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He's my best friend.

He's everything I ever wanted.

And he doesn't know how I feel.

I have three weeks left to tell him before he leaves this place forever...

There's only one way I know how to do that.

I have to give him what I've never given anyone.

I'm going to ask him to be my first...

Matt Girard is the guy every girl wants. Rich, handsome, and popular, his future is brighter than the sun. Evie Baker comes from the wrong side of town. She loves Matt desperately, but he only sees her as his tomboy best friend instead of the young woman she's blossomed into.

Until one fateful night when a reckless dare changes everything...

This is the prequel story to Hot Pursuit, Book 1 in the Hostile Operations Team Series.

## Reckless Heat Details

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### Mignon Mykel says

Before there was Evie and Matt...

...well, there was little Evie and Matt.

I absolutely adore when authors do a 'series' prequel -- especially when we've already read so much of the series. Matt and Evie were book 1 in this HOT team, and being able to go back and actually 'witness' the event that had Evie hiding from Matt when he first walked into the salon after ten years away... I just loved it.

In this prequel, we learn how Matt and Evie's friendship started, and we watch as both grow up -- and begin to notice the other as more than just their rough-and-tumble, in the dirt with frogs and worms, friend.

I felt that Lynn Raye Harris's attempt at this new adult feel, friends-to-lovers romance was done extremely well. When she first announced this project, I was excited. As soon as I finished this, I went back to re-read *HOT Pursuit*, because I seriously was in need of Matt and Evie's HEA. A great quick read that will keep LRH/HOT readers happy, and may even give this series a few new readers.

\* received a copy of the title in exchange for an honest review

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### Anne OK says

*Reckless Heat* is the prequel to *Hot Pursuit*, Book 1 in Harris's Hostile Operations Team Series. It's a short and angst-filled introduction to Matt and Evie, who are high schoolers (he's a senior and she's a junior). They have been childhood best friends since they were 6 and 7. But hormones have entered the picture and they step over the line and everything changes. And then Matt takes off for the military academy leaving a broken-hearted Evie behind.

Told in dual points of view, I thought it served its purpose. Since I started after these two books were already published, I read the prequel first and I'll continue on with what I hope will be a second chance between these two in the next installment -- now older and more mature and ready for a happily-ever-after.

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### Gretchen says

Short, fast paced novella that shows the relationship between Matt and Evie before the events of *Hot Pursuit* (book 1 in the Hostile Operations Team series). I love these characters, and I love this glimpse into their teenage selves. It's the perfect prequel to the HOT series, and lends insight as to how Matt and Evie become the people they are at the beginning of *Hot Pursuit*. Harris mastered the teenage voices of these characters, and the novella has a New Adult feel to it that works wonderfully for the setting and characters. Definitely a must-read for fans of the HOT series.

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## **Jennifer says**

ARC received for review

Quick little prequel novella to Matt and Evie's HEA. It's so nice to know what happened in their past, and now I wish I had time to re-read Hot Pursuit.

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## **Keri says**

Keep in mind this is a novella....and a prequel so it goes quick and since you sorta already know what happens it's not overly new BUT man oh man was Matt Girard a hot little man slut! I had forgotten about his man whorish ways but seeing perks of him and Evie from early on was great. Evie, she'll make you adore her in just the few chapters you get with her and while at points you'll want to shake Matt, you still want him too! This makes me want to pick up Hot Pursuit and read back through the series....and I may just do that soon! This is a must read for series fans and if you haven't started the series it's an excellent place to start! This was a complimentary e-copy provided by the author in exchange for a honest review.

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## **Angie says**

"Reckless" is a very fitting title for this novella. This is the prequel to Hot Pursuit and a very quick read. Obviously you know Evie and Matt will get their HEA (duh), but this is the backstory to their first and last night together before Hot Pursuit picks up. They're childhood bff's, but as they mature, Matt never sees Evie as more than a little sister. Evie is in love with him and is convinced once he really sees her he'll feel the same. Then right before he leaves town to go to West Point she pulls out the big guns (mini skirt) and makes her move. After he de-virginizes her he says they can now be friends with benefits. There's a line from Evie's point of view that hurt my heart and captured Matt perfectly "even though we were just as close as it's possible for two people to be, his view of me hasn't changed. Or hasn't changed *much*." I thought it was interesting he knew she had a crush on him but never really saw her as more than a friend. He was also a very busy manwhore, so your heart pinged for Evie as she realized he never saw her that way. Confession time - I haven't read books 1-4. I picked up on the series at 5 and have read every book since and am a huge fan. It's now time for me to start from the beginning and this was a great incentive. Plus, I'm totally Team Evie and ready to watch Matt fall.

I received a copy of this book from the author for an honest review.

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## **Dragana says**

Friends to lovers plot gets me every time. Plus this was a Kindle freebie. Who could ask for more?

*Reckless Heat* was not bad, but it was not anything special either. It's obviously a prequel to a series and introduction to the history between characters, because it ends without no resolution. But, I am not intrigued

enough to continue and read the next book in this series because I didn't like the hero at all.

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### **Gaia says**

The book is worth a higher rating, but it's not necessary to the series and can easily misguide people, leading them to avoid the series just because the hero is not very likable along this prequel.

Also, I can barely stand YA and all their drama (why they call them YA? They're teens, they're young, but they're not adults at all!) Yes, I knew it was YA, the very beginning of the couple "starring" the first book of the series (ten years before), but I had to read it because, well, when I start a series, I have to read it all. Lucky me, this is the only YA. The rest of the Hostile Operations Team series is all about hot (& H.O.T.) adult black ops soldiers.

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### **Maida»-(^v^)-» says**

**RATING: 3 Hearts**

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### **Jackie Kiwibooknerd says**

**Copy Courtesy of Author Lynn Raye Harris.....:)**

I had my day perfectly planned yesterday. First up read this short little novella about the HOT guys, then start a new book after that, which I have been looking forward too.....Sounds good right???? Well damn you Lynn Raye Harris, after I read this prequel about Matt and Evie, I immediately needed another fix of this awesome couple, so instead of starting my new book, I found myself re-reading Book 1 in the series and because this is one of my all time fave romantic suspense series, I now feel like re-reading ALL the books..... Guess it just goes to show what a fantastic read these books are!!!!

As I said this is a prequel to where it all started with Matt and Evie. The book takes place in high school before Graduation and it allows us a sneak peak into what happened to the best friends that led to there slightly hostile meeting 10 years later....

Don't want to give too much away, as its a sweet and short read and is perfect for all the HOT fans out there, who want another hit of their fave series..... I am off to start another re-read!!!!:)

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### **Angela says**

Okay, first let me get this out there, I absolutely love this series and have loved every couple. But Matt and Evie were *my* first. The first couple I met, the first couple that made me want to throw my Kindle, and the

first couple that literally made my give a big "Woo-hoo" when they finally got their HEA. I love seeing them in each book that came after, even if it's only a line or two. So, to see this slice of their teenage lives was achingly sweet and horrible at the same time. Once again I want to grab Evie and give her a hug and whisper in her ear that her heartbreak will be worth it one day. I want to grab Matt and hug him because he feels nobody loves him and punch him in the throat for hurting Evie like that. It also makes me want to reread their book.

So, what did I not like about this novella? I know this is just a book and everyone wants to read how wonderful sex is between your two leads. But at 17 and being her first time, Evie has not one, but *two* orgasms. I seriously don't know many, if any, women who had that kinda luck. I think high school would've been a whole lot more fun had I known guys like Matt.

Thanks to Lynn Raye Harris for the ARC.

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### **Coco.V says**

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### **Sparkymom says**

Though I was afraid it would be a little weird going back again to before the beginning of the series, I couldn't resist giving it a try since I've loved all the other HOT books. The story takes us back to the late teenage years of Matt and Evie from HOT Pursuit (book one). If you've read book one, you already know the basics that Matt was Evie's best friend who ended up being her "first" then ditching her. This quick novella digs deeper and shows who Matt and Evie were back then and what their family situations were like and how their friendship had developed from childhood and turned to something deeper. You learn about why Evie offered herself to Matt and why he risked their friendship to take her up on her offer then leave her.

I enjoyed reconnecting with this couple so much that I ended up going back and reading HOT Pursuit again just minutes after finishing Reckless Heat. It was a great little addition to the HOT series.

I received an ARC from the author for review.

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### **Julie says**

Reckless Heat: The Prequel to Hot Pursuit- a HOT Novella is a 2016 publication. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I've followed this series from the beginning and a lot has taken place since HOT Pursuit with the storylines developing more and more as we go along. But, it was nice to go back to the beginning to gain a little more insight into Evie and Matt's backstory.

This novella length story is written in full blown New Adult style with the dual first person perspectives of Matt and Evie.

Normally, NA is not my bag, but in this case, because I knew the characters, this set up was actually kind of cool, despite the high degree of angst.

This story sets the stage for what happens in Hot Pursuit, so, of course I already know how things turn out for this couple, but now we have a few more details which provides greater insight into what propels Matt forward and how the couple's wires got crossed that last evening they spent together.

Still, despite the years of heartbreak, I can't help but think things turned out the way they were meant to in the end. It's just too bad, they never got a chance to clear the air first, however, this story shows us how the couple transitioned from being best friends to the point of falling in love. I love the friends to lovers romances, almost as much as.... The second chance at love trope. ( in HOT Pursuit)

The author did a fantastic job of recreating all that high school drama and angst, while providing us with more details about Matt's background, which is very hard, and will make you want to hold him and take care of him, and of course helps the reader gain a little more understanding of why he made the choices he did, the way he did.

This story was like tripping down memory lane for me and reminds me again of why I fell in love with this series in the first place.

4 stars

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### **Elisa Hordon says**

Matt Girad frustrates the hell out of me...lol even though I know he is now a good guy and he is married to Evie, it's not easy reading about that first time, even though they were both kids, they both made wrong decisions it was still an emotional read, but I am glad Matt sorted himself out and became the man he is today.

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