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Christina says

4 Stars - 3 Flames

I'm so happy I picked this series back up. Where I liked the first installment, I LOVED this one. Although it's not necessary to read the first book prior to this one, I strongly recommend it. It's always a good idea to read the stories in order. Even if they can be read as standalones.

Alexis is the sister of the brother who was being used in the first book (see, told you you should read the first one). She's also the rich girl who everyone has already labeled before getting to know her. Like, truly getting to know who she is. Everyone has always assumed who she was and she's tired of it. When she first got involved with Ace Security, she was immediately drawn to one person in particular, Blake. And now that she's working closely with him, she's fallen in love with him. But she's not his "type" and nothing will ever happen, right?

Blake is one of the triplets that run Ace Security. After everything that went down with his brother's wife and the Inca Boyz, Ace Security is out for redemption. So Blake and Alexis have been working closely to get as much information on the gang as possible. When Alexis volunteers to help them "get in" with the gang, feelings and emotions start to take over and there's no stopping them. Maybe getting Alexis involved wasn't such a good idea.

Do you know why I loved this story? Because Alexis was determined to prove that she was someone. Not only to those from her past, but to herself. She never gave up. She put herself in really stupid situations. But it was always for the better of the case, even when she was forced to deal with some demons from her past. Blake was sweet and gentle and every bit the manly man we thought he'd be.

And now I'm seriously biting my fingernails until I get Nathan's story. OMG! If my imagination is heading in the right direction, we're in for another crazy Inca/Ace showdown. And I can't wait!!!

*I received this book from the Jeep Diva in exchange for my honest opinion.

Sandy S says

3.5 stars--

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REVIEW: 3.5 stars-- CLAIMING ALEXIS is the second installment in Susan Stoker's contemporary, adult ACE SECURITY erotic, romantic suspense series focusing on the Anderson triplets (Blake, Logan and Nathan) and the family owned Ace Security. This is Ace Security co-owner and security specialist Blake Anderson, and new Ace Security intern and heiress Alexis Grant's story line. CLAIMING ALEXIS can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty but I recommend reading book one CLAIMING GRACE as much of the current story line premise is a direct result of the events in book one.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Blake and Alexis) CLAIMING ALEXIS follows Alexis Grant as she goes undercover to ferret out information about the Inca Boyz gang, their involvement in the recent attempts to destroy Grace's (Claiming Grace) life, and her brother Bradford's entanglement in the blackmail scheme between Inca Boyz and Grace's parents. While Alexis volunteers to go undercover, Blake struggles with his growing love for the woman that calls to his heart. What ensues are Alexis's struggle and pursuit to be accepted by the Inca Boyz gang, and the fall out when the ruse is uncovered by someone from Alexis's past.

CLAIMING ALEXIS is a friend to lovers romance that focuses on the quick building relationship between Alexis and Blake. Alexis has some issues of self esteem that center on what she believes are her less than exemplary physical attributes, and the uncomfortable circumstances that her parent's money has placed upon her personal and emotional inability to trust. Blake has been attracted to Alexis from the very start, and his proclamation of need and love is quickly replaced by fear when Alexis volunteers to go undercover with the Inca Boyz gang. The sex scenes are intimate and passionate; Alexis is a virgin whose lack of experience is quickly replaced by exploration and a man who is willing to take his time with the woman he loves. A drunk Alexis tells it like it is; and Blake likes to talk dirty in the bedroom.

There is a large ensemble cast of secondary and supporting characters including Logan and Grace (Claiming Grace #1), Nathan Anderson, as well as several members of the Inca Boyz gang.

Alexis's lack of experience as it pertained to the undercover operation is disturbing especially when everything begins to fall apart. The circumstances were dangerous and life threatening even though Blake and the others claimed to be a heartbeat away. I question the believability of such actions and placing a civilian in the direct line of fire but such is the world of fictional story lines and sometimes, in the end, believability is to be suspended.

CLAIMING ALEXIS is a spirited story line. The premise is energetic; the characters are enthusiastic; the romance is provocative and intense-Alexis's lack of experience and inability to hold her booze leads to some rather unorthodox comments and actions. The reality of the undercover operation is questionable.

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Carvanz says

I love Susan Stoker's heroes. They are all alpha, all protective, and all in. Blake was no different. When he first meets Alexis he doesn't see her for who and what she really is, but after working with her for a few months he's decided she's exactly what he wants. Alexis has never fit in and after a traumatic event during her school years, she has learned to keep a part of herself protected. However, Blake has those yummy arms that star in her dreams and she's doing all she can to keep him from knowing she wants to be more than just friends and coworkers.

Amidst the drama of a local gang investigation, this couple heat up the pages as Alexis goes undercover and Blake goes ballistic. I loved this storyline as well as the secondary characters. Looking for a quick, steamy read, low in angst but high in action? Claiming Alexis will fit the bill.

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Dual POV

Safe

Possible triggers

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

3.5 Stars!

Claiming Alexis is the second book in the series and it picks up not far after the 1st book left off. In this book, Ace Security is focusing on the gang that was hired to take compromising pictures of Grace and Alexis's brother from the first book. Ace Security is focusing on shutting the gang down.

I love seeing all the same characters from the first book and I really liked Blake and Alexis as our main characters. I was glad to see Blake be more proactive in his pursuit of Alexis. I did think the book focused a little too much on her low self esteem. I'm not much of a fan about body issues in romance books.

Overall this was an enjoyable read and the hints to the next book were intriguing. It looks like we haven't seen the last of the gang. ARC provided by NetGalley.

CC says

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heroine is kissed a couple times by

Book Him Danno says

I have never really been a fan of Susan Stoker. That being said I read the first in the series and while I wasn't

over the mood I thought I would try out book two. The titles of the book totally annoys me and I needed to push that out of my mind.

Once the story starts I found myself enjoying the characters and for once the over the top Alpha wasn't as annoying as I thought

The story is your basic one falls in love right away and figures the other one doesn't see her that way. This made for some cute moments that helps release someone action and suspense side of the story.

Blake and Alexis are very easy to like and while the story sets readers up for the next brother to fall in love and with whom the action, nicely written action romance will keep readers and new readers very happy.

Thank you to the publisher and Netgalley for an advance copy for my thoughts thought

Christine says

Another great book from Susan Stoker. I shouldn't even be surprised at this point. Every single series and book is outstanding. Claiming Alexis was no exception. What I absolutely love is that there's no dragging on at the start of each book. There have been plenty of books I've read in the past month alone where I find myself bored because the story has taken so long to get into. But that's never been the case with Stoker's books. The same can be said for Claiming Alexis. We're taken straight into the story, straight into the mindset of the characters.

The story itself is riveting and exciting. You feel for these characters. Your heart is racing when one is in trouble. But I've always found this with Stoker's series. You connect with the characters, the story, the ups and downs, so easily that you end up becoming a part of the story.

I'm completely in love with the Ace Security series, and I think I even love this one a tad more than the first. The ending only made me more intrigued to read the next one, and I cannot wait for it to come out. Definitely recommend!

Carrie says

Whew! Susan Stoker puts her peeps through the WRINGER! Yeesh! *laugh* But, that's part of what I like about the stories. Blake & Alexis start out as co-workers on Blake's side - and he's not too sure about how long even that is going to last. He finally figures out that Lex is a smart, capable, brave, loving woman, and decides - in true lovable caveman fashion - that she is his. *hearts*

Alexis, for her part, has been in love with Blake from the get-go, and I absolutely ADORED her obsession w/ his ... you'll just have to see. It felt like a fairly unique part to be obsessed with, and I enjoyed it! ;)

The action is intense, the banter excellent, and the steamy times - STEAMY. Definitely a 5+++ read & as always I'm looking forward to the next in the series. The tease we get at the end is ... Ooooh!!! :)

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Gemini

Claiming Alexis is the second book in Susan Stoker's Ace Security Series. I did not read the first book, Claiming Grace, so there were a few questions that lingered throughout. However, those gaps in information did not take away from my overall enjoyment of Claiming Alexis. The Ace Security series centers around three brothers who own a security firm in Colorado. They were abused by their mother growing up and eventually, she killed their father, Ace. Because of their abuse, Ace Security focuses on helping victims of abuse.

The three brothers are Logan, Blake, and Nathan Anderson. Logan's story was featured in the first book, Claiming Grace, where Ace Security rescued his now wife Grace from a dangerous gang called the Inca Boyz. This time, the focus is on Blake Anderson and his budding relationship with Ace Security's newest employee, Alexis Grant. She initially came aboard to help them take down the Inca Boyz who had kidnapped her brother in the first book. Now, Alexis is finding it hard to hide her attraction to Blake as they work together more and more. Alexis agrees to go undercover to get closer to a former friend who is directly connected to the Inca Boyz. As the intensity of this undercover op increases, so does the relationship between Blake and Alexis. There is plenty of dirty talking before they even get between the sheets. And when they finally do get naked, it's nothing short of erotic.

The suspense throughout the book is just as intense as Blake and Alexis' relationship. It was very hard to watch Alexis go into the lion's den on numerous occasions as she interacted with the Inca Boyz. They were very brutal, callous, and just plain old scary guys who had no regard for women. Consequently, some of the imagery is very disturbing. At some point, I found myself speeding through the book just so that I could see justice served. The gang members had no redeeming qualities whatsoever. The climax was worth the wait and I loved seeing Blake in action doing what the military taught him to do. I look forward to the next book and may have to go back and read the first one.

****Received a copy from Montlake Romance and reviewed the book voluntarily.****

Kahea says

*****3 Stars*****

It pains me to say this because I am a huge fan of Susan Stoker, but this one just didn't do it for me. It was enjoyable and all that, but I just couldn't get fully invested in the story. Part of my issues stem from a few things that happened early on that just didn't sit right with me for one reason or another and the other part was that while I liked Blake and Alexis, I didn't fall in love with either of them. I wanted to and I actually liked how their relationship progressed but my feelings never went beyond like for either of them

As for the main plot line of the book. It was done well, though I did figure out how things would turn out early on, but I liked how it all played out and how it leads us into the next book in the series, Claiming Bailey, which I am looking forward to because not only do I want to know more about Nathan and really liked the little tease/set up of what we have to look forward to.

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Anas Attic Book Blog says

Claiming Alexis (Ace Security 2) by Susan Stoker

Narrated by Erin Bennett

Romantic Suspense, 2nd in a series about different couples. It is better if you read Claiming Grace first.

While I had a few issues with Grace in *Claiming Grace*, I still really enjoyed the writing, the characters, and the mix of romance, suspense and alpha male. So right after listening to it, I grabbed *Claiming Alexis by Susan Stoker*. Alexis was introduced in the first book, and I do think that this book would read much better if you read *Claiming Grace* first.

Blake is the second brother of the triplets that own Ace Security. He's the computer dude, and a little more quietly alpha than the other guys.

Alexis grew up rich and has been fighting off people's judgements of her because of it her whole life. People use her for her money so she never really got close to anyone (Read: VIRGIN). Alexis has been flitting around from job to job after graduating with a degree in general studies. But after helping them out at Ace Securities in *Claiming Grace*, Alexis wants to do more in the PI business. And she wants to take down the gang who was involved in the incidents of the first book.

He wanted to know the real Alexis Grant. Because Blake had a feeling that woman was going to be the most precious thing he'd ever found in his entire life . . . if he could keep her safe from herself.

This isn't instalove. The couple work together, they each silently have a thing for each other (especially her), but they don't jump on it. So she is thrilled when she realizes her crush has feelings back.

She, Alexis Grant, virgin extraordinaire, had apparently managed to catch the attention of one of the sexiest men in Castle Rock. Oh shit.

While I enjoyed the book, I found myself doing some eye rolling. I am not a big fan of adult virgin books, but I guess the title says it all.

As she lay snoring lightly in his arms, Blake vowed that she'd be his. He'd be the only man to see her naked. The only man to get inside her. The only man she'd dream about. She was his.

But what really made me eye roll was that they let this society girl go undercover into killer gangs! WTF? And the cops allowed it too!

Still, I was glued to my headphones to see what happened, so despite the cheesiness, it was a fun listen.

Likes:

- Kept me engaged the whole time.
- The tie-in with *Claiming Grace*.

- Blake is great.
- Quick and angst free
- Set up well for the next.

Dislikes:

- 3rd person.
- Adult virgin.
- They sent an inexperienced society girl undercover into killer gangs!
- I never really felt a huge chemistry with the couple.

The Narration:

It's third person, but the narrator was excellent. I think her narration enhanced the book.

Note:

Don't listen to out loud if you have any Alexa enabled devices! They were going NUTS because "Alexis" (said a LOT in 3rd person) sounds just like "Alexa"!

The Down and Dirty:

I wanted to love this book! I hear amazing things about Susan Stoker and though I enjoyed it and wanted to listen to the whole thing and was engaged in the story, I found myself doing a lot of eye rolling. It just felt like an old fashioned bodice ripper my grandma would read sometimes. The whole virgin thing made it feel more New Adult than adult to me. Reading other reviews, it seems her fans don't love this series as much as the others. Since her storylines keep me riveted with the perfect blend of romance and suspense, I definitely want to try a story from another one of her series.

Rating: 3 Stars, 3.5 Heat, 5 Narration**Purchase Claiming Alexis by Susan Stoker**

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Heather says

This is book two of the Ace Security series and I think this is one of those books where it is definitely better to have read the first in the series. This book picks up almost immediately after the first book ended and features Blake and Alexis. Alexis is the sister of Brandon who was one of several victims in the first book. Because of what happened to her brother, Alexis is determined to help the Anderson brothers take down the Inca Boyz gang. Even if it means putting herself at risk to do so.

While Alex has a crush on Blake, initially Blake only sees Alex as a co-worker. However, once he realizes his true feelings look out everyone. This was an enjoyable friends to lovers story with a bit of Susan Stoker's trademark suspense thrown into the mix. Looking forward to the next book in the series which will feature Nathan, the third Anderson brother and most likely the missing former girlfriend of the gang leader.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this novel.

books are love says

What I love most about this book is that this wasn't instalove. We have Blake and Alexis. Alexis is gunshy. She is not as experienced and wary due to people only liking her due to her money. But she likes Blake. No she loves Blake and keeps it secret afraid he doesn't feel the same. Blake feels the same for Alexis but is taking it slow so she can feel safe and comfortable. He knows she is gunshy and doesn't want her to run because for him his feelings are very real and the forever kind of love. Blake didn't just jump into love but had it build as he got to know Alexis.

The protectiveness of Blake is super alpha but also I think what helps make Alexis feel safe with him. She knows that he is always there for her and this helps her relax. The brothers are awesome. So open and close. They had been through so much in the past that it's great to see them working together and there for one another.

I like how in this story Alexis shows how strong she is. She may have been in the past trying to find what she wanted to do with her life but her she was out to prove something to herself and others. She was out to prove that she is smart and resourceful. That she can do the job and wants to be at the security company for the long haul. So she puts herself in the path of danger and becomes something she isn't to stop a gang. Does beautifully at it too. Blake and his brothers are impressed and protect her with all they have as well. when things turn deadly Blake is there. His brothers help him and they show Alexis they are family and she is one of them.

The romance of the story is hot and sinful. But also tender and sweet. We see them learn about each other in many intimate ways. We see the love and respect they both have for one another but also the trust that each has for each other. That trust is beautifully written. I do look forward to see the last brother fall in love that will be a scorcher for sure but this one will have the kindle heat up. I think what I loved the most was how Blake treated Alexis like a gift and let her know she was special to him. He didn't push her but let her feel safe and loved with every action and his words.

This is a action packed tender and sexy romance that warms the heart. We see two people love and respect one another come together and be there for one another no matter what. A wonderful read.

Melenia says

The first book in the series was not so great, but this was a definite improvement and now I can't wait to read the next one!

It starts off kinda slow, which is unusual for this author as almost all her other books are five star reads for me, but it picks up at about 40% or so and gets better and better.

I'm betting book 3 is a five star, but I've got a couple weeks before it is released :(

RachelW (BamaGal) says

DNF...I suspected this would be more romance than suspense; but not no suspense at all and cheesy/cutesy romance. I was looking for a light read, but this was not it. Not for me...
