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A thrilling novella of betrayal and redemption from national bestselling author Stephanie Tyler.

Recently retired Delta Force Operator Reid Cormier utilizes his special skills by working black ops jobs all around the world with his former teammates and their wives. Reid's career keeps him busy, but he can't get his last job—or the woman involved—out of his head.

US Marshall Grier Vanderhall faked her own death without telling Reid of the plan first, and he couldn't forgive her duplicity. But when Reid learns that Grier has been kidnapped by a dangerous ring of criminals, he drops everything and heads to New Orleans to rescue her. And while Reid knows that his skills make him the best option to get Grier back, he's not sure if this mission will give them another chance—or get them both killed.

Includes a preview of the first Section Eight novel, Unbreakable.

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From Reader Review *Lonely is the Night* for online ebook

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Kimber's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 Stars

Something I've noticed after several years of reading books by Stephanie Tyler and that is a constant. The constant being how easy it is to let go and get lost in her sexy military and black op thrillers and this most certainly holds true after reading *Lonely Is The Night*, the 5th and final book in the Shadow Force series. I applaud and thank her for gifting us with this much anticipated and final chapter of the guys of Shadow Force. Like all good things, I hated to see it end but knowing each and every tortured hero in the group got his much deserved happily ever after helps to soften the blow.

Our couple, Grier and Reid met in the previous book, the attraction was there from the start, and they hooked up fairly quick. Problem was, she wasn't ready to admit to herself or him that there was a real connection and not just sex. Plus, there wasn't a whole lot of trust between them for reasons you'll have to read to find out. They were working on the same side of the law but she likes rules and black and white, where Reid worked most of the time in the gray. Grier didn't believe in the gray and wasn't willing to compromise even though Reid saved her on several occasions from an early grave. Grier is a strong as nails type of character and though Reid is quite the alpha, he's also a no nonsense caring kind of guy with a lot of patience. My favorite thing about him was though he knew he was in love with her and didn't have a problem expressing it, he let her figure out her feelings without pressuring her. She was stubborn to the core but he never tried to change her.

Fans of the series will be pleased to know Kell and Reid resolved their differences and are back to being best friends. All the loose ends were tied up and everything and everyone was set to live a happy, successful, fulfilling life in and around Mace's place which now technically belongs to all of them.

As with all the others, this one grabbed me from the first page and I hung on until the last page. There is a lot of fast paced action to keep you on the edge of your seat with moving and multiple story lines. With this being a novella, the secondary story in this one is not as detailed, and the epilogue left me in shock, YES, shock when it was over. I can only HOPE with all of my being that there's a future story in the works, some kind of a spin-off because no one could be that cruel. lol

It's always fun to watch an author transform and grow in her craft. Each book became steamier and the characters and stories demonstrated more depth. This series went out with a bang and Stephanie Tyler definitely saved the best for last. If you are a fan you will be satisfied. If you have not read the series or anything else by ST and you like steamy suspense thrillers with mega hot, not so perfect men, and strong likable female characters you should try it. If you're still on the fence, how about motorcycle clubs, Marshalls, military men, black ops, fight clubs and a tattoo artist? And that was just in this book, the others are just as action packed.

Enjoy!

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Jen (That's What I'm Talking About) says

My Rating: 4 stars: Enjoyed - recommend (A-)

Originally posted at That's What I'm Talking About

US Marshal Grier Vanderhall bucked her socialite upbringing to bury herself in law enforcement. She sees things in black and white, which is why it never would have worked out with black ops soldier, Reid Cormier. His way of life--living outside the law--was too much for Grier, and the pair went their separate ways after Grier faked her death in *Night Moves* (Book 4 of *Shadow Force*).

Now Grier is ready for what should be an easy job - protecting Benji who is set to testify in a highly-watched case stemming from the world of underground fight clubs. However, it appears that Benji isn't ready to part ways with his former life. When Grier goes missing, her partner Jack calls in Reid for help.

Oh how I have missed the men and women of the *Shadow Force*. While *Night Moves* was a wonderful wrap up for many aspects of the series, poor Reid and Grier parted on terrible terms. It is wonderful for long-time fans of the series to finally see these two have their HEA. However, you do not need to have read the earlier books to enjoy *Lonely is the Night*. The story is independent from the other books in the series and can be read solo.

Ms. Tyler is a master at putting her characters in impossible situations, ones that make you want to give up and walk away, and just when you think it can't get worse, she unveils her plan for a happy ending. *Lonely is the Night* is another suspenseful nail-bitter, breaking the characters down to their lowest before allowing them to rise above the fray.

The novella is chocked full of little nuggets and guest appearances from the first four books in the series, making it a fun walk down memory lane. There are also a few new characters that had me wondering which would appear in Ms. Tyler's new series, *Section 8* (stop back tomorrow for my interview with Steph and a giveaway of *Surrender*, the first *Section 8* book).

There were points in the novella I felt a little confused or that the action was rushed, but since this is a shorter-length story, it is to be expected. I was a little disappointed at the almost gloss-over of the final trial and ending, which effectively killed the building suspense for the moment. However, it is a satisfying ending and on the whole, an entertaining story.

Overall, I delighted in finally getting to see Reid and Grier together and the men of the *Shadow Force* all content. It was a good conclusion to the series, although I do wish it'd been full length. I'm guessing the next series will follow Grier's former partner, Jack and possibly Reid's friend, Keegan. (Note, this was my guess prior to reading *Surrender*. The neither of these characters appeared in the first *Section 8* book, but I'm hoping we'll see them again.) If you are new to Ms. Tyler's work, this is a great taste of her writing; however she is even better at full length.

Michel Reinhard (Smut Book Junkie Reviews) says

The 5th and final book in the Shadow Force series was very good. Those of us who have been waiting for Reid's and Grier's story were not disappointed. Even though this book was a novella it packed a punch. Super sexy, intense, and full of the action we have come to expect from the Shadow Force series.

I am hoping she will write a spin off from this series and let some of the characters get their own books. Keegan, Jack, and Gunner. Loved those guys!

I highly recommend this series and this book! You must read the other books before you read this one.

Lana ✨️Dirty Girl Romance✨️ says

I admit it...when I saw that Stephanie Tyler was planning to release a novella for Reid and Grier, I might have squee'd a little (OK a lot)

I loved the Shadow Force series, but I was left wanting after I finished Night Moves. I really wanted closure for Reid and Grier. So I was thrilled to get that in this Novella.

Stephanie Tyler can definitely write the hell out of Romantic Suspense. The action, the steam, the characters (new and old). This was a fantastic closing to a great series...and perhaps a good opening for a new one?

I am left with a few questions that I hope will be covered in her Section 8 series. What happens with Jack? oh and Keegan! Is it April 2nd yet?!

Mareli says

A short story really enjoyable. Both Grier and Reid came from a previous book and I liked they got their story.

Besides Grier was a hell of a woman! Liked her :)

All in all this series was a crescendo for me. I liked it very much

Shelly123 says

Really enjoyed this one!! It was great to see how and if Reid and Grier got together. Best for last I think!!

Michelle says

I was really sad at the end of Night Moves, I'm glad Stephanie gave us this to fill in the holes a little. There was some bits of this that I really liked and must admit I'm glad the Section 8 books are slightly related to this as I hope to see some of my favourite characters again!

C is for ****censored**** says

The star rating given reflects my opinion within ‘the official goodreads rating system’.

- 1 star: Didn’t Like it
- 2 stars: It’s Okay
- 3 stars: Liked it
- 4 stars: Really Liked it
- 5 stars: It Was Amazing

I don’t really give a rat-fuck that there are some who think I ‘owe’ an explanation for my opinion. Nope, nada, and not sorry about it.

Sometimes I may add notes to explain what my opinions are based on, and sometimes I don’t. I do this for me, on my books, in my library and I don’t ‘owe’ any special snowflakes a thing. Fuck off if you don’t like it and stop reading my shit.

Particularly given the ‘modifications’ to reader’s personal content going on (and outright censorship), unless particularly motivated I will not comment in detail.

It would help if GR was forthcoming in the new ‘appropriate’ and would make a site-wide announcement delineating the new focus from a reader-centric site to one that is now for authors and selling.

May Mostly Romance says

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AnnaBanana says

Finally we get to know how the Shadow Force series ends! I'm a big fan of this series and I'm totally bummed it's ending. I loved each book but Reid was always a favorite character of mine and I wanted him to get the HEA that all of the other guys got. And after the end of the last book, he definitely deserved one! Now as far as this book goes with the series, I wasn't as impressed as I was with the other books. It was good, don't get me wrong but as far as endings go, this one felt rushed and thrown together. Even for a novella. Reid and Grier deserved more I thought but I guess I was pretty partial to Reid so that may be why I feel that way. But with that said, it's nice to have the closure. You get to see a lot of the past characters which was nice too. I'm going to miss them! But there was also a new character, Gunner, who I believe is supposed to be in Stephanie's new Section 8 series. I can't wait to get to know him better! Loved him and hopefully I'll love him even more in the future!

This has been one of my favorite series because the characters were all great characters and the stories just suck you in. Stephanie just has a way with her writing that makes you fall into it and fall in love with them like they're real people. I can't wait for more from her in the future but as far as this book and this series go, I definitely recommend them to Romantic Suspense lovers!

Jennifer says

Lonely is the Night is the 5th and final installment in Stephanie Tyler's Shadow Force series and I have to say from the start that I'll be sad to see it go. I've loved following this group of former military/black ops men and the women they love. Grier and Reid met in the previous installment, tangled in the same mission. They tangled in the sheets as well. Neither has forgotten their attraction to each other and when Reid finds that Grier, a US Marshall, has been kidnapped, he steps up to rescue her. Grier is tough as nails and when her captors plan to fight her in an illegal, underground boxing match, she doesn't shy away. Her strength as a woman is part of Reid's attraction to her. It's soooo nice to see a kick ass heroine that's not AT ALL TSTL. The action is tight and fast paced, as we've come to expect from Stephanie Tyler. I was engrossed in it as much as the love story, which is not always the norm for me. Reid and Grier have an immediate attraction. No one has to be beaten over the head to realize it and their sex has intense chemistry...there's light bondage scene...squee!!! Seriously, very hot. Loved that we got to visit New Orleans, meet a very intriguing tattoo artist, Gunner. There are lots of hints that the couples we've come to love over the last 4 novels are doing well. In that respect, it's a satisfying conclusion to the series. On the other hand, we're left with TWO cliffhangers in secondary characters: Grier's US Marshall partner Jack and former outlaw, Keegan. I NEED to know what happens to these guys! I hope they make appearances in Tyler's upcoming series, Section 8.

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Cindy ~ SnS Reviews says

Lots of action and suspense in this latest and I guess last Shadow Force book.

This is Reid and Grier's conclusion. The author first takes us into the world of underground fighting when

the witness Grier is protecting decides he rather go back than testify against them. For this to be a short e-novel the author did a very good job with the details of the illegal underground fighting.

Almost all the guys and some of the gals from the previous books make an appearance to help out. It was great to finally get a conclusion to Reid and Grier's story but sad its the last in the series..

Looking forward to the start of her new series Section 8 next month.

Hope Frost says

Other than the fact that this is the LAST Shadow Force book and I am totally bummed by that thought, I really enjoyed this book. The ending leads me to believe that Jack will possibly start a new series, and that interests me A LOT. I loved everything about this book but the length, I thought there was way to much to be said and done to fit in a novella, but other than that, I was not disappointed.

Paula says

I was so excited this was for Reid and Grier.

Reid and Grier are still at odds and no one will make the first move to contact the other one until it is taken out of their hands and Griers partner, Jack, calls in Reid and his team because Grier was taken by an illegal cage fighting mafia ring. Reid knows this is very personal but also knows he will not let anyone else rescue her. Grier struggles with her good vs bad line in the sand. Reid has no such line and never has.

Darcy says

It was fun to see how both Grier and Reid both reacted to things. Reid couldn't get to Grier fast enough to protect her, while Grier just wanted to do her job. It was only seeing Reid work that Grier was able to see his point of view.

I loved how Grier fit in with the motley crew that worked with Reid, especially Gunnar. I think it was Gunnar who helped Grier get things straight in her head.

I loved how by the end of this one Grier learned to live in the gray because it allowed her to find her HEA. I do wonder what Jack will do now though.
