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USA TODAY bestselling author **Regan Black** returns with a pulse-pounding new **Escape Club Heroes** romance!

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Susan says

Excellent blend of suspense and romance. Shannon had escaped an abusive marriage and moved to Philadelphia, where she changed her name and started a new life for herself and her son. She now has a good job with Jennings Construction and is happily raising her son Aiden. She has even allowed herself to have a bit of a crush on her boss, Daniel, not that anything could come of it. She is always aware that her ex is out there and could come looking for her. Then her worst nightmare comes true and Aiden is kidnapped from the sitter's house. In her panicked state, she turns to the only person she can trust - Daniel.

Daniel has been watching Shannon for a long time. He's impressed with her devotion to her son, her work ethic, and her friendliness, not to mention her beauty. He has just about gotten up the courage to ask her out when the kidnapping occurs. He follows her home knowing that she shouldn't be alone. When he finds out what is going on, he knows just who to call for help.

I loved Daniel. As a firefighter he's used to remaining calm in a crisis and that ability is desperately needed. I loved how he was able to take charge without steam-rolling over Shannon; he was sensitive to her fears and her need to do something. He's not perfect, as he has some issues of his own going on. He is a firefighter to the bone, but he is also a Jennings and involved in the family construction business. There is a major conflict between Daniel and his father, who wants him to give up firefighting and take over the business. The relationship between the two men is definitely strained at times.

I really enjoyed the balance of suspense and romance in the book. The intensity of the search for Aiden started at the beginning with Daniel's involvement with the Escape Club. I loved each twist and turn as Daniel and Shannon raced to find Aiden. There were odd demands that led Shannon to figure out who was behind it and the unexpected revelation of why. The scene at the pier warehouse had me on the edge of my seat until it was over, but there were still threats hanging over Shannon's head. The final confrontation was intense and really showed the strengths of both Shannon and Daniel.

I loved the development of the relationship between Shannon and Daniel. The attraction was there from the start with each very aware of the other. The kidnapping gave Daniel the chance he needed to spend time with Shannon. Shannon was so overcome with fear for Aiden that it took Daniel's calmness to break through and help her focus on what needed to be done. I loved seeing them get to know each other and develop a friendship. I liked how they shared everything from their struggles to their dreams, finding that they had a lot in common. I loved Daniel's determination to keep Shannon from running and find a way to keep her in his life. I ached for Shannon and how sure she was that there was no way she would be able to stay after she got Aiden back. Once Aiden was rescued, I loved seeing the instant connection between him and Daniel. The two of them together were adorable, and I could see the effect it had on Shannon. The attraction between Daniel and Shannon kept building also, and added to the feelings that grew between them. The question became one of whether Shannon would have the courage to stay and fight for the future she wanted. I loved the ending and the surprise offer that was the icing on the cake of their happiness.

Books and Spoons says

With the perfectly balanced energetic suspense and emotional romance, the story touched all the feels and

had me enthralled from the very first page until the sweetest ending that had me swooning!

Shannon Nolan and Daniel Jennings have a roll-a-coaster ride for their happily ever after. The dangers they face are devastating and deadly, there are no guarantees, no safe place to hide in. Yet their stand tall and fight for what is right, for their future, and for their lives.

Daniel Jennings is a true hero and a superman. He has the kindest heart, he is generous, humble, and loyal to the bone. He does his best to balance the two jobs between the family construction company and the firehouse. Yet the constant battles with his father to leave the firehouse are grinding his mind. His attraction towards Shannon has been building over time and just as he is ready to act on it, Shannon's peaceful life explodes as her son is kidnapped.

Shannon Nolan is a tough and talented single mom. She loves her son more than anything, the bond between them is a treasure to witness. The perfectly balanced life she has built for them is torn apart by her ex-husband and his mobster connections, and the only person she can trust in the worst moment of her life is the calm under pressure Daniel, who is more than willing to risk his life to keep her and her son well and alive. The constant twists kept me on my toes. The suspense is fierce and savage, each move is counterbalanced by the mob, the deadly danger is lurking behind every corner.

The romance between Daniel and Shannon, and Daniel's connection with her son, it was just so perfect and adorable. There was a tangible attachment between them, the bond was true and lasting, the trust and commitment to each other were obvious from the very start.

But even more than the romance, Daniel and Shannon became friends. They shared their lives with each other, the struggles, the hopes, the dreams for the future. I loved the conversations about Daniel's calling to be a firefighter and Shannon's talent and interest in construction. The turbulence in Daniel's relationship with his father was heartfelt and so realistic. I loved how Shannon stood up for Daniel, how their protected each other and were loyal to each other from the very start of their relationship.

The mix of intimidating danger and threat with the delightfully sexy romance and the emotional depth of the charming and lovable characters is a winner to me. I enjoyed this story immensely, each component of it equally exciting and appealing. I ended up reading this book in one sitting, having a hard time letting the characters go even at the swoon-worthy ending. A hero (and heroine) you will fall in love with!

~ Five Spoons!

Angel says

A mother's worst fear-your child is missing!! And now you and your hot boss have to find him before it is too late!! Love the story, full of suspense, love and a happily ever after!! I received an early copy for an honest review

Lynn Brooks says

Danger has been lurking right around the corner! We're drawn in quickly into an exciting plot of corruption and intrigue as they attempt to find her stolen son before it's too late! The characters are easy to like and bring a lot of emotion to the story. Exciting from beginning to end!

Single mom Shannon Nolan barely escaped with her sanity from her past, and she's happy to be living a quiet life with her toddler son in a job that she loves with supportive friends around her. That world comes crashing down around her when that past that she thought she had left behind finds her!

Firefighter and construction boss Daniel Jennings isn't buying Shannon's claim that nothing is wrong. He can tell she's freaked out about something so he follows her. When he finds out her son has been kidnapped, he'll move heaven and Earth to get that little boy back home to his Mom!

Toni says

Regan Black writes stories about strong independent women caught up in circumstances where they are forced to accept help. Her latest, *Protecting Her Secret Son*, is no exception. Daniel and Shannon are her latest pair caught up in circumstances beyond their control; good thing the Escape Club provides them the support they need.

While on leave from the PDFD, Daniel Jennings is picking up shifts at the Escape Club run by ex-Philadelphia cop, Grant Sullivan. Although he loves his job as a firefighter, Daniel's father is trying to force him into taking over the family construction business.

Shannon Nolan, one of his father's employees, receives a text telling stating her son has been kidnaped. Against her better judgment, Daniel convinces Shannon to allow Grant to help get her son back. Using his contacts, Grant works to uncover the truth about Shannon and her son.

Together, Shannon and Daniel find what they are both looking for but neither realized they needed. Black weaves unexpected twists and turns into the story which keeps you turning the pages.

Jess Lawson says

Protecting Her Secret Son by Regan Black is the third book in the Escape Club Heroes mini series. Regan draws us in with suspense and action first thing just as she always does.

Shannon thought she had left her past behind her, yet someone has managed to put her son in jeopardy. She has no one to turn to and can not call the cops. How does she get rid of her boss before he gets drug into her past and danger too?

Daniel is a firefighter as well as one of Shannon's bosses. So when he notices something is off with his employ he knows he has to get to the bottom of it. He knows he can protect her but who is going to protect him from the growing passion he feels for her.

Regan pulled me in immediately. I absolutely loved the suspense of trying to find who endangered the toddler. You will not be able to put this book down.

Cindy Reifel says

Shannon has finally built a home for herself and her son in Philly. She believes that her ex-husband would

never waste his time looking for her because he doesn't know about his son and wanted her out of his life as quickly as possible. She and her son have been safe for quite a few years now. suddenly, her son is kidnapped from the babysitter and, she has to trust that her boss, with his connection to the Escape Club, will help find her son and save them all from the husband she never thought she would see or hear from again.

Can Daniel protect the woman he has always cared for and, suddenly has to keep safe??!! You'll have to read the book! Trust me, it's definitely worth your time!

Melody-rose Parker says

I'm honored to have read an ARC of Protecting Her Secret Son by Regan Black. This is my honest review.

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Regan Black is one of my favorite romantic suspense authors, and her latest Escape Club Heroes Novel, Protecting Her Secret Son, is fast-paced, suspenseful, and a delight to read.

I liked the characters in this book and cared what happened to them. Daniel is the right kind of guy for Shannon - capable, protective but not aggressive. Shannon walked away from an abusive marriage and wants to provide a good life for her son, not knowing that resolving her ex's secrets may be the way to building the family she always dreamed of.

As always, the best part of Regan Black's books is the writing. Regan is a wordsmith extraordinaire, and I always enjoy how she resolves every thread of her plots.

I can't wait to see what she writes next in the Escape Club Heroes Series!

Anita Hayes says

This series sure is a roller coaster ride. I read the other books before this one and they were all really really good. I just knew this one was going to be as good as the others. You have an amazing single mom and an amazing firefighter that just work so well together. Lots of mystery, suspense, a little romance and lots of twists and turns make this an excellent book as far as I am concerned.

Mary Lawson says

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Once again the Escape Cub is called upon to help a person who needs a problem solved discreetly. Shannon needs this help desperately as her son, Aiden, is kidnapped. Daniel her boss takes her to the Escape Club because she is warned not to involve the police. Can the Escape Cub help her get Aiden back? Can she trust Daniel to protect her and find Aiden? A page turner from start to finish in Regan Black style!

Kate Vale says

Another Escape Club Heroes tale in which we meet Shannon Nolan, who thought she was done with her ex-husband, so heavily involved in criminal behavior. But why he's had her 4-year-old son kidnapped is the first question to be answered.

Daniel Jennings, firefighter and part-time contractor, is Shannon's boss at the work site. When he learns why Shannon is freaked, he's determined to help her. In doing so, their hidden attraction for each other begins to become more obvious--to them as well as others.

But until she can get her son back and her ex- into jail, she isn't safe. How this tale is resolved will keep readers enamored of romantic suspenses on the edges of their seat to the last page.

Linda says

Protecting Her Secret Son, by Regan Black is a Harlequin Romantic Suspense book. I enjoy reading romantic suspense and this book did not disappoint. It's the story of single mother, Shannon Nolan, who is dealing with the kidnapping of her young son. She gets emotional support and protection from her boss-- Daniel Jennings. I genuinely liked the characters in this book. The book was a great mix of suspense and sweet romance. I look forward to reading other books by this author!

Monique says

Five years ago, Shannon Nolan left New York City and her husband Brad, settled down in Philadelphia, and hoped to stay under the radar. She's been working at Jennings Construction; she likes it there, especially Daniel Jennings, the boss' son. She wishes something could develop between her and Daniel, but her priority is her four year-old son Aiden, and the dark cloud of Brad always casting a giant shadow; what if he found out where she's hiding? On a Saturday morning, Shannon her fears have become reality: Aiden has been kidnapped from her sitter, while Shannon was at work. Frantic, she rushes home, but Daniel follows her; she's in no condition to be left alone. Jennings Construction is a sideline for Daniel who is a firefighter. When Shannon tells him what's happened and that the kidnappers don't want the police involved, Daniel

phones his friends at the Escape Club; they will help. Daniel, while livid at what Shannon is going through and will do everything to protect her and help her find her son, the bright side is that Daniel will get closer to Shannon; he has meant to ask her on a date for a while. Not the ideal scenario, but at least he can make himself useful.

Regan Black doesn't waste any time, and the action starts right off the bat; the tension is palpable as are Shannon's anxiety and despair. Brad is really a nasty piece of work, which we learn gradually as Shannon tells Daniel, while looking for Aiden. I felt that Aiden bounced back a bit too easily from his ordeal, he barely seemed affected, while Shannon was beside herself with worry. But I suppose it depends on the individual; thankfully, I have no personal experience on the matter.

Ms. Black knows how to write great heroes, tailor-made to my taste. Daniel is terrific: protective, he's a take-charge kind of guy, but not pushy; he wants to help and comfort Shannon, and he is wonderful with Aiden. There is a bit of a lull in the middle, and then it gets REALLY interesting. What did Shannon know that could put them in such peril? And amidst all the action, the romance fell nicely into place without any complications other than the stressful situation, which led to an exciting and satisfying conclusion.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

I give 4 ½ stars

Rosemary K says

Shannon Nolan had left her old life behind or so she thought. When her son is kidnapped, she realizes the truth. Her ex-husband has found her and has taken his revenge. Can she save her little boy from a father that doesn't he exists? Shannon is a brave woman. She will never allow herself to be abused again by her psycho ex. I admire her bravery and her intelligence. Daniel Jennings is her boss. He knows she's a dedicated worker and keeps to herself. He's attracted to her and now he won't let her face the kidnapping alone. It was touching seeing how determined he was to save Aiden. I love seeing how he bonded with this little boy and his mother. Regan Black has written a suspenseful story that kept me on the edge of my seat. I liked the characters. They are strong and honorable people. The romance between Shannon and Daniel is touching. I wanted a HEA and for them to become a family. Protecting Her Secret Son is a keeper. I want more Escape Club Heroes.

I received a copy of this book which I voluntarily read and reviewed. My comments are my honest opinion.

Kerry says

This was an enjoyable story with just the right mix of action and romance! I just adored Daniel, and he made a great hero. He has certainly met his match with Shannon, a tough and independent single mom who has been through a lot. They have a sweet romance, and it was fun to watch it grow. The action in this story starts off right from the very beginning, but the pacing is spot on and kept me engaged. Aidan was also adorable and provided some great comic relief!

Overall, a very enjoyable read!

*I received an advanced copy in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.
