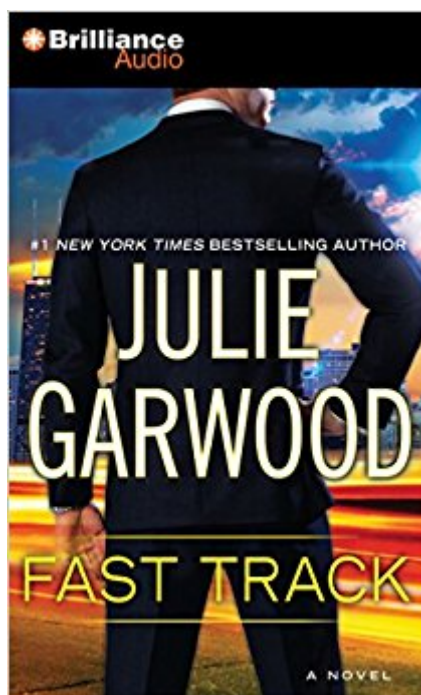


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Julie Garwood is among the most critically acclaimed and popular romance authors around, with nearly forty million copies of her books in print. She is the author of numerous bestsellers, including Hotshot, Sweet Talk, The Ideal Man, Sizzle, Fire and Ice, Shadow Music, Shadow Dance, and Slow Burn. She lives near Kansas City.

A pleasant beach read for those who don't want to have to think much. If you like predictability and millionaire clueless cookie cutter handsome men and opinionated and ineffective but pretty women with close girlfriends - just like high school then this should be your cup of tea.

I'm a huge Julie Garwood fan (her historical romance are really really really well written) but her modern romance are sometimes a bit lacking ... and Fast Track is somewhat that (for me, at least

).I like her characters and got really excited when I saw that she is going to release their story. Like a lot of her fans, I pre-ordered this and devoured the book in just few hours. I like how the book ended, but again, there's just something not quite fulfilling after finish reading it.I wish she'll go back to writing historical romance, her books like Castles, The Lion's Lady and Saving Grace are my fave. If you haven't read any of her work before... try these ones first before you start with the Modern era ones.

I remember Aiden from previous JG novels as a likable and decisive character who was always willing to use his wealth to help a friend. In Fast Track he is still that character with flaws such as too controlling and domineering. Cordelia's love changes her from a self-sufficient woman to a 'trophy wife without the benefit of a ring'. I loved Andrew Kane and recognized why Cordie was afraid her too consuming infatuation of Aiden would end as her father's had so she wanted to escape to a new environment. The shock Cordie experienced at learning her mother was alive was well done; her confused disbelief then denial and lastly anger and wish for revenge. I liked the ending though I'm barbaric enough to expect the villain to pay with their life, JG handled this ending superbly because the payback would have been more devastating to the villains than death would be. This was not a sweet, feel good book but a tough business story that makes one wonder how Cordie, with her multimillions, could have kept such a great attitude while wealth and power had made others, even Aiden, hard and self-serving. The story is fast paced, could have been as good without so much explicit sex, but otherwise had JG's great comic moments, enduring love and revisits by characters from elsewhere in the series.

If you like Gardwood's modern romance, this is typical of her style. I buy all of hers because, hey, it's a Garwood romance! That said, I mourn her loss in the area of historical romance. Her modern heroes just are not as strong yet tender as the men in her historical romances. Furthermore, the modern romances leave out a lot of the humor found in the historical romances. Simply saying that the Hero or Heroine laughed is not the same as having them actually saying something so funny the reader laughs.Julie Garwood writes superior romance and if you like her modern romances, you will likely enjoy this one. It just felt, overall, as though the author were emotionally detached from these characters and it left me feeling the same way. I will continue to buy all of Garwood's books, but where she truly shines is in the historical romance. PLEASE, Ms. Garwood! Write another of those!! Every single one of her historical romances garner 5 stars in my opinion!!

It's finally Cordie and Aidan's turn to find love. After Cordie's two best friends become happily married to FBI agents, Cordie finds herself wanting the same. The suspense begins when Cordie's father dies, revealing that Cordie's mother left; she did not die as Cordie was led to believe. When Cordie discovers that her mother lives in Australia, she hitches a ride with Aidan on his private jet to Australia. Along the way, romance blossoms, and yes, Cordie finds her mother. After reading the entire Buchanan/Renard/MacKenna series, I really hate to see it end. After all, there are still two more Buchanan boys who need to find love, as well as two unattached MacKenna sisters.

Just to be on the safe side, possible spoilers ahead. Fast Track is such a disappointing book, with action that takes place off-stage that the characters talk about afterwards, little to no character development, lack of plot and no romance. I don't remember Julie Garwood writing idiot heroines, but that's what we got with Cordelia - heroine who we are told is smart, but who, after having her life threatened, ignores all signs of trouble, of being followed, of a break-in at her home. In Aiden, we get a hero we never get to know. We're told he's great, but we don't see it. Worse, he appears so terrified of women and sex, he's rendered functionally speechless after encountering the two together. Why else would he be portrayed, repeatedly, of initiating sex with Cordie and then immediately leaving the room? These two never talk! We don't see a relationship unfolding, we don't learn anything about them as they learn about each other, there's nothing there. There's little dialog by any of the characters in the book. Garwood engages in a tremendous amount of exposition - long paragraphs of telling us what happened instead of showing us what happened. The book almost reads like a book report, it is so matter of fact at times. Maybe Garwood folded under the pressure of trying to come up with yet another story in this Buchanan/Renard/MacKenna series and wrote about characters that just weren't worthy their own novel or maybe she's not feeling like the series should go on. But, sadly, given the continued subplots that were all over the place, we're going to eventually get Spencer's story and Walker's story and probably Liam's story, too. I hope they are actually developed as characters rather than simply slotted in to place, because that's what seemed to happen with Aiden and that didn't work. Maybe Garwood was trying for strong and silent, instead he came off as tight-lipped and constipated and that's not very appealing. Still, the Aiden character was one of many, many problems in this book. Save your money.

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