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He came looking for a ghost. Instead, he found a girl.

Tucker Boone is a war-hardened Marine on a ghost hunt. Fresh out of the corps, Tucker learns he has a missing half-sister, Maddy. The only clue to her whereabouts is a cryptic note...I've gone Mad, Mags. Tucker agrees to search for her and heads to Ocracoke, North Carolina where a ghost named Mad Mags is said to haunt the ancient graveyards dotting the island.

The note doesn't bring him any closer to finding Maddy, but it does offer him a diversion to the doldrums of civilian life— his new island neighbor, Josie McCoy. Tucker is drawn to her quiet spirit. There's something special about Josie...a connection he can't quite explain.

By summer's end, he's mixed up in deception, murder, and the love of a lifetime. Logic tells him to head home and forget the truths he found on the island. But can he walk away? Josie offers him more than love; she offers him hope. When the clues pile up and it looks like she can never be the girl for him, he has to make a choice- play it safe and break her heart, or risk everything for a chance at being swept away.

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From Reader Review Swept Away for online ebook

Katie McEwen says

Swept Away is a book that has the recipe for an amazing read. Some mystery, some romance, great characters, and a plot that keeps you guessing until the very end!

Swept Away focuses on two main characters, Tucker and Josie. They, although living in the same book, have very different stories. Tucker finds out as he is getting ready to go into the Marines that his father wasn't a sperm donor, he was an old boyfriend of his mother's. When he gets back from a tour overseas, Tucker goes searching for his biological father and finds that he also has a sister that has gone missing. The only clue to his sister's disappearance is a letter about "Mad Mags" and his step mother's insistence that his sister is out there somewhere.

After doing some research, Tucker finds an island where there is a ghost lore where they call the ghost "Mad Mags". Of course he goes there to investigate further. While on the island, he finds out a man whose niece came to the island not too long ago so he befriends the man and starts working for him. He also meets the niece, Josie.

Josie is mysterious and a little strange. There is something about her that Tucker just can't put his finger on. The strangest thing is the feelings he is developing for this woman and he can't even help himself. He didn't come to the island to find love, but can that be helped?

With bad news and even worse luck lurking around every corner will Tucker and Josie be able to be together or should Tucker just give up and go home and try his hardest to forget Josie and his time on the island?

There is so much mystery and so much guessing that this book keeps you on the edge of your seat from the first page to the last. I only put the book down to go to work and the whole time I was at work I found myself thinking about it and wondering how it would end. The characters are amazingly written and the plot doesn't leave any questions unanswered or any rocks unturned. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking for any genre because this book hits the nail on the head with all of them. There truly is something for everyone!

Irene Jonker says

Swept Away by Elizabeth Seckman is a book that I would for sure recommend to anyone who likes a good mystery/romance book. Tucker Boone is a Marine who just is no longer in the Marine Corps and when he left, he learned about who his father is and was given his last known address from his mother though his mother obviously did not want him to see his father or even know his father. Going to the address given, instead of meeting his father he actually meets his father's girlfriend and this is where the mystery part of the story begins. The girlfriend gave Tucker information about his father including where he now resides and she gave him even more information that he didn't know... the fact that he has a half-sister named Maddie who he never met who ran away. The girlfriend told him everything she knew which is the fact that the last person who saw Maddie was her boyfriend and gave him a note that said "I've gone Mad, Maggs", she proceeded to ask Tucker to find Maddie and Tucker does so. Following the letter to Ocracoke, North Carolina Tucker is in for more than he could have imagined. There's the mystery of his father's disappearance and the reason for her running away, the fact that her friend Ariel isn't as dead as people had thought since Ariel is actually the reason for Maggie running away thanks to Ariel's home life which... really is not something anyone should have to go through, and the mystery of Josie and the problems she has that she's been running from. Oh, yes, Josie. Josie is a local girl that he meets: quiet, bit of a loner, and she is

always hanging out in the graveyard at night she is pretty mysterious. At first Tucker is interested in her because she looks like the picture he had of Maddie and Ariel that was given to him so he would know what Maddie looks like, but as he gets to know her he ends up falling in love with her. Josie has some secrets that Tucker tries to figure out, at first it's because he thinks that she's Maddie and then later because he loves her and wants to help her. I absolutely loved this book, it for sure kept me interested through the whole book and there were so many twists and turns and... I absolutely love it! I love how protective and caring Tucker is, and the book keeps you guessing. I would recommend this for anyone to read.

Crystal Collier says

I knew as soon as I started this book, I wasn't going to put it down...and I was right. Swept Away is a thriller romance that keeps you in knots clear up until the very end. Cheer on Tucker as he goes looking for his missing sister and finds SO much more. I loved the tidbits of veteran life that spilled through and gave me a greater appreciation for those who serve in the military. I hesitated with Tucker over Josie and her quirks. I cringed at the injustices that so often plague relationships when communication fails. Plot twists smacked me hard in the face through the last half of the book and kept me glued to the page. This was a great story filled with the bittersweet and a central theme of hope.

Content Warning: There is language, though no F-bombs, references to various kinds of abuse, and intimate scenes that are what I'll call half closed-door. Nothing graphic or offensive, but maybe too much for anyone who prefers clean romance.

Annalisa Crawford says

It started off as a nice, easy, hot romance. A sexy bloke and a rather weird woman... but I knew that wasn't going to last - I'd read the blurb!

The change of pace kept me reading, wondering how each escalating situation would be resolved - Tucker and Josie has more than their share of trauma, but I liked how the author drew all the elements back together.

As always, Seckman's writing is smooth and flows so well, you just have to keep reading. She draws brilliant characters, but in this book the secondary characters, Hetty and Murray, were particularly well-rounded and believable.

Medeia Sharif says

Tucker is a marine who's ready to explore Ocracoke, North Carolina, a haunted place that has more than just echoes of a ghost. It might also have clues to where his half-sister, whom he's never met, could be. Mysterious circumstances surround this sister, her friend, and their disappearances.

There's not just the mystery to solve, but love to be found. Tucker falls for Josie, a local girl. They're sweet together, but something isn't right. Tucker has all sorts of suspicions about her. When the two of them find themselves in danger, new revelations, both the bad and the good, rise to the surface.

I really like Seckman's storyline here. I've immensely enjoyed her other novels, but this one seemed more intense and complicated, and the ghost added a wonderful layer to the setting. I recommend this for romance and suspense lovers. Readers will fall in love with Tucker and Josie.

Stephanie Faris says

Swept Away is a mystery-slash-romance that will hook you from page one. Two friends survive a bad storm...or do they? We switch to Tucker's story and learn one of the girls in the prologue may be the sister he's never met. He follows the clues to an island, where he meets a woman who closely resembles the girl in the picture...but is she? I've read quite a few mysteries and I have to say this is one of the most unpredictable I've ever read. You'll keep eagerly turning the pages until you reach the end!

Lucy Berson says

Swept Away by Elizabeth Seckman is a book that had me wondering from the beginning. This is the first book that I am reading by this author, so I truly had no idea what to expect. I am giving this book 4.5 stars. It has suspense, mystery and romance all rolled into one. I could not put this book down from the start. Ariel and Madison are best friends who decide to runaway together only things go terribly wrong the night they had this planned.

Tucker is in the military and when he back from his final tour of duty, he finds out that not only is his father not who he thought it was but he also has a half sister that has been missing since she was 16. He goes to see her mother and is given clues to try and find her. The clues bring him to Ocracoke Island, off the Outer Banks of North Carolina. There he finds Josie. Is she is missing sister? The more time they spend together, the closer they become. He feels it deep in his heart and soul that she is not Maddy but he knows she is hiding something but he isn't exactly sure what. Not only are Josie and Tucker getting closer as friends, they are falling in love. Josie believes that Tucker was sent to her for a reason. When someone is after Josie, the truth comes out about who she actually is and what happened to Maddie and Ariel.

Jessica Kile says

*****received an ARC for an honest review*****

Swept Away will have you laughing and crying. You will fall in love with the main characters. I don't want to give any of the mystery away..so I will say this...if you are a lifetime addict...then Swept Away is a must read. Elizabeth Seckman has a way of crafting a story that makes you unwilling to put the book down.

Sammy says

I received a copy of Swept Away through a goodreads giveaway, and I am so happy that I did! Once I started this book it was hard to put it down! It pulled me into the pages from the first chapter! If you like a mystery with heart this book is definitely for you!

Kerry says

Swept Away By Elizabeth Seckman

4 Stars ****

The story begins with Maddie and Aerial who make a pact of running away from home and starting their life elsewhere with their dog Toby.

Back to present day, Tucker is out of the marines and adjusting to civvy life. His mom tells him that his father and he aims to look for him. His mom gives him the address of where he was last known and she's not impressed about him wanting anything to do with him.

He tracks down the address and meets his father's girlfriend and she let's slip that she had a daughter by his father. So he has gone to look for his father and gained a sister! Can't wait to meet her, so he eagerly asks where she is. To be told she ran away from home 5 years ago and not been seen since. Surely Tucker could find her.

She hands Tucker a photo and a note "I've gone Mad Mags", does this hold a clue? Once arriving on the island he speaks to a shop keeper to say there's a chap called Murray and his niece Jose looks the spitting image of Maddie and not to ask him out right. So he decides to enquire about working for him.

When he sees Josie she is absolutely stunning. As he gets to know her she is really quirky in the sense of not wanting to go into town or socialising. Likes to spend a lot of time in the graveyard.

As Tucker gets closer to Josie she keeps pushing him away. What secret is she harbouring?

It is a tale of murder, deception, love and heart break.

I warmed to Tucker as he sounded warming and protective and not forgetting he's a sexy marine (we all like a man in uniform right?). Josie irritated me in parts, felt like shouting at her to make her mind up with what she wanted! I really warmed to Jetty and Murray, as protective guardians, they sounded believable.

Love the pace of the story, nice easy read, uncomfortable in some parts but that just made me wanting to know what the outcome would be. Very much recommended.

Karen Amer says

Swept Away by Elizabeth Seckman

Tucker Boone is an ex-marine who upon leaving the service tries to find himself and his place in the world. He learns about his real father and the mystery of his half-sister, Maddy, who went missing five years ago.

He finds himself in North Carolina having followed a clue about where his sister could be and becomes instantly smitten with his beautiful new neighbour, Josie. She manages to soothe and comfort him just by being in his presence and Tucker finds himself falling in love with her.

Tucker – "He understood it all in that moment. She was everything, and he was nothing without her."

The attraction between the two grows and flourishes but Tucker senses Josie has a secret to hide and it may involve his missing half-sister. Confusion and distrust threaten to tear them apart but Tucker fights hard enough for them to overcome their problems.

Tucker – “Seriously, if she’s this upset thinking I might have something going on with Marcia, then that has to mean she’s into me right?”

Tucker is an alpha male and stands up for what is right. He is instantly protective of Josie and just wants to ensure that all is well for her. I loved how patient he was with her and that he never rushed her into making decisions or demanded she tell him everything, it was all about going at her pace and it was refreshing to read.

Josie was like a skittish animal, she needed to be rescued and bought out from the shadows in order to flourish and it's clear from the moment they meet that Tucker is the man for the job.

Josie – “I’ve lived a quiet. Peaceful life for years. Then you show up and I’m on this insane roller coaster. You make me want things I can never have.”

Swept Away is the first book I’ve read from this author and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The storyline was well developed and it kept me guessing till the very end. I loved the supporting characters and that all the last remaining threads were joined up to create a brilliant ending. The scenes between Josie and Tucker were very moving and the tenderness between them just made the book very moving and emotional.

A great book and I thoroughly recommend it.

Michelle Bergeron deroche says

Swept Away by Elizabeth Seckman

5/5 STARS

Maddy and Ariel are the best of friends. As young girls they grew up together and couldn't be any closer if they were real sisters. With Ariel having problems at home with her mom and step dad Jeb, the two devise a plan to run away to escape the abuse that only a few know of. Their plan didn't go according to plan though, and both girls disappear and are feared dead. With Maddy's body never being recovered her mom is holding onto hope years later based on a letter that she knows can be from none other than her missing daughter. Left with dead ends, she finally will be able to have hope when her stepson comes looking for answers.

Twenty-two year old Tucker Boone comes home from war in Iraq with questions that only his mom can answer. Led to believe his whole life that his dad was a sperm donor, he finally gets his mom to admit the truth. Having lost a friend in the war who was protecting him, and an ex-girlfriend who took her own life, Tucker blamed himself for both their deaths and decided he needed to go to his father for answers to questions he always had. Upon arriving to his father's house, he is met by Gloria, his step mom who tells him that his dad has suffered from a stroke and is in a nursing home as a result of it. She tells him that he also has a sister and the story of her disappearance. Desperate for adventure and a need to run from his guilt, he agrees to trying to find his sister. With the clues Gloria provided him with, a internet search produces a clue that will lead him to the Orcacoke Inlet to search for answers. Upon arrival he makes a contact who may just send him on the right path. With nothing better to do, he decided to pursue the clues and stick around for a little while.

Sent to Murray a local small business owner, he is quickly hired on as help and given a place to stay. He meets Murray's niece Josie McCoy, who happens to bear an uncanny resemblance to his missing sister.

Drawn together the two become fast friends, and things will take a turn for the romantic, but each time I does

Josie seems to pull away. Wanting to protect her Tucker needs to first find out what's behind her fears one at a time.

As things progress, this story has a way of making you second guess yourself every time you think you have it all figured out. Elizabeth Seckman's writing style draws you in more and more every time you turn the page. A delightful read that will show you that true love and justice are still things to believe in.

Yolanda Renee says

"He came looking for a ghost. Instead, he found a girl." The best tagline description of a book I've ever read.

Grieving, looking for answers and needing a little space Tucker Boone begins the search for a sister he never knew existed. And that's after learning he also has a father of the blood and flesh kind and not the 'sperm donor' kind.

Elizabeth Seckman has a fascinating, suspenseful romance in her latest release, *Swept Away*. I read it in one sitting. I couldn't put it down. I loved the setting, Ocracoke, North Carolina. A place I want to visit, heck a place I'd love to live, except for the fact that I'm afraid of water, and it's an island. Oh well, but it does seem as if being there would bring mystery and adventure to any life.

Tucker Boone doesn't find what he's looking for; he finds a whole lot more - murder, a knife in the back, and a girl who intrigues him beyond all measure.

Swept Away is how you'll feel while reading it and coming back won't be your first desire when you're done, booking a visit to Ocracoke, North Carolina will be, though!

Well done, Elizabeth. Now I'm off to read a few more of your books!

Katie says

5 star review.

Swept Away is an amazing romantic suspense novel by Elizabeth Seckman. I haven't read anything by this author previously so I didn't know what to expect but I was totally blown away by it – it was a fantastic book. There was no guessing the outcome of this book for me – it had me hooked until the very end and I couldn't put it down. It kept me on the edge of my seat the entire way through. It was excellently written and had some fantastic descriptive writing in it – I really cannot wait to read more by this author!

The story is about Tucker Boone, a war-hardened Marine and fresh out of the corps, who has just discovered he has a half-sister who is missing. The only possible clue to her whereabouts is a cryptic note saying 'I've gone Mad, Mags'. This note has Tucker heading to Ocracoke, North Carolina in search of a ghost called Mad Mags and hopefully a lead to what could have happened to his sister. Whilst on the hunt he gets himself a job and accommodation and also a new neighbour called Josie McCoy! Josie piques his interest – there is just something about her – he feels an instant connection that he just cannot explain.

This book has everything in it – romance, deception, suspense and love. I honestly thought it was one of the best books that I have read so far this year. I loved the characters – Tucker was just yummy! He was kind, caring, and very protective. Considering he had only just discovered that he had a sister he was really focused on finding her. Even when it looked as though Josie could never be the one for him he never gave up hope.

I think it was pretty obvious that Josie was hiding some kind of secret and I thought her character came across really well. Strong and independent but with a naïve and skittish streak, she also had a good sense of humour considering everything that happened to her.

I thought this really was a fantastic story and it thoroughly deserves the 5 stars I give it! Believe me you will be totally 'Swept Away' by this book!

Susan Swiderski says

I'll tell ya how much I enjoyed this book. I had the privilege of reading an earlier draft of it prior to publication, but I still bought the book when it came out, just so I could enjoy its new shiny incarnation... and write a review, so YOU know how good it is, too.

Ms. Seckman is a very talented writer, so everything she produces has a smooth down-to-earth quality that makes it a fast-reading pleasure. This book is no different. Well, actually it IS a "little" different. Personally, I think it's her best book to date. I mean, this book has got it all. Mystery... repressed memories... dangerous killers... a touch of the paranormal... and of course, romance. There are bad cops, good cops, a dysfunctional family, and the sheltering love of caring friends. The characters are well-developed, the dialogue is spot-on terrific, and the story's exciting, with an unexpected turn or two.

So, yeah, I liked it. A LOT. I'll give it four and a half stars, rounded up to five. Why not a five outright, you ask? Because I have no doubt this writer's talent will continue to grow, so I have to leave a teensy bit of room for the amazing work she's still got in store for us. I, for one, am looking forward to it.
