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The stakes are incredible. Failure is unimaginable. The malice unthinkable.

Living a nightmare...

When EDGE operative Dillon Caldwell follows a direct order to bring down the Sanchez Brothers drug cartel, he never imagines that his wife, Sara, would be next on the cartel's hit list.

Dillon thought nothing could match the pain of losing his wife, but when Sara mysteriously turns up twelve months later, beaten yet alive, he realizes he was wrong. She has secrets she's unwilling to share, secrets that could cost them their lives.

Hunted by a relentless killer...

Rafael Sanchez has turned a vendetta into a war with no rules. He has taken retribution to an extreme and wants to shatter more than just Dillon's life. He wants to destroy every reason Dillon has left for living.

One way in, and no way out...

Trapped in a hostile jungle, Dillon and Sara have nowhere to turn, nowhere to hide, and they find themselves shifting from the shadows of vengeance into the sunlight of justice. In order to survive, they can trust no one, will betray anyone, and are determined to win at whatever the cost.

Even if it means going over the edge.

## **The Edge Of Trust Details**

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## Kelly says

This was a great book! The book starts out with Dillion, a Navy Seals EDGE team member seeking revenge on the drug cartel leader, Sanchez, who killed his wife, parents and sister a year ago. Dillion finds out his wife is alive when she swims onto the beach at the naval base where he is working. He sets out to find and bring down Sanchez while trying to keep his wife safe. This book has great action, a little romance, and a lot of emotion. You can't help but to like Dillion and his wife Sara as they struggle to stop Sanchez and put their lives back together. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

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## John Podlaski says

The Edge of Trust was an okay book, but I expected a lot more. As the story moved along, I didn't know who to trust anymore; Dillion's mission was to infiltrate the cartel by gaining the trust of the family leader, Rafeal. He eventually gets in and is assigned to provide security for the leader's family. Initially, he was to spend only 1 year undercover, but spent three years instead - getting close to his boss' daughter and wife this time. There is also no explanation as to why his stint lasted so long. All this time, his real wife, Sara, is alone and kept in the dark about what he is doing..

Tragically, Rafeal's wife and daughter are killed in a car bombing that deeply affects Dillion because of the relationship he had with them. After all, it was his job to protect them. Then, somebody leaks Dillion's real identity and mission to Rafeal. The ruthless cartel retaliates, killing Dillion's wife, sister and mother. The story picks up a year later. Dillion's dreams are filled with memories of his past wife, which seem to wear him down. I got confused by going back and forth in time and following conversations between the various characters in this ride through time.

Suddenly, Dillion's wife, who was thought to be dead for the last year, washes up alive on the beach near his home. Most of the higher brass in the agency knew she was alive, yet nobody told Dillion - making me wonder who to trust going forward.

During the rest of the book, Dillion and Sara continue to bicker and question one another's feelings and integrity. Heck, she even insisted that he closed his eyes while she changed for the night and then slept alone. I would have expected a ravishing night instead. They were married, yet behaved like seven graders on a field trip, which annoyed me. Don't get me wrong, the book is also filled with edge of your seat suspense that will keep readers riveted and engaged, but it seems like these discussions become "filler" in between.

Dillion and Sara travel to Colombia in search of Rafeal and his brothers with revenge in mind. Little did they know, Rafeal's deep jungle fortress is protected by the latest security technology - infrared scanners, video, heat sensors, etc. and they are quickly captured. The bickering and feelings for one another continue to be debated...will they finally come to terms? Will they escape and be successful in Dillion's personal quest to destroy the family? Who will survive?

If you like romance (?) mixed in with action scenes, ruthlessness and killing, then this book is for you.

John Podlaski, author

### **Lhenry says**

What I thought set this apart Dillon and Sara and were so motivated to protect the other, but each made decisions that wound up hurting the other, sometimes emotionally, sometimes physically. There was a point when I thought Dillon should give up on Sara, and then later on, when I thought Sara should give up on Dillon. But in the end I found myself feeling that they could survive as a couple.

And all this relationship drama took place as adventure, explosions, shoot out, car crashes, bat attacks were taking place all around! It might sound a little silly but it worked.

Only critique I really had is that it felt like the author threw in everything except the kitchen sink. In other words, there was a little too much going on in the backstory, secondary characters and tantalizing hints about future adventures. On the other hand, I will be looking for those very books as they are published!

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### **Katherine W. says**

An entertaining romantic suspense that is light on the romance side and heavy on the angst and action. I very much enjoyed reading "The EDGE of Trust".

Who is leaking confidential information to a powerful drug lord allowing him to always stay head of Navy SEALs and Team EDGE? That is what Navy SEAL and Team Edge member Dillon Caldwell is trying to discover, along with the DEA and the Admiral of Team EDGE.

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### **Melody Cox says**

This is a great edge of your seat mystery and love story. I really liked it. Will reread as I read this years ago and just realized I didn't review.

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### **La-Lionne says**

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### **Jennifer says**

I absolutely loved this book. It was a rare read that I just couldn't put down. I loved the action, the plot and

everything that went along with it. Admittedly I am an erotic romance reader so I figured any book without that element wasn't going to hold my interest. In my opinion, most non-erotic reads come across as stuffy and the characters are too uppity to even let the word "damn" cross their lips. But here K.T. Bryan gave us a story that had all the actions and believable lines that an erotic romance would contain, just without all the sex. That's not to say there wasn't any at all. There was one consensual sex scene, though not what you would expect. And I will forewarn you that there were also scene's of child abuse. They were graphic, but were portrayed as memories.

I also thought she did a wonderful job with all of the secondary characters. They were great supporting roles that will lead them into future stories – hopefully.

The only objection I had with this story was some of the words used. I had to hit the dictionary at least a half dozen times before I finished the third chapter. But I guess I can chalk that up to building my own vocabulary, so that really isn't so much a complaint.

High recommendations from me. I look forward to Jake's story.

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### **Mary Beth says**

I really wish there was a 3.5 star rating for this book. The story was good with lots of action, it was well-written, but there were certain parts of the characters that I really didn't like. After 6 years of marriage, Dillon suddenly decides that he can't risk his back-from-the-dead wife's life anymore and wants to be noble and give Sara her freedom, and thus, protection. Admittedly, he has gone through the pain of her death and losing her once, but if his memories of them are as good as he (and she) remember, he should realize sooner that he should grab on tight to this woman and never let go again. Dillon is willing to go up against a monster of a drug lord, but won't take the risk of fighting for the woman he loves. Not that Sara is really any better. She lost her husband, had a baby by herself, learned to run and hide and fight for survival's sake, but doesn't go full-force against her husband to let him know how she feels and that he should man-up and fight for their love as she plans to do. The fireworks and relationship between Sara and Dillon could have been much hotter. That said, the action against the bad guys was great. The author did a wonderful job of creating a villain that readers will love to hate. She also left room for spin-off or related books that would tell the story of Matt and Craig.

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### **Hbeebti says**

OMG I cant describe how much I loved this book. What a wonderful surprise this was. So much drama and suspense. This book just shows that loves always finds a way. I have got to get my hands on Jake's book as soon as its released.

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### **Becky says**

After reading the first chapter, I've decided this book is not for me. The first sentence gave me my first clue but I decided to finish the chapter. I wasn't going to give this a star rating out of fairness. I changed my mind today as I was reviewing ratings. I review the one and two star ratings before I read a book to determine if it

has elements that I don't care for. I've been grateful for some of those ratings. Not that the book is bad, but that it contains elements that I don't personally read.

Why didn't I like this one? Well, I don't care for descriptions that include "boglius, boss, and totally chill." Additionally, I hate anatomical references.

From what I've read so far, I think the violence is going to get a bit more graphic than I care for.

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### **N. Kuhn says**

This book has it all. The thrills of an action book, the action of a thriller. Throw in a crazy romance, and it's everything you could ever want in a book. From the heart pounding suspense, to the heat it up love story. Dillon is by far my new fave book boyfriend. I love stories that include military men, navy seals, hot muscly guys! This was one of those books that you just couldn't put down! I'd go into more detail, but I def don't want to ruin it for anyone else!

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### **Don Kent says**

Great read... read it for the "second time" while on vacation at the beach.... hard to put down ...

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### **Tracy says**

#### **Emotional Adrenaline-Filled Thrill Ride**

When EDGE operative Dillon Caldwell was given a mission to infiltrate the Sanchez Drug Cartel and bring down its head, Rafael Sanchez, Dillon figured it would be a long, grueling year that he might not survive. He had no idea it would be three horrific, gut-churning years, or that the price paid for his efforts would be a nightmare worse than abject failure.

Then, after his cover was blown, he watched in horror as his wife was slain in front of him. His parents were next. And his sister, who died, broken and burning, in his arms.

Dillon, wracked by loss and guilt, is nearly rabid in his hunt for Sanchez, intent on ending his reign of terror. What he finds along the way, though, will change everything Dillon thought he knew to be true. Washed up on a nearby beach, badly beaten and suffering from exposure, is the woman he thought dead for the past twelve months. His wife Sara is alive.

Dillon's stunned relief and joy are short-lived, however, shredded by the razor-sharp fangs of betrayal and kept secrets, scorched by the obvious disdain from a woman who may as well be a stranger. And if that's not enough, not only is Sanchez still out there, but Dillon can't even trust the people he works for. Not when they kept the truth about his wife from him, not when someone on the inside burned his cover.

He's got a sadistic, murderous drug kingpin after him and someone from his own country betraying him. He's got a wife who is alive, but looks at him with loathing. And he's got the knowledge that, despite all best efforts, he has failed every single person he loved. Struggling with that burden is bad enough, but Dillon's plate isn't yet full. The stakes that he's played with for three years are raised higher still when he finds out that Sanchez has something of his, something Dillon didn't even know existed. And it's a game-changer in every way.

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K.T. Bryan doesn't just kick off her *Team EDGE* series with this powerhouse of a story, she fills it with rocket fuel and launches it straight into the stratosphere. Powerful writing, a hell of a plot, and two flawed characters thrust into one incredibly perilous situation after another are the backbone of this awesome debut. As in all things, the devil is in the detail, and Bryan proved herself adept and snagging that devil by the throat, slamming it down on the page, and introducing her characters to hell. Gut-churning emotion, sweat-soaking suspense, and so much action I felt like I needed a nap after, *The EDGE Of Trust* snatched me up and commanded my attention through every single white-knuckled page.

Sure, there is no shortage of like-themed romantic suspense out there. There are certainly elements in this book I've read elsewhere. It has a military flavor, of course, and the former Navy SEAL alpha male warrior, now an EDGE operative, with plenty of testosterone and a rabid sense of duty to cause and country. The Bad Guy, head of a Mexican drug cartel, is an extremely violent sociopath who is so coldly ruthless it's a wonder he doesn't shit ice cubes. You'll surely recognize him, too, for all that type has been portrayed in everything from books to television to movies.

The plot, too, didn't have a whole lot of surprises in the direction it took or in its major points...but how it was set up, fleshed out, and executed in full was superb. The fluid timeline, including moments of the past interspersed with current events, so often a stumbling block in books, was handled exceptionally well. Readers are treated to a fairly comprehensive view of the lives of the characters leading up to and including the real-time crises without once obscuring the main plot thread. Of note, I loved the passages from Dillon's journal, as it gives readers insight into the emotional price an undercover agent pays and how his character in particular evolved during his undercover assignment.

And when it comes to Dillon and his wife Sara as characters, we reach what, for me, elevated this book from a solid suspense read I really enjoyed to one of my favorite reads this year. Not only were they deliciously flawed and grievously wounded individuals (preferred for the depth it gives the characters), but their emotional baggage and all their issues were ripped open and exposed in deliciously gritty, brutal fashion, in actions and reactions, fights and fury, angst and passion. It wasn't always pretty, certainly wasn't traditional for a romance novel, but it was so damn realistic (within the fictional framework) that I was left shaken by several scenes, my heart in my throat and my stomach in knots.

Grief, confusion, betrayal, guilt, blame, shame, and worse...including ugly emotions that danced dangerously close to hatred, Bryan gleefully dipped her brush into them all and splattered them into the gaping, bloody wounds of her characters' lives. The result was a story-long evolution of a relationship, one that provided an unflinching and brilliant portrayal of two characters who used to love each other very much, then lost it all...or gave it away, and now have to deal with the aftermath of every painful choice and uncertain decision if they are going to have any hope of peace. Never mind absolution.

It was messy and harsh as hell, and made for some gripping, frustrating, and agonizing reading. I loved every second of it.

This definitely isn't a book for the faint of heart. Not only was the emotional gamut fairly harsh and unrelenting, but Bryan doesn't shy away from scenes of physical brutality either. While the majority of the book was fairly average for the genre in that regard, there were at least three scenes I can think of right off the top of my head that pushed the envelope. One was graphic enough and included subject matter that hit me hard, and I'm not a particularly sensitive reader.

I am a reader who appreciates Bryan's ability to create the sort of story she's written here. Well-written and complex, taut and emotional, action-packed and exhausting, this series debut is the whole package. It's one of the best romantic suspense novels of this type that I've read and one of my favorite reads of the year. In short, wow. Awesome read.

***Disclosure:** A copy of this book was provided to me by the author for review. This rating, review, and all included thoughts and comments are my own.*

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Reviewed for One Good Book Deserves Another.

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## **Gina Ceballos says**

I don't think 5 stars are enough.

I bought this book thanks to the amazon.com reviews. I thought the book might be good, but really... 18 out of 18 five stars reviews. That was too much. I had to check that out for myself.

This book was absolutely amazing. My head is still spinning from all the action. Right from the start I was engaged with the plot I was unable to put the book down. Everything was very believable; I felt like I hiked the jungle and jumped into the waterfall, my heart skipped quite a few beats in numerous part of the book, not to mention it broke altogether in a Q & A in a cave.

You can't go wrong with this book.

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## **Michelle says**

Finding books lately has become a slight challenge for me. As of late, I really just wanted to get my hands on a good romantic suspense novel coupled with military or black ops theme-- it never seems like a tall order, but it is definitely becoming one. I've read and re-read the popular RS novelists, and last year I stumbled on Kaylea Cross and thoroughly enjoyed her work. I wanted something new, so I spent hours on the computer searching for something that would fulfill my need. Then it happened I found the name KT Bryan on a blog, clicked on the book, read the synopsis, and I lost all the evening hours possible to 'The EDGE of Trust.'

I've said it before and I will say it again, my favorite reading moment is when you start out reading a book expecting it to be an average read, but by the end you are completely blown over by how much you loved it. KT Bryan has done it! BRILLIANT!

This book had it all! It moved at probably the fastest clip I've ever experienced. I was certain though at some



point it was going to hit a snag, but it kept giving and going. Bryan propelled this story forward, with an amazing ensemble of characters who endured so much, and packed it full of action and adventure it was an absolute joy to read.

Dillon and Sarah were both strong willed, stubborn characters, that at times frustrated me so much (in a good way) I wanted to put them in the penalty box. Dillon and Sarah's trials and tribulations were brought to you by one of the darkest and brutal villains I've read in along time Sanchez. I would feel remised in not declaring a secondary villain, Sarah's demonic father. Even though his scene was brief, and gave you insight into Sarah and her brothers childhood it certainly packed a punch! I wanted to reach into the pages and strangle him myself.

I consider it a sign of a good author when they ravel the reader into their web of adventure, deceit, loyalty, loss, and love. By the time I reached the end Bryan had me woven in, and gave me this bubbly excited feeling that wants me to sing this books praises and proclaim "It's a 10 star! Grab this book, and hold on! You're in for a great ride!" I simply can not wait until the next addition. My only hope is Bryan has a lot more to say, because I am ready to listen!

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