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Bad-boy Niki Lautrec and his cohorts get more than they bargained for after agreeing to kidnap the stunning and fiery redhead, Stacy Trent. The stage is set when the men take Stacy hostage during a bank robbery in Texas and fly her to a private island to await her delivery to their client. Her captors quickly realize that their work is cut out for them in trying to keep up with their hostage while trying not to become completely captivated by her. As the handoff of their hostage looms closer, the undeniable pull between Niki and Stacy intensifies, and Niki must reassess his rejection of a psychic's prophesy that the two are soul mates.

Back on Solid Ground – an action-packed page-turner you won't want to put down!

## **Back on Solid Ground Details**

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# From Reader Review Back on Solid Ground for online ebook

## Jen\_C says

Very different. Lots of bad language but all love scenes are FTB or BCD. Never really sure why our H is a "criminal."

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## Pamela says

I give this novel 3½ stars.

The author really grabs your attention with her novel as it starts off with a bang – a bank robbery that’s really a cover for grabbing a certain redhead who works there; fly her down to a private island; and hold her for ransom. Easy, breezy, 1, 2, 3; what could go wrong? You’re going to have to read this novel as I’m not going to ruin it for you. ?

I really enjoyed this novel as it was an intriguing plot full of action, suspense, mystery, and romance. I loved all the characters, even the heroine, Stacy – but not so fast. As much as I enjoyed it, there were a few things that really bugged me.

Liked:

- Loved each and every one of the gorgeous, sexy men; and loved how the secondary characters had such a presence in the story.
- It’s a well-developed plot with a terrific mix of characters

Disliked (Please bear with me):

- In a matter of day and after being held against her will, Stacy decides she wants Niki. Okay, who wouldn’t? You’re both there so you might as well enjoy yourself.
- I thought the relationship between Stacy and all the guys was a little too friendly, like they’ve known each other for years.
- What’s with all the talk about food and meals?

***“Niki put his arms around Stacy’s waist. “You are frustrating the hell out of me, Stacy,” he said. “Why don’t you just agree to marry me and have my children so I can stop fighting the temptation to fall completely in love with you.””***

Seriously? We’re only a third-way in and they’re talking marriage and kids? They’ve only known each other for a few days! If that wasn’t bad enough, when Niki has to leave for a couple of days, Stacy has to fight back her tears? Good grief! You know what’s coming people and you can’t blame me – cue several eye-rolls.

***““I’m gonna get her pregnant so she’ll have to marry me.””***

Puhlease! Way too many “I love you’s” quickly thrown around.

I could go on listing more of the same thing but I’ll spare you (and myself). Honestly, if it wasn’t for all the absurd declarations of love, marriage and kids (which I believe it to be), I would have given this novel four

stars, maybe even 4½.

I know, I know. You're thinking why even give it 3½ stars? What can I say except the thought of being grabbed by a bunch of gorgeous, sexy men, taken to an island away from my dull job, only to fall in love with one of them and live happily ever after having great sex all the time - you know what I mean. I'm only fantasizing, and this novel gives me just what I'm looking for. Still doesn't make sense? Don't over-analyze it then. Just let me enjoy the moment. By the way, if you're looking for a story full of erotic sex or even a few sexual tid-bits, you'll have to take a pass on this one as it has none of that. I know, sad right?

After everything is said and done, I still recommend this novel as I think a lot of you will enjoy this one and I know a lot of you don't have the same qualms as I do when it comes to the all the gushy romance (basically what I dislike). To the author, a second book about Jason and Holly would be great. Just please, please stop with the hasty "I love you's" and talks about marriage and kids right away.  
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### **Jo Smith says**

What a superb story that covers every readers desire, action, thriller, mystery, suspense, humour & romance. The characters are all equally strong but played to each individuals personality. The descriptive talent was exceptional & as a reader you became part of the plot rather than an observer. The quick witted conversations were brilliant & flowed flawlessly, exceptional writing skills needed to carry it off. The story centres around a set of baddies who are really goodies who kidnap Stacey Trent & take her to their island, kidnapped again & yet again, this resilient lady cannot help but let people fall in love with her, except for the one who should love her unconditionally. Niki, Eli, Jason, Carlos, Holly & Alex all play supporting roles with equal brilliance. A page-turning block-buster of a book which is a must for anyone who appreciates the talent of writing as well as the story. Well deserved 5 stars!

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### **Mindy says**

Cute story, lots of things to nit pick about, but I've read worse!

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### **Dena says**

What a great and thorough story. Absolutely loved the whole thing. I wanted more and a sequel. Worth reading again

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### **Danielles says**

Kindle,...helemaal geweldig zeg! zo goed heb ik een boek nog nooit gelzen! heel erg goed in elkaar gezet!  
Ook grappig,.....  
Ze heeft 3 boeken geschreven, tenminste, de 3 de is onderweg,...hoop ooit nog wat van hara te kunnen lezen!

Stacy is een vrouw die bij een bankoverval gekidnapt wordt en ze maakt het haar kidnappers heel heel moeilijk whaaaaaa,.....de rest moet je maar gewoon lezen!

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### **Lisa says**

This is the first book I've read by Debra Trueman, but it won't be the last. I can't wait to read more. I found this book to be a really fun read. I fell in love with the heroine and the heroes.

I received this book through Goodreads First Reads.

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### **Lynn Smith says**

This was a great read. Romance, suspense, humor and action. Niki and Stacey were like the greatest couple. With all the other characters definitely sets up for more books

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### **Marie says**

I made it to chapter six before I gave up. The idea is good, it has potential but the characters were just too ridiculous. Four men rob a bank, shoot a man, kidnap a girl and once they are on a plane home, it's like it was all some game. Laughing, joking, having drinks without any fear or regrets. They act surprised when their captive becomes angry or bursts into tears.

Then you have this girl who, after a few hours in their island home, is no longer afraid of them, chats with them, and is more angry about her hair being cut than anything else.

Sorry, I just cannot invest my time in these characters. This reads like a first draft.

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### **Brea Ann says**

Debra Trueman is a new author for me. The story line was different from anything I had ever read. With lots of humor, romance, danger, and suspense, this book will keep you turning the pages for hours. I had so much fun reading this story. The interaction between the characters was so hilarious at times. Back on Solid Ground may have been a spur of the moment grab, but what a prize! I look forward to reading more from this author.

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### **LHenry says**

This one starts with a bank robbery and in between explosions, kidnappings and more kidnappings, Stacy and Niki fall in love. It's not meant to be taken too seriously, although I loved how Stacy can really handle herself, and Niki is the perfect foil for her. It's a bit different from her other book Advice of Counsel which I loved even more but the thread of humor is the same in both novels and makes for an unusual, satisfying romantic adventure.

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## **Ann says**

3.0-3.5 stars. This is the 1st bk from Debra Trueman, a new author for me. Fortunately for me I read bk 2 first (Advice of Counsel, which I really liked). I was intrigued with Niki Lautrec (such a cool name) the Hero's best friend from Advice of Counsel and wanted to read his story. Back on Solid Ground wasn't quite as good as Advice of Counsel but still entertaining. I like this author's style, not overly detailed and quirky fun. However, beware her stories do tend to drag in places. This bk was a light romantic suspense and revolves around the kidnapping of the h/Stacy by the H/Niki and his crew. A romance that skirts any sexual detail and just dances on the fringes which is fine with me if it works with the story, and this one did. I'm not big on stories about the kidnapped falling for the kidnapper and vice versa. That's too much of a stretch for me. But the cast and crew were fun and I wouldn't mind another bk about one of this gang of criminals who live on the edge.

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## **grumpyoldbird says**

This book was 'sweet', so if you're looking for something raunchy it's not here. What you do get is a good interesting story with a great mix of characters. It has drama, humour, hot heroes and a super sassy heroine. I will certainly be reading more from this author.

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## **Catherine says**

Corny as anything. I'm not one to write up the whole story because I think that just spoils it. I do have to say even though I new Niki & Stacy were the one going to get together I felt there was no chemistry between what so ever right up until he suddenly grabbed her and kissed her! Stacy & the FBI agent had way more chemistry between them! Even Eli , Niki's brother had more chemistry with Stacy than Niki did. Really!!! Do not expect this book to be a raunchy romance novel that will make your heart race. There is none. And the romance borders on silliness. With it's corniness! No heart pounding scenes.

"Niki brought his mouth to hers & kissed her hard. Stacy pulled him close and wrapped her legs around him and the topped off the night with their best romp yet. When they finished they were both wet with sweat"!!! Which I have to say is more descriptive then their 1st time. Which went something like; " he led her to the bed. When it was over they...."

So don't get your hopes up if your looking for raunchy or even romance. But this is nice clean fun with a lot of kidnapping thrown in. I say nice clean fun because everybody is nice. And likable ( hence two stars just for the nice likable characters). And every body has fun. Even when shit is hitting the fan. They are looking for kidnapppers and stop at a nice restaurant to eat lunch. But stay and close the bar. They go out clubbing and sing with the bands even though... Get my drift.

But at least it was bearable that I was able to read the whole book even though I exclaimed "thank god that's over"! So I'm glad that it was a give away and I didn't pay for it.

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**Laura says**

absolutely loved it.could not put it down. only wish it was a series. would love to read holly and jasons story.

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