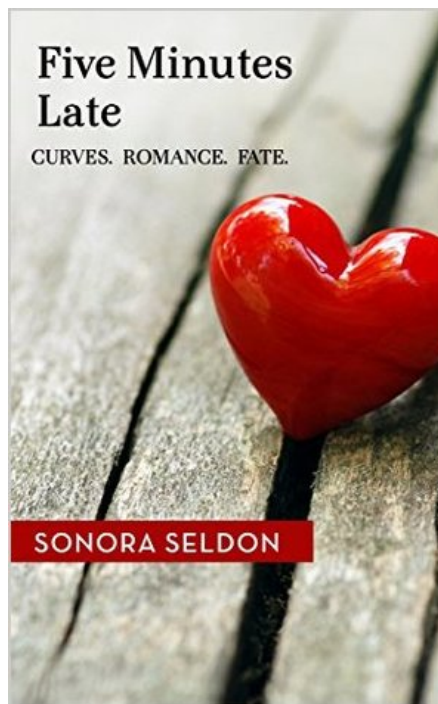




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Two wounded people. One terrible secret.

Curvy receptionist Ashley Daniels is full of opinions and attitude -- but beneath all that sass and brass, she's hiding a heart that's been broken time and again.

Devon Killane is raw sex appeal on a stick and he has 58.6 billion dollars -- could life be more unfair? But beneath all that power and privilege, his heart is chained to a nightmare past.

When Ashley gets into a very public shouting match with her billionaire boss, sparks fly -- sparks that ignite a romance between two people with nothing in common but heartbreak.

Can Ashley learn to trust Devon?

Can Devon escape his past and forge a future with Ashley?

Or will the deadly secret he's hiding destroy them both?

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From Reader Review Five Minutes Late for online ebook

Sybil aka Lala says

This book was great. . I was pulled into a tangent of awesome, devoured at a rate of several WTFs per minute and spit out, frightened and panting, on the other side.

Before you start reading this, be prepared to bid adieu to your good friend reality. Lay aside any issues you may have with silly things like slut-shaming, body-shaming, jerky alphas, sexual harassment, common sense and sanity while you happily skip along the big black vortex that is this book.

This book is really not what I expected at all. I can't tell you too much about the plot as it's best to go in blind and discover the twists and turns on your own. The most important thing to remember here is that this is a marathon, not a race. It's long, filled with slippery slopes of funny prose and quirky dialogue but at times can be a bit too long. For instance one week at a cabin the woods became a long drawn out affair over several chapters with detailed descriptions of feelings, appliances, shrubbery, elven song and random discussions about eagles.

I loved Ashley (aside from my issues which I'll state later), she had a charming wit and no fear whatsoever to tell just about anyone fuck right off.

“You heard me, fella. You need to fuck most firmly off, you need to fuck yourself too, and if you have a minute, I'd be happy to suggest the most effective positions for fucking yourself and everyone in your immediate vicinity, as well as which brands of lube might care to use.”

The dialogue between the MCs was hilarious at best and trippy at worst. I felt at times like I was watching a conversation between the cyborg descendant of the Mad Hatter and a plus-size, snarky Alice.

All in all I connected with the characters and the plot (outrageous as it was in places) and there was plenty of pearl clutching and ugly crying. I would recommend this book if you're a fan of words and not just an interesting plot, though there was plenty of that too. This is not a quick read.

Here's the preachy bit:

Now, the amount of slut-shaming and body-shaming in this book was truly disgusting and that's the reason why this book didn't get a higher rating from me. I was happy that this book featured a curvier woman and our h wasn't defined only by being just the fat girl. She was witty, self-confident, kind, and funny and she was happy with her body. All good things.

So here's my issue, skinny girls were always described in derogatory terms. Slutmonsters (direct quote) who couldn't possibly hold but a few brain cells together. The words slut, fucktoy, bimbo, whore and bitch were doled out like half-priced candy on Halloween. Without any interaction between these women and the MCs they were quickly reduced to “fake bimbos” for merely breathing around the H and the ones who dared to

speak to or look at him encountered a much harsher form of tongue lashing. There were also comparisons drawn throughout this book between skinny girls and our h, with our h coming out on top every time.

Is it OK to bash other women just because she's of the curvier variety and these women are not? Not cool people.

Just because a woman is considered conventionally pretty or has a different body to yourself does not automatically render them slutty and brainless and evil and it certainly does not give anyone the right to shame them. All women should forever and always only be described as beautiful and worthy no matter their size or choices or level of intelligence and/or sexual activity.

As an aside, where can I sign a petition to make authors stop describing the bits and parts of women as "ripe". It's truly revolting.

Diana Ouma says

Five Minutes Late was remarkable.

Hands down one of my favorite novels this year.

I have never been pushed, both emotionally and mentally, this year by any other book.

Don't judge a book by its cover. Five Minutes Late surpasses every assumption and prejudice!

Quite literally, it gave me the **FEELS**.....

..... (by feelings, I mean sobbing and hyperventilating in the middle of the night and not giving two F****s about it).

Emma says

I really enjoyed the start of this book but it started to lose me quite quickly. I persevered for a while but in the end did not finish it.

It is great the the character is a curvy woman but some of her comments about skinny women are nothing more than a reversal of what she was complaining about people's assumptions of her as a curvy women. A bit hypocritical.

I liked her feisty character but agree with other reviewers that the chemistry between the two once they had actually got together was non existent.

This book had potential.

Sania says

So, I bought this book at around 11pm last night thinking I'd read a bit and then go to sleep. Boy was i wrong. I was up until 4.30am reading until I fell asleep and when I woke up i finished the book off. THAT's how captivating it was. I genuinely couldn't put this book down. You're also getting your money's worth. 77p for a 550 paged novel? I couldn't believe my luck! This is definitely one of the best stand alone books I have read in a long time.

We've got two characters who've been let down by the people who should have loved them the most. Devon Killane, our hero, is a mystery. A wonderful, strange, adorable mystery. Ashley Daniels, our heroine, who just doesn't take any crap(esp from Devon!) and speaks her mind and has her insecurities regarding her body, something which I related to throughout. This could get annoying for some but i didn't mind. You can't help but get so emotionally involved in their story, especially Devon's which just pretty much made me want to cry and force myself into the book and strangle his entire family. Make sure you havve a box of tissues and some chocolate to cheer yourself up! Ms Sheldon, I can't forgive you for what you did to Uncle Sheridan :(

As someone who very rarely buys books without completely researching the book to ensure that none of my hated tropes appear, I'd say buy this book. There's no drama regarding OM/OW (no cheating at all). No long separations over trivial issues. They don't sleep together as soon they meet (though Devon would've liked that). And there's a HEA. (i would've loved an Epilogue and seeing how they were getting on in the future).

This book is so worth it.

~ Cariad ~ says

Meandered and felt a bit like Aleatha Romig's Consequences series which I loved (though the stories are totally different!).

Even with the meandering a great story is a great story and I was on the edge of my seat at times with this one. It also made me laugh and cry.

I loved the whole cast of characters, especially big guy!

I'll definitely read more by this author.

PRE-REVIEW:

Ooh! This looks good!

ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says

This was my first book I've read from author Sonora Seldon and it definitely won't be my Last!
I really didn't know what to expect when I read Five Minutes Late: A Billionaire Romance. I have to admit i did think of a cheesy harlequin romance.
But NO.....totally wrong.

It was FANTASTIC! Ashley is beyond adorable. I wish she existed so that we could be friends.I did find Ashley sometimes annoying but in a nice way, her inner speach about being a big girl was a little bit tiresom at times and I wanted to slap her. For the most part she was feisty with a good sense of humor.

Curvy Ashley

Devon is a different character...tortured yet sensitive; he reminded me little bit of Ian from The Madness Of Lord Ian MacKenzie. He stirs the emotions, makes the reader feel for the characters.

Devon

Miss Seldon kept adding elements to the plot that made me feel that I MUST read more! The suspense towards the end was so GRIPPING, and I am trying SO hard to NOT spoil anything, so I shall say nothing else.

Good story, great characters, fast pacing, and hot sex!

Women swooning over him in the checkout line didn't seem to mind that he was also batshit crazy.

"That chair is mine. This desk is mine. The elevators are mine, the hideous plants we seem to have scattered everywhere are mine, and there's an 1880 oil painting by Van Gogh around here somewhere which has been mine ever since I paid seventy million dollars for it last year. More to the point, your luscious ass is mine."

Libby Harrison says

The H was getting on my nerves and the writing style wasn't for me

Paula says

Ok i have just finished this book and I'm giving it 4 stars. It was a emotional roller coaster but My God! Could the author not have made it a shorter read!. It took me 3 days!! Meljean Brooks book The Kraken King took me that long and it was waaayyy longer. (I know it doesn't make sense ;))
This felt that long.

Unlike Kraken King this book dragged at the 70% mark because of the descriptive ways of the writer.(or maybe through a lot of the book). It was extremely descriptive and in the end I started to skim paragraphs. In saying that I still really enjoyed the book it just could have told the tale in half the time.

DemetraP says

This book had a lot of potential. But the heroine kept referring to herself as a big girl, big curves, extra pounds, blubberball, etc. It got very annoying, very fast.

And the heroine's constant name calling of other women: skinny sluts, bony faces, slinky skanks, also got on my nerves.

I liked the hero a lot. I loved how he pursued her so seriously and never slept with another woman after he met her. He went on a regular guy date for her and it was so sweet to hear him tell her how he asked his gardener, 2 drivers, and his housekeeper what he should wear on a regular guy date.

But the heroine ruined the book for me with her constant name calling of other women and referring to herself as fat.

~*Ella Lee*~ says

Ugh! This book started with so much potential!

I love when these OTT Alpha, broody, crazy billionaire's fall in love with the average Jane.

However, some of these mini plots and things in the book were just SOO CONFUSING and would not end. I felt like the book needs to be condensed severely and concentrate on what's important between the building of these two people. I mean, I literally had to put it down a 20 times, adjust my brain with a less tangled up book and then go back to this one.

Finally I just skimmed to what good parts were hidden in this overly massive tale and just get'er done, ya know? LOL

It is hot and sexy - even fun, but after the first 30-40%, you are really having to read between the lines to figure out what's important and what's just stuffing.

Never Stop Reading or Dreaming says

READ THIS BOOK

This story exceed everything I have ever read. There was so many emotions that went through me I'm still wiping tears from my eyes. This is the first book I have read by this author but it will not be the last. I don't want to spoil anything so I'm going to say just read this book.

Niki says

At first I was like... awww. Then I was like... Wtf? And then I was like... grrr! And then I was like.. NOOO! And then I was like... sob! And then I was like... WTF?! again. And then I was like... MURDER!!!! And then I was like... CRYYY!!!! And then I was like... weepyhappyface.

It was a roller coaster. And I admit, I was confused on some parts, but then it all rolled up into a wonderful package.

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

I had extreme and varying emotions while reading this book. I know our love of a story can greatly be affected by our own person struggles and even things we are going through at the time we read a book. I fell hard for Devon from the start. I even fell hard for the heroine Ashley. This girl was so strong and brave. She was funny and protective. Devon was a puzzle and to truly get the emotional depth of this story you'd have to experience. I did have some things that took away some enjoyment but its just my own hang ups. But all in all this was a beautiful story.

Safe Zone info:
(view spoiler)

Strider28 says

Five Minutes Late: A Billionaire story was different than any other billionaire story I've ever read. It's quirky, dark, inspiring, powerful and sad. But it does have a HEA! The characters in this book are a testament to the human spirit.

The book is told primarily from the POV of Ashley Daniels. She's a young woman trying to eke out a living in a world that hasn't been particularly kind to her but you'd never know she had ever had problems. She's generous, caring, witty and full of fire! And she doesn't take shit from anybody.

Devon Killane is the very handsome, buff and "asshole extraordinaire" as Ashley refers to him. He's a billionaire who on the outside appears to be a callous bastard with no feelings.

Author Sonora Seldon gives the reader a strong introduction to her characters right off the bat but she then slowly reveals the true nature of each character throughout the book.

Although Ashley is the big girl that is somewhat insecure about her body size, she is also the strong one in this book. She accepts herself the way she is and other than being in a dead end, low paying job she is happy with her life.

Devon on the other hand is a powerful businessman who is not to be messed with. He can be ruthless in his business dealings, making him a very successful and wealthy man. Wealthy to the tune of over 68 billion dollars! But life has been unkind to him as well and he is miserable. Until he meets Ashley.

When Devon catches Ashley coming in late to work one day he chastises her in front of a lobby full of people. He then sends for her to come to his office. Fully expecting to be fired Ashley is shocked when Devon instead makes her his personal assistant. A job she has no qualifications for and has never done. But

Ashley rises to the occasion.

Devon sometimes seems to have multiple personality disorder and everyone around him are afraid of him and his moods. Before Ashley he went through personal assistants like water through a sieve.

Ashley acts as a buffer between Devon and the world. She protects her boss fiercely. While Ashley attends every business meeting with Devon they put on a charade that is hilarious making other executives nervous and scared of Ashley and her "consultations" with her boss, Devon. But there is one project that Ashley has no idea what it is about. It's known as the "Secret Project" and Ashley is clueless as to what the big secret is. The "Secret Project" is a vital part of the plot in this book and is a mystery that is revealed all in good time.

As Ashley grows closer to Devon she begins to wonder and worry about his strange moods. Through patience, time and caring from other people in his life Ashley begins to understand a little about Devon and why he's the way he is. And OMG it's horrible what made him who he is today.

Five Minutes Late is a well told story that addresses some heavy issues and does it well. This book is intriguing, has well developed characters and a plot that will have you mesmerized and guessing throughout the book.

(view spoiler)

I enjoyed this book and would recommend it to others who are looking for a different take on the billionaire romance storyline.

Anne in VA says

I really liked the beginning it was fun, funny and a little kookie, but still believable. THEN it just got WAY out there with the kookie, then there was a time jump I didn't appreciate considering it was the start of the relationship--the most important part in a romance IMHO--and then "sigh" it just started to drag and I just got bored. Couldn't finish it. The beginning was amazing and just as I was getting ready to get cozy with nice long book that had 5 star potential, it all went downhill around 35%. Sad :(
