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Brock Gamble's epic fall from the Titan Group labeled him a traitor. He betrayed his men. He failed his family. And when he thought he'd hit the lowest point, his wife walked out with their children, leaving him alone to drown himself in the bottle.

Surviving an abduction didn't end the nightmare for Sarah Gamble. The aftershocks of post-traumatic stress disorder hit her hard. Self-doubt and confusion. Anger and hurt. Running away was an easy escape until Brock shows up on her doorstep offering a trip to paradise and a promise to fix their marriage.

Before the couple can search for answers, Brock is pulled back into the very world that Sarah is so scared of—kidnapping, cartels, and guns—and the stakes are too high for either one of them to ignore.

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Victoria says

One bad decision had led to another. When his family had been kidnapped, he hadn't thought clearly. He'd betrayed one person after the next. His family when he hadn't utilized any of Titan Group's black ops resources. His mentor, Jared Westin, who'd taught him everything the military hadn't. His men, the Titan team that bled loyalty. And he'd betrayed Sugar...

Before reading Gambled, I'd recommend reading Westin's Chase, book three in the Titan series, first. The events in book three are pretty important to understanding the history of the characters and what led Brock to be in the situation with his family and team he is in at the start of Gambled.

Gambled is a novella length story and is a little different than the previous full length novels that come before it. In Gambled, the suspense part of the story plays a secondary part, while the relationship between Brock and his wife takes center stage. The novella doesn't give a lot of room to hash things out but there is enough room for things to get pretty steamy. Ummm..car sex? Totally freakin hot!

“Yes,” fell from her lips . Her legs spread wider as he pumped his hand. His mouth abused her tit until she catapulted, screaming, moaning, crying in ecstasy.

“More.” He roared against her skin, pulled his hand free, and shucked her shorts down her legs. So fast, so abrupt the zipper scratched her thigh, and her shorts remained looped around an ankle. She pulled free the clasp of his buckle , yanked his pants down the solid slope of his ass. Hard and muscular, she dug her fingers into his flesh as he slammed into her. Pushing his cock deep inside, her body easily accepted his spear. All the way to the hilt, his sac slapped her as he entered and withdrew and pounded again.

“Fuck me, angel.”

I'm a big fan of this series and absolutely loved book one and two. I think Cristin Harber does a great job of balancing romance and suspense and she never disappoints with the steam. Gambled is a little different, a bit more fluff than suspense, but I thought it was a nice addition to the series. I'm glad Brock had a chance to redeem himself in Gambled. I don't want to give anything away so won't mention the specifics on how Jared gets his retribution...but will say it was completely over the top, crazy, and had me laughing.

3.5 STARS.

Jean Marie says

Brock and Sarah

After Titan Book 3, I was on the edge of my seat wondering what would happen to Brock? Would Sarah and

he get back together? What kind of retaliation would Jared do? Was Brock finished with Titans? Read this to get all the wonderful, drama filled answers. Another great book in this series!

Shelley Youngblood says

Gambled is a Novella in Cristin Harber's Titan series. It should definitely be read after Westin's Chase as it picks up after the events which occurred in that story. It continues to be packed with action, suspense and combustible chemistry.

Brock Gamble's life is in the ultimate tailspin after his wife and children's abduction. Though he ultimately got them back and they were safe, the lies and deceit he had to construe have left him alone. Bad decision after bad decision led him to ultimately betray his family as well as his trusted team at the Titan Group.

In a last ditch effort to win his wife back, he persuades her to take an exotic vacation. His only hope is to reclaim his marriage. But when duty calls and he is the only one who can help, he must make a pivotal decision.

I love that there was a follow up to Brock's story after his ultimate deceit. I can't wait to read more from this amazing series!

PS- The audio version of this book only enhanced Cristin's brilliance as an author. Jeffrey Kafer does an excellent job of narrating this incredible story.

CC says

3.5 stars

Good follow up after Weston's Chase. Really need to read that one first to understand this one.

Considering why they needed to reconnect, I felt they did not. They had sex, a bunch of action and more sex. How they went from needing to deal with huge marital issues to juicing up their sex life made no sense to me. That being said it was a super hot short novella that I enjoyed.

But I am happy they got their HEA.

J.B. Salsbury says

The cover says it all!! How can a girl resist a gun toting, tattooed, bad boy who saves people?

Answer: They can't!

Brock Gamble has lost everything, his job, the respect of his comrades, but most importantly, his wife and kids. But don't fret! What alpha male slinks away with his tail between his legs, giving up without a fight?

On a mission to earn back the love and trust of his wife, Brock begs for one more chance in the form of a tropical vacation alone with his wife. She agrees, hoping to rekindle some of the fire they once had. But she didn't count on guns, bombs, and child abductions.

When Brock gets an opportunity to prove himself to his mentor and gain back the respect of his wife, while saving an innocent life, he can't say no.

This novella is action packed and HOT in more ways than one! A fantastic weekend read that will have you rooting for Brock and his HEA.

Lydia says

Brock Gamble has made a terrible mistake. He took his Boss Man's woman, and gave her away to Jared's enemy to make sure that his wife, Sarah, and their daughters stayed safe. Now he's paying for his actions. Titan is no longer the home he can return to, and Sarah has taken the girls and left him. Will he be able to get his family back? Or are the secrets he kept from both his colleagues and his wife going to prove the end of his so-far-organized life?

I have to say I expected this book to be hot and full of action, despite its size. Glad to know I was right, and that Cristin Harber can never disappoint me, no matter what.

I already knew Brock could not possibly be a bad guy. Yes, he made mistakes, but it was perfectly reasonable, his family was in danger! So I was a bit mad at Sarah for leaving him and using him as a scapegoat because she was traumatized. I may sound stupid for saying this, but I don't exactly accept the reason, no matter how important....

Even so, Brock managed to work things out, and he did so while acting the hero part once again, even if he was alone in this book's mission. I loved how he kept discovering secret strong parts of Sarah's, though, so I guess I could forgive her. Plus, the dynamic they had as a married couple was amazing!

Now all that's left to see is what Boss Man will do. I suspect he's not quite done with his former right hand man, and I hope he gets to utilize Brock's talents despite having kicked him from the team.... Well, I should wait and see for myself, right?

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Mandie (Naughty Book Snitch) says

I wasn't really sure about this story line when I first sat down to read it. I've never read a romance where the couple is already married and then I wasn't really sure I would like Brock's story. Well, well, well... there is a reason why I like Cristin Harber and it's because she can write damn good books!

Smack my ass and call me Sarah! This book picks up right where Westin's Chase ended. Brock betrayed

Titan in order to save his wife and kids. Brock had all but killed his friendship with Jared and when it was all said and done, destroyed his marriage and lost his kids. Brock was at rock bottom.

I've gotta say that I felt really bad for Brock because he was only doing what he thought was right. He would and did do anything it took to save his family. I absolutely loved Brock and Sarah's story. I love that they get to fall in love all over again and discover new things about each other.

My favorite sex scene is in the back of the car, ***belly butterflies*** it was honest, hot, raw, wild and fierce.

The only thing that bothered me was the ice cream. That is just a personal preference thing for me. However, I will say that it was tactfully done and well written and it didn't consume the scene so I was okay with it.

Brock has been redeemed and he deserves his HEA. This novella is only \$.99 on Amazon and so worth it. Well done Harber!

Kame says

Okay I need to find a way to write this review without spoilers...because the premise of this novella is one big spoiler if you haven't read the books before it.

Just know that it is great - read the books in order and you will LOVE this one!

Nicola says

This is the novella that ties up a couple of loose ends left in *Westin's Chase*. What happened after Brock Gamble's fall from grace? Is there a place for him with his wife and kids? Will the Titan guys forgive him for his betrayal?

Considering its a shorty, it has the action, suspense and sexiness that Cristin Harber has treated us to in her full length books. I never disliked Brock, in fact I actually felt for him in *Westin's Chase*. And this continued through this book.

A must read if you are a lover of the series.

Mandy says

I LOVE this series and reading these novellas just makes me want Rocco and Roman's stories...now!!!

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Straight Shootin' Book Reviews

lyhmer says

One problem: this book is too short. I loved reading second chance love story, a couple tried to save their marriage and I was anticipating this. The thing is I didn't impress with how the way Brock and Sarah reconnecting. The "more" she wanted didn't exactly with details other than the upgraded desire towards her husband and suddenly everything's good. It was hard to believe because seriously after all that happened, the fallout, the betrayal and such, things are cool after kiss and make love. Like, for reals? Anyway, I loved the concept of forgiveness - we human need it. How I wish this wasn't a novella. So much potential, truly. Read on your own peril.

Meghan says

It was a good follow up to Westin's Chase, but I wish there was more. . . More detail of how he got his wife back, how the men forgave him, what his role is now, etc. it seemed rushed in that regard. The story overall was good and had some action moments, but it left me confused in how quickly and rushed the forgiveness and moving on of such a betrayal occurred.

Lynde Shaw says

3.5 stars for this novella, which starts off where Westin's Chase ends. Without giving away too much detail, Brock Gamble has left Titan and his wife has left him. He does what he can to get her back. From PTSD to calm, cool, and collected didn't cut it for me. I tried to understand Sarah's concept of "more", which for me didn't work with the anger she felt toward Brock. Not my favorite in the series.

Carla says

I had a very hard time with this book because of the strong feelings I had about Brock from the previous book. Yes, he screwed up. Yes, he did what he thought he needed to do. Yes, it is just a book character but I just couldn't get on his side for this book.

Becky says

Ok maybe I'm just a hard ass, but if my husband kept me and our family a secret for a decade then betrayed his team family all in the name of love & safety for us, pretty sure I'm not just gonna get over it with one meeting with said husband. What? a trip to saint Lucia is all it takes??? No HELL No! Throw in a little rescue job some talking and all's forgiven. Nope not even a chance. I did love Jared's reaction to Brock and his house, funny shit. All in all let's have a little common sense or realism, if your brothers in arms, a family not of blood but would die for each other, is betrayed by one of their own that would not be easily forgiven if at all. Sad the last book and this one took that turn.

