind of strong female character I enjoy reading. Add to the story some political intrigue and this romantic suspense had me to the end. Highly recommend.

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### **Misty says**

I really enjoyed this book, a great follow up to the first one.

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### **Bernie says**

Wilde Side is the second excellent romantic suspense book in the Born to be Wilde series written by author Jannine Gallant. Thanks to NetGalley and Kensington Books/ Lyrical Press for the advance copy.

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### **Heather andrews says**

Sawyer is like a little kid where Devin and her lingerie choices, "I like red." His voice croaked. She pushed him down on the bed then headed toward the bathroom." I loved Sawyer, I enjoyed this book there was adventure and romance.

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### **Cathy Geha says**

Wilde Side by Jannine Gallant  
Born to be Wilde #2

Romantic suspense with another Wilde brother sees Sawyer leading a group on a white river rafting trip. The clients are his godfather, Walton, a presidential hopeful and a few others along for the ride. Devin is Walton's PA and the complete opposite of Sawyer BUT opposites definitely attract in this story. With a number of questionable events involving the potential murder of Walton and more than one suspect there is little time for romance. Devin's goal in life is a successful career in a big city and with Sawyer hating big cities the chances for a HEA are not great without considerable compromise. With a potential murderer to unveil and a romance to cement this is an action-packed fast-paced suspense-filled story that had me hoping Devin and Sawyer would find a way to stay together.

Thank you to NetGalley and Kensington Books for the ARC. This is my honest review.

4.5 Stars

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### **Bea Charmed says**

I enjoyed the first book in this series, "Wilde One", so I happily requested this one. I didn't like it quite as much. Parts were infuriating, parts were predictable, and parts were pleasant.

Only a little bit of the story actually occurs on or near the rapids, which was disappointing. From the blurb I expected more of the story to occur there. Also disappointing was the fact that I figured one of the big secrets early in the story, around 15% in my Kindle eGalley. Gallant did everything but announce with a flashing neon sign. The guilty party was also not hard to figure out though I was only partially right concerning motivation.

The set-up was contrived but mostly enjoyable. There was definite heat between Sawyer and Devin, lots of steam and passion. Devin, however, was on the rebound and fell quickly for Sawyer. Things happened quickly between them, unbelievably fast in fact. I couldn't help but think she should have given herself a little more time to recover from the relationship she just ended but then at first she was treating her relationship with Sawyer as a fling. She wanted to enjoy him and get him out of her system. Yeah, does that ever actually work? I was also less than impressed with the whole sexual safety matter. She's on the pill, which is fine for preventing pregnancy but does nothing for preventing STDs. Nor did they discuss STDs; it was just, "I'm on the pill so we're home free!"

Going back to how fast things moved between. At only 24% in, he's already wondering about their future and how he'll fit in. At 27% he's pressuring her to commit to their future:

"We've only known each five days." Her voice cracked a little. "AM I supposed to agree to a huge, life-altering change based on a relationship that hasn't even lasted a week? I don't notice you offering to uproot and move."

"No, but you mean a lot more to me than the vacation romances we talked about. I'm willing to fly to Washing to see you. I want a chance to see you. I want a chance to spend more time together to find out if a few sacrifices would be worth making."

Sadly, his claim of being willing to make sacrifices was just BS for most of the story. He keeps demanding that she make all of the sacrifices, ignores her feelings, and then he issues an ultimatum. Devin does the smart thing and dumps his ass. After a serious lack of groveling on his part, they get back together and actually manage a compromise. But not before Sawyer behaves like a total dickhead.

A meh mystery and a teeth-grinding romance, "Wilde Side" was wildly disappointing.

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### **Jonel Boyko says**

Gallant brings the world of rafting and politics to life with this romantic suspense. Vivid descriptions allow readers to visit both alongside the characters as the plot unfolds.

The relationship between the main characters was very easy. I never had any doubt that they'd make it work, even if there were a few kinks to work out between them. The tension and suspense of the story came from the plot and the situations that they found themselves in together. For an adrenaline junkie Sawyer definitely tends to play it safe, especially when it comes to those that he cares about. He was definitely a character that you could get to know. He rarely kept any secrets and was quite an open book. Devin's laid back, all work attitude was a bit of a contradiction at times. I appreciated how she was questioning the turns her life took and wasn't quite sure what the next step was. These main characters were very well developed and likable, I just found it hard to connect with them, to really get into their stories.

As a whole this was an interesting and well thought out story. I enjoyed reading it and will be continuing on with the series.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Terri says**

Review also found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. The expected publication date is October 25, 2016.

This is the second story in the Born to be Wilde series featuring the Wilde brother. After reading the first story, Wilde One (see review here) and enjoying it, I was anxious to read the second story. Don't worry to those who have not read the first one, this can be read on it's own. There is only a brief mention of the characters in the first book.

I have to say I love the Wilde brothers. Rugged, handsome outdoorsmen with exciting jobs and even more intriguing and genuine personalities. You know this is fiction because Sawyer embodied every ideal quality you could imagine.

I also liked the fact that Devin was a strong female character. She spoke her mind in a confident without cocky manner and didn't mince her words. Too often the female lead can be too insecure where they can come across as too needy, no worried in this story.

While the storyline is a little bit far fetched, it was entertaining nonetheless. Between the beautiful background of the story and the chemistry between the Sawyer and Devin, this story delivered exactly what I was looking for.

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### **Paula says**

Wilde Side by Jannine Gallant is a passionate outdoors romantic suspenseful read. While the second



brother's story is very different from the first in *Wilde One*, it is still a fantastic read. In fact, I like how each brother is his own man with his own interest and career. Sawyer runs an outdoor adventure company which becomes part of a political conspiracy plot. Sawyer is not interested in the congressman but shows plenty of interest in his assistant.

At first two more opposite people, could not have been found in Sawyer and Devin. However, as the story unfolds, it is easy to see Devin's questioning of her career choices and the way her life is going with that. I like that she is a strong personality with a take charge attitude. Sawyer is the true "what you see is what you get" type of person, much like his brother, Griff, from the first of the series. These are men you can trust; men you can fall for. As the story progresses the characters are fully developed, which just makes you like both even more.

The romance is balanced with the danger and suspense which is played out until the end, even continuing with the changing of the setting. Still the villain is not too difficult for the reader to figure out just for the good guys to catch. I must admit that it is the characters and the vivid descriptions of the white water rafting and the wonderful characters are what I loved best.

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