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The risks ex-cop Sam Petrie has taken have turned his life into a train wreck. So he has nothing to lose by doubling down as the elusive Svetlana Ardova's unwanted bodyguard on a potentially deadly trip to Italy.

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Ever since the McClouds rescued Sveti from certain death, her crusade against modern slavery has blazoned a bulls-eye on her chest, but when one of the threats against her almost hits the mark, Sam's protective instincts go into overdrive. Every lethal obstacle and trap they encounter ups the stakes--and the undeniable heat between them.

"Shannon McKenna makes the pulse pound." --*BookPage*

Now they're spiraling in on a deadly and explosive secret--one that could either redeem them or destroy them . . . and the closer they get, the shorter the fuse . . .

## In For the Kill Details

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## From Reader Review In For the Kill for online ebook

### Elizabeth (Liz) says

This was my favorite Shannon McKenna book in YEARS!! I loved, loved, loved Sam and Sveti. I've been looking forward to her story for AGES! And nothing about it disappointed!! In For the Kill hearkened back to the early Shannon McKenna stories I fell in love with. It was much more of a true romantic suspense without the sci-fi elements. So, so good!

Some have indicated that they didn't think Sveti was strong enough and/or questioned some of her decisions. Not me. After everything Sveti had been through in her life, she could do no wrong in this book. Not in my eyes! And, Sam was an ALPHA all the way! He was perfect book boyfriend material <3

This book was a wonderful way to say goodbye to the series. Though, I really, REALLY want Rachel and Misha's story!! Please, Shannon?!?! The last scene, with the two of them, Rachel and Misha, gazing out the window and fully comprehending - at the tender age of 14, no less - the gift they had been given, being a part of this extended family? It was so beautiful. It truly brought everything full circle. Perfection!!

If you've followed this series from the beginning as I have, you MUST read this final book!! You'll regret it if you don't :)

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### ❁ Crystal ❁ - says

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Honestly it's so hard to try and formulate a review when I'm so disappointed in the book but mainly Sveti. Aside from Miles, no one's story intrigued me more than Sveti's. She's been around since Tam saved her that within the McCloud series we get to see her grow and mature into someone who no one would ever guess had the past she did.

While expecting Sveti to be hardened or even a bad-ass, I don't know why I wasted my time. After the life she had all I wanted for her was HEA, but seeing her in action I was saddened by how much I disliked her in her own story.

The story and romance was typical of a Shannon McKenna read and I enjoyed it. It was Sveti that was the disappointment. She was basically raised by Tam, the baddest bitch ever and yet Sveti acted like none of her hardcoreness rubbed off on her. Too bad. Fans of the series should continue on but don't expect too much and you won't be as disappointed.

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O.M.G. ~~~~~ It's Sveti's story ~~~ I need this more than I did Miles'!!!

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## Glamdring says

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**\*Buddy reading with Liz\***

I'm SO excited!!! <3333

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**\*2,5 stars\***

First of all, I would like to say that I'm a **HUGE** fan of Shannon McKenna stories in general and of her McClouds and Friends series in particular. For me she's one of the best romantic suspense writer ever. Not only she creates amazingly charismatic hot damaged heroes but her villains are utterly scary.

**In For the Kill** is the last installment in the series and the one I liked the least.

We met Sveti for the first time in Extreme Danger (the fifth book in the series). At that time she wasn't more than a teenager and she made appearances in pretty much all the following books as a member of the McCloud crowd in general and Nick and Tam's protégée in particular.

As for Sam, he first appeared in Blood and Fire (book # 8), and from the moment they met, the sparkles between him and Sveti never faded one bit, so I was very excited to read their story.

If Sam was up to my expectations, I'm very sad to say that Sveti literally ruined the book for me. I **hate** TSTL heroines and Sveti, beside being selfish and stupidly stubborn, was the epitome of that annoying as hell kind. That fact was made worse because she was literally raised by the McCloud and Tam, so she of all people should have known better. Poor Sam, I really felt for him.

Another thing that annoyed the hell out of me in this book is that after Sam almost died rescuing Sveti for the xth times, **he** was given the cold shoulder by the McClouds crowd. Really? \*shakes head\*

I'm rounding the book up because the first part wasn't as bad as the second. Also, except for the end, I really loved the previous MCs appearances as well as Sam's family.

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## Kim Page says

This Series is like a super sonic rollercoaster with each book being another more exciting, heart wrenching, nerve racking hair pin turn!! Every character is their own individual character with a personality uniquely theirs...of course they are all sexy, tough and drop dead gorgeous but that's what we want right?!!! Rachel and Sveti's story has been the most heart wrenching for me from the very beginning and I have been on pins and needles waiting for Shannon to write this one...ever since Svetlana's first appearance in the series

(Extreme Danger book 5 I believe) and now I get to look forward to Rachel growing into a young lady and getting her "Happy Ever After"...More pins and needles for me but I know it will be worth the wait because they all are!!! Shannon McKenna is an extraordinary author and there will ALWAYS be a special place on my bookshelf for her books!! <3

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## **May Mostly Romance says**

I love Shannon McKenna and absolutely love every single books in this series. But I confess I am a little on the fence about this book. Maybe I look at Sveti and think "kid", memorable and courageous but still a kid whom I met her back in "Extreme Danger". Subsequent books may show Sveti as an grown woman but it's not working. So when I heard Ms. McKenna planed to write her story, I proceed with caution.

However, I requested this book as soon as it appeared in NetGalley because frankly I cannot resist a Shannon McKenna book. And I'm not disappoint especially this book is nothing like I imagine it's going to be.

The romance works perfectly because Sam, the hero do not think of Sveti as a kid. The age differences has been mentioned but not emphasize and certainly not the problem in their complicated relationship. I overcome the feeling of perceiving Sveti as a kid when I saw her through Sam's eyes. He DOES NOT look at her as a child and does not treat as a child. So we still get a certified Shannon McKenna HOT, HOT, and very HOT romance.

I also like the way Sam pursuit Sveti. Nothing better than an obsessive tall, dark, and handsome guy who does everything to get you. Sam is that and much more. I love his attitude, his directness, and the way he does not give up on their relationship. He reminds me of Sean McCloud, which is my all-time favorite Shannon McKenna's hero. (But after I reread "Edge of Midnight", I notice the different so it must be the way Sam make me feel. I like him that much.)

Somehow I heard that this would be the last book in the series. If it's true, it's a very sad day because I love this world. So every time I pick up new book in the series, I learn more about my favorite characters, which are almost couples.

Anyhow, for people who never read Ms. McKenna before, this book is also great place to start. There may be some back story (from previous books) but I do not think it's too much to create confusion. You can read without any concern for the previous books.

In conclusion, this book is not the best Shannon McKenna I've ever read but quite close. But consider how high I place this author on my favorite books of all-time list, it is a high praise. I give the book 5 stars because when I finished reading this book, I went back and reread every books in this series (beginning with Behind Close Door). It took me 2 weeks of continuing rereading. The thing I've never done in a long time.

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## **Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says**

**3.75 Stars**

***He wished he could crawl into her dreams and do battle with the monsters there. She deserved a champion, even inside her mind. Hell, especially inside her mind.***

I've been a fan of this series since I first discovered it a few years ago. Shannon McKenna has this knack for writing heroes that are just the right side of domineering and oh so sexy. If you've read any of her work before, then you know exactly what I'm talking about. It's a formula that she has, and it works. She also writes some heart-pounding suspense and some of the most twisted bad guys I've read. Whenever I'm in the mood for sexy romantic suspense, she's been my go-to author. I've also been waiting for Sveti to get her book ever since we met her as a little girl in Extreme Danger.

There's a lot of plot and secondary character development that takes place throughout the series, so this is not a book I'd recommend reading as a standalone. You just wouldn't enjoy it as much. That being said, onto the review...

Svetlana had a rough introduction into adulthood. Having violently lost her father and mother and then sold into human organ trafficking at the young age of 12 she had to grow up quick. If it wasn't for Nick rescuing her, she would have died. Now she's dedicated her entire life to helping any and all victims of such crimes, even at the risk to her own safety.

Sam has been completely enthralled with Svetlana the second he first laid eyes on her. And that one kiss they shared in Fatal Strike? Holy shit! I was dying for more of that. To say that Sam had an obsession with her would be an understatement. He's basically in love with her and would give anything for just a scrap of attention from her. I have to say, I adored Sam even though his constant mood swings did make me dizzy. The man could flip a switch and go from sweet and sexy to angry in the span of a second. But I suppose their relationship was anything but normal, so that goes with the territory.

Svetlana (or Sveti)...**(Pause for minor quibble here)**

*Now my full name is Svetlana, and I have never in my life known any Svetlana wanting to go by Sveti. Sveta, yes. I read Sveti and I hear 'sweaty'. I swear, if I didn't love Shannon McKenna's writing this would have driven me absolutely batty...well...more than it did anyway. Sorry, had to get that off my chest. Moving on.*

Svetlana has been just as intrigued by Sam but she's determined to stay away from him at any cost. She knows that he can seduce her into what he wants, and he's just too much for her. But chemistry like that can only be denied for so long before it ignites to a burning passion...

Sam, while being the dirty talking alpha that he was, had an incredibly sweet side to him too. Which just made me want to shake Sveti to see reason when it came to him at times.

***You thought you were going to die. But you won't. I'll take care of you. You won't fall to pieces. Or if you do, it'll only be for a few seconds, and I'll hold you all together. I'll hold you so tight. I'll keep you so safe."***

When an old enemy resurfaces and her life is in danger Sam is determined to be the one to keep her safe. So he enlists to be her bodyguard during her work trip to Europe. And of course he wants a chance to explore their newly found...uhem...arrangement.

If you've read any book by this author before, then you know that her heroes more or less tend to sound the same when it comes to the sexy times. If terms like "muff" and "girl juice" bother you...well...just saying. As deliciously sexy as Sam and Sveti were together, it was almost too much for me at times. I'd say a good half of the book was them going at it...everywhere. I also had a hard time believing one particular scene where Sam takes her virginity and immediately after they have sex like 4 more times. I was actually cringing for her poor muff. True story.

It's not long before something that started out as a purely physical thing, at least for Sveti, begins to turn into something so much more.

*She'd been so stupid. So superficial, to act as if sex with Same was some country she could visit like a tourist and come back unchanged. She was inside out, exploding with feelings she didn't know how to manage...*

Although you can say that the books are borderline formulaic, there's one thing you can't take away from them. They're entertaining as hell. They've been my guilty pleasure for as long as I can remember. I love Shannon's alphas and while some of the terminology they like to use sounds the same, they still stand out from one another. I've certainly had my favorites throughout the series and Sam is definitely up there.

The second half of this book (or the last 30%) I couldn't put down. There was one particular scene where I wanted to shake Sveti for her borderline TSTL choice of action. But I was too engrossed in the story to mind it too much. There was one particular twist that while I mostly saw it coming, did still throw me for a loop.

An entertaining and sexy read from beginning to end.

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## **Roksana says**

### **DNF at 30%**

That one sentence killed it for me...

*"We never talked safe sex," he said. "Or contraception. Just so you know, I've been tested recently. No STDs. No sex since then"*

That was during sex scenes, just before the hero took the heroine's virginity...so all these years obsessive after her he had sex with OW's? Based on this statement it looked like it...if he had a recent test for STD and since had no sex then he must have had sex before, especially there were references to him being a manwhore....

I am just so disappointed with this turn of events...it was such a promising book, I just loved the Hero from the start..he was so obsessed with the heroine, he worshiped her and treated her like treasure, even though the heroine was very self-conscious...but I was still hoping at the beginning that his obsession was so strong it would not lead him to sleep around and then that line just killed me, knowing the heroine was a virgin and

was kind of saving herself for him...Why would not the author make him celibate? is that so hard to do? He was so enthralled with her...so would that be so difficult for him to hold on for the heroine? Just so disappointed!

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## **Kathleen says**

Story Rating ~ 4 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 4 Stars

Villain Rating ~ 5 Vile Stars

Action Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4 Stars

Ending ~ 5 STARS!

Overall Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

**In For The Kill was yet another EXHILARATING read for me from author Shannon McKenna.**

As with all the other books in this series I was grabbed easily and hook into the story line. I was easily brought back into the fold of the characters of Sam and Sveti. I remember that first scorching kiss they shared in a previous book and was extremely happy that they finally got their own story.

I really liked the story line, it had many twists and turns that it kept me interested all the way through. The action scenes were SPECTACULAR and had my heart racing as Sam and Sveti ran for their lives on many occasions while trying to stop the bad guys.

I had a few problems with the heroine Sveti, not that I did not like her but I felt most of the book that she either had a serious death wish or she was just too dam brave for her own good. I did not agree with a few decisions she made, one in particular had me wanting to smack her upside her head and ask her why the fuck did you do that? In the end I felt she redeemed herself quite nicely making me forgive her for some of the things she did. She had her reasons and they were made clear.

SAM, SIGH..... Loved him and all his gruff ways. He definitely held his ground with all of the other hero's from this series. The man was like the energizer bunny, he took a licking and kept on ticking. He protected Sveti with every ounce of his being and I especially LOVED that about him!

At first, I did not feel the love between Sam and Sveti. This was mainly because of the way Sveti acted towards Sam in bed and out of bed. The love/sex scenes were many and they were VERY HOT and SENSUAL. By the end of the book, there was no doubt in my mind about the love these two shared, it blazed off of the pages and I felt it in my very soul.

I have said it many of times and I'm going to say it again, Shannon sure knows how to write some of the evilest villains. Some of the things these villains do are downright vile so if your faint of heart, this book might not be a book for you.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVED that MANY of the characters from this series were added into this book. I



LOVED seeing them all together and getting small glimpses into their lives.

All of this is why Shannon McKenna is a MUST read author for me.

Warning, this book is part of a series and you really do need to read the previous books to completely understand the characters and story line.

*\*A copy of this book was kindly offered by the author in exchange for an honest review.\**

*\* A special thank you going out to Mo ;-)\**

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## **Blacky \*Romance Addict\* says**

After reading the whole series, I have to admit I am very, very disappointed in the last book. I loved almost all of them and pretty much hated this one. The main dude is the ONLY reason I'm giving this two stars.

Just have to say, WTF had happened with her? She is one of the most stupid and idiotic and irritating heroines I have EVER read. I wanted the bad guy to get her cause honestly, she deserved it. The fact that she lived with TAM, TAM!!! of all people, you'd think she'd learn a thing or two, especially since she's been there for the other books and sh\*t happening in them. But no. She behaved like every dumb idiot in a movie who gets killed, only she somehow magically (unfortunately) survived. Very, very, very disappointed.

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## **J says**

### **5 HUGE STARS!**

Oh man, I love Sam. He was so friggin' awesome. Call me bias but I just love Shannon McKenna's uber alpha heroes and her kickass heroines. I couldn't get enough!

## **Sveti**

We first met her in Extreme Danger when she was 12 years old, abducted by organ traffickers and rescued by the McCloud Crowd.

## **Sam Petrie**

Detective Sam first appeared in Blood and Fire He met Sveti for the first time (she was 19) and BOOM! The guy was a goner.

*“You smoke?”*  
*“Uh . . .” Petrie’s eyes shifted. “I, uh, just quit.”*

And then they met again in Fatal Strike

*“You hate my guts.”*  
*She sniffed. “Certainly not. I do not put so much energy into thinking about you, Petrie.”*

And then, BOOM again. Hot and heavy tryst in Bruno's house.

In For the Kill took place about 5 years after their first meeting. Sam and Sveti finally had their own story and I have to say it was worth the wait. Hot and sexy with fast paced action, laced with intrigue and suspense, this book was everything I love. I highly recommend the McClouds & Friends series. All the books are very good reads!

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Les Romantiques says**

Posted on Les Romantiques - Le forum du site  
Reviewed by Rinou  
Review Copy from the Publisher

In For The Kill is the 11th volume in the McCloud and Friends series, wrongly titled McCloud brothers in French as we ran out of available brothers several volumes ago. Shannon McKenna has announced that she was ending the series with In For The Kill, and I regret to say that for me the final firework wasn't there.

First I must point out that the author abandoned the “psychic powers” side present in the last novels. Secondly I recommend against reading this novel if you haven't read at least the first four or five, because there are many references to the main characters' past and the presence of many secondary characters and that would left out someone who would discover the series with this novel.

Let's talk about my impressions. Firstly I didn't like Sveti, the heroine. I found her to be too much hard with everyone, especially the hero, and her habit of always thinking she can't open up to the others because of what happened to her when she was young ended up annoying me. What's more, in spite of her attraction for Sam (and supposedly her love but I didn't feel it), I found her almost aggressive and mean with him. And last but not least, she's stubborn, and several times she puts herself in danger by not listening. TSTL.

I liked Sam more. He's been in love with Sveti for years, and he's hurt because she's always rejecting him. I liked that he doesn't hesitate to say again and again what he's feeling, even if he knows she's going to reject him once more. But as a result, by dint of frustration, he too becomes a little aggressive toward her, and I didn't like it. Beside he's a typical McKenna's hero, perhaps a little less alpha than the previous ones, but as super strong and super determined.

I thought that their couple didn't work. They spend their time arguing, generally because Sam tries to get Sveti to understand he'll do anything for her, and she that she isn't worth it, then they make up in bed with sex scenes of course numerous but in which emerge very little tenderness in the middle of some animosity. Even their big final reconciliation scene seemed lukewarm to me.

I liked seeing the previous couples, but there again I had to face a lot of aggressiveness towards Sam from some of them, and I must say I didn't really understand why. That seemed quite disproportionate for a simple mistrust for the man hanging around the group's protégé, especially as Sam has been part of the inner circle for a long time. The suspense side is well done, with villains perhaps a little less twisted than what the author got us used to in the previous volumes, but in different kinds.

So this is a grand finale which for me is more a damp squib, and so I finish this series, otherwise excellent, with an aftertaste of frustration. However I still recommend to those who don't know it to read at least the first volumes.

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## Auntee says

Just some thoughts about this book and the series in general...

\*First of all, I love Shannon McKenna as a writer. I especially enjoy her male pov, and **McClouds & Friends** is one of my all time favorite RS series. And don't get me started on one of my *favorite* RS heroes of all time, Connor McCloud (Standing in the Shadows)...\*swoon\*

However...

\*At first, I found *In For The Kill* very hard to follow. Was it my memory failing me, or did SMcK not do a good enough job of reminding me where we left off with Sam and Sveti? I mean, of course I remembered Sveti and the horrible ordeal she went through ((view spoiler)), and I knew there was something brewing between her and detective Sam Petrie, but dang, I couldn't remember much more than that. I kept feeling like I needed to do a reread of the last few books to refresh my memory. I'm afraid this got in the way of my enjoyment of the book. In a perfect world, I would have read the book where Sveti first appeared (who knows what book that was) and also the scenes from the book where Sam first appeared.

*Sveti...*

\*Petrie is obsessed with Sveti, in almost a stalkerish way. This reminded me of Connor McCloud and Erin, so I guess that was a good point.:)

*Sam Petrie...*

\*Petrie is no longer a cop, but I can't remember why. Of course, this bugged me, but I decided to just deal

with it and read on...and give up trying to remember any back story.:(

\*Sveti and Petrie have a dysfunctional relationship. He is obsessed with her, and unbeknownst to him, she is a little obsessed with him (but she doesn't like that she is). This made for some pretty passionate scenes, especially the (view spoiler), but lots of little arguments and disagreements that were at times wearying. But they made up for this by hitting the sheets--often.

\*Despite having her life threatened (again and again), Sveti seems determined to do what she wants to do, consequences be damned. I don't want to call these too stupid to live moments exactly, but damn, she sure liked to court trouble. And with Petrie determined to be her bodyguard, he was often in the line of fire. But despite their feelings for each other, I'm afraid he had little influence over her sometimes reckless actions. Of course if he did there would be no story...

*Petrie to the rescue...*

\*We see/hear from almost all the main characters from the whole series, but I wanted to know/remember, why do Tam and Nick Ward hate Petrie so much? Just another reason why I wished SMcK would've dropped a little hint...

\*Sveti and Petrie certainly have a passionate and lustful relationship, but I wasn't quite convinced it was love. I mean, how much did they really know about each other? I know they had a few conversations, but I just didn't feel like it was enough.

\*We did learn a few surprising things about Sam Petrie that made him quite an interesting character...

\*Once again, SMcK gave us some really scary bad guys with some gruesome and crazy plans, and some true nail biting moments. I thought this was done really well, especially when it all came together in one big action scene near the end of the book. So well done on the suspense--that had me turning the pages as fast as I could.

\*Sweet epilogue that ties the entire series up but leaves room for a spinoff. Everyone has at least a cameo appearance/mention in this book but Tam and Val, Nick and Becca, Kev and Edie, and Miles and Lara? are the most prominent.

\*To sum up? Lots of hot sex, a decent suspense plot, and a generally likable hero/heroine. **If I had remembered more about Sveti and Sam Petrie's backstory, or if the author had kick-started my memory, or if I had read the last 4 series books in a row, perhaps this would've been a 5 star read for me.** But since none of those things happened, I have to be truthful and say it didn't quite wow me. But still a solid 4 stars.

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☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

*The Stunning Conclusion to the McClouds and Friends Series!*

We all remember Sam & Sveti from the previous McCloud books.

Sveti was the girl who was sold to organ traffickers when she was just 12 - and she got rescued just in time and now lives close to all her adopted family - the McClouds & Friends - and she is working hard to stop the organ mafia. Which is why she's about to leave to work in Europe for two years.

Sam used to be a homicide detective who's been helping the McClouds for a while - now he's been put on medical leave and he doesn't really know what to do with his time. He doesn't want to go work for his family's money business.

The only thing he knows is, that he's been in love with Sveti from afar, ever since he met her years ago.

But she seems to hate him. There was this one heated encounter two years ago, but after that she never really looked at him again.

But of course she doesn't hate him. She has a huge crush on him. But love is just not something that she can imagine for herself. With all the horrible things in her past she just can't love someone. Plus she needs to use her time to once and for all stop those horrible organ mafia people.

But Sam is so very tempting.

Maybe just a tiny little taste of what it could be like?

But Sam is not the only after Sveti.

The mafia is hot on her trail - because they think she knows some of her dead mothers secrets.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO SVETI & SAM????**  
**WILL THERE BE A CHANCE OF A HAPPY EVER FOR THEM?**  
**OR WILL EVERYBODY DIE???**  
**WILL THERE BE A CLIFFHANGER???**

**NOPE . . .**  
**I'm not telling you ?**

**Well - ok - there's no Cliffhanger - since it's the last book in the series :((((**

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**Oh noooo - this was really the last book in the McCloud series???**

Ugh - so sad that it's over now - I've been reading those books since the first one came out.

Even though I kinda hated them a bit once they just randomly started going the psychic route - but this book is finally back to what the series was like in the beginning!!!

I just LOVED Sam!

He is sooo adorable. So horribly in love with this girl who he thinks doesn't want him.

And he's so on the outside of everything. He kinda belongs to the whole McCloud gang, but not really and he belonged to the police, but not anymore. And he's not even thinking about his mega-rich family... they seem to hate his life choices too much.

And Sveti, that poor girl. Who's all grown up now and fighting to prevent what happened to her from happening to other people. There's just not any room for love in her future.

And now with all those new clues about her mother's death and the secrets she kept.... She might just need Sam more than she can admit.

We have sooo many sexy and romantic and cute and suspensy moments in this book - it really was the perfect Romantic Suspense!!!

I loved that we got to meet all of the previous couples and their kids again.

I wish someone would make the McClouds into a TV show!!!!

***If you loved the early McCloud books, you will SOOOO love Sam & Sveti's story too.  
IN FOR THE KILL was an amazingly sexy & suspensy & adorable romantic Thriller!***

I can't wait what Shannon will come up with next - I just hope it won't have any psychic or other paranormal elements in it!!! ?

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**LizBookAddict says**

**Buddy read with Glamdring**

**5 PURE PERFECTION STARS ★★★★★**

**Spoiler free review....**

**So it's taken awhile for me to get my thoughts in order for this book. I think of all the books I've anticipated for months, this was it for me..**

**And boy... I WAS NOT DISAPPOINTED..**

**When I saw that cover, I immediately thought of a young Benicio Del Toro. And then when I started reading, I could imagine Sam in my head as him with that same intensity and that beyond seductive voice...**

***"You want the naked truth, no masks? You like me this way. You like me strong, and you want something hard to push against. And I've got something really hard for you right here, Sveti."***

**Good Grief was he HOT! He was everything I dreamt of and more.. He's seduction of Sveti was sweet yet dominant and his over the top Alpha male streak was exactly as I would have expected from any of Shannon's Heroes.**

**And Sveti, Sweet Sveti.. I had no idea the innocent little girl that the others rescued from Organ trafficker's would be as sassy and as smart as this. Her backbone and her compassion when needed was exactly what a virginal Heroine should be. She refused to submit to Sam yet ultimately knew that when it came right down to it, He was exactly what she needed.**

**This had all that we've come to expect from Shannon McKenna. Suspense, drama, mind-blowing sex.. And on-the-edge-of-your-seat action. I've said this many times and I'll be happy to say it again. When it comes to Romantic Suspense, Shannon writes it best...**

**Some authors aspire to be popular, some aspire to be on the Best-selling list and many, many throw writing talent out the door in order to jump on whatever gravy-train is trending and making money. Shannon however has reached the upper-tier. What I consider "Author Royalty"... She writes for creativity's sake, thinks all her characters through and how they fit into the bigger picture but also how they should be with each other not in the way everyday romance would be but how we all would LIKE a romance to be, intense; heartbreaking and soul-shattering! And this book was all that and more...**

**I'm not sure there's many more to say except that this was phenomenal! An EPIC ending to a truly great series!!!**

**Well done Shannon McKenna, WELL DONE!!!**

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**AliciaJ says**

I really wanted to love this one as much as the others in this series, but I had a real hard time with the heroine Sveti, and her TSTL behavior. I'm not going to go into specifics, but when common sense gets thrown out the window, I can't feel a whole lot of sympathy when shit hits the fan.

The saving grace was the hero, Sam. Such an awesome guy. I loved his heroism, his romanticism, and his super awesome sexy self. And speaking of sexy stuff, woohoo! The sex was hotty hot hot!

Oh, and I loved the ending. So romantic (sigh).

All in all, it was an ok read, but I'm hoping the next one has a better heroine.

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