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Biotech hotshot Alexandra Kendall is in way over her head. It's bad enough that a business trip to Belize has put her in danger. But now she finds out that the man hired to protect her is none other than former FBI special agent Cole Whittaker--the same man who'd loved her (oh God, how he'd loved her...) and then left her five years ago. Reappearing in Alex's life is one of the biggest risks Cole has ever taken. Once his undercover job forced him to abandon her. Now he has the chance to redeem himself--one scorching kiss at a time.

But first he must convince Alex that the safest place for her is in his bed...

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Sascha Illyvich says

Honestly, the fast pace of the book kept me turning pages to find out more about these two different characters and how she played out a typical plot. The heart ache of these two characters and what transpired between them made me root more for Cole than anything else. When you know you've let the right one go because you were stupid...

Mojca says

Five years ago FBI sniper Cole Whittaker met the woman of his dreams, but since he was undercover, his mission intruded and he left her stranded at the airport, broken hearted. She refused to take his calls, blocked his e-mails and their story ended.

Present day. Cole left the FBI (his decision had much to do with losing the woman he loved) and is in the personal protection business. His latest mission – protect the fiancée of the CEO of a pharmacological company on her four-day trip to Belize. The mission gets complicated when the woman turns out to be his ex-lover, Alexandra "Alex" Kendall, the woman he lost to his job five years ago...

Another great mix of suspense and Blaze's trademark. The buildup to the finale was nicely-penned, the suspense gripping, the love scenes hot, the romance a little heart-breaking. Personally I love these reunion stories, but this time I just wasn't hooked. And it was all thanks to the heroine. As a female I know I should root for and sympathize with the heroine, but I just couldn't stomach Alex (she was annoying at the beginning of the adventure, came around in the middle, and went back to annoying toward the end).

The biggest problem I had with her was the fact she was shagging (and planning to marry) a perpetually tanned, hair-dying millionaire pushing on fifty – can you say gold-digger? But it turned out she wasn't a gold-digger, it was her thirty-five years old biological clock that was ticking, so she was settling. Sheesh. At least she could've chosen someone closer to her age to settle, someone who at least made her tingle, and not a control-freak who uses pharmaceuticals to keep the sex interesting. She could've searched for The One from five years ago for example.

But he ended up finding her instead.

The romance in this one *was* something to write home about, but mostly because Cole was such a softie that despite his government training and sniper background he wore his heart on the sleeve where Alex was concerned. But she had to be a b**** and make him suffer for what he did five years ago, even though he explained what his job entailed back then. But she still kept on whining and wallowing in self-pity...Boo-hoo. He wasn't the one about to get married to someone else. He was the one who spent five years in love with a memory! Shame on you, Alex. Shame on you! Lucky for all of us, Cole turned out to be quite a stubborn guy, and refused to be pushed away a second time. Whew!

And I'm so glad I was right about the villain. I got the creepy feeling from the start and my creepy feeling was so right it's unbelievable. Woo-hoo!

This could've been a 4-star book, but thanks to the heroine poor choices in the romance department and for her toying with the hero, this ends firmly in the 3-star slot.

Katie says

Very cute story. Loved the characters and the "reunion" storyline.

TINNGG says

2.5 actually

Well, that sucked.

It has...a long separation...cheating... all it needs is a secret baby.

5 years previous, the H met the h while undercover for the FBI. Now, I would go into the likelihood of there being enough agents passably good to pull off an undercover BAND, but that's just ridiculous. In any case, it's never really explained why exactly the h is in Denver for her 30th birthday when she lives in Philly. Personally, if I were going somewhere for a birthday trip, I'd go somewhere with sun and beaches, but what do I know. So they begin seeing each other - on weekends. She flies in. It's on one of these weekends that the sting goes down. He is en-route to the airport to fetch her when he gets the call.

5 years later, he's no longer with the FBI and is now doing the private thing (like every other ex-agent/military H in Romancelandia). Her fiancé hires him to be her bodyguard on a business trip. She decides that since she never got him out of her system, she can't completely move on, so takes the opportunity to spend the trip using him for sex. At the end of the book, he's found out her fiancé was behind the threats and the kidnapping (she gets grabbed while on the trip), she's decided that because he took the time to investigate before presenting her with this, that he's holding her at arms' length with secrets.

Eventually, she decides that she expects too much of him (ya think?) and should accept him, warts and all (ah; but what about YOUR warts, sweetheart?). He, in the meantime, has picked up her autobiographical "it's all about me!" novel and decided that he'd hurt her baaaaaad. Epilogue is a year and a half later, she's preggers, and he's finishing the nursery.

Issues, and they're big.

The past was not just a prologue, it was interspersed throughout the first half of the book, and annoying as hell. You'd be reading in the present, then an italics date would be the only warning you'd get that you were getting a flashback. I was confused the first time or two, then irritated. Eventually, I just skimmed.

The h refused all contact after he stood her up. No phone call, no text, no IM. I was unclear about whether she sicced her mother on him or he just called the cow trying to reach her. Either way, real mature behavior for a 30 year old woman. In any case, she'd only known him a month, and if my calculations are correct, that's what - 4 dates? She knew he had family there. Yeah; he could have broken protocol and texted her that something came up. She could also have acted like an adult and talked to him.

What exactly was she doing? Supposedly she had degrees in several things but considering that after this, she'd a) indulged in risky sexual behavior, b) moved back in with her mom, and c) gotten a job at a biotech company, I got the impression that she was jobless while running halfway across the country for a hookup every weekend.

If he'd been any more whipped where she was concerned, he might as well donned a daddle, and let her flog him. For a supposedly alpha male, his groveling and apologizing for her being an idiot was more than a little off-putting.

Elaine Doe says

Brilliant read

Trudy Miner says

Cole Whittaker was an undercover FBI agent and as one he had a past with Alexandra Kendall, now a top biochemist. Now he runs a top security firm and has her company as a client and has just been assigned as her bodyguard for a business trip to Belize. Her boss and fiancé doesn't know about their past relationship. Imagine Cole and Alexandra's surprise to find themselves together for this trip! If Belize wasn't hot enough, the sparks flying between them is enough to set their suite on fire. When Alexandra's life is threatened, Cole knows that he can't walk away again.

A great book for a summer read. It will keep you enthralled the entire time! Great characters, well-written, good detail. Loved it!

Kerry-Ann McDade says

Hope Tarr has wrote an enticing, appealing, fun-filled, hot sexy read which is out-standing!

Alex and Cole fell madly in love and the day Cole was going to propose he got called away due to his job leaving a heart broken Alex in the airport without so much as a text!

Five years on, Alex is a scientist working for her fiance and with a trip to Belize that could seal the deal for a major part in the company Alex receives a threatening letter telling her she must not go to Belize so her loving fiance Traxton hires her a protector, one who Alex knows every inch - Cole!

Every Breath You Take was so intriguing and I kept needing to read more and more to find out what happens! The chemistry is obvious from the get go when they are introduced by Traxton in his office and as soon as they are alone the questions from Alex just keep coming!

The scene which I most loved about the whole book was obviously the ending but also the waterfall scene, it was so beautiful and hot! Hot Hot hot!! After five years of being in love they finally felt their feeling resurfacing for each other and everything else just seemed to go away it was perfect!

Alex was one character which I enjoyed reading about so much and not just because it was her dream of becoming an author. I thoroughly loved when she went to the restaurant to tell Traxton just what she thought about him! The whole thing had me laughing.

Cole . . . Even the name has me wanting to read the book again! He was one of the most hottest characters I have ever read about, he was so genuine and loving and wasn't afraid to admit to anyone he was in love! Not like most men!

Every Breath You Take was most definitely an exciting read! One which I will most likely read again. This is just the start of me reading more of Hopes books.

Darla Stokes says

I love reunion stories and suspense, and this has both. I also liked that the heroine had not only gone on with her life since the hero broke her heart, but that she'd succeeded and developed a confidence she hadn't had before.

On the other hand, Cole wasn't a very good bodyguard, particularly for someone who's "the best." Granted, this is pretty standard for bodyguard romances, but that doesn't keep it from getting on my nerves.
