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Steele doesn't know how he wound up in this mess—with a kidnapped woman on his hands and the police hot on their trail. Now he and Laurie are in hiding at an isolated cabin, and Steele has to figure out how to extricate himself . . . and steer clear of his accidental captive whose tight, slinky clubbing attire is making him think all kinds of dangerous thoughts...

## **Riding Steele: Kidnapped Details**

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## From Reader Review Riding Steele: Kidnapped for online ebook

### Claire Robinson says

3 - "Sweetheart, I'm never too tired to fuck." Stars.

So the story of Steele and Laurie begins, as you would expect you can't really get a full feeling of a story in just 30 odd pages and there are certain to be a few more major developments as the novellas progress.

**"I think the lady would like you to leave her alone."**

What you do garner straight away though is that Opal Carew can write a story that pulls the reader right into it. This is a book of firsts for me, my first by this author and my first in the MC genre.

**"You slept in my bed last night, me naked, and I didn't touch you.  
Why do you think I would now?"**

I am looking forward to continuing the journey.

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### Sasha says

I don't know why I do this to myself. Thank goodness this book seemed like a dud right from the start. I didn't waste more time than I already did.

That being said, motorcycle gang books can go two ways. Fantastic or fucking terrible. Guess which one this fell under?

It starts off with some potential. A protagonist that is in the beginning-ish stages of an abusive relationship that realizes she needs to get out and that she deserves better. Boom. Solid.

And then it gets stupid. She gets kidnapped, look out unspoilery spoiler. And stupid shit happens from there. She gets handcuffed to just about everything for her safety. Which should have told me this book is ridiculous because it was a whole lot of stupid ass shit.

But then the voyeur part comes into play. **Spoiler part** but also a warning to those of you who are like me and don't wanna waste your god damn time. They share one woman and the main lead fucks her in front of the protagonist. Nope!

NOPE!

A WHOLE LOT OF NOPE!

See ya. I respect my female characters.

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## Brianna (The Book Vixen) says

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**Note:** *Riding Steele* is a serialized novel in the Ready to Ride series that is being released in 6 installments, and will also be published in one volume. I am reviewing this serial as one complete piece of work.

**Why I Read this Book:** First, I have a confession to make: I am not a fan of serials. It feels like a marketing ploy to get more money for what is essentially ONE book and I do not have the patience to wait for the next ‘installment’, especially when being left with cliffhangers. With *Riding Steele* being the 3rd book in a series, I don’t understand why the decision was made to chop this book up into 6 parts. However, I couldn’t resist reading *Riding Steele* because it’s an MC Romance and I’m a sucker for those.

**What I Liked:** I had only requested the first installment, as this is a new-to-me author and I wasn’t sure what to expect being that this is part of a serial, but the writing captured my attention enough for me to quickly request the rest of the installments. *Riding Steele* has an interesting premise, and I was curious to find out why the bikers would kidnap Laurie, and what would happen with her once they had her in their hold.

There was some interesting backstory with Steele and with Laurie. There’s a sad and unfortunate event that took place in Steele’s life. Laurie is trying to break things off with her overbearing boyfriend. These elements shaped who these characters are.

I really liked and appreciated how each installment started off with the last scene that took place in the preceding installment. While I pretty much read these installments back-to-back, readers who choose to read this serial in installments as they come out will surely appreciate this.

**What I Didn’t Like:** There was no real hierarchy in the ‘club’ so it didn’t really feel like an actual MC to me. Steele is referred to as the “leader”, not president, and none of the other members had a role in the club. It was just a group of guys, and a woman, who hang out and ride together. Not exactly the type of foundation I look for in a MC romance but I’ll take it. And the way the guys funded their simplistic lifestyle was a bit farfetched. None of the guys had a job, that I recall.

Let’s talk about the sex. I like smut but this was a bit too much for me. Not necessary a bad thing, just not *my* thing as I prefer one-on-one relationships while Steele doesn’t mind sharing his woman. I hadn’t read either of the other two books in this series, and the blurb didn’t give any hint of how erotic this story is, so I had no idea until about 1/3 of the way into the 2nd installment.

Also, giving someone not one, but two safe words doesn’t sound like a good idea to me. Laurie is not experienced in BDSM, so for Steele to give her two safe words with two different meanings to remember didn’t make sense to me.

And for all the boinking going on, nobody used a condom nor did anyone talk about birth control of any sort. After seeing an orgy take place before her very eyes, I’d have thought Laurie would have insisted on protection. She doesn’t know any of these people, and they’re casually swapping and sharing sexual partners.

Lastly, Laurie and Steele’s relationship was an insta-love, which is not my favorite.

**Overall Impression:** *Riding Steele* was a good read though it was a little too *bow-chicka-wow-wow* for my liking, which I was totally unprepared for as there was NO indication to the level of erotica mentioned in the blurb. But for those who enjoy extremely erotic romance (we're talking orgies, sharing partners, BDSM elements, and M/M action) and enjoy MC romance, I'd say this is the book for you.

**Let's talk price:** If you're a fan of serials and love the anticipation that comes with them, and don't mind paying more to be able to read each installment as soon as it comes out (\$1.99 for about 35-40 pages, which comes to about \$12 for all 6 installments), then I would say to get them as they come out. There were minor cliffhangers at the end of each installment but nothing too extreme that I couldn't wait a week for the next installment. But if you're like me and would rather read *Riding Steele* in its entirety all at once, then wait until the complete novel releases in March 2015 and get it at the discount price of \$3.99. [Note: Prices noted were taken from Amazon when this review originally posted on 11/4/2014.]

**Review originally posted on The Book Vixen.**

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## Sonya Heaney says

Originally posted [HERE](#) .

And the award for the world's least-subtle book title goes to...

I know I sound like one of those people who say they read *Playboy* for the articles, but I really did request this book for review for the kidnapping storyline and to see how it worked out, not because it's erotic romance. I am sick and tired of motorcycle club/gang books (actually, I never liked them much), but I've heard a lot about Opal Carew and wanted to see why she's so well-liked.

There's a lot of sex going on in this one – as you would expect from something marketed as erotic romance! What I didn't expect was how everyone was having sex with everyone. This is one incestuous little motorcycle gang!

I liked the general idea of the story, and the kidnapping turned out to not be as objectionable as I expected. I did think it became a little bit repetitive with the repeated attempts Laurie made to escape, and the number of times someone mistook her for the other woman there and started kissing her.

This isn't precisely the type of thing I like to read, but I can definitely say that Carew is a million times the writer E.L. James is!

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## Tina "IRead2Escape" says

### Hotness Rating 3 out of 5

*Riding Steele* is the 3rd book of the Ready to Ride series by Opal Carew. It is also split up in six parts installments. I will review each installment individually, but give an overall view of the book, as well. First

off, warning this first installment Kidnapped is very mild overall. It quickly turns into a hotness rating of 5 and boy is it spicy. Expect your Kindle or e-reader to smoke. I also must advise that each of these installments are very short stories, but you will be hooked from the very first chapter. I couldn't read it fast enough.

Riding Steele: Kidnapped the first part of the Riding Steele book is a great introduction to our super hot, alpha leader of the local MC. Steele is everything you could want in a bad\*ss biker and he delivers in a big way.

We also get to meet Laurie and the douchebag that she's currently dating. Her brother jokingly mentions to Steele and his guys that he's leaving on a trip and maybe they should kidnap Laurie while he's gone for her protection. He doesn't trust Donovan the douchebag and is worried what may happen while he's gone.

Steele and his bad\*ss bikers just happen to be at the bar where Laurie and Donovan have stopped at to celebrate their anniversary. Although, he can tell that Donovan is indeed an \*sshat he makes it very plain to his men that Laurie is not to be kidnapped as he walks out of the bar.

However, things didn't go as planned. He comes back later to find the sexy and scared Laurie handcuffed to his bed.

*"How the hell did you miss that the plan was NOT to kidnap the woman?"*

You can find this review and others at [www.riverinaromantics.com](http://www.riverinaromantics.com)

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### **Fiona (Titch) Hunt says**

I was asked to review this from netgalley and I would like to thank the publishers for a copy as well.

WOW, OMG, what can I say to the start of this new series to me. It has everything that Hard to Ride had and more. This is before Hard to Ride was written (sorry it took me so long to read it lol). But meeting Laurie, Steele, creep Donovan and the rest of the Biker gang is a great way. Can't wait to read the next installment.

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### **Jacqueline's Reads says**

#### **2.5-3 Biker Stars**

Reading mini books can be a good thing and bad thing. I usually don't read mini books unless the whole series is out, but then again, you don't really have to and the simple taste of one book can be enough.

Riding Steele didn't work out for me for the simple fact I wasn't a fan of the writing style. This may work for other people, but I've said this a thousand of times, I hate descriptive writing. This is a fairly short book, so when there are pages and pages of descriptive writing, I started to skim. I know, please do not hate me.

I love the plot and I love biker reads. I love a damsel in distress that gets kidnapped accidentally. But it wasn't enough. I needed more dialogue.

This didn't work out for me, but that doesn't mean it wouldn't work out for you. That's the great thing of mini books, take a taste and see what you think.

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## Rebecca says

RIDING STEELE BY OPAL CAREW

6 INSTALMENTS OR 1 BOOK?

HOW CAN PUBLISHERS CHARGE \$1.99 FOR 30 PAGES?

HOW CAN THOSE 6 INSTALMENTS, IF PURCHASED SEPARATELY, BE \$12 YET IF YOU PURCHASE THE BOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE PRICE IS LESS THAN \$9?

I HAVE NO PROBLEM PAYING A HIGHER PRICE FOR A QUALITY BOOK, J R WARD AND SHELLY LAURENSTON FOR EXAMPLE ARE AUTOMATIC ONE CLICKS FOR ME BUT THE LENGTH AND QUALITY I WILL BE GETTING FOR MY DOLLARS MEANS I AM HAPPY TO DO SO. I'VE SAID BEFORE THAT I DISLIKE THIS GROWING TREND FOR SPLITTING BOOKS INTO INSTALMENTS, PERSONALLY I FEEL IT'S JUST A CON TO GET READERS TO PAY EXTRA TO GET THE BOOK EARLIER RATHER THAN WAIT FOR THE PRODUCT IN FULL, CHEAPER BUT LATER AND 30 PAGES IS, IN MY OPINION, NEITHER HERE NOR THERE - A SLIGHT TASTE BUT NOT ENOUGH TO BECOME INVESTED IN THE STORY OR THE CHARACTERS.

AT THE END OF THE FIRST INSTALMENT I WAS JUST FRUSTRATED AS IT FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF CHAPTERS ONLY AND THEN BOOM, THE END. I NEVER PURCHASE BOOKS SOLD LIKE THIS AND HAD THESE NOT BEEN ARCS I WOULD NOT HAVE READ, AS A FULL EBOOK \$9 FOR UNDER 200 PAGES IS RIDICULOUS BUT THAT'S JUST ME.....

THE REASON I CHOSE TO REVIEW THE ARCS WAS BECAUSE I HAVE READ OPAL CAREW BEFORE AND ENJOYED HER BOOKS, SWING IS AN OLD FAVOURITE. AS A REVIEW IT'S DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE INSTALMENTS - AS AN OPAL CAREW IT'S NOT A BAD ONE, AS AN MC BOOK IT'S NOT A BAD ONE, AS AN EROTICA IT'S NOT A BAD ONE, BUT IT LACKS THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING, THE X-FACTOR IF YOU LIKE, THAT WOULD MAKE IT A FAVOURITE OR A REREAD.

In the arms of an outlaw, she found the freedom to live out her wildest fantasies. Don't miss this scorching new six-part mini-series from New York Times bestselling author Opal Carew!

When Laurie is kidnapped by bikers, she has no idea her life is about to change forever. From the moment she meets Steele—their sinfully sexy leader—she can't deny their fierce attraction. Even though she's completely at his mercy, his eyes soften when he looks at her, and the others in his gang know she's strictly hands off. But the more time she spends with Steele, the more her body insists she wants his powerful hands all over her.

Now she's about to discover a new life on the open road...and what it means to be part of a gang that shares everything. At first their wonton lifestyle shocks her senses—but once she's had a taste of life on the edge, will she ever want to leave?

Riding Steele #1: Kidnapped

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IN THIS FIRST INSTALMENT WE MEET STEELE AND THE REST OF HIS CREW HAVING DRINKS AT A BAR ON HIS BIRTHDAY WHILE KEEPING AN EYE ON LAURIE AS A FAVOUR FOR AN OLD FRIEND. LAURIE IS OUT WITH HER BOYFRIEND DONOVAN WHO SHE IS INTENDING TO BREAK UP WITH. HIS DOMINEERING, CONTROLLING WAYS AREN'T SITTING WELL WITH HER AND THE RECENT ESCALATION IN ROUGH PLAY MEANS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. STEELE VETOES KIDNAPPING HER TO KEEP HER SAFE AND LEAVES THE BAR WITH JUST ONE MEMBER LEFT BEHIND TO WATCH HER. UNFORTUNATELY CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE THAT LAURIE DOES IN FACT END UP KIDNAPPED AND IN A HOUSE FULL OF BIKERS. AS A START THIS IS REALLY JUST A SETTING THE SCENE. WE SEE INTERACTION BETWEEN STEELE AND THE MEMBERS, LAURIE COMES ACROSS AS QUITE WEAK IN THIS ONE AND LITTLE TO NO SEXUAL CONTENT.

A DISAPPOINTING OFFERING IN MY OPINION THAT DOESN'T QUITE DELIVER ON ANY LEVEL.

A 3 STAR MAYBE BUT, IN VIEW OF THE PRICING, A 2.5 STAR AT BEST.

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## **Shannon says**

### ***Riding Steele: Kidnapped***

#### ***The Characters***

This story seems to have a lot of them, which is only right considering this series revolves around a motorcycle gang. For now we are going to concentrate on Steele, Laurie, Craig and ~~Douchebag~~ Donovan.

#### ***The Story***

Steele has been “contracted” by Laurie’s brother, Craig, to keep her safe. Craig has basically given the green light for the gang to take Laurie wherever they need to to do so. Steele declines kidnapping her but unfortunately after Laurie pisses off the douchey-est of douchebags, her boyfriend Donovan, the gang is forced to step in and kidnap Laurie anyway.

I’m enjoying how this is set up. There seems to be chemistry between Laurie and Steele and I look forward to seeing how this plays out.

#### ***The Random Thoughts***

### 3 Stars

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#### Laura says

In Riding Steele #1, we are introduced to a cast of characters that, although it's not directly mentioned, belong to a motorcycle club. They are observing Laurie, who is the sister of a friend of a member of the club (did you catch that?), whom is believed to be in danger. Instantly, Steele, the fearless "leader" of the group is attracted to her and claims her for his own before any official introductions can be made. Somehow communication is lost and one of the members of the club "accidentally" kidnaps her and decides to deposit her "accidentally" into Steele's bedroom back at the clubhouse/log cabin. It also just so happens to be Steele's birthday, so when he comes into his bedroom ready to call it a night, he believes the girl to be a present left for him. Laurie doesn't know why, but she's instantly attracted to Steele (I get the whole biker bad boy thing for sure) and she can't explain why?

This author's books are notoriously heavy on the erotica, and although no real sex scenes were in the first part of this novel, the innuendo and language are there, setting up the scene for what's to come. I like the premise of the story line, and I am a fan of biker books (Sons of Anarchy Fan here), but I felt like there were some loose ends in the beginning of this. Even though this is a serial and I am sure more information is soon to follow, I was left with many questions regarding the more simple things like Who? What? and Why?

The writing, in my opinion, is nothing spectacular, and I believe these books will be popular for premise and genre alone. I will continue to read this series to hopefully find out what the story is actually about. Overall, 3 stars.

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#### Rae says

I have no patience for someone who writes a 35 page "novella" that ends right in the middle of a story, then the next book picks up exactly where the first leaves off. There is no reason to have 5 35 page books that just equals 1 full book. Then you sell them on Amazon for \$1.99 each so by the end you're paying \$10 for a book. That's ignorant.

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#### Jay says

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*\*please note all 6 parts read continuously as one piece, so have reviewed as one (all 6 parts have the same review attached)*

another fun, engrossing read from Opal.

Would much rather have the single edition than the 6 mini installments, but I read them all back to back anyway so kinda the same thing. after finishing work at midnight determined to get a decent sleep for a relatively early morning, I ended up reading til 3am just to finish them!!

it's hot, sexy, emotional, heroes & villains... everything you love about Opal Carew books!!

## Tera says

Really good short read, that left me wanting to find out what else is going to happen. Only problem i could possibly have is that its too short. Definitely need to have the next one handy when finishing the current one. Great start to the story, looks to be a great story by the time its finished.  
arc from NetGalley

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## Liz at Fictional Candy says

NOTE: I read all 6 parts of the serial, but am only posting the review on the first one... just so I don't sound repetitive.

This week I read Opal Carew's latest serial, Riding Steele. An erotic serial about bikers? Sounds like my cup of tea. Some of this serial has already been released, but the majority of it releases over November and into December, if you are interested.

The blurb had me highly interested. It sounded like it could have a dark twist, which I just love. Kidnapping with an HEA? Sounds great. While I did enjoy the overall book, there were some things I did have issue with. In the end I'd give this a solid middle grade. I didn't love it, but I didn't hate it either.

Steele is the unofficial leader of a motorcycle club, except they are really just a group of friends who travel on their bikes together. It's not like an organized club. As for Steele himself, he seems like a genuine guy. He's big - and in some ways he is absolutely huge (hint hint). Unfortunately, Steele is also where my problems come in. The character was not very consistent at all. One minute he was on board for kidnapping Laurie, the next he wasn't. Then he wanted her, then he very vehemently didn't, and then he did. He wanted to share her with his friends (I'll get to that in a moment) and then he punches his best friend out for sharing a touching moment with her. The Steele rollercoaster was not a ride I would take again.

As for Laurie, she was just alright. Her character was more consistent for the most part, although when she did flip her opinion, she did it fast and without very much thought at all. But she's a clever woman, and makes several escape attempts, and that right there was interesting to watch go down.

The secondary characters are what caught my eye, specifically Rip, Raven, and Wild Card. Those three showed heart, loyalty, and care several times. I really liked them, and would probably pick up a book that featured them more prominently.

Now, the storyline... Laurie ends up being kidnapped, but it's for her own good. And that part is totally spot on. She needs to escape a major creep, and Wild Card does that for her, even if she isn't in agreement. Hey, it wouldn't be a kidnapping if she was, ya know? The group slowly falls in line, and you see everyone's position. That's all pretty interesting how it goes down.

The sex... there wasn't huge amounts of it. There was a lot of sexual tension, and a few menages... even a menage a seven (if I counted right!). However, the menages (there were a couple) didn't feel natural to me. They felt like they were there, and the story was written so we could see these group sex scenes. They didn't feel right to me. The thing I like about biker books is that sure, the men are whores, but when they find that

one woman, then everything changes and they are all about her. But in this group, the two women are passed around freely. I don't know, it just didn't feel right to me.

But hey, if you are looking for something quick to read (I read this whole thing in one night), then check it out. There are some exciting bits, and a bit of on the run action. There is the whole creep of a boyfriend to deal with - and trust me - you won't like him at all. Donovan is definitely the bad guy. The end felt a bit off, but it all ends up where it is supposed to, I suppose. Like I said, I didn't love it, but I didn't hate it.

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## TeriLyn says

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This is part one of serial series by Opal Carew. I've not read any other works by this author to date but found her writing style enjoyable and easy. *Kidnapped* is a very short installment where the reader is introduced to an entire cast of characters that are part of a motorcycle club. Except for the heroine who's saved from danger winding up in throes of the club without understanding why. Some aspects of the story were unclear to me and I think I made a few assumptions based on the text without really having the answers. However, I'm intrigued enough to definitely continue on with the series, eager to find out what happens next. The hero description sounds positively alpha hotness. The heroine comes across as a bit skittish and weak but I'm hoping we see her feistiness shine in future installments.

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