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A Deep Six Security Christmas Story

Thomas Griffin never thought he'd be a homeless vet at forty-six years old. But when he was no longer useful to the government he'd spent his life serving, they turned their back on him when he needed them most, costing him everything he ever loved. After that, he really didn't care. Living his life on the fringe was safe and he didn't have to worry about anything except his next meal. That safety remains until a beautiful socialite decides to come slumming for Thanksgiving on the wrong side of town and gets herself into trouble.

Over her fifty-five years of life, Lou Ellen Wells had received many blessings. To pay them forward and honor the men in her life who served her country, both living and dead, she cooked Thanksgiving Dinner at the Dallas Veteran's Services Center every year. It was located in a bad part of town, but she'd never had a problem, until this year when she's brutally attacked and can't get to her gun. A bedraggled man with piercing blue eyes jumps to her rescue and saves her with moves out of an action movie. She gives him her card and offers him help, but he tells her doesn't need saving and takes off like his tail is on fire.

A couple of weeks later, Lou is surprised when the man calls her asking for help of a different kind. A teenage girl he cares about has gone missing in gang territory. He's afraid she'll get killed if he doesn't find her soon. Lou calls in the team to help him, but her price for that help is finding out why her Silent Knight, who is obviously skilled and educated, chooses to be homeless.

But will satisfying her curiosity about Thomas Griffin put her in the crosshairs of a terrorist group even more dangerous than MS-13?

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Victoria says

It's sweet, angsty and suspenseful story. It will capture your attention from the beginning to end as it keeps you on the edge of your seat. The storyline is well written with characters you will love. The banter and chemistry between the characters is sizzling. It's an entertaining read. I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy of this book.

Carvanz says

Lou Ellen has always respected the veterans who served their country. One of the ways she shows her appreciation is serving at a local center twice a month. On Thanksgiving she meets a homeless vet who saves her from an attack. He has secrets that he's not sharing and she leaves hoping her guys at Deep Six will be able to find more about her mysterious savior.

Griff has suffered in the worse possible way after serving his country and giving his all. When he realizes he's going to need help finding a young girl, who lives on the streets with him, he is all but ready to give up because he just doesn't have what he needs to find her. But at the last moment, divine intervention in the form of Lou Ellen's business card.

What follows is fast paced, high octane, constantly moving, a little loving and lots of groveling. I really enjoyed this novella and all the characters.

Dual POV

Safe – no ow/om drama

Possible Triggers – gang violence, past abuse for the children involved

Dawn Herrera says

I absolutely loved this book Becky McGraw has given us one wonderful holiday story. Her characters are strong and fearless and caring. There is action a bit of mystery and suspense with some love. Lou Ellen Wells the office manager for Deep Six Security is doing her volunteering at the local homeless veteran center after she heads over to the church to light candles for her loved ones like her father and first husband both veterans. On her way to a bar she is attacked but luckily she has a knight show up to help. Lou Ellen is one tough and caring woman so she wants to pay this stranger back for saving her. Thomas Griffin, Griff to his friends is living a life on the streets after a horrible situation that takes his wife and daughter he flees to the streets because he believes that is the only way to stay safe and don't get close to anyone. But sometimes when you least expect it someone crawls up into your heart. Griff befriends a teenage runaway Layla and promises he will protect her. During one of his trips away from the tent camp that they live in he is distracted by the lovely Lou Ellen Wells. When he returns to the tent camp Layla is missing, he is told she went off with a gang member, Griff just feels Layla is danger. He checks two local gangs for any sign of her. When he comes up empty handed he decides to ask for help. Lou Ellen is ready to help, but tells him that he is going to share who he is and why he is on the streets. I highly recommend this great book.

Yvonne Cruz says

I have come to love the books written by this very talented author, and this one doesn't disappoint us.

The story centers around Griff/Thomas Griffin and Lou Ellen Welles.

Griff is a man who has had many losses, not only in his life in the military, and CIA but most importantly, in his personal life. His world came tumbling down and so did he. His devastation drove him to homelessness. But his values have not deserted him. He protects a young girl who is living under the bridge with him and other homeless individuals.

Lou Ellen manages the office of Deep Six Security. A strong, independent, giving woman, who has had her share of losses. Her father and first husband served and died protecting our country. She gives back by volunteering during the holidays serving meals to the veterans at the Dallas Veteran's Service Center. These two meet when Lou Ellen is attacked and Griff comes to her rescue. She offers him a meal and gives him her business card.

Life is full of surprises and when in need, Griff contacts her and she in turn calls in the troupes in the form of the Deep Six men, who spring into action for her.

The storyline is not only engaging from page one but also heartbreaking, heartwarming and enlightening.

The characters are complex and endearing, and at times you will want to just walk into the pages of the book so you can give them a hug. Be prepared to shed a tear or two. I sure did.

Lastly, I appreciate the fact that the author highlights the need to do more for the men and women who have served our country. Upon their return, many come back with not only physical scars, but emotional and psychological ones as well. We, as a nation, need to do more for these brave men and women who are willing to give up their lives for our freedom. Thank you, Ms McGraw for that reminder.

I was gifted a copy of this book. The opinions expressed are solely my own.

Madm007 says

Oh, how I loved this Holiday themed book. We're all familiar with LouEllen and how she rules the Deep Six. If you're not, well you're missing out.

She calls a spade a spade, has a heart as big as Texas and finally gets her HEA.

Griff, the new guy?, has had an extremely emotional and hard past and is a lot like LouEllen now (I think anyway). Their chemistry is smoking!

Without giving away any of the story's goodness, I couldn't put it down. It keeps you needing to read more.

Very fast-paced as are all Ms McGraw's books, along with ALL the feels. Heat, Laughter, Snark, Sadness, Suspense, Angst to Awwws and more.

This book though fiction, is I'm afraid, too much like reality and will impact your heart tremendously.

Please, especially this Holiday Season, pay it forward, no matter how small or big.

Happy Holidays!!!!

BookAddict says

Lou Ellen not only wrangles special operatives as the office manager of Deep Six Security, she also volunteers twice a month at the veteran's shelter in honor of her father and deceased husband. Leaving the shelter after serving a meal, she's accosted in the alley, but before she can get her trusty pistol out of her

purse, she's rescued by a homeless man she crossed paths with earlier when she stopped to light a candle at church. She thanks him by buying him a meal and giving him her card, telling him if he ever needs help to call her. When Griff needs the help of Deep Six Security, he and Lou get close, but Griff is afraid that the past he's been outrunning quite possibly makes him deadly to her.

The advance copy of this book I read is my first by this author and, WOW, what a great introduction to this phenomenal talent! This one grabbed me in a stranglehold from the first page and all I could do was hang on for the adrenaline-fueled ride! Not only was this a story with intense drama and gripping suspense, but it was deep with rich, beautiful emotion. This book has such a marvelous plot and storyline and I absolutely fell in love with Griff! His past was so devastatingly tragic and heartbreaking, and he was doing nothing but surviving, but he was such a good, amazing man, and so perfect for Lou. Lou was such a terrific heroine who had some difficult times in her past and was a strong, independent, compassionate woman. Their road to happily ever after was fresh and unique, but bumpy and interwoven with a little humor, a lot of stubbornness and a ton of heart. With the Christmas theme, action-packed storyline, depth of emotion and sizzling chemistry this book has it all, so you won't want to miss it!!

Bobbie says

Silent Knight: Deep Six Security Christmas is a quick read novella that packs a punch. As an older reader, I loved that Griff is 46 and Lou Ellen, 55. This Christmas novella had everything a good romance should have. Two foster kids who need help, a homeless vet, and then Miss Lou Ellen, Queenie, who runs Deep Six Security. It was fun involving all of those guys (if you have read previous books....totally not necessary, but fun) which have had previous books, but this was a great Griff and Lou Ellen story. So much fun, and truly puts me in the mood for the next book in the series!

Marie says

Can Lou Ellen finally get the HEA she deserves?

We have met Lou Ellen numerous times, along with 'Bruno' her trusty sidekick, and we know it is going to take someone very special to get past her defences. She is surrounded by hardened, x-forces, alpha males every day and rules them and the office with an iron fist and a look that can silence all of them instantly - and we love her for it, because under this spine of steel is a heart of gold, we have had plenty of glimpses of it over the series.

Griff is broken and living on the streets, not totally unheard of for a vet, but it is not the trauma's of war that broke him- betrayal and loss have crippled him. His protective instincts are alive and well, but his trust and motivation for life are dead and buried. The only thing keeping him fighting each day is protecting Layla, until he comes across Lou Ellen and has to come to her rescue.

They both need each other but is Lou Ellen strong enough to show Griff there are people he can trust, people who will not only have his back without question, but also welcome him to the family and love him - is he strong enough to trust his heart and his life to Lou Ellen?

Can Lou Ellen finally get everything she wants? The guy, the family, the job, everything, all at the same time? Or will her heart pay the price again?

As with all the Deep Six books this one sucks you straight in and the real world fades, fortunately this is a novella and so is easily read in an evening, allowing you to let yourself be fully absorbed in all things Deep

Six for a few glorious hours. Cannot wait for book 6 on 26th December!

Jennifer says

Thomas Griffin is a homeless vet. Although most people don't choose to be homeless, he did. Griffin served his country as a sniper. In doing so, he killed hundreds of terrorists. Griffin's wife and daughter were casualties of said terrorist out for revenge. Grif swears to NEVER care for anyone again for fear of them becoming the next target....until he meets a teenage girl in need. Grif keeps a watchful eye over the runaway, but can't be with her at all times. While out panhandling, Grif comes to the aid of Lou Ellen.

Lou Ellen is the office manager of Deep Six Securities. She's like a mother to the men she works with. During Thanksgiving holiday, Lou Ellen volunteers to feed people at the homeless shelter. She sees this as a way to pay it forward, serving those who served us in the military. After volunteering, she is accosted in the alley. A "white knight" comes to her rescue. Although he's mean, gruff, and dirty, Ella can tell he's a good man. She offers to buy him a meal at the pub and he reluctantly accepts. While there, Ella senses he's in need of help but is too proud to ask for it. Before leaving, she hands Griffin a business card offering the assistance of Deep Six--if he should need it.

Upon arriving back to tent city, Griffin realizes his teenage charge has taken off with a gang member. Not sure where to search, he starts with the least deadly, menacing gang and works his way up. Realizing he needs assistance, he calls on Lou Ellen and Deep Six.

The guys of Deep Six Security are back in action!!! I LOVED this fast-paced novella. The end had me on the edge of my seat, almost fearful to read the next page. I LOVED that this couple was "older". While I think it's sad that so many of our veterans return home to find themselves homeless, I liked that the storyline didn't follow the typical route. Griffin actually chose to be homeless in fear of retaliation. He wouldn't allow another person he loved to be killed in revenge. Even though we don't want to think that our own government wouldn't alert a former operative that their cover had been blown and fail to offer protection to their family, I can "see" it actually happening. Lastly, the ending was AWESOME!!!!!! The added twist was unexpected. I received a gifted copy and all opinions stated are my own.

Pelusa Rivera says

Received an ARC at no cost to author... this was a part of series that I was not aware of when I started it, so I will go back and catch up. There were a couple of things that I enjoyed, the fact that they were not in their twenties, that they developed love for each other, and my favorite, it had a veteran, and if books contain them I normally always support.

Siobhan says

Silent Knight is the seventh book in the Deep Six Security series, but it works perfectly fine as a standalone novel. This is one of those series where characters are reoccurring, yet each story is an individual romance.

As my first introduction to the Deep Six Security series, I can honestly say this one has left me excited to read more. In fact, I plan to go and grab Till Death, book one, soon – actually, I may even go and grab SEALed Fate, the point-five book, first.

Silent Knight is one of those stories that sucked me in within pages. One moment I was a couple of pages in, and the next I had powered my way through to the final chapters. It was a book where I needed to know what had happened, and I need to know straight away. Being a short read, it meant I was able to work through the story at a rapid pace, providing me with an enjoyable story I was able to read in a single sitting.

I love a good romantic suspense, and this book certainly provides what you expect from the genre. We're given two wonderful characters. We're given a sticky situation. We're given chemistry. We're given a great cast. We're given action scenes. We're given drama. In other words, despite being a short story, this one provides plenty. There is something on every page, something to keep you entertained from the start until the end.

One of the big reasons why I'm so excited to dive into the rest of the series is the characters. I adored our main characters, but the side characters were also amazing. The close-knit relationship, almost family-like feel, between the characters was wonderful – and whilst we did not dive overly deep into any of the side characters storylines, I found out enough about each of them to be intrigued by what their stories would provide.

For those who have yet to read the Deep Six Security series, this is a great introduction. For those who have read the prior books, I'm positive this makes for a brilliant festive time read.

Without a doubt, I'll be reading more Becky McGraw in the future.

Jennie Fortna says

ARC for honest review with no compensation

Silent Knight is book 7 in the Deep Six Security series by Becky McGraw and is another suspenseful, page turner and well written book.

Thomas "Griff" Griffin spent his life in the military but when things went bad and he lost everything the government cut him loose with nothing. Not caring about himself any longer he becomes homeless and under the radar until he finds and helps a young runaway in the homeless community. Until one night he sees a woman attacked in the bad part of town at Thanksgiving and comes to her rescue and saves her life which starts him on a journey he never expected.

Lou Ellen Wells works for the Deep Six Security and for a number of years has gone to the Dallas Veterans Service Center to help serve Thanksgiving dinner and to pay it forward for all services these men and women did for their country. When she leaves the center she is attacked but a homeless man comes to her rescue and deep in her mind she knows he is a former military man. She gives him her card and offers to help him but he wants nothing to do with her or her help. Until a few weeks later, he calls asking for her and the company she works for to help find the teen he is helping who is now missing and believed to have gone into gang territory to help her brother.

Can these two find the missing teen and her brother and still stay alive when the gang makes them all a mark?? Will Lou Ellen find out why her Silent Knight chooses to be homeless?? Will they also find that the attraction between them is so strong that secrets need to come out before they can find their HEA??

Darlene says

Becky McGraw brings together two unlikely to ever meet people into each others lives in this beautiful, heartfelt story that melts the heart - SILENT KNIGHT.

Take a sassy, down to earth, ready to step in, always willing to help others, Office Manager for Deep Six Security who literally collides with a man. A homeless veteran, cast aside, betrayed by his country, with a tragic past smothered in guilt. Oh WOW!! - sparks start flying - thick and fast.

Both are strong minded, determined, no matter what the personal cost is to their hearts and lives. They will work together to save two innocent and jaded street kids from falling into an already failed welfare system.

Griff is stubborn. He's the protector. His past feeds the guilt that shadows his every move at the tragic way his wife/daughter paid with their lives because of his job and choices he made and a government forced on him. This keeps him off the grid, not always by choice but circumstances at the hands of his countries mishandling. It was also to protect others from becoming yet another sad statistic to his guilt. Sometimes... there are special people that come into our life that are just as stubborn, just as determined to help rectify a wrong and turn our world upside down. Maybe it's that Christmas miracle? Just maybe her name is Lou Ellen.

Bringing together the entire Deep 6 Team, add touches of that magical Christmas spirit, fast paced action with the additional stirrings of love and you have a recipe, for a wild ride of angst and high stakes drama. Amongst the angst, there is always plenty of witty banter amongst the Deep Six team to lighten the toughest of loads. This is the Deep Six Family at it's best.

It's a beautifully written novella... when you have wonderful characters you want more to their story, because you have become invested in their lives. I wanted more to Lou Ellen and Griff's story... but no matter - their story right here is just as wonderful to read. A page turner from the very start, get caught up in the love, romance and dramatic suspense in their journey. Read what it takes to bring two beautiful, yet stubborn souls together to find their own happiness and fulfillment.

Megan says

I love a strong woman who doesn't need a man or to be rescued by one. Lou Ellen is that woman. She cares for the men of Deep Six Security as if they were her own and provides love, support, and camaraderie for all their women and families. She's the heart and soul of the office. She also has a spine made of steel. To be worthy of being her partner, the guy has a lot that he needs to bring to the table.

Lou Ellen is a kind and giving woman and we see her here giving of her time and good nature first at a church and then to the veterans in the community. Her annual ritual brings her face to scruff with a man that

is much more than he appears to be. Griff is lost. Not in the physical sense, but in the direction of his life beyond protecting someone who needs him. He finds purpose but has no faith in himself beyond doing his best for the teenage girl who needs a protector. And then he watches the elegant Lou Ellen being assaulted and steps in. By giving in to the urge to protect he puts himself on the path to being found.

They both have pasts that led them to this point and while Griff is doing everything in his power to run away, Lou Ellen is doing everything in her power to give him a safe place to stay.

We get to watch their struggle for desire and dominance throughout this story and find healing, companionship, fierce protectiveness, passion, and making a home. I liked that Lou Ellen didn't make it easy for Griff, that she made him work for her forgiveness. That she was willing to be a mother to the teens without the man that introduced them even though her heart yearned for him. Her dedication and devotion to opening and sharing her heart was truly touching. Griff's groveling was pretty good and I liked that he met the challenges and rose to her high expectations. They became the partnership both of them deserved.

Read and willingly reviewed this ARC from the author.

Sandy Kelly says

This is the 7th book in the Deep Six Security series. I highly recommend that you read the previous books so you know the characters and the relationships between them. This one is about Lou Ellen, who is the office manager now, and Thomas Griffin, who is vet who lost everything and is now homeless and prefers it that way for his own reasons. He saves Lou when she is attacked and she tries to help him, but he doesn't want her help. Until the teen girl he was trying to protect on the streets disappears. Then he calls and asks for help for her. He only does it to try to continue to help this teen girl. That right there should tell you the type of man he is.

I absolutely loved this book! Now don't get me wrong, I love the books previously but this book is about older people who can still find love together. No matter the circumstances surrounding it. Griff is a sweet man who lost everything when the government left him hanging. And I mean everything. It was heartbreaking to read his back story. I have always liked Lou, since the very first time she showed up in the series. She is a no nonsense woman who is not afraid to tell you how it is. But her tough exterior hides a heart of gold! Put them together? This book had everything for me! Action, laughter, and most of all? Love! I was engrossed from start to finish and truly love this author! So glad I found her books!
