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He's dangerous, sexy, and everything she wants...

Sierra hit it off with Hayden from the moment they met. The dangerously sexy, tattooed ex-SEAL is one of the best friends she's ever had—and the main star in her wildest fantasies. But he doesn't see her that way. And she'd die of embarrassment if he found out she was still a virgin.

And he's about to make his claim...

Hayden's struggled to keep his attraction to the beautiful, dark haired casino chef a secret. He's not good enough for her. But when an attacker targets Sierra, Hayden's protective instincts go into overdrive. With the attraction between them burning out of control, he'll do whatever it takes to protect her and convince her they're meant to be together.

The Serafina: Sin City Series, #1

Length: novella

Serafina: Sin City Series

1. First Surrender
2. Sensual Surrender
3. Sweetest Surrender
4. Dangerous Surrender

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Shabby Girl ~ aka Lady Victoria says

That was about as ordinary and generic as you can get and I yawned all the way through it. Hero, ex-SEAL, tats, gruff, heart of gold; heroine, virgin, delicate petal, beautiful but doesn't know it (big sigh) because she has a gorgeous but nasty sister; both of them not knowing the other fancies the other, everyone knows they like each other except them, stalker, hero shoots stalker and nothing happens coz of course you can just go around shooting people and everyone is glad he's dead like it happens every day of the week, nothing exciting here, they weren't excited by a co-worker dying, and neither was I, although I roused myself momentarily to be mildly surprised no-one cared.

Okay, just a short story, I really like short stories, but that was just cliche generic and didn't entice me to read anything further in this series after it if they're going to be as cliche as this, just what I've read 1,000 times before.

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

This was a quickie novella, and I mean a quickie; it took me around an hour to read it. That's not to say I didn't enjoy it.

I'm a sucker for the friends to lover romances. So when I read the blurb to this book, I knew I had to read it.

Sierra has been lusting after Hayden since the moment they met. Working together at the same hotel has allowed them to form a very close friendship. But Sierra has never been able to get rid of her attraction to the man. And really, who can blame her? He's a sexy, tattooed ex Navy SEAL.

Hayden has had feelings for Sierra for that long as well, but he's afraid to make a move because he doesn't think he's good enough for her.

So of course when a bad guy is thrown in to the mix, and Sierra gets attacked, Hayden's protective instincts kick in and he refuses to leave her side.

While somewhat predictable, the story was entertaining. The sex scenes were steamy, and the relationship that builds between them was fun to read. Even though the story was short, I was still was able to get a feel for both the characters.

The bad guy...well...that wasn't too big of a mystery. I had figured it out from pretty much the very beginning. But that didn't take away from the story for me. The primary focus was the relationship between Hayden and Sierra.

A fun and sexy novella with a hot as sin hero and an endearing heroine. This was a great start to a series that I will definitely be keeping an eye out for.

ARC courtesy of publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

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Beate says

I guess I already read this as part of an anthology... And I loved it then, if I re-read it, I'm sure I would love it now... :D

This story literally takes off with a bang. Both Hayden and Sierra have been in love with the other for ages, and when there's an attempt to kidnap/kill Sierra, Hayden wakes up and claims her for himself. I knew who the bad guy was from the moment he was introduced, making this story a little predictable. But true to the anthology title - *Wicked* - the characters have amazing chemistry in the bedroom.

I received this book as an e-galley from Katie Reus via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are mine.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Victoria says

First Surrender is a 70 page romantic suspense novella that kicks off the Serafina Series by author Katie Reus. The Serafina series is a spin-off series of the Red Stone books and I'm guessing will follow a similar formula as that series. I was happy to pick this one up for free today since I had it listed on my TBR list but then realized First Surrender is also included in an anthology I already owned, Wicked Firsts. Definitely a case of too many books, not enough time.

Sierra and Hayden have been good friends for over a year but finally admit their feelings for each other after Sierra is attacked. The romance was short, sweet, and had a couple shots of sexy. Even though there wasn't a lot to work with due to the shorter size of the novella, it was an enjoyable quick read. I wish I could have gotten to know the characters a bit more, Hayden in particular, but all in all a good introduction to the series. 3.25 STARS.

Barbara? says

[Sierra is a virgin, but Hayden has not been with anyone since the minute he saw Sierra a year ago. (hide spoiler)]

Lady Heather says

Nice intro to this series.

This is my *virgin* read of this author, and I was quite impressed with her writing.

For a novella, the characters were well developed, and the story was good.

I finished the story feeling satisfied that I read a 'complete' story.

I will definitely continue with this series.

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A short but very hot, friends to lovers story, especially loved alpha-Hayden. Rawr!

Amanda says

Reviewed for: Where the Night Kind Roam

First Surrender by Katie Reus is the first book I have read of hers that is a contemporary. I have read her paranormal and really enjoyed it but I wasn't sure what to expect from her contemporary, but whatever I was expecting it was not this... What I got was hot hot hot!!! So sizzling I think my Kindle may have caught on fire! Hayden, oh my wow! Talk about sexy, and protective, and total hotness. Covered with full sleeve tattoos, ex-military, tall and gorgeous and would even kill for his woman. I thought it super cute that he had such a crush on Sierra for such a long time and even had a weekly standing "date" with her as friends just so he could be near her. You would have thought a man who oozed so much self-confidence would have made a move but he had a fear of rejection just like everyone else. Man if this dude really existed I'd be super jealous of Sierra, because I'd want him for myself!

Sierra, is a bit on the shy side, a guess a culinary genius because she's the executive chef at a casino at the age of 22 if I remember correctly. Now this I found a bit hard to swallow, I guess knowing some chefs I know how competitive it is and being obtaining that position that young.. hmm.. But anyway roll with it I guess. Add to that, she's super gorgeous and still a virgin.. ehh.. again I just rolled with it. I guess the worldly guy with the young innocent virgin is still going strong. It's not my favorite but since Hayden is Hayden, I can overlook it. Despite the young innocent virgin thing Sierra was actually pretty likeable. She's super sweet but holds up well under pressure and violence and she can stand up to Hayden's sheer will. That takes some kahones.

The story itself is actually pretty short. I really wish it had been a full length story because I think these two deserved a full length, but you gotta make do with what you've got. As previously mentioned Hayden has

been hesitant to make a move on Sierra even though he's been in love with her for close to a year. There is even a pool to see when he will finally break down and ask her out which I found pretty funny! Its not until she is threatened that he realizes nothing is going to get in the way of him and Sierra any longer and he directs all of that alphaness into protecting her. The who's after sweetheart Sierra plotline keeps things moving along when these two aren't scorching up the sheets of Hayden's bed, or his floor, or the kitchen... There was a nice bit of action in the bedroom and out of it. The story flew on by and before I was ready it was over. : (This story did make me want to go back and read the series that this book is a spinoff from as well as look forward to the future books in this series. I enjoyed it way more then I was expecting too! So go forth and read it!

Linda says

Sierra is about to meet her friend and secret crush when plans change unexpectedly and on her way to her car, she's assaulted.

Hayden can't believe it, not just that Sierra took off without him on their sort of date night, but that she was ambushed in the parking garage. Lucky for him, he's got the connections to search for the guy, and the knowledge to keep her safe mean while.

Now he's getting his chance to keep her by his side and tell her how he feels..

Great, quick read with smutty fluff, action and suspense. The start of a new series, and one I'm continuing asap =)

Pam says

2.5 fast stars

First Surrender for me was a quick predictable read. It was a fast paced book, that covered too much in such a short period of time. A friends to lovers book that I had no time to form any real opinion on the characters or the book. It wasn't a bad book, nor was it a great book either; for me it was just okay. People wonder why I read shorties, I think you never really can judge a book by its cover, length or popularity, plus it gives me an idea for the author's writing style. The following books in the series are said to be longer than this, with different characters, so I will be checking them out later on.

Erika says

This was a nice little story. I enjoyed every minute of it! The hero is protective, loving, alpha and awesome! The heroine is sweet, though not a kick-ass type (which is fine by me -- I relate better to this type of heroine versus the gun-toting, wise-cracking, alpha females). This is my second Katie Reus book, and it was much much better than the first one I read. I still don't think her sex scenes are that great though -- they are good, just not great.

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

I've gotten used to the Katie Reus books having a little less spice to them compared to her Savannah Stuart books. First Surrender is HOT! Hayden is absurdly HOT. I must say I was just a bit jealous of Sierra getting all of that man's attention. Let me assure you he was very attentive.

Sierra and Hayden have been hanging out as friends for what Hayden sees as far too long. He wants more from Sierra than just her friendship. Sierra has the same thoughts, but due to some minor insecurities she believes that Hayden would never want more from her than the platonic relationship they currently have. She's a smart gal and is willing to take what she can get from him. When Sierra is attacked everything that is alpha and possessive about Hayden kicks in and he steps up to protect what is his. By the time it is all said and done Sierra will have no doubts about how he feels about her.

Fans of Katie's Red Stone Security series will be immedaite notice the setting and a past couple. The Serafina: Sin City series takes place in Vegas at Wyatt Christiansen's casino. Readers will remember him and Iris from their book *Breaking Her Rules*.

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

4 Sexy Alpha Loving Stars!!!

This is my first Katie Reus book, and I'm looking forward to reading many more of her books!!! This was a great start to the *Sin City* series and now I'm anxious to read the rest of the books in series.

Hayden is a 32 yr old ex Navy Seal who is now head of security at a Las Vegas Hotel, Sierra is a 22 yr head chef at one the popular restaurants within the hotel. Hayden is also Sierra's best friend but she's in love with Hayden and longs to be more than just his friend, unbeknownst to her Hayden's feelings are mutual.

When Sierra is threatened and attacked by a stalker Hayden seizes the opportunity to stake his claim and to keep her safe at the same time.

This was a novella (only about 70 pages) so things didn't drag out and her stalker issue was dealt with swiftly, I wish the storyline would have gone on a bit longer but things between Hayden & Sierra and her stalker resolved rather quickly...the potential was there for a more in depth storyline.

Looking forward to Jay's (Hayden's brother) book *Sensual Surrender* next!!!

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

Narrator Review: Ryan Hudson

Distinguishable between characters: 5 Stars

Impersonating opposite sex: 5 Stars

Accents: N/A

Any critiques: None

Overall enjoyment of Performance: 5 Stars

Recommend audible version: Yes

Borrowed on Audible Romance Package

Story Review: 3.5 Stars

Based at the Serafina Casino...head chef, Sierra and security and ex-seal, Hayden are best friends. Both are secretly attracted to each other. It takes an attack on Sierra for Hayden to stop being a gentlemen and claiming her.

For such a short story, a lot happens in this book. Hayden must keep Sierra safe while they hunt down who tried to attack her in the parking lot of the casino. It's another well written shorty by one of my favorite authors.
