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Pregnant and alone—not a situation Mandy Fielding ever expected to find herself in, especially not while living with the man who owns her heart and is her baby’s father. Rocco isn’t a whole man, and hasn’t been since his return from Afghanistan. Just where they go from here, she doesn’t know.

The past is more real than the present in covert operative Rocco Silas’ mind. His girlfriend, Mandy--the only woman he’s ever loved--adores his son as if he were her own. And now, she and Rocco are expecting their first child.

Rocco’s been in this spot before, and its ending was the stuff of nightmares. He’s coming to believe there’s only one way to break that terrible cycle...

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Tonya Peterson says

this series is one of my favorites and it is about more than a wedding. it's about rocco trying to come to terms with his past and what mandy has to do to make him hit rock bottom. it's amazing what a man and a horse can accomplish in a short few minutes together. end the end it gives a little cliff hanger on the next couple.

Jo says

I should have known there would be an extra twist at the end. There always is and I still never it see it coming. Tricky tricky.

Melvina says

Rocco's story was the first in the Red Team series, & it gripped me from the very first page. Throughout the following books we've had a glimpse of the conflict & struggle that is Rocco's life, but this novella of him & Mandy just about broke my heart. Levine shows us inside the desolation & bleakness that is Rocco's mind & it's excruciating at times. Rocco is in a very dark tunnel & he cannot see a light at the end of it. What's just as heart breaking is the helplessness that those around him feel. To love someone & be powerless to help them, to know that even though that person is stood right next to you, they're far, far away & there's nothing you can do to bring them back. Rocco's journey is painful & sad & he has reached a point where he doesn't see the point in going on. He purposely distances himself from Mandy & Zavi because somewhere in the chaos of his mind, he knows that they could prevent him from doing what he believes is inevitable, just by loving him & offering him a future. I knew this novella would be good, i just didn't realise how good it could be. These characters are so well defined & layered. They're not one dimensional or static, they change & grow with their environment & the people in it. I was so touched by the connection between Rocco & Kitano (an unbroken horse), it was really powerful & moving, i was in bits during that particular scene. Mandy's struggle with loving Rocco was equally moving. She wears a brave face but inside she's dying. The intensity builds & builds to Rocco's climatic downward spiral, & it's only when he reaches the lowest he can possibly go that things begin to look up. What Levine does really well is show the complexity of loving someone with PTSD, which is relatable for any mental illness. No matter how bad things get, the love is constantly present, so that when something shifts in that persons mind to allow hope in, the love shines through & it's what Rocco clings to the most, his love for Mandy, his son & his friends. I love this series & the ongoing storyline, but i absolutely adored this book & for me it's worthy of 10 stars. Powerful, moving, heartbreaking, uplifting & full of hope, it was all that and more.

Deb B says

read books 1-4 several years ago and now the series is finished (though there could be a few more novellas to look forward to with any luck.

these are amazingly well written and complex books with each one adding that bit more to the ongoing thread that ties them all together. great romances, good strong characters and talented storytelling

Keri says

Even though this was a short read, EL did a good job of giving us the full emotional impact of Rocco's PTSD issues and his getting a handle on some of his issues. Love this series. Now on to Ace and Val.

Merle says

Lots of action here. Rocco is still in pain and finally takes the step that he thinks will end his pain. He is wrong, and finding that out causes anguish for Mandy, Zavi, Kit and the rest of the team.

Ace is in the mix, too and Owen confronts her. Val is not happy about it, but needs to finally wake up and know the real story. There are a few good hints here for future stories, but a big WHEW for what has been avoided by our team (Kudos to Dr. Kimble who figures out the missing piece).

There is a moderately HEA, but there is also pain to come. Ms. Levine has, as usual, left as many questions as may have been answered.

Sarah says

This story took the reader through every emotion possible, the outcome was great but the potential for this to go horribly wrong for Rocco & Mandy remained at the forefront of the readers mind. Zavi was put the the mill as well.

Jenny says

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enjoyed the team having a break from finding king looking forward to the next instalment Labour Ace and who is Adelaide?

Janna says

Rocco and Mandy: A Red Team Wedding Novella (Book #6.5)

The third (3) wedding for the Red Team. This time it is Rocco and Mandy's wedding. Rocco has wrestled with his demons from being imbedded with a terrorist tribe in Afghanistan. His PTSD has not gotten better and now Mandy, who is pregnant with Rocco's baby isn't going to Marry him unless he can put these

demons to rest once and for all.

Rocco doesn't feel like a whole man since he returned from Afghanistan. With Rocco in a dark place, he sometimes believes that there is only one way to end his nightmares. But, that would break Mandy's heart and he would never see his oldest son Zavi and his unborn child. Rocco has a lot to decide and he better start immediately.

Darcy says

For the first half of the book I sincerely wondered if I wedding would even take place, Rocco was still in such a dark place. It was nice that everyone was worried about him and tried to get him to do something about staying in the dark place. It was Mandy's very bold, last ditch move that seemed to spur Rocco and created a scene that gutted you as you read it. It didn't seem like things could get worse until a scene a bit later made that first scene seem like a minor paper cut, this one really hit you hard and left me with tears rolling down my face. I was glad that things changed from there, that the wedding did indeed happen.

I find myself intrigued with Owen and Ace's exchange at the wedding, more so by what they found the next day. Makes me excited to read the next book.

Wendy Hodges says

I really felt for Mandy and Rocco in this, he is overwhelmed with the thoughts of his unborn baby killed by his mother and all alone in the afterlife. Mandy only knows he is drowning in his PTSD and who knows what else, she cant seem to reach him no matter what. Dealing with her own spiraling emotions natural through pregnancy and with feeling shut out by Rocco, she does what she can in trying to carry on for both of them and for Zavi. Strong emotions, thoughts and despair in this novella. The team are awesome in trying help and support both. I can quite understand feelings that just keep pulling you down until you can only see one way out, I dare say many readers have been there at some point in their own lives. I also understand a little about PTSD, not quite in the way Rocco suffers it but enough to know it is rough and lots of things can trigger it. I love the horses, especially the one that seems to recognise Rocco and what he is dealing with. Animals are often more understanding and have empathy of people with debilitating problems and can often help. This story is sensitive and though it deals with very hard issues it is also uplifting with how everyone rallies to help, as well as the outcome.

Marion Lent says

Finally!!!

Well done!!!! I am so glad that Rocco and Mandy found peace at last. PTSD is not an easy subject to incorporate into a story, yet this was written so well and not with a quick fix and he's ok, either. Rocco had to work for it which made him that much more real. Can't wait for the next one!!!

Kasey Belle says

Ugh! Oh my god, the tears. Rip my heart out, why don't you, Ms. Levine. Fear not readers, in the end, she put it back in my chest all whole and happy because Rocco and Mandy finally got their HEA.

I have read the Red Team series from the beginning and have loved every book. From one to the next I have a different favorite character...so let's face it, I love them all.

Rocco's story was the first book and I waited and waited through five books and two novellas for Rocco to finally get, at least part of, his sh@\$ together. I needed a permanent HEA for Rocco and Mandy, darn it. They started it all so.... Not to be melodramatic or anything, but it was torture.

Throughout this series the author not only writes about intrigue, murder, mayhem, and matrimony, she also delves into the hell that is PTSD. How those returning from war suffer mentally from a combat modified mind. PTSD is not something you "suck it up and get over", but you can learn to live and cope with it through help, love, and support. But it's never easy. Healing is often two steps forward and three steps back. Which is the story of Rocco's life. Ms. Levine also shows how much PTSD not only effects the soldier, but those around them who love and care for them. Rocco's PTSD finally comes to a head in this novella.

Rocco is a tortured soul who has reached his end and Mandy is a saint for standing with him through the madness. But sometimes, even saints falter a bit.

Mandy is strong and capable woman with a heart of gold. She loves Rocco and his son Zavi. In order to move forward, tough decisions have to be made and tough love implemented. She wants to marry Rocco, but in order to do that, he has to put some of those demons to rest.

Rocco's fight for his sanity and his life is heart-wrenching. He's plagued and tormented by memories, deceptions, and guilt. I found myself holding my breath waiting for him to just "pull the trigger", although I knew it couldn't end that way.

Even though half this book ripped at my heart, it also warmed it. Rocco and Mandy is an uplifting story about a woman who's strong enough to stand and fight against invisible demons for the man she loves and a son she adores. It's about a man who's wants to die because it will bring him peace, yet still fights to live. It's about a group a friends who show the true meaning of support, understanding, friendship, and the word TEAM. It's about love and hope and healing.

This book (the whole series really) is full of complex characters, real, raw emotion, suspense, and soulmate love. FYI...it does end on a bit of cliffhanger to get you ready for Razed Glory (Val's story) which I have on good authority will release on this Thursday 12/08/16.

A little advice...Do yourself a favor before you read this book and go to the Big Box Store that starts with "C" and by a jumbo multi-pack of tissues. You know the 10-pack, 230 Sheets Per Box Case that's supposed to last through the zombie apocalypse? Yeah, get that one. YOU WILL NEED THEM! Seriously, this is my extremely ugly cry book. Swollen puffy eyes, blocked sinuses, and a raw throat the next day...it is not pretty.

You can also find Rocco and Mandy's story as part of Duty, Honor & Love, a box set for a good cause. All

proceeds from Duty, Honor, & Love sales will benefit the Semper Fi Fund (<https://semperfifund.org>), a non-profit organization that assists post-9/11 wounded and critically ill vets from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Glenda Bettin says

Wow what a heart wrenching story, so glad they got their HEA and wow what an ending, bring on the next

Leslie Edwards says

Great read

Love the whole Series. Getting know everyone and how they all have connected. I love that it is a suspense but also a love story.
