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When ex-SEAL Nate Wolfe learns a woman from his past is in danger, nothing will stop him from protecting her. Not even her.

Dallas Child Protection Services Investigator Kay Taylor doesn't want or need Nate in her life. But he doesn't seem to understand the word no. He seems to also have forgotten the brand he left on her heart.

When Kay is taken and sold to a monster, the devil himself couldn't stop Nate from doing whatever it takes to find her...but will he be in time?

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Sophia says

I love the feeling of never knowing what I'm going to get when I try a 'new to me' author or a new series. In this case, it was both a new author and book and it delivered the goods. The book didn't stop from start to finish whether it was the time-is-running-out style case everyone was working on or the crackling with tension romance.

Kay finds herself kidnapped and in the middle of something really big after her job as CPS worker had her the last to see the lone witness to a human trafficking ring alive. She gets away. Now they're after her and its only with the help of the man who loved her and left her along with their other old friends that she can be protected from the danger long enough to solve the case.

Ex-Navy SEAL Nate Wolfe had a rough war that he barely came back from mentally and he's been home trying to heal from it all while contracting for jobs with the government and starting up a detective agency. All the while, he has kept his eye on Kaysie from a distance. He knows she has reason to hate his guts, but that doesn't matter now that her life is in danger. He'll do anything to keep her safe and as he spends time close to her he realizes that walking away afterwards will be tougher than he thought. He'd done it once in the past, but now it might be impossible even if that is what Kaysie wants him to do.

As I mentioned before, the plot and pace on this one were nearly perfect. The heightened sense of danger and mystery behind the bad guys and my own personal disgust for their crimes had me engaged from the get go. At times, the suspense part of the plot kept me more enthralled than the romance and that's saying something because usually romance is the big draw for me. The one downer with the plot was just a personal thing for me. Since Nate was a SEAL, I wanted to see more of that training in play. Yeah, he and the guys did some typical PI and techie spy stuff, but he wasn't really let loose in any fight scenes. Not that his personality and expertise didn't come off the pages making me believe he was who he was described to be; I just wanted to see it.

Now not to say the romance was meh or wrong- it wasn't. It was abso-fab. I loved the sparks and chemistry between Kaysie and Nate. Their antagonism, attraction, beginnings of trust and then full on passion were a huge draw for me. I do have to say that while I adored their snark and sparks at the beginning; I was a bit let down to find out what was behind Kaysie's anger. To hold anger of that degree of heat together, I was expecting something much worse. I guess it just meant that she never got over him or her anger might have cooled to nothing. As for Nate, he cracked me up and he wasn't trying for humor. His whole 'I'll just keep my girl safe, growl at possible rivals, but I'm going on my merry way afterwards' attitude amused the heck out of me. Bottom line though, they were great together and I didn't get frustrated with them because the way the relationship was handled deftly. They might have had a past, but they had been separated for a decade and both grew into new and better so they had to get to know each other all over again and learn to trust again too.

So, this was a stupendous start to a new series that I will be eager to continue on with. Those who love romantic suspense and romantic thrillers should really give this one a try.

Glenda Torres says

This was an intense, on-the-edge-suspense read. It had me biting my nails...lol. I totally recommend..ladies and gents...pick this up asap.

Susan says

I couldn't put this book down! I love the characters Alexander creates, especially the kick-butt women. Human trafficking is not a social issue that's easily dealt with in contemporary fiction, but Alexander's message of no mercy resonates to the last chapter.

Amber (Daisymau) says

A great book that keeps the reader turning the pages. As many twists and turns along the way. Very shocking turn of events to reveal who the villains are. Very shocking. Can't wait to read the next book of the series.

Kay Taylor and Nate Wolfe share a past that started when they met in college. It's been ten years since they've seen each other. Kay is an investigator for the Dallas Child Protective Services. She has been investigating the abduction of a teenage girl. Nate Wolfe has reentered Kay's life to protect her and help her investigate kidnapping and human trafficking of young women.

Greta Branas says

I love this book it had in the edge of my seat from start to finish!! I couldn't put it down the action was awesome!! I highly recommend this book!! Can't wait to start the second book!!

Alyson LaBarge says

Oooh I love a good romantic suspense and Hell or High Water is just that! Even better, it is the beginning of a new series. Woot! Jerrie Alexander sets up the storyline, introduces her characters ~ which we quickly fall in love with ~ and keeps the suspense going and the plot moving at full tilt, all while wrapping it up in a hot and satisfying love story. Sound good? Oh yeah!

The heroine Kay works for CPS in Dallas (which happens to be my hometown *grin*) and I cannot think of many more heart-wrenching jobs. In college, she knew Nate Wolfe along with Marcus, Tyrell and Jake. They were a tight knit group and heat-o-plenty had existed between Kay and Nate. They each went their separate ways until they ran into one another as Kay tries to escape from some kidnappers and Nate steps in to save her. Nate's background as a Navy SEAL makes him the perfect bodyguard and whether Kay wants to admit it or not, sparks still fly between them. Once another urgent situation occurs and requires them to spend even more time together, Kay's resolve crumbles and the romance is on!

This is a romance that had crumbled in the past due to both party's immaturity, something they both recognize and while the past is a factor, the author spent just enough time on it so that it reinforced rather than taking away from the love story in the present. I loved their fiery and snarky interaction and enjoyed watching them work through problems a any real couple has to. Their intimacy was both appropriate and passionate, leaving me needing more than a fan or cold shower. ;)

This is a book intended for readers over 18 due to subject matter, language and sexual content. If you are an adult though, don't let that stop you for one minute! I felt those elements were all within the appropriate context of the characters and story. The story concludes nicely with a HEA yet left me excited for the other books to come. So, if you want a well-written, exciting suspense-filled romance, I would not hesitate to recommend Hell or High Water... I might just have to read it again!

****4.5 STARS, 4 FLAMES****

I received this book in exchange for my honest and unbiased review. All opinions are my own and no further compensation was received.

Hbeebti says

Loved it! This was fast paced and the writing was really good. Kay is a social worker and one of children (teenager)that she works with has been murdered. The killer thinks that something was passed to her and they want it back. With two kidnap attempts and people following her she needs around the clock protection. Enter sexy ex boyfriend Nate Wolfe and his friends Tyrell and Marcus, known as the Wolfe pack.

Oh man first I cant express how much I loved these guys. They were alpha and bad ass. They were so fiercely protective of Kay who is also their friend. I loved it when Tyrell calls Kay "Little mama". Kay at times did get on my nerves. She was tough and could hold her own but she at times acted like a know it all. This is one of those books where the H/h have a history. Nate and Kay have broken up ten years ago and they still love each other but one is bitter and angry and the other is resigned that she hates him.Lots of assumptions and misunderstandings. There was some serious sexual tension going on. And when they finally gave in it was so Hot!

This is about human trafficking and the bad guys are horrible. Its written tastefully and you know what went down without the stomach turning details. The bad guys are very obvious and there wasn't any real surprise as to what and why they were doing what they were doing. Even the mysterious Jonathan wasn't a surprise. Although I wanted to hate him for his participation with the kidnappings and selling girls in the end I couldn't. I cant wait to read the next book.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

They's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Review copy provided for an honest review

5 STARS

The first book in the Lost and Found, Inc. series and I have to say Jerrie Alexander started it off with a rollercoaster of suspense, action and romance. There are certain qualities you come to expect out of one of Ms. Alexander's books and she did not disappoint in Hell or Highwater. She has you turning the page, guessing at every turn, the buildup between the characters until your heart is pounding along with theirs; I finished this book in one sitting, missing dinner, my kids going to bed and even well into the next morning. I had to get to the end because I knew if I didn't I wasn't going to sleep at all. I am so glad I did, things I didn't see coming took my breath away, had me by my heartstrings even in the unusual circumstances and I absolutely love books that do that to me.

Jerrie Alexander brings back that of college sweethearts Nate Wolfe and Kay (Kaycie) under rather unpleasant circumstances. Old wounds are open after ten years for Kay and all Nate wants is forgiveness. After Nate left her she's moved on with her life or so she thought. Nate never stopped thinking of Kaycie yet at 22 he wasn't ready for the things she wanted. Now they are thrust together, she without much choice and him on a mission. Nate an ex-SEAL and owner of a PI firm along with the help of their old college friends, Tyrell and Marcus the "Wolfe's Pack" as Kay once called them come together to keep her safe. Yet still Kay can't get over the feeling that Nate's need for adventure will do nothing but break her heart again.

In the meantime the chemistry and tension between Kay and Nate only build. Ms. Alexander's gift for building the sexual tension between two main characters; a slow burn that when it's released it's not rushed or forced it is a perfectly timed explosion that will have you feeling the heat along with the turn of the page.

Hell or High Water set the stage perfectly for the Lost and Found, Inc. series. Each man has a story to tell, demons to unfurl and Ms. Alexander always gives a strong women that can help them fight together. The next book Cold Day In Hell is due to release soon and I can't wait!!

Lexee Toste says

Hell or High Water was an amazing story. I absolutely loved the characters and fell in love with Kay from the very beginning when she rescued herself. This is not a damsel in distress but instead a heroine that is going to have a hand in helping with her own protection and what has gone wrong. I loved that about Kay. We see this throughout the story but I also loved how she is not too stubborn about it and is able to lean on other people for help and listen to them. Nate, the hero, is her love from the past that broke her heart when he went into the military after college. The problem is that she still loves him though she is in denial about it and Nate really has no idea how she feels. Nate is also still in love with her and isn't as far into denial as Kay is but still in some denial. When things go wrong and Nate is called in to protect Kay she tries to keep her distance from him but that only works so long, especially when he doesn't want any distance between them. The characters are written really well. All of them. There are no flat characters in this novel which I really appreciated. This story was very smooth and fairly fast paced but it was not rushed. There are a lot of twists and turns in this story that will keep the reader interested and on their toes. There are twists that I doubt readers will expect. You might get a few but not all of them lol. I loved the relationship that Nate and Kay built again too. They realized that they were different people from college and so that they would have to get to know each other again, find out the differences and changes and adjust. There is a good mixture between romance and action in this story. It was blended very well. Sometimes I wanted to smack Nate and Kay so

that they would talk to each other but it was understandable. I really enjoyed the fact that though Nate wanted to protect Kay and keep her out of all of it he respected her and her abilities and still let her participate and listened to her ideas. There is some sex in this novel and it is fairly explicit but there is not very much of it, the situation doesn't exactly allow for it. I greatly enjoyed this story and I can't wait for more from this series.

I did receive this book from the author in return for an honest review. I absolutely loved this story and definitely recommend it. It is worth it and will be very enjoyable.

Tammy Bland says

Received this book for an honest review.

Exciting, adrenaline rush, anger, lust, power and intrigue are only a few of the emotions you will encounter reading this book. I don't want to give too much of the story away.....

Kaycie has been kidnapped and is struggling to free herself. She is a CPS worker and has been on the case of a human trafficking ring. The captors feel the young girl gave something of importance to Kay that will identify them as the traffickers. They can't let that happen. Kay's determination and grit help her to escape one terrible ordeal only to be dragged into one horrible nightmare after another.

One HUGE nightmare, Nate. He broke her heart ten years ago when he left her behind to join the Navy SEALs. Kay has not felt for any man the way she felt for Nate and vows to never let anyone get close enough to her to hurt her. When their college friend Ty asks for Nate's help to protect Kay, the situation gets complicated. Nate doesn't know how Kaycie will react to seeing Nate after all these years. Ten years is a long time to hold a grudge against someone.

Nate is fighting his own demons. Not only the wars that he has fought in but the fact he has been back in town for six months and hasn't let her know. She is the love of his life and no one has held his heart but his Kaycie. His need and desire to protect her is overwhelming.

When Nate, Ty, Kay, and her best friend, Holly feel like they need more help they call in Marcus. Marcus, Ty, Nate and Jake were given the nickname Wolfe Pack by Kaycie while they were in college. Best friends. All highly trained special agents from different branches of the military combine they are a force to be reckoned.

Will Nate be able to protect Kaycie ? Will they be able to put the past behind them and get back the love they share for another ?

Loved this book. It kept me on the edge of my seat all night long. Characters are hot and each one is well defined with distinguishing characteristics. Thank you for allowing me to read this book. I look forward to the next book in this series.

Barb Han says

Intense Thrill Ride!

All I can say is buckle your seat belt for an intense ride! The action begins with the first line of this book when Kay fights to remain conscious. She's been kidnapped and struggles to stay awake in order to escape. She's one strong lady and I admire her courage. When Nate arrives, watch out! He's serious heart throb material. Nate has all the qualities I love in my heroes...he's courageous, white hot sexy, dangerous, and damaged (in the best possible ways)! Sparks fly when he and Kay see each other again. The romance in this story begs the question: Once a relationship is over, can you ever go back?

Ms. Alexander manages to incorporate an authentic love story in between pulse-racing suspense, and I love her for it! She has delivered another glued-to-the-pages read!

Laura (Kyahgirl) says

2.5/5; 3 stars; C+

This was a new to me author. I would have liked the book a lot more if the characters were better developed. In particular, the main character, Kay, blew hot and cold to the point of being neurotic. It was the kind of things I don't like, especially when a character is around thirty years old and is supposedly psychologically stable enough to work in law enforcement or child protective services.

Kristine Arnold says

I was given a copy by the author for an honest review and I must say that I couldn't put this one down. Kay works for the Dallas CPS and her current case is of a young girl who escaped a horrific abduction. The young girl ends up getting killed and such is Kay's introduction into the sex slave world. Enter Nate Wolfe. He is a blast from her past that she never expected to ever see again. With his history of being a Navy Seal, he is the perfect protection for Kay. You see she has made very bad enemies....one's with power behind their names. Nate is not the only one afraid for Kay. She has the support of her friends she has fondly named the Wolfe Pack which includes Tyrell, Marcus and Jake (deceased....or is he?) and she also has her quirky best friend Holly. This storyline is absolutely wonderful and the writing superb. Jerrie was able to keep up the suspense while telling Kay and Nate's love story. I look forward to the stories of the rest of the Wolfe pack and although I can't wait to start reading Tyrell's I am hoping and praying for Jake's to be written soon (hint, hint Jerrie)

Jonetta says

Originally posted on The Book Nympho

The set up

Kay Taylor was the last person to talk to one of her clients before she was found dead in her hospital room. At first ruled a suicide, Kay's persistence led to a closer examination and it's then declared a homicide. Now someone's after her and she doesn't have a clue why. Complicating matters is Nate Wolfe's return to Dallas.

He's now a private investigator and he and Kay have a history. You guessed it...it didn't end well the first time.

What worked about this story

The action starts at the story's opening and never seems to stop. It's pretty fast paced (only a couple of lulls here and there) and the crime is pretty nasty (human trafficking). The romance is at times prickly and at others steamy. Nate has to work really hard to regain Kay's trust and friendship, which kept things spicy and off balance. The characters were interesting and the suspense level was exceptional, especially the climax. There was a surprising twist at the end (well, I figured it out but...) that will make a compelling future story. I liked both Kay and Nate, as well as how their relationship developed. Their personal histories also added a lot of flavor.

The bottom line

This is a great start of the series and I'm ready to continue. The story was exciting with a good balance of suspense and romance. I felt like I was on a roller coaster ride and didn't find the action predictable. The climax was pretty tough with a "can't put the book down" ending. I like the writing style and will be reading more by this author.

(I received an ARC from the author)

Jennifer says

I was given a copy of this book from the author in return for an honest review.

Kay and Nate used to date in college until he left to join the Navy SEALs. 10 years later Kay is in trouble and Nate is there to protect her after someone tries to kidnap her. The sparks fly while trying to keep Kay safe.

I really loved this book. Kay is very strong and Nate is a bad ass. They have great friends and all in all I was sucked right into this book.

My only complaint would be I felt at about 70% it was wrapping up to end but there was still so much left to the story. I was wondering what else could happen.

I would definitely read this book if you enjoy thrillers with romance.

I can't wait to read the next book about Ty in this series Cold day in hell.
