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It's a heck of a risky shot. But five years after an ordeal in Iraq, camerawoman Stephanie Rosen's mojo has gone MIA. There's only one place she'll find it...and that's with the onetime fling who set her fantasies—and panties—ablaze five years ago! Lieutenant Daniel Murphy's nights at sea have been haunted by dreams of Stephanie and the brain-melting chemistry between them. Now he's on leave, and when Stephanie asks him to resurrect her long-lost libido, Danny doesn't think twice. Now he has twenty days to remind her what she needs. Twenty days to take his time and drive her to the edge.

Twenty days to find complete satisfaction...and full surrender.

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From Reader Review Full Surrender for online ebook

Dottie says

A sizzling hot contemporary tale! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

Camerawoman Stephanie Rosen had hooked up with Danny, a lead guitarist, five years ago just before she took off for her six-month long assignment in Iraq with his cousin. They had spent five sensationally sensual days together before they parted ways, having agreed that this short interval was all they would have. But it was her memories of him that sustained her when she and Danny's journalist cousin were captured and held for six weeks in Iraq. When she returned to the States, Stephanie had to not only deal with recovering from her ordeal, but also care for her mother. After Stephanie's capture her mother had gone to pieces and ended up developing pneumonia. She was close to death by the time Stephanie returned home. Despite this, Stephanie and her mom, who wrote literary blockbusters, did not usually get along. In fact, her mom had admitted that she was not cut out to be a mom. After seeking therapeutic help, Stephanie had written a book about her ordeal. However, instead of the book being accepted by the public, there were some groups who claimed her book was anti-American. Now five years later, she is still receiving threats in the mail and by email. Having moved to D.C. and started a new business in pet photography, she is finally getting her life in order...except for one area, her intimate life. For the past year, she has not been able to get Danny off of her mind. So she arranged to meet him when his ship came in and proposition him to help her with a sexual healing.

Lieutenant Daniel Murphy had been the lead guitarist with an up-and-coming band when he met Stephanie five years ago. He had been blown away from their first meeting and had been unable to forget their five days together before she left. No woman had matched her since then. But when he heard that she had been captured, he went ballistic, wanting to go to Iraq and bring her back. However, nothing he or his wealthy family had tried worked. For some time he has wanted to do something more meaningful. So after going into a rage one time too many, he had signed up for the Navy.

Arriving back in Norfolk after six months at sea, Danny had been the last one off of the ship. After all, he had no one to meet him. He had a few days to himself and then he had to head to his parent's home where his brother Jack and his fiancée were getting married. Walking off of the ship, he was shocked to see Stephanie, believing for a moment that he was hallucinating. Agreeing to go to dinner, he took her to his home. But no one could be more shocked than he when she propositioned him. Honored that she would come to him and wanting her even more than he had before, there was no way he was going to say no. But as they spent time together, he realized that he wanted forever with her. However, she is holding him at arms' length except for their time in bed. Can he convince her that they belong together in the twenty day they have, or is this short interval all that they will ever have?

Hot, Hot, Hot! FULL SURRENDER, the final book in talented author Joanne Rock's MURPHY MEN series, is a witty, passionate contemporary romance that will enthrall you from the very beginning of the story. I read it in one sitting, finding it impossible to put the book down until I found out how it ended. The Murphy clan is rambunctious and absolutely delightful, while the passion between Danny and Stephanie is explosive and instantaneous. Filled with humor, family dynamics, smoking hot passion, witty banter, engaging characters, PTSD, life threatening situations, healing and true love, FULL SURRENDER is unforgettable. Although it is not necessary to read the rest of the series before reading this story, I advise reading them for the entertainment value. In fact, as soon as I finished reading this book the first thing I did was search for the rest of the series. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this story and highly recommend it to

anyone looking for a great story with plenty of spice.

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com

Yazmin says

This is sexy and fun story about Daniel and Stephanie that kept me turning the pages. I just had to find out what happened next. Stephanie is a vulnerable yet strong woman and Daniel wants far more from her than she's willing to give. Will Daniel be able to help Stephanie and remind just what she needs? This is story that you have just have to read.

I look forward to many more novels by Joanne!

Elizabeth Mckernan says

Good Book

Sharon Hamilton says

I am a new fan of Joanne's and this didn't disappoint. Love men in uniform, and loved this book. Easy read, spunky heroine, and a guy to just easily die for. Love how they have chemistry right off the bat, and the premise was cute, but not dumb, if you know what I mean. Sexy premise for sure. I'm looking to read more of her long list of books.

Desere says

Not all of us meet that one special man that manages to meet every single desire we crave. But for photographer Stephanie she does and that man is unbelievably hot Lieutenant Daniel Murphy.

Yes he is a man in uniform which makes the book all the more better! The chemistry was absolutely scorching and in true Joanne Rock style the book packed one heck of a punch.

The story deals on how Danny tries to convince Stephanie that their blazing passion is one that needs to be shared for more than just few nights. And my oh my does the convincing get more than just a little “uniformly” hot!

I loved the descriptive wording used by the author. The characters were uniquely created with true emotion. I felt the compassion for poor Danny having to pull out all the stops to get the woman of his dreams into his bed on a permanent basis. Stephanie was a very remarkable character in her own right and added her very

own little twist to the book.

I recommend this blazingly hot read to all lovers of a romance that comes with a kick !

5/5 stars

Shh I'm reading! says

I won a copy from the author couple months ago and finally had the opportunity to read it. I enjoyed it and give it a little more than 3.5 stars. The chemistry between Stephanie and Danny was off the charts, and the flashback scenes were interwoven nicely with their current relationship. The only thing preventing me from giving it more stars is that the subplot in the story (surrounding threats on Stephanie's life) wasn't really explored or fleshed out. It was presented in a way that hinted it's sole purpose was to create conflict between the 2 characters, which actually reduced any sense of urgency/sympathy that I could feel for her. The end result was an ending that felt rushed and incomplete.

Jane says

Meh. This wasn't a bad book. The writing was okay. But I knew within one chapter it wasn't a good choice right now--it just didn't measure up to other things I'm reading. Unfair to trash it for that, though, which is why it gets 3 stars.

Michele says

First, thank you to the author for the ARC. This story is a nice change of pace for a modern day romance. The two main characters try to rekindle a romance from their white hot time together five years ago. The author includes snippets of that initial romance throughout the story at integral times to explain their choices and their relationship today. I found this helpful, as she included the actual dialog and the full scenes instead of eluding to what happened. It was interesting to see how the story would play out with two very different yet very strong individuals. The battle of wills was intense at times, but ultimately ended in true HEA form.

Kim Perry says

Stephanie and Danny had a short affair 5 years ago and now Stephanie approaches Danny in need of his help. Five years is a long time and both have changed during their time apart. Danny is quiet, intense, loyal, protective, and focused. Stephanie has found a new, fulfilling career while she's still haunted by her past. While their relationship moved quickly upon reuniting, it was believable due to their past and obvious chemistry.

Julie Barrett says

Full Surrender by Joanne Rock

Danny Murphy has just walked off his ship and is back on land after months away at sea with the US Navy. Stephanie, a war photographer who was abducted and held and then released after some torture is there waiting for his return as he's the only one that she can feel safe near.

They hook up and retreat to his family resort area where he has a place and she agrees to stay and accompany him to the family's reunion and to gear up for one of his brothers weddings.

They rehash old things and he gets a glimpse as to what she is still terrified about as things happen.

She finds out why he left the band to join the military after they had met over 5 years ago.

Love the extras built into Danny's house for the future.

Love the family outing and how everyone is connected with having fun.

Love how hi tech comes into play in this book and how he finds out about her pet photography business.

She is an author and is getting threats and her mom thinks it's the kidnappers again.

When he tries to help with going to the authorities she shuts him down, she can take care of herself.

Gonna go find the rest of the Murphy men series!

Sharon Helfrich says

Not one of my favorites, a little too angsty for a short little romance.

Karen says

Quick easy read with a decent story. Not a bad read for a Harlequin blaze though I did expect a little more heat in it. Who doesn't love a man in uniform who has is bad for the girl

Jaymy M. says

I couldn't put "Full Surrender" down. This is why I hold fast that I will read anything written by Joanne Rock; she can spin a tale like no one I know — and I read voraciously. I've even tried her J.K. Rock, stories written with her sister-in-law, Karen, who together make one heck of a team. While their voice is different, you still feel Joanne's hand in it yet together they are refreshingly solid and entertaining

Rock's books are so engaging because her characters real, believably flawed yet captivatingly so. They aren't all great successes or failures. They experience life as the rest of us do, by living it — mistakes, misfortunes, successes and all.

In "Full Surrender," Rock tackled a subject that for some really does fall flat — trauma. Stephanie Rosen five years before was selected by pal Christina Marcel to accompany her as photojournalist straight out of internship to Iraq for a series of stories. While there, both were captured and held hostage for a period of time.

Steph has moved on, but still suffers some of the effects. Not being able to see what's happening or being in the dark are among them. I love that Rock didn't find it necessary for her female lead to have been sexually abused, as seems to be the current trend. Rape should never be treated lightly, and while even one rape is too many, many writers today seem to find it a necessary plot device if the character is in some way suffering or

has something in the past to overcome.

Rock's leading lady has also lost her "mojo" when it comes to relationships — especially the intimate part. Even with a long-term boyfriend Stephanie finds no spark. Since she hasn't been turned on since her five-day fling with Christina's hot cousin Danny Murphy, Steph decides to seek out the laid-back musician turned Navy lieutenant and try to recapture said "mojo." So she tracks him down through his mother and meets him as his ship returns home after 6 months at sea. She awkwardly propositions him; asking for another fling while he's on leave so she can achieve some sexual healing.

Turns out she's not the only one changed by her experience in Iraq. Danny went a little off the deep end when he found out the woman he'd found bliss with had been kidnapped. When his prominent family's connections and influence failed in getting both cousin Christina and Stephanie back — but mostly Steph, he follows that inclination that's been nagging him for some time. He enlists to make a difference, fight for others like them.

Things are again white-hot and intense between Steph and Danny from the get go. He's getting a second chance to convince this amazing woman he hasn't been able to forget that he's what she needs permanently. She should have figured it out when he takes her with him to the family home with his parents and siblings so they won't be parted while he's being welcomed home and seeing his brother hitched.

Of course, while the chemistry is off the charts, there's always adjustments to the changes in each life and experience have wrought. Plus, there's her overachieving never-pleased mother's constant disappointment in her less than genius normal daughter. When mom accidentally receives threatening emails meant for Steph, she's beside herself.

Unfortunately, the protector in Danny also rages and he oversteps in the help department, not waiting for Steph to take action as promised. Of course, Steph sees it as him trying to take away her hard fought independence, a sign he's like her mom. What he unearths, that her ex, who works for the agency that printed her flop of a book about her experience in Iraq and supposed to be reporting these types of threats to the police, hasn't reported any of the threats which continue to escalate. (And apparently years before failed to forward Danny's letter to Steph pouring out his heart to her and asking for a chance.)

She find out and is livid — until she realizes he's not trying to take away her right to make choices and do for herself, but this time has to do something to make sure she'll be OK, even if it means he loses her. He can't stand by when a simple thing like a phone call can help.

These characters work through their issues. Danny, although not perfect, is the perfect man for Steph. I love that he can be strong, yet still has that musicians soul deep down. He also knows himself well enough to know what his limits are and what's right for him.

And, despite being a sailor, he's not a potty mouth. He gets "torqued off" when he's peeved. I like that Rock can write a character that's believable but doesn't have to use f-bombs and excessive profanity to sell him as the red-blooded hunter in uniform he really is!

Rock's secondary or supporting characters may have small roles in her stories, but you can't help but become attached to them, as if they are your friends and family too. They serve their purpose without taking up too much ink — and you want to know them better. She gives you just enough of them, you hope to see them again in other books or even their own stories.

"Full Surrender" kept me turning pages. When I started the book late one night, I thought I'd read a few pages to help relax enough to sleep after an exhausting day. Lately, that's been the case — I nod off a few pages in. With this one, as I often do with Mrs. Rock's books, I looked up and found myself two chapters in. My mind was totally engaged and after a while had to force myself to put it down so I could get a few hours of sleep.

Was almost late the next morning after again becoming engrossed over morning coffee. I finished it after work that night, sighing contentedly at the conclusion. Often, I find myself sad to leave the characters when the book ends, needing just a little more. Not so here. I felt good about where they were. Rock knows just where to stop. Afterward, had the best, most rested sleep in a long time.

Thanks, Joanne, for taking us along for Danny and Steph's journey! To borrow a favorite phrase from a

friend, “You RocK, girl!”

Marcy says

I loved this story and the entire Murphy family. I plan to search out the other 4 Blaze books featuring Daniel's siblings.

Jillian says

Because I haven't read the other books connected with it, the plentiful references to other couples was not very entertaining. I liked the heroine and understood her reactions, but wanted to shake the hero for his decision that separated them for multiple years. However, they did find their HEA and it felt believable.
