



**THEY SURVIVED THE BRUTAL AFGHAN WILD,
BUT THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING.
CAN THEIR LOVE SURVIVE WHAT COMES NEXT?**



A ROMANTIC FORCED-PROXIMITY MILITARY SURVIVAL THRILLER

THE STORY

Major Jasmine “Jaz” Steiner, a senior survival instructor and Marine Special Operations officer, is taken hostage by the Taliban while deployed in Afghanistan. Major Selim Aslan, a Marine Special Operations commander and expert in hostage rescue, is sent to save her. But their plane crashes deep in the Afghan wilderness, leaving Selim gravely injured. Survival initially rests on Jaz’s shoulders, which is hard for macho Selim to accept. As the two elite soldiers are forced to rely on each other, their initial antagonism becomes a powerful bond. But surviving the wilderness is only the beginning—what happens next neither of them could see coming.

Perfect for fans of **Adriana Anders**, **Katie Ruggle**, and **Laura Griffin**

MAJOR JASMINE “JAZ” STEINER

Highly skilled, resourceful, and self-reliant, Jaz is a top-level survival trainer and fierce fighter, proficient with bows and knives. Her extensive knowledge of nature, combined with an instinct for improvisation, allows her to create solutions from whatever is available.

MAJOR SELIM ASLAN

A courageous, battle-hardened Marine commander and formidable fighter, Selim is accustomed to taking charge. Sarcastic and unapologetically macho, proud, and dogmatic in his beliefs, he finds it hard to depend on a woman. In time, his firmly held convictions will be challenged in ways he never expected.

WHY THIS BOOK RESONATES



THE ROLE REVERSAL

In a conventional romance, the prince saves the princess. In *Heart of the Wild*, it is the princess who repeatedly saves the prince. Yet Jaz never challenges Selim's masculinity. Instead, their forced proximity challenges his own convictions, allowing their relationship to blossom into a fierce and epic love.



DIFFERENT STRENGTHS - ONE FORMIDABLE TEAM

Both are elite soldiers, but stranded where only Jaz has the knowledge and ingenuity to survive, Selim recognizes her superiority, submits to her leadership, and trusts her with his life. Their initial friction gives way to complementary strengths that turn them into a formidable team.



FORCED PROXIMITY THAT DRIVES THE STORY

Forced proximity in *Heart of the Wild* is more than a romantic device—it forces both to truly know each other. As Jaz nurses his grave wounds, builds shelter, and finds food, Selim's antagonism gradually turns into trust and admiration, allowing their restrained attraction to take over.



BEYOND THE WILDERNESS

Surviving the harsh wilderness is only the beginning. Their journey becomes even more dangerous as they're forced into unexpected territory and face challenges nothing could have prepared them for. Will their love survive that challenge?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Judith Hirsch is Dutch, born in Israel to Holocaust survivors. An entrepreneur and lifelong traveler, she has lived and worked across different countries and cultures, developing a deep curiosity about people, their traditions, beliefs, and the forces that shape their lives. In 2018, she published *You Are the Driver of Your Life*, a self-help book drawn from her insights and life experiences.

Judith's first novel, *Heart of the Wild*, began much closer to home. Elements of her early life were part of Jasmine's history and character, but as the story evolved, her imagination took over and created the woman Jaz has become: a modern heroine

forced to confront ancient conflicts that neither strength nor survival skills can overcome—conflicts that only love can resolve.

GENRE & MARKET

Military Romance / Close-Proximity / Survival Thriller

For readers seeking high-stakes adventure with genuine emotional depth, powerful characters, unconventional love story tested by far more than physical survival.

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