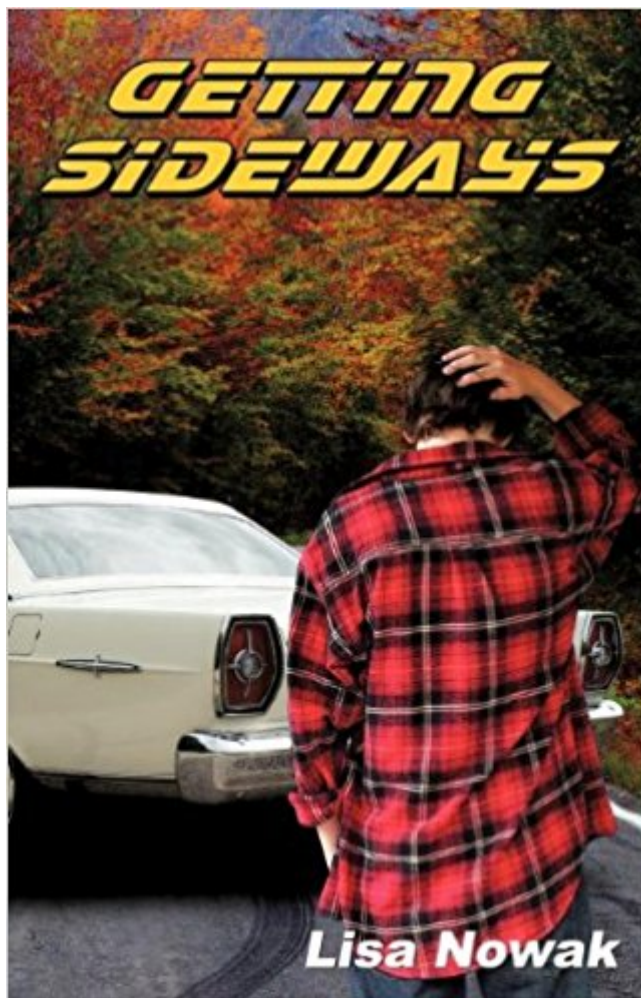


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# Getting Sideways (Full Throttle)



## Synopsis

Getting shipped off to live with his uncle Race was the best thing that ever happened to fifteen-year-old Cody. Then a wreck at the speedway nearly ruined everything. Cody's making every effort to get his life back on track--writing for the school paper, searching for the perfect girlfriend, and counting the days until he gets his driver's license--but there's no escaping the nightmares that haunt him. A chance to build his own car seems like the perfect distraction. Until Cody realizes he'll have to live up to Race's legendary status. But that's the least of his worries, considering he doesn't have his dad's permission. All he has to do is the impossible: keep Race from discovering his lie until he can convince his dad that racing's safe. Yeah, sure. That'll be easy. Book 2 in the Full Throttle Series

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## Customer Reviews

In addition to being a YA author, Lisa Nowak is a retired amateur stock car racer, an accomplished cat whisperer, and a professional smartass. She writes coming-of-age books about kids in hard luck situations who learn to appreciate their own value after finding mentors who love them for who they are. She enjoys dark chocolate and stout beer and constantly works toward employing *wei wu wei* in her life, all the while realizing that the struggle itself is an oxymoron. Lisa has no spare time, but if she did she'd use it to tend to her expansive perennial garden, watch medical dramas, take long walks after dark, and teach her cats to play poker. For those of you who might be wondering, she is not, and has never been, a diaper-wearing astronaut. She lives in Milwaukie, Oregon, with her

husband, four feline companions, and two giant sequoias.

Lisa Nowak sees clearly into the mind of a neglected, angry, 15-year-old boy who is finding love and acceptance for the first time in his life. Cody is probably more mature than the average 15/16-year-old and has the kinds of insights about his parents and grandparents that most of us don't manage until we're well into adulthood, but I can imagine a teenaged reader seeing what Cody sees and beginning to look differently at the authority figures in his own life. Although I'm not into the racing scene, I see what it does for Cody. Everyone needs that kind of outlet and that sense of belonging. Everyone needs people like Race and Kasey in his life. I liked the first Full Throttle book well enough to come back for this one and I'll order the next one as well. I recommend the series to anyone who wants a good Y.A. read.

I enjoyed this book. It is set in the late 80's or early 90's. While targeted to a YA audience, it is a good read dealing with the angst and problems of a 15 year old boy. This book tells the story of a teen with a dysfunctional family who goes to live with his uncle and their relationship, his maturing in a new environment. I think the author does an excellent job of developing the story in a sensitive way.. I like to read YA as it keeps me in touch with what my young nieces and nephews are reading and their world. Since I am a senior living in a senior complex and retired, it would be all too easy to lose touch with the teen world.

It is the ultimate feel good read. There is very little to distract from just a good story about people and how life is lived, one day at a time, with a fascinating glimpse into the stock car racing scene. You don't have to be a racing fan to enjoy this book! Cody is just the right amount of tough and soft for a teenage boy trying to find his way into adulthood. Race and Kasey are just the right balance of "fun-loving" uncle and "seriously-we-need-to-get-some-work-done" almost aunt. Read the WHOLE series! It's a total joyride!

This is the second in Lisa Nowak's Full Throttle series, and is maybe even better than the first. A real page turner, with lots of action, but still character driven, You really care about Cody and his family, and you want them to make it through the emotional knots they tie themselves into. These books appeal to teens and younger, as well as any age. You don't have to know anything about stock car racing to enjoy, and if you aren't careful you'll learn something about the sport. I'm a 70 yr old grandmother who knew nothing of the sport, and I love this series. And I've learned a lot about

racing.

Lisa Nowak is an excellent writer! I bought her book because I have been asked to write a youth novel, so I figured I'd better do some research. I couldn't put the book down! The characters are so true to life, you know you know them from somewhere. I highly recommend this book for teens, pre-teens, and adults!

Lisa you have done it again. This book continues to bring true-to-life characters into your heart. The personalities are realistic as Race struggles to deal with his accident and his surrounding family work with his behavior changes. Cody grows up in front of our eyes and matures with his choices. It is fascinating how you weave all of the racing language into the conversations. Such a warm and fast moving story. Looking forward to the next great adventure! A Racing family in Oregon...

I really enjoyed this book Lisa! I want a mentor like Race. Cody doesn't always know it, but he's one lucky kid. I loved how his relationships with the adults in his life seem to pull him two steps forward and one step back and in the end he discovers his true self despite of or because of them. Great coming of age book. And as a bonus, I'm learning an awful lot about stock car racing and it's fascinating stuff!

This is the second book about Cody and his uncle. Heart warming and a great second into the life of these two. I hope to find out how life continues for them great series.

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