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*New life binds them,
Past ghosts haunt her,
Fresh secrets distract him,
...and history repeats itself.*

Allie, a rookie cop hired and desired by a private investigator, is about to knock the wind out of Tristan with the biggest news of her life... right after she recovers from the announcement that he just fired her.

Tristan, owner of Cross Enterprises, has a few surprises for Allie as well. And she won't see them coming.

While the couple deals with their new predicament and growing romance, ghosts from Allie's past haunt her, slowly calculating the timing of their return. With new assignments distracting Tristan, fate has stacked a deck against them.

And when danger comes in disguise, these distractions can be fatal.

Warning: Intended for adult audience.

Note: Layers Peeled is Book 2 in Layers Trilogy

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Keri says

I got an ARC....EEEK! I could not read this fast enough. I was nose to my kindle all day, turning pages furiously. I don't want to give any spoilers but lets just say this book does NOT disappoint us Tristan Cross lovers at all. I am glad Allie and Tristan got their HEA finally and it didn't go at all like I had expected after the cliffhanger of Layers Deep. I must say I am now a little nervous for Book 3 which will be from Kendra's POV, I can't really see myself liking her despite how I know I should. I know there will be big bombshells coming and I am not exactly excited to see my perfect little Tristan or Julian, or heck even Gabe tarnished any in my mind. For those who have read and loved Layers Deep you will love Layers Peeled like I did. Plenty of hot sex, romance and suspense! Great job Lacey Silks!

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3--**Disappointing**--Stars!!!

And yet another series suffers from the sophomore slump...

Why do characters have to do a complete 180 in subsequent books???

WARNING: May contain spoilers if you have not read Layers Deep.

Layers Peeled picks up where Layers Deep ended. Allie is now pregnant but hasn't told Tristan. We had the cliffhanger ending of Allie "getting fired". Turns out Allie wasn't fired afterall she was just re-assigned to a new department that she and her BFF Laura will be handling--taking down all of the sex trafficking rings.

My biggest complaint about this book was Allie. She just became STUPID, for lack of a better word. I mean she had a serious case of the pregnancy brain.

Not once, not twice but THREE times she put her unborn baby's life in danger.

Seriously Allie...

I get you were a badass cop in Layers Deep but now you have to recognize your limitations.

I mean thank goodness we had Tristan to sort of save this book.

Honestly, plot wise very little happened in this book. In Layers Deep we learned that Allie and her mom were on the run from Dave Wright who had raped Allie's mom and killed her unborn child. According to

Tristan, he had "taken care of it".

Clearly no one else was concerned. Well of course Wright wasn't "taken care of".

All of the scenes with Marissa.....

I didn't get that storyline really.

IDK...there were just too many eye-roll inducing moments, more cheesy dialogue and just overall unrealistic scenarios.

Especially the end....that was just one big

Hated the name Puss not to mention the actual chosen baby name(view spoiler).

Again, there were a lot of holes which according to the author will be explained in book 3. But I'm not sure I will be continuing on at this point. This one just didn't work for me.

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TeriLyn says

****ARC generously provided by publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review****

Layers Peeled was not as exciting for me as Layers Deep. There were aspects that I like and some that I didn't prefer or confused me. Overall though the story is still entertaining and the story of Tristan and Allie is worth reading.

The plot of Layers Peeled picks right up where book one left off and leaves nothing hanging in the balance. I loved the way the book started up until about 30%. Tristan and Allie are gaining their footing as a genuine couple and becoming more emotionally available. Allie for some reason though in this book isn't as hard as she is in book one. Once she lets her guard down I felt like she lost a little bit of her edge. Then the storyline starts getting more involved and at times a bit confusing. Some of the plot gets confusing with Marissa and David Wright. I sensed a connection there but then something threw me. Then they were in Austria and Kendra came back and Sam sort of disturbed me with things she said to Allie. It all was just a lot coming at you without any real direction. However, the Tristan and Allie time in Austria is awesome. The way the author plays out their story is fantastic. The elements that make up the direction of their relationship are sweet, surprising, and cute. Without any of the outside issues, their story will satisfy you. It's the outer layers of the plot where the story gets a bit murky. I also think that there is a lot more to learn about the all the characters involved because of the timeline of how Layers Peeled ends so I'm interested to read the next installment to learn some more of those finer details.

I'm very pleased with how Tristan and Allie's love story ended and equally confused about some of the mysterious plot. Layers Peeled is intriguing, fast-paced, and enjoyable. I look forward to reading the next book.

Debra says

[right after Tr

Shurrrn says

Three disappointing "what happened to the main character?" stars...

((Be warned, there is a fair amount of cursing in this review)))

Before you get the impression that I hated it all, let me assure you that the book certainly had its redeeming qualities:

There were some good action scenes similar to the level of book one...

I certainly got caught up in the suspense on more than one occasion...

There were some warm & fuzzy family moments...

Tristan Cross is still dreamy...

Allie's friend Laura managed to shake some sense into her a few times...

When I reviewed book one, Layers Deep (You can read my full review [here](#)), I gave it 3 1/2 stars. The series had a lot of promise, but there were several factors dragging it down. I was primarily disappointed with the pace of the book. There were too many absurd coincidences and the ending was rushed and wholly unsatisfying on many levels.

I also had issues with some of the writing in Book One:

1. Allie was constantly talking about how much Tristan smelled like scotch.

2. She had several childish turns of phrase ("gosh" & "geez") which did not fit with a woman who could just as easily say "fuck" and "cock"...

That being said, the book had several redeeming parts which kept me invested and interested enough to read the sequel.

So when I started Layers Peeled, I was cautiously optimistic that a sequel could redeem the shortfalls of book one.

I was wrong

That happens from time to time ;)

And I really, *really* wanted to like this book.

In Layers Deep, the main character, Allie Green was a savvy, ass-kicking, revenge-plotting force to be

reckoned with...

I mean seriously, in the last book she (view spoiler)

That's awesome!

That's the kind of character I want to read about!

But that's not what we got in this book...

She was constantly making poor decisions,
Wandering into dark alleys alone,
Deliberately putting herself in danger,
Antagonizing armed men,
Failing to acquire backup,
and generally being a helpless individual...

There are those who are postulating that the personality transplant given to Allie Green is due to (view spoiler)

And if the girl said "GOSH" or "GEEZ" one more time I was in serious danger of throwing my eReader. That kind of sophomoric filler is not only ridiculous, it makes her sound like a child, and was *completely* unnecessary... I recommend eliminating at least half of those little interjections.

I don't want to beat a dead horse with my complaints here, but the rhythm of this book was choppy at best. It oscillated between lightening fast and slowing to a crawl without much grey area... Once again the race to the ending (and the promised HEA Ending) felt rushed and unsatisfying.

I am dumbfounded that the author chose to devote an equal amount of pages to describe a hand-job in a closet as she did the (view spoiler). (hide spoiler)]
...I don't even have anything witty to say about that.
...I'm speechless.

The author insisted on using overly-simplistic foreshadowing in the such as:

***"...I finally thought my life would settle down.
Boy, was I ever wrong."
"It would be another four months before I felt at peace.
I shouldn't have."***

She did this no less than three times...

On the other hand, Lacey Silks seemed to listen to her readers on one thing: I don't think she mentioned Tristan smelling like scotch once in the entire book... So there's that victory...

I was provided an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review

...and if you ever wondered how "honest" my reviews are for books I receive from publishers, you have your answer.

Miranda says

4 stars!

LAYERS PEELED is the second book in the Layers Trilogy that is not to be missed. Picking right up from LAYERS DEEP, LAYERS PEELED takes you through more twists and turns with lots of suspense, passionate sex, pregnancy hormones and a quick wedding near the end.

Tristan's brows narrowed in a playful frown as he glided toward me and took me by my hips. "I love a strong woman who speaks her mind."

"What else do you love about me?" I lifted my arms around his neck, feeling his perfect naked front against me. His growth poked me in my stomach and I fought the urge to spread wider to accommodate him so he could finally have his lovely cock inside me.

"I love you kick-ass moves when you flip my brother on his back."

"What else?" I bit my lip, pressing my chest harder to him, acutely aware of the "L" game we were playing.

"I love your hair, your eyes, your tits, and your ass." He grabbed my backside. Something stirred deep inside my belly. There was nothing that could arouse me more than Tristan's dirty mouth.

"What else?"

"I love Puss." He lowered his hand to my belly, rubbing it around the navel, the touch not only full of love and compassion but also desire. A tingling sensation rekindled deep in my core. The flickering spark turned into a small flame. Part of me wanted to hand to slide even lower, but the gentle caress of his palm felt smooth.

I closed my eyes, savoring the touch, and whispered, "What else?"

"I love you."

And instead of waiting for me to speak, or being insecure that I hadn't said anything, Tristan lowered his mouth to mine and kissed me like he didn't need to hear my reply because he already knew it. How could he not? I'd been in love with this man for weeks. I couldn't quite place when or where it happened, because everything he had done for me and with me -- I just couldn't imagine anyone else in my life like that other than him. I trusted him with my life and my soul.

...I looked into his eyes and said, "I love you too, Tristan Cross." Not because I had to and not because he'd said it first, but because I wanted to.

The characters are still wonderful.

I felt like Allie's character wasn't as strong as she was in the first book, but I think maybe it was all the

pregnancy hormones? I don't know. I also don't think the story was as suspenseful as LAYERS DEEP because of her pregnancy. Having said that, I enjoyed the love story that kept unfolding. Nothing is better than a happily ever after and this book delivers.

Tristan was still yummy. I felt as if he let Allie do a lot of things I necessarily wouldn't have thought he would have, for example, still go working undercover. I would have thought he to be more over protective, but nonetheless, it was still an enjoyable story.

The only complaint I will make on the book is that it's way TOO SHORT! I want more! I love the hero and heroine and can't wait to read the next book by Ms. Silks. She can write such a wonderful tale and the love scenes are scorching hot! I absolutely have recommended her books to all of my friends. You cannot go wrong with a Lacey Silks book.

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Olga says

For the love of all that's holy, what have I just finished reading?!

Corny and predictable doesn't even *begin* to cover it.

Why did the main characters do a complete 180 from the first book in the series? What happened to them all? Why did Allie all of a sudden turn into this stupid, brainless teenager led by her raging hormones? Where did the badass cop go to?

The ending, oh gawd, the ending is as unrealistic, improbable, impossible and plain stupid as they come.

To say I'm disappointed would be an understatement.

I will not continue on with the series, since this is not what *Layers Deep* had promised.

Allison ❤️?Will Never Conquer Her TBR❤️? says

3.5 Mixed Feelings Stars!

The continuing story of Allie and Tristan. Do not continue reading if you haven't read Layers Deep yet as this may contain spoilers. Actually, it WILL contain spoilers for Layers Deep but not for Layers Peeled.

The ending of Layers Deep, we are left with Tristan "firing" Allie. Well, not really, but I won't spoil this

story with those details. We know Allie is pregnant but has yet to tell Tristan. Things are up in the air for them. Will they stay a couple? How will he react to his impending fatherhood? Is Wright completely out of the picture as Tristan promises?

This book clears all that up. There's a healthy dose of suspense, continued sexual chemistry heating the sheets for Tristan and Allie.

I deducted a bit on this book for a few annoyances I had. I really loved Allie in *Layers Deep*. She was a feisty strong cop and I found that refreshing. This book, call it pregnancy brain, but she did some stupid things to put herself and her baby at risk. When those scenes occurred, it was an immediate "What are you doing!!" It just didn't fit the character we knew from book one.

Tristan has been the one constant for me this series. He's loyal, protective to a fault. I was actually amazed how understanding he was of her stupid risky behaviors but maybe he just loves her regardless of her risk-taking issues. Dunno. It's cool till the fetus growing inside you is at risk...

I am fiercely interested in Laura and James' story. Unsure if that's to come down the road but his kink and her feistiness is something I'd be interested in reading. Apparently book three is still Allie and Tristan but it's in Kendra's POV and goes over a period of time that takes place **within** this book. So no further timeline for Allie and Tristan as far as I know. We do get our HEA for these two and you can be safe reading it at this point. I enjoyed it okay. Would I read it again? Probably not. Will I read book three? The jury is out on that too as Kendra was not a character I had much of a vested interest in.

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Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says

[pregnancy brain (hide spoiler)]

Sarah ❤️ says

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"He still had many layers of scars on his heart: ones that needed to be peeled off before he could admit whether his emotions soared beyond lust and desire."

Tristan Cross <3

"He was my family now - he was my everything."

Allie Green <3

"I love your kick-ass moves when you flip my brother on his back.'

'What else?'

'I love your hair, your eyes, your tits, and your ass.'

I closed my eyes, savoring the touch, and whispered, 'What else?'

'I love you.'"

Pregnant and in love, Allie is as happy as can be. What could go wrong when everything is so perfect?

"I love you,' we both said at the same time. Life couldn't get any better, could it?"

But Tristan is distracted and with her new job, everything might be more than she can handle.

Layers Peeled was sweet and all about Tristan and Allie's relationship. There wasn't as much plot/action as there was in the first book until the very very end.

I wish it was about more than just their love for each other and had more things going on, but I still loved the book! Definitely a HEA ending! :)

"Will you still love me when I'm big and fat?"

I will love you when you're old and gray. And I will take your hand and walk with you to the beach where our children and grandchildren will be fishing. We'll sit on a swing and watch the beautiful family we created fish, laugh, and joke."

Stephanie says

Ok, ok, ok... I cannot believe how fast this book got in my hands and neither how fast I read it. Maybe because it was that good and I want to know it all. If you haven't read Layers Deep, this review will totally spoil you.

The story continues like the second right after the last finished, as I wished in my last review. The whole thing about you-are-fired was totally a bullshit so she could have another position. She told him that she is pregnant and tada he was not upset. That was a plus one, Tristan. The whole book is about their life together before the baby come and the "resolution" of the David Wright problem... yes, he still around. At the end, everything went better than expected, but there still one more book. Could anyone tell me what will be about

because I loved that ending?

This book is like being in happy pills all day and when something wrong happen its like whenever you take a pill and it effects go off for a little time until you take the other one. I was beyond happy reading this book. I love the writting, the characters, the scenes and of course the end. You guys know that I hate mostly all ends, but this one.... awww<3

I don't know what the author is up to, but if the third and last book have more happy pilll, I'm up to. Give it to me and I will devore it in a day. Totally recommend it.

Suzy Baba says

Wowwwww. From beginning to end. Love the way Tristan treats Allie, the way he cares for her... Love how the Cross family is so incredibly close, welcoming Allie with open arms. There is so many incredible moments in this book, from happy moments to heart breaking ones. But the best part was truly the ending.

? Sammy ?? says

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★ ½! Layers Peeled, book 2 (3). CEO & rookie police officer continue on their risky mission while embarking on a committed relationship!

“When had his definition of sleep changed to fuck?”

Tristan and Allie's story starts in book 1. Books in the Layers Trilogy are most enjoyed when read in order:

Book 0.5: Dazzled By Silver

Book 1: Layers Deep

Book 2: Layers Peeled

Book 3: Layers Off

In Layers Deep (book 1) followed rookie police officer Allie Green and Cross Enterprises'CEO Tristan Cross as they embark on a dangerous mission. Both have secrets. Allie is set on revenge and Tristan on righting a wrong. And as they peeled the layers of each other pasts they found themselves getting hot and heavy in the bedroom.

Layers Peeled (book 2) picks up right after book 1's cliffhanger ending. Even though Tristan was successful

in his endeavor he has decided to **continue their dangerous operation** by setting up a special department alongside Cross Enterprises.

Allie and her roommate/former colleague Laura get to head the department and they continue **digging into the dark mysterious forces** we encountered in book 1.

Tristan and Allie's insta-lust has turned into an insta-love as they set out on a path to **put their lives together**. Tristan is loyal and determined and Allie is smitten. We are treated to lots of **sizzling sex** with a very accommodating Tristan plus some **surprises**.

Aside from **ridiculous blunders and irrational behavior** by Ale throughout there was some **suspense and intrigue** with the **unfolding of a mystery** and the **hunt for evil forces**. *Not everything is as it seems...*
Strap on your seatbelt!

TRISTAN CROSS: ~30 years/CEO & Partner Cross Enterprises/\$\$\$\$/light brown hair/hazel eyes/tattoos/scars.

Tristan was a rock throughout and he saved the book for me! Six words to describe **Tristan Cross: Charming, enigmatic, focused, reliable, noble and endearing**.

ALLIE GREEN: 23 years/police officer/auburn hair/brown-amber eyes/martial arts.

Though there might have been some mitigating circumstances Allie's actions **lacked common sense and cop instinct** every step of the way. Six words to describe **Allie Green: Naive, determined, immature, conflicted, confident and reckless**.

Blurb had given me the indication this was the end of Tristan and Allie's story. Alas that is not the case. **Layers Peeled** provided them with a **wonderful HEA**, but book 3, **Layers Off** is going to further **explain and delve into events** covered by both book 1 and 2. Thus **many of my questions did go unanswered** plus the ending opened the door for more intrigue. Book 3 will follow Kendra a side character in this book 1 & 2.

Scorching sex scenes with a very skilled and accommodating Tristan! A **suspenseful and dangerous plot!**
To be continued...! **3.5 stars!**

Hero rating: 3.5 stars

Heroine rating: 3 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 3.5 stars

Storyline concept rating: 3 stars

Storytelling skills rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: 4 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): 4.5 stars

Overall rating: 3.5 stars

Would I re-read this book: Probably not.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

(GIFapproved by GR 10-2013)

∅???? [Punya Reviews...] says

My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book...

Layers Peeled, book 2 in the Layers Trilogy by Lacey Silks started out rather promisingly. I felt that the middle half was kinda dragging though, lacking the nerve-wrecking suspense and action of Layers Deep. But, the author has a way of keeping me guessing of what's going to happen next. I kept reading to find out exactly what she had in store for Tristan and Allie... and for us in this installment of the trilogy.

If you haven't, consider starting series with the prequel, Dazzled by Silver. Though it's not directly connected to book 1 and 2, our H and h, Tristan and Allie were briefly introduced there. We also are introduced to the prominent Cross Enterprises; Tristan's family business. They do all sorts of spy and detective work through this organization comprising of Tristan, his twin Julian, their father Mr. Cross. Even their mother is a part of it, younger sister Emma already being a trainee of sort. H of Dazzled by Silver, Gabriel, a brilliant PI on his own right, is Tristan's cousin and a part of this organization.

When book 1 starts from the h, Allie's POV, we immediate learn of her heartbreak past; how her father was allegedly murdered by an a\$\$hole he thought his friend, the same a\$\$hole who had an eye for her mother. Allie's mother was raped, lost the baby she was carrying right after her father was killed in 'an accident' which now Allie thinks was no accident at all. Worst was, a 10 year old Allie was forced to witness the crime, having no idea how to save her mother.

This man, Wright, has been the bane of their existence ever since. He's a sick, obsessed and equally ruthless bastard. And ever since she grew up and decided to become a cop, Allie has been protecting her mother the best she could. At this point, for Allie, a stable and happy family life is nothing but a deep and secret longing. Allie craves a beautiful family to call her own with her husband and kids, finding way to keep her mother safe and make her happy. Little did she know or expect that Tristan cross would happen in her life soon and turn it upside down. In a good way, of course.

When Tristan comes to find Allie for an assignment, he was desperate. His ex, Kendra has been kidnapped by a mafia gang and now, on the verge of being pimped off to become a sex slave. Glimpses of their history can be read in the prequel but Tristan's affection for her is not that of a lover or a boyfriend anymore. He cares for her and wants to save her from this fix she's gotten herself into. The assignment is dangerous and the investigator has to go undercover as a prostitute to track where Kendra might be. She needs to be someone smart and brave enough to pull it off.

Tristan had already made inquiries of his own on Allie's past and he seemed to think that she's THE ONE for the job. But it was also true that he has been attracted to her right from the start. Convincing Allie proves to be easy as she falls for the sexy PI on spot. She becomes adamant to prove herself to Tristan. When they find that shared connection and Allie figures out that he cares for her beyond the physical, it just makes the deal sweeter. They become intimate on the process of the investigation, though Allie still had no idea of her

place in Tristan's life. Would it be something casual and end after the investigation ends? Would she become someone important to a man like Tristan Cross? Can she?

Trouble is, Allie finds that she has fallen deep for Mr. Cross as well and living without him is not an option anymore. Tristan is smart, sexy, considerate and inherently kind with a great sense of humor. And he rocks her world both in and out, so why not?

When the investigation takes place and danger finds Allie is when the truth of just how much Tristan cares for her comes out. Later, Allie discovers that she's pregnant.

Layers Peeled starts right from here book 1 left off. Allie decides to come clean and tell Tristan that they're expecting. With all sorts of negative things going through her head, she toughens herself up for Tristan's rejection of the baby. Allie doesn't know if he'd want this as much as she does. But, at Tristan's office, she is the one who gets surprised. Allie not only finds herself being fired of her current job but also appointed for a new job as the head of a new department, courtesy of her Mr. Cross. Then the said Mr. Cross finds himself speechless to learn of the news of his impending fatherhood!

Yes, yes, some hot celebratory desk sex follows...

Tristan is definitely not unhappy, more so because he deeply cares for Allie, so having a family with her seems like perfectly normal. He enthusiastically begins planning about the arrival of the newest addition with the help of his own family and Allie. The Cross family, who have been kind and already accepted Allie and her mother to the fold, welcome the news with much joy; especially Emma, the youngster, is ecstatic on the prospect of becoming an aunt!

After her undercover stint with the pimps and the helpless girls back in that hotel, Allie had been very serious about helping some of these girls out however she can. One girl's case particularly interests her as she looked much like her. While Allie was trying to track her down in hopes of getting her some help, suddenly, one day, the past returns to haunt her when she finds Wright somewhere near her office. This leaves Allie so badly shaken that Tristan decides to take an early vacation to Austria. They were already scheduled to go there for Gabriel and Samantha's marriage. It is also imperative that Allie's mother would accompany them, because ever since learning of Allie's past, Tristan has made it his responsibility to provide all around security required for the older woman.

This is the part where the story slows down a bit, though I liked the sweet and sexy developments in Allie and Tristan's relationship. Expect some hot, yet playful sex and talks of the new baby and fun with the extended family in vacation. The fact that they both were scared of talk of marriage bugged me a little but I was glad that Tristan sorts things out in the end.

There was a particular twist at the very end that totally got me! I was waiting for Wright to get his comeuppance but things don't go as planned. He returns, again, to terrify Allie once more. But no worries, the bastard got what he deserved all along and more.

Layers Peeled doesn't have any big cliffhanger. It won't leave you hanging as Allie and Tristan finally are blessed with their HEA. But the author note will give you some pointers on what to expect in the final installment, Layers Off. This'll be the story of Julian and Kendra. Apparently, Julian always harbored a *tendre* for her and tried his best to take care of Kendra after she was rescued, bruised and broken. We'd finally get to learn of Kendra's past, her own problematic life and how she came to be a part of the Cross family.

Meanwhile, 4 stars for Layers Peeled.

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