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**It's All Harmless Flirting Until Someone Gets Shot...**

Deputy Gabe Dawson has had his eye on prosecuting attorney Elle McCoy for years. But the smart, sassy redhead is immune to his legendary charm and good looks--until Gabe is shot on the courthouse steps protecting Elle from a vengeful domestic extremist.

Elle has been protecting her heart from the cocky playboy cop. But it's hard not to notice a guy when he takes a bullet for you and seems determined to turn his life around. With terrorists still at large and Elle a target, Gabe and his law enforcement brothers kick into high gear to take down the threat. And as they work together, Elle realizes she's losing her heart to a man who will risk it all to keep her safe from harm.

## **Protect & Serve Series:**

Stop at Nothing (Book 1)

Safe From Harm (Book 2)

## **Praise for *Stop at Nothing*:**

"Packed with nonstop drama and sizzling romance, this...will get hearts racing!"--*RT Book Reviews*, 4 Stars

"Heart-pounding action and steamy sexual tension."--Julie Ann Walker, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Black Knights Inc. series

## **Safe from Harm Details**

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## **From Reader Review Safe from Harm for online ebook**

### **Deni says**

When Deputy Gabe Dawson and Prosecutor Elle McCoy lives are turned upside down by the death of their friend and colleague, they can't continue on denying the feelings and attraction that have been simmering for years but when their lives are in just as much danger will they be able to survive long enough to find out what those feelings mean?

With the current politics and issues going on with law enforcement right now I have to say I loved this story just for that reason. It showed a different side to law enforcement and how it's not just dangerous for them when pulling over a car, danger can follow them home and even hold a grudge for many years. However, for me this story didn't fully pull me in, in a I refuse to put this book down even if the world is ending kind of way. Maybe if I had read the first book in the Protect & Serve series it would have helped a bit more because the author did seem to have quite a big world of characters and background already established. The multiple person point of view story telling was an amazing touch though that I wished more authors did. I like being able to see in to different characters' minds throughout the situations.

Having said that this story was still a solid 4 to me I just felt like there something tiny missing that I just can't put my finger on. I think I'm going to go find the first book now to read!

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### **Lisa Annesley says**

I'm really torn above up my rating for this book. On the one hand, there was some good suspense that kept me reading. At times it was a real page turner.

On the other hand, the heroine had a TSTL moment right after she blamed the hero for doing virtually the same dumb thing. Also, there were some inconsistencies in the story, along with some improbabilities. But the biggest disappointment was that SeRine made some mistakes in police procedures. In a book about law enforcement, that's a pretty big error.

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### **Shrimalya says**

In the second book in the Protect and Serve series we have Elle McCoy, a successful attorney, who is now in danger because of a case she won. Gabe Dawson is the deputy sheriff and he can't really understand why Elle rebuffs him at every turn, not that it deters him..

Jeb, the primary antagonist, is filled with bitter anger and hate. He will stop at nothing to destroy the Dawson family whom he blames for his misfortunes and now that Elle has won the case, she too is a target. He has a cult of followers willingly following and spreading his propaganda which makes him even more dangerous. When Gabe is shot trying to protect Elle from the bullet, both their lives are in danger. They'll have to work together to finally put the terrorist behind bars. Will Elle let Gabe in and give him a chance and will they be able to come out this safely?

I love Kate Serine's Transplanted Tales series and though I hadn't read the first book in the Protect and Serve series, I really enjoyed reading Safe From Harm. Both Ellie and Gabe were great protagonists. Ellie was fierce, intelligent and stubborn. She has always had a thing for Gabe, but since she assumes that he isn't the type to be tied down, she is always sarcastic and prickly with him. Gabe also gives back as good as he gets. He hasn't ever wanted anything more as much as he wants Elle now. But how will he get this obstinate woman to see the other side of him?

As they start spending more and more time together, they grow closer. The chemistry between them was well done! Character development could also be seen. I personally loved the Dawson family. Gabe's brothers added humor to the plot. At some points, the plot tended to get stagnant, but the suspense kept me riveted.

All in all, this was a pretty good read and you should definitely give this one a try if you're looking for a romantic suspense novel. :)

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## **Melliane says**

Mon avis en Français

My English review

I liked the first book in the series and it's true that I was curious to get into a new one. Admittedly, Kate Serine presents a very good sequel and I was happy to discover Elle and Gabe!

A family is terrorizing the city, but no one seems able to do anything against them. Yet everything gets worst when one of them kills Gabe's partner at a party in a bar. The trial appears to strengthen their grip when they lose and vow revenge for what they have experienced. To stay alive, Gabe and Elle will have to join forces to understand what is really happening and to stop the events that worsen gradually.

I will not say more about the plot not too spoil the story but this is a new good novel. It's quite surprising to see such an unhealthy atmosphere here with this family which eventually creates a sort of cult followed by many. It's impressive to see what Jeb, the head of the family, is willing to do to bring down the other family he considers enemy.

In short, it is difficult to say that but Jeb does not hesitate to sacrifice his family to achieve his objectives and is even willing to be violent. He's a completely crazy but it's true that it's fascinating to see his limits and especially what Elle and Gabe would be willing to do to stop them. The relationship between the two is rather touching, we see it evolve gradually until something more tenuous appears.

You'll understand, we have a good plot, a different atmosphere and a couple that is fun to read about. Yes, it's a good discovery.

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## **Dísir says**

A zealous, anti-government survivalist (and his family), a small-town cop and an attorney tangle in Kate SeRine's 'Safe from Harm'. There isn't a huge conspiracy to be worked out, nor is there a global terrorist threat that will require lofty coordination and planning from the most elite of troops, but SeRine proves that there doesn't need to be, particularly when all it takes is a certain change and a threat to overturn the status-

quo of a relationship.

I thought there were just some rough edges so to speak, in the way the romance and suspense were balanced, but I'll be the first to admit that I'm a hard one to please when it comes to second-chances or reunion stories because of how things could have been so different from the start had a party been smarter about it.

Gabe Dawson and Elle McCoy jerkily try to find their stride in between scenes written in the villain's POV, who after a while, becomes laughable because of his one-dimensionality, but SeRine does a credible job, however, of changing how Elle gradually views Gabe, whose womanising ways are supposedly more talk than reality. (Would a playboy cop even be taken seriously by the population?) The building conflict does dovetail quite nicely with the growing passion between Gabe and Elle, leading to a climax that is a good culmination of the increasing threat level, until it folds with a conclusion and epilogue that feel a wee bit rushed.

That said however, 'Safe from Harm' is more than a decent read, leaving me to wonder about the pairings that SeRine has already hinted at in this book.

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### **Laura says**

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I really enjoyed this book. It is definitely more on the romantic suspense, and with this, the romance is a little grittier. But it is also balanced very well. There are some wonderful moments with Gabe and Elle, and some great action sequences that keep you on the edge of your seat.

It is difficult to balance a romance and a romantic suspense. If you have too much suspense, the romance starts to seem out of place. If you have too much romance, the suspense starts to feel like it is messing up the romance.

My favorite romantic suspense are the second chance, as those allow the characters to start with a history and usually this history is the reason that they are thrown together in the suspense...and it ties it together well. In this case, I feel this was balanced perfectly. The pacing was strong, the dialog and action believable, and the reactions of the people involved made sense for the way the characters were written.

I recommend this book.

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### **The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says**

Link to full review below! Loved it! Seriously well done romantic suspense! See full review on The Book Disciple

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## **Sarah says**

I was given a copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

This is an exciting small town romantic suspense. The romance between a small town DA and Sheriff's deputy is both sweet and incredibly intense. Despite years of mutual attraction, Elle and Gabe have only ever seemed to hurt each other. Things begin to change when Gabe puts himself between Elle and a terrorist's bullet.

Small town domestic terrorism is a fresh and interesting subject for a novel. Despite the slightly preachy "Blue Lives Matter" focus of the story, I found this a fascinating topic and I was intrigued by the problems facing law enforcement in this book.

The romance is hot. I love second chance love stories and I really enjoyed watching Gabe and Elle's relationship move from gawky teenage crush to an adult partnership. Elle is a strong female lead and Gabe is an irresistible, roguish leading man. I enjoyed Gabe's slightly terrifying family and the relationships between the brothers.

The plot becomes slightly convoluted near the end with possibly too much happening and too many characters introduced in a very short period of time. But the action is exciting. Knowing the perpetrators' perspectives from the outset is unsettling and the known threats create an intense game of cat and mouse for readers.

This is a great story. I haven't read the first in the series, so it works well as a stand alone and I will certainly be looking out for the next book as it is released.

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## **? Kimberly says**

Coffee Dates with Safe From Harm:

First Date: Gabe and Elly have a history. They have known each other since he was nineteen and she was the new neighbor who lost her family. These two have an interesting chemistry, exchanging barbs as the sexual tension around them explodes. SeRine pulls us into the suspense aspect when Gabe finds himself in the middle of a restaurant shooting that leaves a good friend dead. My first date has me curious and I am ready for more.

Second date: We begin to learn Gabe and Elly's history. SeRine makes us privy to Elly's thoughts and we begin to understand why she holds such animosity towards him. Gabe tries to pursue Elly and even eggs her on; because he thinks, she is adorable when she is angry. Gabe's reputation as a player hurts him throughout this tale. Thankfully, SeRine lets us in and allows us to get to know this sexy man. Watching these two tango was delectable. The suspense angle is intense as the father of the man who killed Gabe's friend holds Gabe and Elly accountable. SeRine brings us up close and personal with a zealot who has a beef with the government. I found her accounting of this homeland terrorist chilling and realistic.

Third date: Near death experiences, finally have these two communicating. The sparks when these two unite felt genuine, and melted my kindle! However, danger is lurking, and their careers are at stake. SeRine did a

wonderful job with the ebb and flow of this date using their relationship growth to offset the building danger. I thoroughly enjoyed this tale and appreciated the little details about Elly's career and the terrorist's family. The buildup to the climatic ending was nail-biting but the ending was a tad rushed. Nevertheless, I ended up closing this book with a smile.

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### **Laura says**

This is just ok. Book one is far superior to this. This held my interest just enough for me to want to know how it resolved but that's it. The suspense is not very suspenseful as we knew who the villain is, and what motivates him. The romance between Gabe and Elle is blah. Very juvenile at times. They act like 13 year olds most of the time. Surprising since she is a prosecutor and he is a deputy. I just wasn't feeling it between the two of them. I am more intrigued by Gabe's brother Tom and the quirky Doctor. I will read their book if it is next. I recommend book one, this not so much. Disappointed 2 1/2 stars.

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### **Beth says**

Elle is a prosecuting attorney who catches the eye of a vengeful family member after she successfully wins her case.

Gabe is a deputy who ends up jumping in front of Elle when someone takes a shot at her. He ends up getting shot instead.

Gabe has always had a thing for Elle but with his playboy attitude, Elle has kept him at arm's length. With someone gunning for Elle, Gabe isn't about to let her out of his site. That close proximity starts to break down Elle's carefully constructed barriers.

Will Gabe and Elle get the proof before it's too late?

SeRine delivers another adrenaline inducing thrill ride with *Safe from Harm*. Balancing action, suspense and romance, SeRine has concocted a seamless recipe for providing heart pounding as well as heartwarming all in one.

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### **Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says**

Review to come

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### **Mags says**

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This is the first book I have read by this author and I did enjoy it a lot. The story started off with a bang and kept me hooked until the very end. Although there was a little bit of a lull in the middle and at times I must admit I never really felt like the two main characters Gabe and Elle or even the Dawson family as a whole was really in any danger. That being said though, the last six or so chapters were particularly gripping. As for Gabe and Elle, I really liked them they had a plenty of chemistry, shared a lot of banter and there were a few hot moments throughout the story too.

Therefore I'm glad I took a chance on this book and I will certainly be reading more from this series and author in the future and would happily recommend it to others.

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### **Bea Charmed says**

Meh. The story had so many cliches and the heroine Elle could be a major bitch. She was mad at him for something he did when he was drunk and then never mentioned again. She drove him home because of how drunk he was so why the hell was she so mad at him? He probably didn't remember what he said or he did while he was so drunk. \*smacks the heroine for stupidity\*" The heroine is drove me nuts. I wanted to throw her off a cliff.

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### **Monique says**

Review written: October 22, 2016



Star Rating: ★★½?

Heat Rating: ?????

*An Advanced Reader Copy (ARC) of this book was received free via Netgalley for an honest review.*

I seriously liked *Stop at Nothing*, the first full length book in SeRine's new Protect and Serve series. I waited impatiently for *Safe from Harm* which was strongly telegraphed. I thoroughly enjoyed *Safe from Harm*.

Gabe and Elle had some serious chemistry going on in *Stop at Nothing*, so I wasn't even a little surprised that they were off the charts here in their own book. It's no spoiler to say it all starts with a bang, but it just doesn't let up from there. Having said that, this book is very different from *Stop at Nothing* in tone, in theme, in well, most ways. While I would have categorized *Stop at Nothing* as more of a romantic thriller, *Safe from Harm* is firmly in the romantic suspense genre. The protagonists and antagonists are well known to each other; the action is very contained, and the antagonist is 100% home grown. There is also a greater sense of isolation in *Safe from Harm* in that the rest of the family just isn't as involved.

This plot is very timely and, I thought, well put together without additional political overtones. Having the antagonists be anti-government, anti-police right wing nutjobs could easily have opened the door to additional sermonizing. Instead, SeRine shows the very personal nature of their vendetta against the Dawsons and the thoughts that led to it, making what could have been a caricature into a three dimensional character. Like Fielding before him, Jeb Monroe is a bad character whose brain I am curious about. I think that the personal nature of so much of this Monroe vs. Dawson saved the plot from veering into deeper political issues but still conveyed the deep sense of wrongness about the Monroes and their philosophy.

That seems to be the strength of this book: everything is deeply personal; everything. Gabe and Elle's relationship has been brewing since high school. It's just been simmering along all this time. When they finally do get together, it's with deep needs. When the Monroes go after the Dawsons, it's with personal attacks. It gives the book and the characters a very intimate feel.

Gabe and Elle as characters are wonderful. The rest of the Dawson clan are there when needed and provide both a bit of comedy and a support network for Gabe and Elle. Elle's Aunt Charlotte was a fun character to get to know, especially when she shows she has her own romantic life. The Monroes as a family are interesting. From the very different family dynamics to the use and abuse of family members, it's a clear line of differentiation between the two.

While the heart of this book is family, the focus of this book is on the plot and not on the characters. Neither Gabe nor Elle need long or involved character arcs. They don't need to change as characters so much as realize certain things. The conflict is almost all external.

I really liked this book and am eagerly awaiting news on the next in this series.

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