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Marina Kelly is sick to death of cops! That's all she's known her entire life - her father is a cop, her uncle was a cop. All of her cousins are cops. Even her two brothers and her big sister ... all cops. So Marina decided early on that her life would take a much different path, taking her as far away from that lifestyle as she could get. And dating a cop? Well, that is totally out of the question!

Levi Hawks is well aware of Marina's 'no cops' dating rule, so when a supposed chance meeting brings him face-to-face with the sexy shop owner, Levi is determined to hide the fact that he's a police detective from her for as long as he possibly can. Or at least until he can get her to agree to go out with him!

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## **From Reader Review Marina: A Kelly Family Novella for online ebook**

### **Deborah says**

#### **Fantastic Read**

Marina Kelly was determined not to follow in her fathers footsteps like her other siblings have. She has created a successful business which her father disapproves of. She has vowed to never date a cop because she thinks they are to controlling. In walks Detective Levi Hawks. He lies to her about his job so that she will go out with him. He is determined to change her mind about cops.

Can she forgive him for lying? Will her father finally approve of her career choice?

I can't wait for the next one to find out.

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### **Michelle Austin says**

"I received this book in exchange for an honest review'  
This is the 4th Novella in the "Kelly Family" series.

Marina is the youngest Kelly and is the only one not involved in the "Cop" lifestyle. She has created a great business for herself, however her father doesn't approve of her choices.  
Ever since Levi saw Marina at the bar he hasn't been able to get her out of his mind. The only issue is that she doesn't date cops.

Levi convinces Marina to go on a date with him, the chemistry between them is off the charts.  
What will Marina do when she finds out Levi is a cop?  
Will Levi's past betrayal stand in the way of his moving forward with Marina?

I cant wait to "Where there's Smoke". I love how Lashell has written these novellas to introduce us to each Kelly family member. You will definitely want to get on the Kelly train.

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### **Exquisite Reviews says**

Marina is another Kelly and the youngest at that and she wants nothing to do with the family business. She hates everything "Cops" not that she doesn't love them but living in that lifestyle has made her want nothing to do with it. She is a cook something she learned from her mom and has made a good living with her

organic pet food store something her father doesn't approve. Levi Hawks saw Marian at a bar and has become a bit of a stalker the only wrench in his plans is that she doesn't date cops.

Levi has dealt with betrayal before but has found a spark with the sassy and feisty Marina. While hiding his occupation from Marian he learns more and the guilt is making him crazy. This is a really cute story and we meet these two characters that have amazing potential.

Go for the ride with the Kelly Family I guarantee you will fall in love like I did.

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## **Donna says**

Marina Kelly is the youngest of Mike and Julia's four children. She, like her siblings, find her father to be to strict. Marina even goes so far as to describe him as a male chauvinist and a control freak. This along with being a cop, runs in her family so she refuses to get involved with anyone in law enforcement.

Levi Hawks is fifth generation police, his families blood runs blue. The first time he laid eyes on Marina Kelly something in him stirred, which in and of itself was a near miracle since women haven't caught his attention in over a year when he broke up with his longtime girlfriend. When his coworker Frankie Kelly tells him her sister refuses to look twice at cops, he's determined to change her mind.

This is a short story which I was able to finish in one afternoon. It didn't dwell too much on the father/child dynamics of the Kelly family, which was nice, after three other books I got the point that the children were not fans of dear old dad. This book is about a strong and independent young woman and that is always a plus for me. Another plus was the hot sex scene, Ms. Collins added more details this time around than were in her other books. I enjoyed this book and look forward to read Where There's Smoke. I give Marina 4 stars and 2 hands down the pants.

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## **Lisa says**

Marina is book 4 of the Kelly Family Series by Lashell Collins. It tells the story of bakery shop owner Marina Kelly and Detective Levi Hawks.

Marina doesn't want anything to do with cops. She's surrounded by them just in her family alone and just doesn't want to be involved with one. Levi knows this but he wants her so he lies to her about what he does for a living to trick her into going out with him.

I love it when she finds out that he's a cop. Marina is funny, strong and spunky. I think she is my favorite character of the series so far. The chemistry between her and Levi is off the charts hot. They make a sexy couple. Ms. Collins once again as written a great story that pulls you into it and doesn't let go. I only wish it had been longer.

Good book I recommend it to all who like a good read.

Received ARC copy.

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### **Anny hernandez says**

I was provide a copy of the book by the Author for an honest review.

I just finish reading this book, and I have to say that out of all the book in the series this is my favorite one. I love the characters, and love how the book turn out to be, I have read this series from the begging and love it, I really did not wanted to finish reading this one, I am gone keep this short since this is a short story, I don't want to give anything away.

The story begging with Marina, she's Storm, Ethan, and Frankie baby sister, she is also the only one that is not a cop, Marina have her own business, she own the Barkery shop, that's a bakery shop for dogs and people, she is a chef she bakes dog treat and humans, she always know what she wanted to be when she grow up, and it was not to be a cop like the rest of her family, growing up with a father, uncle, cousins sister and brothers that are cops, she decide that she will never date one, that was her mayor rule, but all that change when Levi help her out, the first time that Levi saw Marina he couldn't stop thinking or talking about her, but once they told him that she don't date cops, he knew that e needed to do something about that, will Levi change her mind about dating cops, or will she never forgive him when she finds out.

I really love and enjoy reading this book, from the series this is my favorite one, I love the how Levi is with her, and love it how he treat her, I love how Marina is with him, and how she acts when his around, I just love the story. I am gone keep saying this Author Lashell Collins THANK YOU for this Awesome characters and this Amazing series love it.

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### **Autumn says**

This is the fourth novella in the Kelly Family, and it focuses on the fourth sibling, Marina. Marina's the baby of the family, and unlike the rest of the family, she's not a cop. She isn't even remotely interested in anything having to do with cops. Enter Levi Hawks, a burglary detective, and a friend of Marina's siblings. Of course they fall for each other, love at first sight, but there's an issue. Marian doesn't know Levi is on the force. Storm makes an appearance, and Frankie has a small roll. Can't wait to read the last book!

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Vickie says**

Copy Received for Honest Review.

The fourth instalment in the Kelly series this time introducing us to Marina Kelly.

Marina Kelly the youngest of the four Kelly siblings and the only one who didn't follow in the family footsteps and become a cop, instead she follows her dreams and combines both her passions baking and dogs and opens a Barkery...a bakery for dogs and their human counterparts. Business is thriving and is finally feeling like she is making head way in her life...maybe even start dating again. Marina has one rule though when it comes to dating...NO COPS...

Levi Hawks fifth generation cop who was instantly smitten by Marina when he saw her at Jakes Bar with her siblings and is fully aware of her "No dating cop rule" sets out on a mission to convince Marina to give him a chance before he has to disclose his occupation although I'm sure Levi wasn't taking into consideration what would happen when Marina's Barkery is broken into in the middle of the night and he is called out where he has to come clean about being a detective and all...will Marina forgive him and break her own rule...guess you'll have to read the book.

Again another engrossing plotline, funny banter and relatable characters. Can't wait to read the last instalment in the Kelly Series.

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## **Cheri says**

A cop's family is an understatement. Everyone in her family is a cop, Grandfather, cousins, father, both brothers and even her sister. But not Mariana. Not going to be a control freak cop. And she sure wasn't dating one!

That is the first thing he heard about the gorgeous woman who drew his attention after so long without feeling anything for a woman. It worried him when he finally had the chance and the nerve to approach her. What she didn't know couldn't hurt him--could it? That is the question. Too many people knew the truth, especially since he worked with her brothers, her sister and she was in love with his best friend.

This is another good read from Ms Collins. I read it in one sitting--not my intention--but I couldn't stop reading. I enjoy family, friend series books. Each of these can stand alone, however are related through characters. Don't miss these good reads. The novellas are complete stories that don't leave you wanting (of course good stories leave a certain feeling when finished) this one is filled with characters you care about with real problems they need to solve for their HEA. And if you are a dog lover--just one more reason you'll thoroughly enjoy this one. A strong recommend.

I was provided a ARC for an honest review.

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## **Heather Way says**

Marina the youngest of the Kelly kids. She is the only one that isn't a police person. she is young and vibrant. She also refuses to date any cops due to she grew up surround by them.

She meets Levi who is a cop. But he is too freaked out to tell her the truth. They both have tons of chemistry and you can tell their relationship would be explosive. Marina is against dating cops totally. So Levi lies and says he works for the cornors office which is where his brother works.

They go on a first date and it went very well. This book offered tons of romance, a little stalker behavior, and some sexy sex scenes too !! Again it ended before it went any further then i expected. but that happens in a novella!

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## **Cyndi Becker says**

Marina is the predecessor to "Where There's Smoke" as WTS gives us the details and some mystery/ action in Levi Hawks and Marina Kelly's love story. I loved getting to know to know the characters better and seeing how the whole back story was set up. Lovely novella. READ this before or after WTS

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## **Jennifer Lessard says**

\*I received this book in exchange for an honest review.\*

Now that I've read all four of the novella's involving Mike Kelly's 4 children, I have a very good background on that family. Ms. Collins has done an amazing job of developing the characters and setting the stage for anything that can take place as I get read to read the first full length novel in this series, should she decide to add additional full length novels to the series. Throughout these 4 novellas she has also started building on the characters for the next novella about to be released, which is a cousin to these four siblings. I am definitely looking forward to finding out where these four siblings and their new found love interests are going. We know that Frankie and John are getting married but it will be interesting to see what the other 3 couples decide to do. I am completely looking forward to diving into Where There's Smoke.

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## **Lisa Zeigler says**

As the fourth Kelly family novella begins, Marina, the youngest, is furious with her father. All of the children feel that they are never good enough for their father and that he seems to enjoy putting them down. Their mother said Mike Kelly loved his children but lacked a filter when speaking and he could be brutally honest. As a highly decorated cop of 35 years, he is well respected by all, and Marina realizes that others don't know him at all.

With the siblings' feelings about their father, Marina can't understand why three of them became cops. There are three generations of Kelly cops, including her uncle and cousins. She decided she would not have anything to do with that profession and not even date a cop.

Marina found a love of cooking with her mother and ended up owning a store, with baked items and gourmet dog treats, which are stocked in local stores. After falling due to an armful of boxes, she heard a sexy voice

offering to help her. Levi Hawks has seen Marina previously and knows she wants nothing to do with cops. Since he is interested in her, he doesn't want her to know he is a detective yet – but how will he get her to go out with him?

Levi comes from 5 generations of police officers. His identical twin brother was a police officer for many years but switched to evidence collection with the coroner's office.

Levi lets Marina believe he is something other than a police detective, thinking that if she just gets the chance to know him, then he will tell her the truth. He tries to justify not telling the truth right away to Marina, and, of course, things don't work out like he wants.

This is a sweet and sexy story and another engaging Kelly family novella. I look forward to more of Ms. Collins' work.

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### **Deb says**

Yep! Another 5 star must read from a 5 star series of 4 books so far!! Can't wait for the next one but guess I have to, after all, anything worth while is worth waiting for :) ... I was given this in exchange for an honest review, but even if I had paid big bucks, I would say the same :)

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### **Kristin says**

\*\*\*Kristin – #NerdGirlSoldier's Review\*\*\*

Marina is the youngest of the Kelly siblings. She's also the only one of the clan who's not a cop. Instead, Marina has opened a barkery...a bakery for dogs. I love that Marina followed her dreams instead of giving into the demands of her father that she become a cop too. She's very successful at what she does and her business is thriving. Marina is a lot like her older sister Frankie despite not being a cop; like Frankie, she's an inspiration for women to be what they want and follow their dreams no matter how many people are telling them they're going to fail. Marina hasn't dated much and when she does date, she has one rule: she will not date a cop. She loves her family but just can't bring herself to date a cop.

Enter Levi. He's a detective which makes him a cop. Levi is incredibly attracted to Marina and doesn't understand her "no cops" rule. He asks her out on a date but omits that he's a cop, trying to win her by letting her get to know him instead of his job. It works...until a break-in happens at Marina's business. To say that it's not the way he wanted her to find out is an understatement.

In this story, you get to know Marina. You get to know why she ticks the way she does, as well as why she doesn't want to date cops. While Storm is my favorite male character of this series, I think Marina has become my ultimate favorite. She doesn't back down and she doesn't run away crying when she meets challenges. You will see lots of similarities between her and Frankie, but what makes Marina ultimately different is her ability to break away from the family tradition of going into the police academy and choosing her own path.



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