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"Sometimes you have to burn your world down before you can live in it"

Brian, a clean-cut, recent college grad, also works for the mob. He takes a side job in their underground New York City casino to make extra cash to help his brother out of a jam. Nothing goes as planned, and soon Brian is forced to team up with a charismatic co-worker to rob the Russian gangsters who run the casino.

Do you like impossible-to-pull-off heists?

Do you like characters you'll never forget?

Do you like endings that make you gasp?

Then you'll love *Lion on Fire*, the third novel by Ted Galdi, an Amazon #1 bestselling author who's won Reader Views and Readers' Favorite awards, and been featured by FOX, ABC, and iHeartRadio.

Get your copy of this hit book today and plunge inside New York's underworld with two unlikely criminals who'll have you cheering for the robbers instead of the cops.

More on *Lion on Fire*

Main character Brian is shocked to learn that his younger brother not only has been dealing cocaine, but foolishly lost a whole package of it. Now he owes his boss \$30,000. If Brian's brother doesn't come up with the money in a few weeks, he's dead.

Brian decides to help. However, he realizes scrapping together that sort of cash in such a short timeframe is nearly impossible legally. So he approaches Dusty, another driver at the limousine company where he works, and asks him about the whispers of lucrative, yet illegal, side jobs he's heard among the staff.

After proving himself trustworthy with an initiation test, Brian is invited to participate in an underground driving network that shuttles wealthy individuals to extravagant, though illicit, gambling events set up in multi-million-dollar Manhattan penthouses.

At first things go smoothly, and Brian pockets a lot of much-needed extra income. However, they turn jarring once he finds out a high-profile Russian gangster is behind the gambling events, and becomes mixed up with him not only professionally, but personally.

With tensions rising, and the fate of Brian's relationships with his parents and girlfriend now entangled with the underground casino, not to mention the life of his brother, he winds up in a position where pulling off a mafia robbery may be his only chance to get himself and his loved ones out of this mess alive and intact.

Lion on Fire is a fun, fast-paced, action-packed gambling thriller, and also an emotionally charged buddy story.

The Amazon #1 bestseller pairs do-gooder Brian with the charmingly wild and alluringly mysterious Dusty, who not only guides Brian through the dangerous world of the mafia casino, but ushers him toward a new and profound view of the world as a whole.

The book is perfect for fans of crime fiction that's edgy while having a soul. A Russian mafia thriller featuring a revenge plan and heist, it's loaded with adrenaline.

However, it is just as touching as it is exciting. At the core of a plot about organized crime and pursuing police officers is the budding friendship of two young men who initially seem very different.

Set in New York City, *Lion on Fire* will take you on a ride through a colorful cross section of neighborhoods and the lives that populate them. It's written in the tradition of the Manhattan thriller, showcasing both the glamour and the grit of the city.

With this unique story, you'll find yourself quickly turning pages as your pulse rises, while rooting for characters who make their way into your heart.

Ted Galdi is also the author of the novels *Elixir* and *An American Cage*, and the short stories *A Road to Nowhere*, *Hazel Is Missing*, and *Intrusion*.

Grab your copy of *Lion on Fire* today and meet the mob's most exciting duo.

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From Reader Review Lion on Fire for online ebook

Pat Allen says

A Really Fascinating Story

A stretch-limo driver accepts a job driving for the Russian Mafia. He has to collect wealthy clients to gamble at secret destinations and deliver them there. He does this to rescue his younger brother from a massive drug debt. The irresponsible youngster left a big bag of expensive drugs in plain view in his car, which was broken into. Now he is being held responsible for the full value by the drug dealers. Their father is a law enforcement officer. He is shocked when he discovers his older, previously law abiding son mixed up with crime. Then the son meets a fearless friend and together they turn the tables. A fascinating read!

Schuyler Wallace says

Ted Galdi is a storyteller that eschews the esoteric and evasive language that many writers seem to lean towards today in favor of straightforward and clear prose. In “Lion on Fire,” a short and engrossing novel of wanting to do right but slipping into serious transgression, Brian gets involved with some mobsters who can get ugly.

Brian’s brother has taken on a debt he can’t pay back and Brian assumes the load to clear up a mess. He, along with a friend, hatches a plan to rob an mob-run casino through subterfuge rather than muscle and you’ll have to read the book to see how that works out for him.

Galdi doesn’t mince around with fancy writing to get his story told. His characters are plain folk with anxieties and nervousness that accompany their novice approach to robbery. The plan doesn’t sound well thought out to me and I’m not sure the author thinks it is either. Nevertheless, it’s a good read that won’t gross you out.

Paul Falk says

Ted Galdi led me on a whirlwind tour through his character-driven narrative. The main protagonist was well-drawn. The storyline stayed on point as the scenes bombarded me with one challenging predicament after another. My stomach did flip flops as the tension built. The well-written action continued to skyrocket until the very end. An ending that caught me by surprise.

Looking to make ends meet, Brian Rolson, age 22, was content to be a limo driver. For the time being. Other opportunities were soon to come around. So he hoped. Besides, he needed to get out of his parents house. Time to grow up. Be a big boy. That was the plan. But a life-altering change was riding in the wind. Things

would never be the same again.

His younger brother Kip screwed up. Big time. Got himself into a jam laced with serious consequences. He owed a drug dealer \$18,000 for cocaine he was going to sell. That's when things went South. It was stolen right out from underneath his own nose - the back seat of his car. Sitting in there plain sight. Unbelievable.

If this criminal wasn't paid off in full, Kip's future was destined to be pushing up daisies. Nobody else to turn to, he confessed his dilemma to Brian. Fortunately, Kip had been given some time to come up with the cash. Several weeks. Still, a lot of money to put together. It all fell on Brian's lap. That's what big brothers are for. Time to come up with a plan. In a hurry.

A spark of luck beamed Brian's way. His boss offered him a Saturday night gig. It involved picking up clients to secretly rendezvous at various illegal gambling locations. Paid \$1,000 for the night. Under dire circumstances, he grabbed it.

It all went well until one night he overslept and broke rule number 1: never keep the high rollers waiting. While shuttling latecomers to the clandestine location, he was greeted by the man in charge. A ruthless Russian mobster. Needless to say, he was not happy. There was a falling out. From there everything escalated downhill. The deadline for payment in full was closing in. What to do?

Desperate now to get his hands on quick money to bail out his brother, he partnered with a fellow driver to rip off the casino. In short order, they devised a plan. Though not exactly foolproof. Ultimately, it meant taking on the Russian mob. If successful, problem solved. If not, he and his brother would become a statistic.

Gratitude sent to Ted Galdi for sending me this digital edition in exchange for an unbiased review.

Vickie Sarmina says

Brian is such a responsible young adult. He's going to college, and working to put himself through school. He's doing the right thing. His father is a Detective with the New York Police Department, and knows he doesn't have anything to worry about as far as Brian is concerned. However his other younger son, Kip, is another story. Kip has never continued with much as far as income or even school. Brian finds out that Kip has become involved with a drug dealer, De' Anthony. Kip's drug stash was stolen, while he treated some of his buds to three hours of a lap-dance at a strip club. Now the drug dealer is demanding all of the money that Kip was supposed to make on the sales of the drugs, which is \$30,000. And he must have this money as soon as possible, or they will kill him. Kip has \$12,000 that he saved up, but that still leaves \$18,000. Brian's best friend, Dusty, arranges an interview and test run for being a driver with Barney. Brian decides to go to work for Barney, who handles a secret casino night, that is moved to various hotels so that the police will not know where it is. Each night the location will be shared with Brian with a password. His job would be to drive specific individuals to the particular casino location. If he is able to accomplish this, he would not only make good money, but tips as well. Hopefully, he will be able to get Kip out of this mess with the drug dealer. Both Brian and Kip need to keep this from their father. He would probably disown both of them. However, Dusty had other ideas. He has been thinking that there has to be another way to make huge money so that they can finally be rich and do whatever they want. Dusty devises a plan to steal chips from a specific casino night, during a fake police sting. What could possibly go wrong? The downside is that the Russian

Mafia is the one running these Casino nights. Dusty has it all planned, or so he thinks? What will Brian do? Will their father find out what they have done? Will they get out of this alive? What a fast paced and action packed book. I thoroughly enjoyed the intrigue and roller coaster ride throughout the book. The plot was great!!

Frank says

Lion on Fire by Ted Galdi traces the actions of a recent college graduate as he tries to keep himself employed and his younger brother out of trouble. Brian has decided that driving a limo, rather than taking an unpaid internship, is the best way for him to advance toward his goals in life. When his brother Kip confides that he is in debt to the mafia for losing some drugs, Brian decides that it is his responsibility to get his brother out of trouble by making \$18,000 in a couple of weeks. Brian's slightly older work friend Dusty suggests that he ask the proprietor of the limo service whether there is an opening for special fare limo drivers. This leads to Brian and Dusty taking on the Russian mob in order to get some quick cash. Common sense is not part of a college education. The story is a good thriller and a very quick read, and the characters are interesting but not always believable. Note: I received this book for free and am providing a not required review.

Bettyboop says

Wow! I thought 'Lion on Fire' was a great goodread! Ted Galdi had me from the beginning cryptic sentence with his compelling writing style and narrative concerning a mysterious duffel bag and a character hell-bent on reaching a destination on time. My interest grew as the plot grew with main character, Brian going to great lengths to help his drug dealing kid brother. Mr. Galdi's storyline has exciting play by play action and perfectly chosen words to describe emotional feelings of despair, fear, grief, and forgiveness that had me till the end. I thoroughly enjoyed the compelling writing style and characters of this book and recommend it to all readers. Ted Galdi is a new fav author for me.

Michelle (Michelle's Book Ends) Shealy says

"Something just doesn't feel right about it. Kip got into this mess by selling drugs, by veering into the underworld. And now I, the good brother who never broke a rule in his life, am supposed to veer into the underworld myself to get him out of this mess."....

Brian is living the way he should be. Smart, reliable and moving up in life. A life with a plan. Until his younger brother, Kip, does something so stupid Brian almost has no choice but to step in. The money he owes a drug dealer will probably cost him his life. If Brian can't figure out a way to help him get the money, more than Kip's life will be at stake.

Brian is a limo driver. Trusted to do a little extra side work for the boss. Driving high rollers to an underground casino. When he gets with a friend and decides the quick fix is to rob the casino, everything quickly becomes a tangled mess.

You could feel the characters desperation, and the brothers desire to fix this as quick as they can. Can they get the money in time to save Kip's life? Will Brian make it out of this in one piece? Brian will have to make a big choice to save his family. Did I mention dad is a state trooper? Getting this by him, without raising suspicions, isn't going to be easy. He knows Brian is acting off. If dad interferes they could all end up dead.

This was a quick read. Well rounded characters. Immediately draws you in. Plenty of heart stopping moments, the kind that you can't stop reading until you find out who makes it and who doesn't, or if Brian can pull this off and save Kip. Brian is good at a lot of things, but he never planned to be a criminal.

Thank you, Ted Galdi.

Maria Ryan says

Shades of Gray

Brian and Dusty are two millennial males both trying to make extra money for their own noble reasons. They get caught up in the underworld of illegal pop up casinos run by the Russian mob when they both become limo drivers to the secret NYC locations.

Bearing witness to more than they are comfortable with, especially Brian, the more sensitive and straight-laced of the two with a healthy respect and fear of the law, both make the risky decision to avenge a female friend and come up with the money they both require at a much faster rate.

Themes of loyalty, integrity and good people getting caught up in bad choices are central to the story. The role of parental influence and expectation weighs heavily as does the bonds of friendship. The story line is based on simple morality, the lines between good and evil and the justifications we make for our behavior. It is about the shades of gray in between the black and the white. This is a quick and entertaining read.

BRB Rating: Read It.

Scherry at The Novel Lady says

Lion on Fire is a quick read of approximately 165 pages. A bit of a novella. But in that short span of pages, Ted Galdi has produced a ton of action and suspense.

You may be left wondering how this sweet, honest, law-abiding, respectable young man could possibly have gotten himself mixed up with the Russian mafia and a whole pack of trouble. Brian keeps trying to do the right thing by helping out his brother. All he was going to do is act as a limo driver to earn some big bucks to pay off his brother's debt and possibly save his life, but as each day progresses, Brian gets himself in deeper and deeper into what looks like no way out. And then there is Dusty. Gotta love Dusty! He and Brian become good friends and later attempt the unimaginable... to rob the Russian mafia and their casino. Not for the money! For the honor of a girl, Brian's girlfriend.

This is the third book I have read by Author Ted Galdi. I become more and more fascinated by the way his

mind works each time I read a new novel from him. Keep going Ted. I want to read more from you!

Irene Adam says

I received a free advance e-copy of this book and have chosen to write an honest and unbiased review. I have no personal affiliation with the author. Wow! He was just trying to help out his brother and didn't expect to get into so much trouble. A casino heist by amateurs goes awry and there is a surprise ending. This is a good story as far as it goes. I would have liked more content and further character development. This book is worth the read and I would like to read more from Ted Galdi in the future.

Stanley McShane says

Little brothers can be a real trial! Brian's younger brother Kip has gotten himself into a world of trouble--this time selling illegal drugs. Brian takes on the responsibility of assisting his younger sibling, but the time period to accomplish this is short and the consequences for the little brother could be deadly if he does not succeed.

Enter Dusty, someone who befriends Brian and undertakes the task of helping both Brian and his younger brother. Dusty and Brian both work at the same company as limousine drivers. The wise and edgy Dusty is not above knowing some lucrative but illegal events and together they both conspire a way to get some quick money. The author introduces a Russian born gangster named Igor. Igor is someone who understands the American economy and Brian is swept up in the underworld while keeping the prize in sight; eighteen thousand dollars within 60 days.

The opening chapter spears your attention and then swiftly guides you through the drama as it weaves into each new development. Galdi weaves the well-plotted tale with precision and keeps the story fast moving and entertaining while slipping in a few twists along the way. The characters provide a tight look at budding friendships and loyalty and the tale maintains engagement with twists and turns that keep this mind-boggling saga very entertaining. It moves the reader through hope they'll succeed and then fear they won't and your heart sinks a little the deeper they go.

I received this ebook download from the author, appreciated the opportunity to read, and the resulting review is my own. I recommend *Lion on Fire* to anyone who would enjoy a little escapism and a thrilling fast-paced, suspenseful crime narrative. My only complaint is that the story ends too soon. It definitely ended, however, with a surprise and that's what makes it a winner in true Galdi tradition. I look forward to other works by Mr. Galdi! 5 stars C.E. Williams

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Tom Law says

Fast paced story which keeps the reader captivated trying to discern what is coming next. The author does not let the story line lag, nor does he get so absorbed in laying out detail after detail so as to overwhelm the

story. Galdi lays out just enough information to keep the reader engaged. He then moves the story along so that the reader wants to keep turning the pages to find out what happens next.

The story is a pretty predictable tale of a young man needing to make a quick buck who gets involved with the wrong crowd. Then Galdi throws in some unexpected detail to add zest to the tried and true. Then a twist here and a turn there make the story even more interesting and exciting.

Maria Matthews says

Lion on Fire is a world far beyond my reach. The world of Brian and his family, at first sounded like many other middle-class families but as the book progressed I discovered them to very different from what I first thought. Brian, without giving too much away was a good guy caught between a rock and a hard place. He sought a way to help his brother and this led him far beyond his normal life. The story ran at a neat pace, the writing was strong, the only but I would add is that I would have liked Sam to have played a bigger part than she did. I enjoyed Lion on Fire.

Read N' Reviews says

Brian is just an average guy living in New York City driving a limo for a company called Big Hitter. He is planning to save the money he is earning to get his own place, so he isn't living with his parents anymore. Those plans get pushed to the side when Brian's brother asks for help coming up with \$30,000 to replace a package of cocaine he lost. Brian, not wanting his dad to find out or have his brother's life on the line, agrees to help. He talks to his friend Dusty, another driver, and is given a job driving gamblers to illegal casino games. Things go from bad to worse as Brian finds out that the Casinos are run by the Russian Mafia. After an incident of Brian's girlfriend getting hit by Igor, one of the Russian Mobsters, Dusty comes up with a plan to steal from the casino in a way that won't be tracked back to them. Brian just wants to get his brother's debt paid off and Dusty wants to travel the world. Like most amateur heists, things don't go as planned.

The ending was far from what I expected. You'll have to read the book to find out why.

Rosemary says

Lion On Fire - a review by Rosemary Kenny

Fresh out of college and ready to set the world on fire, Brian's an upright citizen in the making and his father, an NYPD detective is rightly proud of him.

Unfortunately, such is not the case with Brian's younger brother, in Ted Galdi's exciting thriller, Lion on Fire.

Kip is the complete opposite of Brian - wild and reckless, the last thing he's interested in is ending up like his emotionally repressed (as he sees it), father or boring (by comparison) goody-two-shoes big brother, who's clearly their parents' favourite. Determined to make a quick fortune by whatever means available, legal or not, Kip gets into hock with D'Anthony, a local drug-dealer, for \$30k worth of cocaine, only to literally blow

a good bit of it treating his friends to a 3-hour private party at a lap-dancing club, then staggering out to find his car's been broken into and his stash flown from the place he left it! D'Anthony's not the forgiving type, so Kip has 60 days to make good what he owes - or else, he'll be 'sleeping with the fishes'!

Naturally he turns to his big brother, afraid his Dad will cut him off to protect his own reputation and job, at the very least. Necessity is the mother of invention as they say, so Brian gets himself a job as stretch limo driver for the Mob, (as you do!) at their Big Hitter company, where he earns a wage picking up high rollers and taking them to illegal private pop-up casinos, where they can be fleeced of their money in private for high stakes.

What will the brothers do as the time melts away quicker than snowflakes in Hell and Kip has only \$12,000 and \$18k still to find - or else? Brian's work colleague Dusty, (also a chauffeur), wants to see the world and comes up with what he thinks is a foolproof scheme - he and Brian will rob the casino's Russian Mafia boss, Igor and get out of town before he can realise what they've done. Does that plan work? Or have Brian and Dusty signed their own death warrants, trying to save Kip? Buy, borrow or get your copy of Ted Galdi's fantastic new novel, *Lion On Fire* today - you'll love it, I guarantee...it's a winner!
