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The passion and suspense of Cherry Adair's latest killer trilogy, begun in *Night Fall* and continued in *Night Secrets*, now reaches its explosive conclusion in *Night Shadow*, as mismatched international agents take on evil head-to-head—and each other heart-to-heart.

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LibraryLass says

Great book, terrific ending to the trilogy. All my answers from the first 2 books wrapped up together very nicely in this package.

Mom says

I was a little disappointed in this one - just didn't pull everything together real well. What a concept though.

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Kathy says

Setting: hot spots all around the world...

Theme: stopping evil; love the one unconquerable and uncontrollable variable;

Characters:

Lucas Fox and Sydney McBride / Simon Blackthorne and Kess Goodall: both couples are engaged – both men feel stronger and more control of their magic when with their women; they all join the Stones to battle

evil.

Lexi Stone: research analyst for T-FLAC; recently completed training to be an agent; photographic memory; by the book (and can quote you the book); has been fascinated by Alex since the beginning, following his career, learning any language of a country that he had been assigned to; first assignment – help Alex investigate but assigned by Internal Affairs to determine if he is going rogue, going to the other side and to terminate if necessary.

Alex Stone: gets the job done/ has gills to breath underwater; laid back;

Mason Knight: evil mastermind of a clone army to go to the highest bidder... he planted the genetically engineered Lucas, Simon and Alex the same week, and implanted them in 3 women who were already pregnant... he killed their parents... acted the interested godfather who mentored them, especially with their magic... all the while perfecting his cloning – now able to produce thousands of clones each year – with a one year gestations.

Edges: overseeing the attack on Knight.

Summary:

Incredible losses throughout the world – via bombs, bio weapons, etc – and TFLAC is unable to be effective. Stone's powers are fluxing (because Knight's plan is to sync the 3 of them with his clones) and he is taking their powers...

Slowly but surely Stone, with the rest, figure out what Knight is doing, especially with Lexi's ability to puzzle things together.

On Dday, they figure out Knight is in Casablanca (his favorite movie) – all wizards descend... the six are sucked into the warehouse... the women (given temporary magical powers) are provided a hologram of Knight to distract them (and he plans on using them for breeding – gestation lasting 21 days)... and after explaining his plan (yes a weakness of every evil mastermind), he pops the 3 of them into a vicious vat of goey, acidic, wizard liquidation – where Alex can move around the easiest (with the gills), and he is trying to pry open a side door to save them all... then Simon's avatar goes out to find the women and draw them to the vat... and Alex is trying to figure out why his powers are more susceptible then the others, and through mindspeaking with the other two determines that their powers stabilized when their significant other agreed to marry them... So Alex mindspeaks to Lexi, asking her to marry him, and when she finally says yes, his power increases and they get the door open... and the women have disabled Knight... and they teleport out just as the blasts they set go off, destroying the location.

Memorable scenes:\

Lexi occasionally gets Alex' check, which she gets to him without opening the envelope... when it happens vice versa, Alex opens the envelope, and teases her with it.

Lexi thinks Alex only proposed (and teleported a big diamond ring to her) because of wanting the power, not genuine love – and Alex wonderfully, humorously convinces her he loves her, changing her ring with every little complaint (smaller diamond, emerald, etc), and with the right words.

Ellen says

3.5

Slone says

Blech. I really didn't like this. I started it as part of an online book club, and figured the confusing parts would be explained in the remaining book. I did a little research, saw it was part of a series and assumed (my fault) that it, like other series, would clue in newbies to the party. Nope. Most of it was left to the reader to suss out. (Was Adair trying to make up for what seemed like a plot that was overlapping with two other books?)

The jumping from place to place does not make up for the lack of a plot, or bridge the holes therein. The major plot device was telegraphed from early on, and the characters, purportedly international anti-terror agents, seemed too dense to figure it out -- and they apparently had super-human powers. Come on. To top it off, those powers seemed to be the author's shorthand for development; for regular humans, apparently you only get one characteristic (dressing oddly, tendency to regurgitate facts about the current situation, big boobs, awesome wardrobe).

And for a "romance," surely readers can do better. But the cover proclaims Adair is a "New York Times best-selling author." Pretty sad.

Paranormal Romance says

Finally the heroine's hard work has pulled off. She's graduated from a desk job in accounting to a field position working with the special ops she admired from afar. One of these soldiers is the hero who she always aspired to be and harbored a secret crush on. But meeting the man in person, she realizes why it's said you should never meet your heroes. He's the complete opposite of her in every way. He frequently breaks rules and procedures, is sarcastic and he's also a very powerful wizard. The heroine lives her life by the rules and is socially awkward, only knowing how to talk to people by throwing useless trivia at them. But when she's assigned to keep an eye on him to judge his loyalties, she doesn't figure into the math that she may fall in love with him. She's a decent soldier, excelling at all her tests and her photographic memory is a real god send during more than one mission but she lacks field experience. The hero has experience in spades but his once dependable powers, nowadays, are anything but. He finds himself losing control of his teleporting abilities and he's starting to really fear for his future as a special ops. Turns out his DNA has been stolen by the enemy and they've been making hundreds of thousands of evil clones of him and it's slowly draining him of his powers. Most of the book is a whirlwind of the characters darting to one location to save a hostage situation before rushing over to a factory to investigate the clone babies. Every chapter shows them going to one country or another and I found my head spinning. It really was a bit much considering nothing was ever solved. The hostages were killed 9 times out of 10 and the bad guys just kept coming. I loved the quirky idea of having the hero and heroine be Alexis and Alexander Stone respectively, no relation. It was fun and kept being the butt of a joke throughout the story. I enjoyed the two characters being from entirely different worlds in regards to their attitudes and personalities but finding common ground and love through attraction. I loved how awkward the heroine is and how cool and level-headed the hero was. Because of the constant change of setting and the fact they just ended up going in circles anyway, I couldn't rate it as a 5 star but it was still

a great book.

Natalie says

This is book 15 in the T-FLAC series and it's one of the T-FLAC/PSI-Ops stories. I've read 4 others from this big series and this is the only one that I've actually enjoyed all the way through without ever rolling my eyes. I really dislike the regular T-FLAC books and won't read any more of them but the PSI-Ops books are pretty good. I think this was the last of 3 in another of the "trilogy within the main series". Maybe I liked it because it was the last book and all the drama and intrigue got resolved here instead of dragging on to another book or two. I didn't skim a single page at all and while there wasn't tons of paranormal action, there was enough to keep me interested. If all of her books were like this one then I'd read them all, but they aren't so I think this might be my last unless another PSI-Ops falls in my lap.

Bark says

I'm quitting this one for several reasons:

1. It's boring. I was cleaning up the doggie droppings in the yard and found my mind drifting. If a book can't hold my attention when I'm doing that chore something is seriously wrong.
2. The heroine is a rookie who "forgets" to wear her safety gear on her 1st mission out. Seriously? I'm supposed to believe this? And, yep, you guessed it she gets shot. Not to worry though she's ok (figures).
3. It's #15 in a series and what I've read so far does not make me want to torment myself by reading 14 of these things to play catch up. Good lord people, 14 of them!
4. Hero and heroine have names that are so similar I don't know who the hell is who in this audio. And their last names are the same. And no, this isn't some backwoods horror/love story where they create two headed babies either. They're not even related. What are the odds?
5. I have no patience and this books requires lots.

DNF

PepperP0t says

Actually 4.5 stars

Rookie T-FLAC operative Alexis Stone lusted after T-FLAC Psy operative Alexander Stone through all of the reports and brief conversations from her previous assignment in accounting. Now that she's been promoted and actually in the field working with him he's more everything than she thought he'd be. Including more frustrating.

Battle-hardened Alex can't figure out why his powers are wonky but he doesn't know he's not a fan of Lexi's new look. He liked her nerdy look, great legs, long brown hair and sexy voice and secretly liked the

similarity of their names kept leading to confusion with their inner office mail.

I liked Lexi's tendency to spout facts and figures when she got nervous it was a perfect trait for her character that had a photographic memory, was new in the field and in awe of the team she was working with. Alex was Mr. Cool Alpha and truly took the adage never let them see you sweat to heart whenever he was near Lexi.

The case they're working on had terrorists giving false demands and sporting powers the Psi team has never come across before, yet they have. Wizards, sexy spies and a mystery to unravel, oh my. This was a good end for the sub-series. I guess time away from the series made me re-appreciate it.

Joann says

It was ok

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Sex, wizards, and clones. Oh, and a super-duper bad wizard guy who is defeated by the WOMEN! I think that was my favorite thing about "Night Shadow", the conclusion to Cherry Adair's trilogy.

Alexis Stone has finally made it out from behind her research desk and is now a full-fledged T-FLAC field op and on her first mission. The fact that said mission will mean she can work with the mouth-watering Alex Stone (absolutely no relation...thank God) is neither here nor there. At least that's what she keeps telling herself. But it's not like he'd ever look at her. I mean, sure she has a photographic memory, but she's a norm, not a wizard. And she does have a tendency to quote from her photographic memory when she's nervous...which is, of course, ALL the time when she's around Alex.

Alex has never had a problem working with female operatives before. But this is Alexis...who apparently just got shot! And with the mysterious and increasing shortages he's experiencing with his wizard powers, he'd really rather Alexis NOT be on his team. Not that he cares about flaunting the rules, but because she's becoming his weak spot. And with the lives of himself and his two best buddies on the line, not to mention millions of people the world over, he really can't afford to lose concentration right now. But Alexis...uh, what was he saying?

I found a lot of humor in this finale of the 'Night' series. There were parts that I thought were a bit cheesy if I tried to bring reality into the picture...so I just reminded myself to continue suspending reality and all was fine. I absolutely loved the fact that it was the women who saved the day. That's right, NOT the wizards, NOT the wizard council, and not the other T-FLAC ops. It was the lovers of the wizards in peril and the 'strength of their love'. Now if that doesn't scream romance, I don't know what does!

Sarah says

3.5 stars because I loved the mixture of action packed with romance! That was a first-timer for me (to be

reading the genre at all), though, I'm more so a tomboy/adrenaline junkie than I am fan of chicklits and so this was a little too much of the romance for me, I had rather seen more detail about the armor, missions, guns, armament and all of that...

Amy Webster-Bo says

awesome story

Julie says

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This is the fourteenth book in the T-Flac series as a whole. Now, I have not read every single book in this series by a long shot, but I have read several of them and they are all a little different. Some are like mini series within a series and this one falls into that category. In fact, this is the last book in the trilogy and I do recommend reading them in order. Other books in the T-FLAC series can be read as stand alones. Some are paranormal, some traditional Romantic suspense and some have an action adventure feel to them.

This one is a futuristic paranormal romantic suspense featuring Lexi and Alex Stone... no relation. They work for a counter intelligence agency and find themselves stuck together in a pretty intense situation. Lexi is a die hard rule follower, doing everything by the book, while Alex is a little on the rogue side, doing things his own way. Alex has certain paranormal abilities, Lexi does not. But, the main worry is that it looks as though Alex is about to jump ship and go to work for the other side, which may mean Lexi will have to terminate him.

But, soon Lexi will learn more about Alex and it appears they will have to trust one other because they can't trust anyone else.

This is not my favorite installment in the series. I found it imaginative and Lexi was kind of funny with all recitations of the rules and regulations, the mission is action packed and suspenseful, but it has a sort of campy quality to it, and the bad guys are pretty transparent, which was not the case in the other 'Night' books, so I had a really hard time getting into this one.

Even though it was not my favorite I am glad I read the final book since we do have a closure and all questions are answered.

Over all this one is one gets 3 stars

Mel W says

Loved this book. Kick-ass main characters. Funny. Sexy. Great series. Want to start back at the beginning and read them all over again.
