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## **Dangerous Deception Details**

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Thoughts: So Dangerous Deception is a previously released book that has been 'revised, edited, and slightly expanded'. While it is a good book, to me it didn't quite have the same feel as some of Savannah Stuart's other works. I liked the characters and I liked the story, but even the 'slightly expanded' version is short. It was a quick read for me, and I felt like I just really wanted to get to know these characters more. I wanted to feel more emotions from our characters – which the emotions were there, it just felt like we were only scratching the surface of what was really there.

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Review by: Sarah

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

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## **Lisa Cummings says**

First let me preface this review by saying, this book is a short so I get that some details aren't fully developed and the reader is left to fill in the blanks. However, the dialogue became monotonous, which is REALLY unusual for a short, because the author used "What?" as a means to further the dialogue CONSTANTLY. In my humble opinion, the author was just being lazy! I wasn't sure if the characters were stupid or deaf. The premise of the story is that Sage was stalked which resulted in her sister's death, but Trent (her love interest in the story) seems to be sort of stalker-ish as well which sort of turned me off. He was also extremely pushy. He may have been sexy as hell with a body of a god, but that didn't give him the right to order Sage around like a puppy. However, when she pushed back, she seemed bitchy. It was a very odd combination of push pull that, as a reader, left me very confused. I have read similar dynamics in other romance novels that didn't leave me so confused which leads me to believe that the distasteful dynamic was the authors fault, and would

not have existed in at the hands of a more skillful writer. My final complaint came at the end of the book. The author wrote "A few bright flashes surrounded them and she was vaguely aware when something ripped through her shoulder." Without giving anything away, that sentence would lead a reader to believe that Sage was somehow injured, and yet not another word about her shoulder even when Trent asked an EMT to check her out. To use the authors favorite word "What?" As if all that weren't enough to confuse me, the last chapter was rushed because the author threw in Trent's mother and all kinds of unnecessary baggage which just confused me even more! Total CRAP. However, if you don't mind inconsistencies, poor dialogue, and lots of confusion, the sex scenes were good, not great, but good.

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### **Jennifer says**

ARC received for review

3.5 stars

Great, quick read. Everything happened so fast and then it was over.

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### **Linda says**

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### **Maura says**

Very short smut novella. Sage and Trent have a very nice week of sex together and Trent starts thinking maybe they've got something going here. But Sage takes off in the middle of the night, for reasons. Trent shows up in Sage's life a year and a half later and the attraction is still as strong as ever, but Sage's reasons are still very much in place. She's in danger and Trent is determined to keep her safe, while Sage is only trying to protect Trent by pushing him away. Of course lots of sex ensues in the meantime.

This was good, but might have been better with a bit more development. Sure, Sage has good reasons for taking off, but she's pretty shitty to Trent while he's simply looking for an explanation for why she took off that night. Trent on the other hand is a bit over-whelming with his take charge attitude... I mean, he crosses boundaries and assumes control. And it seemed strange since they'd only known each other a week. His attitude might have made more sense if they'd known each other longer or the insta-love connection had been made clearer in the prologue. It was good, quick and delightfully smutty!

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### **Linda says**

Trent couldn't forget the gorgeous woman he connected with over a week at a BnB, but she vanishes and he's still clueless eighteen months later. That's when he relocates to his brothers business, and guess who's working there?

Sage had to leave New York, her job and friends, when her sister was murdered. She just couldn't stay and instead headed out with the purpose of fulfilling their bucket list. When she finally settles down with a job, she never expected the unforgettable man to appear, but here he is.

When it turns out not only Trent found her, but someone threatening her, Trent will go all the way to keep her safe. Will he be able to?

Contemporary Suspense, action and smutty fluff in a great combo.

Disclaimer; I was given a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

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### **P.e. lolo says**

This is a short story that can be read in one night but is a very good book. Trent Takoda, left the Navy Seals and was staying at a B&B when he met Sage Miller. They hit it off right away and spent the next five days and nights together. Doing something he thought he would never do he asked her to go home with him the next day, she did not say anything except for them going back to bed and I don't mean for sleeping. The next morning when Trent wakes up she is gone like the wind. She had left in the middle of the or early in the morning. The story then moves forward almost two years and Sage is working for a contractor doing his books, appointments, and mainly making sure that he makes it on time for all of his meetings. On the way to one of those he mentions to her that his brother has finally agreed to come aboard to his company and will be starting on the next project, and should be arriving that very same day. When they arrive at the job site lo and behold Trent comes out of a truck and is floored by the site of Sage standing there. The brother asks if they know each other, he says yes and her no. he tells them to figure it out and goes to his meeting. Trent is happy to see her, but upset for her taking off like she did and then searching for her for a 1 & 1/2 and still could not find her. The day goes along and when she goes home the front door to her house is open, and she calls her boss who sends Trent. He calls a friend on the police force and what they find in the house scares them all but she will not open up to Trent only to the police. He finally tired of not knowing calls a couple of ex Seals

who are in security, and back grounds and finds out more to her story. That she finally tells him included her sister that was murdered back in New York. From there this story really is packed with action and emotion. I won't go into it but this is a very good book and the story line from a women's point of view and what happens when they are being stalked is scary. An excellent book. I got this book from net galley.

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### **Lisa says**

After suffering tragedy, Sage moves to a small town, leaving Trent, the hot guy she'd been having steamy sex with for a week. He was supposed to have been a one night stand. Eighteen months later, she's still dreaming about the guy she left behind and he shows up at her new job as a coworker. This was melodramatic, over-the-top and much of it felt contrived, making it hard to enjoy the book.

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### **Shauni says**

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Savannah Stuart writes a steamy novel about finding love and refusing to let go.

Sage Miller lost everything when her sister was murdered. After making sure the man responsible was behind bars, she decided to totally disappear. To change who and what she was, only a chance meeting at a B&B brought her the man of her dreams. But dreams change and no matter how wonderful it was it was time for Sage to start over. Leaving behind a huge "what if" Sage decided that it wasn't worth the risk.

Former Navy SEAL Trent Takoda spent one week with Sage and never forgot her. He searched for her but she was a woman gone missing. Two years have passed and Trent has decided to join in the family business with his brother. Only to discover that Sage, his Sage, was right there all along. She remains more than the woman that got away, she's exactly what he has dreamed of. Now he needs to let her know and convince her to give him a chance. If only something from her past wasn't threatening to destroy them all over again.

Dangerous Deception was actually released previously and is a re print but that's ok, for those of you who haven't read it, it's wonderful. Intense, smoldering romance with an edge.. Just what Ms. Stuart/Reus excels in.

Shauni

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### **CJ says**

An enjoyable quick read. Sage was a bit wacky - I understand what she was doing, but don't necessarily agree with it. She wasn't just stubborn, but sometimes stupidly so. Trent was solid, forgiving and trustworthy.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

4 - "I wish we could stay like this forever." Stars!

Another stellar read from Katie Reus/Savannah Stuart. Sexy, romantic suspense is really a genre where this author can do no wrong for me, and *Dangerous Deception* certainly ticked all of the aforementioned boxes.

Sage has spent the last 18 months trying to forget the week she spent with Trent Takoda, a week filled with sexy-times, and more importantly a break from the life she has since left behind. It comes as more than a surprise when he walks onto the job-site that she is visiting with her new boss, and it's even more of a shock when she discovers they are actually brothers.

The man she has taken pains to forget is once again 'front and center' and not just in her dreams this time. But danger lurks, and the threat she thought that she had left behind comes skulking out of the shadows... As you would expect the authors usual 'Alpha Sexiness' is at its highest setting with Trent, and as soon as he realizes that the woman he has fallen for is in danger, he goes into full-on protection mode.

**"I'm not taking any chances with your safety and I'm not walking away from you. Deal with it."**

This was a really quick and enjoyable read, the end was more of a sparkler than full on fireworks, but overall well worth a couple of hours of my time.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was a pleasure to provide the above honest review.

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### **Sandy S says**

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REVIEW: DANGEROUS DECEPTION is a re-release contemporary, adult, romantic suspense novella by Katie Reus written as Savannah Stuart. This is former Navy SEAL Trent Takoda, and Sage Miller's storyline.

Told from several third person perspectives DANGEROUS DECEPTION is a second chance story of romance and suspense. Two years earlier, following a tumultuous time in her life, Sage Miller spent one glorious week with Trent Takoda, and in the ensuing years, Trent has never forgotten the woman who walked out of his life without so much as a good-bye. Fast forward to present day wherein Sage finds herself the victim of a stalker, whose threats are too similar to the person that took the life of someone she loved. Enter Trent Takoda, Sage's boss's brother, and the man with whom she had fallen in love years before.

DANGEROUS DECEPTION is a sexually graphic and erotic short story about two people whose lives crossed paths two years earlier, and would cross once again through circumstance and family. While Trent tries to ensure Sage's protection, Sage continues to push Trent away in the hopes of keeping him safe and out of the line of fire.

Katie Reus (Savannah Stuart) writes a passionate tale of mystery and suspense, romance and love, moving forward and letting go of the past. The premise is intriguing; the characters are colorful and intoxicating; the romance is a quick build to a happily ever after. You can never go wrong with Katie Reus.

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### **Laura the Highland Hussy says**

Review to come...

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### **Zita says**

Fate doesn't let you run for long...

When a story opens to a prologue with a steamy sexual encounter between two people who have made a strong connection and the woman's inner thoughts are of the regret she's already feeling over what she has to do, leave him without a word when she doesn't want to, you know that the story is going to be very interesting as it has captured your attention quickly.

It's been eighteen months and still Sage Miller thinks of the man she walked away from, just hearing someone utter the same first name and the memories flood her thoughts. She was running from the horrors that destroyed her life when she met him, she had nothing to offer him for she needed to find herself again, to find some semblance of peace. Having relocated to North Carolina working a job she enjoys her peace is

shattered by two things, the harassing phone calls she hopes are just pranks and coming face to face with the man she ran from. Fate brings people together who need to be.

Accepting a partnership in his brother's construction company, former Navy SEAL Trent Takoda arrives in North Carolina to find the woman he's been searching for working for his brother. They had spent a wonderful week together before she vanished from his life. He thought they had something special and he sure wants answers. The chemistry between them is evident from the moment their eyes reconnect, as potent as it was when they first knew each other. This time he's not letting her go without a fight but to keep her he'll first have to break down her emotional barriers and then keep her alive.

This longer length novella had a great suspense storyline that builds as information of Sage's past is disseminated and the unknown man who's watching shares his thoughts. The main protagonists were likable compelling characters with deep emotions. Trent is a dominant caring protective alpha, Sage is a woman with much internal strength, a survivor. We are given multiple points of view including that of the psychotic villain who's been waiting a long time to capture his prey. The amusing epilogue wrapped things up nicely leaving you pondering the workings of fate.

There was some anal play that this reader did not enjoy coming across, the activity detracted from the sexiness of the scenes.

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