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The boys are back and fiercer than ever!

*"We were a unit tonight, moving as one. Even apart, we are deadly, but when combined – we are f**kin' unstoppable." ~~ God ~~*

Atlanta's notorious narcotics task force is at it again. They are stronger, bigger, and better than ever. Especially when a city councilman sends RECON Marine, Edwin Steele - who's been blacklisted from his Oakland department - to join the team. God and Day weren't recruiting. They have a lot on their plates, like the fact they're supposed to be getting married soon. They don't have the time or the patience to integrate a decorated war hero with a slight chip on his shoulder into their well-oiled machine.

A hothead that's uncontrollable and terrible with authority... but wasn't that their team motto?

Steele was ready to hang up his shield. He was done fighting with bigoted bastards that couldn't respect the job. He was good at fighting; he just needed the right team to fight with. When his uncle - City Councilman, Rasmus Steele - shows him a video of God's team in action, he knows right away, it's where his nephew belongs in order to restore his faith.

Steele pointed to the driver, a behemoth of a man wielding those massive firearms like a true beast... like a soldier. "And him. Who the hell is he?"

"That's your new boss. Lieutenant Cashel Godfrey... they call him... God."

Steele was skeptical about his new placement, but when he meets God's technology specialist/computer genius, "Tech," he's willing to give it his all, and he definitely shows and proves.

Tech is stunning. His sweater vest and khakis, a stark contrast to the blue-jeaned roughnecks he works with. A beautiful sheep amongst the wolves. Steel thinks there's no way the brilliant man would be interested in a hardhead like him, but Tech has a few badass hidden talents of his own and manages to fool him... fool all of them.

This story is a part of a series but can stand alone. It does not end on a cliffhanger and has a HEA. There are no multiple pairings in this novel.

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Dia says

3,5 stars

This was my first book by this author. I've buddy read it with my best friend and enjoyed it for the most part. But I'm sorry to admit I didn't get to love it.

It's mentioned in the blurb that it can be read as a stand-alone. But unfortunately, for someone who had no idea who God and Day were ... I felt a little lost. I just stumbled upon their story, the proposal and later their wedding. There were SO many characters (all new to me) and so many couples that made my head spin.

Tech and Steele were super hot together!!! I really loved all the scenes with them, but I am sad we didn't get more.

This book wasn't as action packed as I expected. We get some suspense at the beginning of the book, and later we meet Prescott, but his story fell flat for me. Everything got unnecessarily complicated and with TOO much info about people I didn't know and didn't really care about. I wanted so much more. More scenes with Tech and Steel.

So I think this story got fractured. We get God and Day's wedding - with some relationship angst and drama. And then we get Tech and Steele - who I really loved, but didn't get enough of.

I wonder why this is stated as a stand-alone, but you don't get to enjoy it to the fullest if you haven't read the other books in the series. God and Day grew on me, but I don't get why the author combined their stories and divided the reader's attention between these couples.

Overall it was a good story, with many sexy characters and super hot scenes.

I am looking forward to reading the next book. I think it will be a winner because **I really enjoyed seeing straight and sexy Hart watching the new Tech like a hawk!**

Natalia says

4.5 stars

This is my favorite in the series!! Hope Free's book is going to come soon!

Bitchie says

This series is like..... laffy taffy. Chewy and sweet and tasty, and absolutely no nutritional value whatsoever. Brain candy, if you will. It's like those buddy cop action comedy movies. Police procedure? What's that? Rules? Pfft!

But I don't really care, because this series pulls me in in spite of all the insanity. I know just what I'm getting going in, so I'm never let down.

I loved all the pairings in this one, newbie Steele fits into the gang perfectly, and he meshed quite well with Shawn, or "Tech". These two were hot hot hot, and it was great to see God and Day getting their best happy ending, too.

We also get some glimpses into another book, one about straight guy Hart and newbie Free, and I'm pretty sure I see bad things coming with that douchey cop, Vasquez. We have mention of a possible inside leak, and this guy, coming on so strong, and trying so hard to be a part of this crew? Can the flags be any redder?

Surprisingly, the editing was a fair bit better this time. There were still a few wonky time skips here and there, and someone really needs to teach the author the difference between "coarse" and "course", (beard hair is not course, it's coarse), but other than that, I thought this was very well done.

For brain candy, anyway.

Deborah says

I loved this book. There I said it and to think I almost didn't read it.

Why I hear you gasp.

I read the previous four together plus a couple of the Bounty Hunter books (I've just realised I missed one) and they were all crazy OTT (not a bad thing if the OTT is a department full of gorgeous sexy gay guys) but very similar and I was getting a bit stalled.

So I took a break undecided if I'd continue and I'm so glad I did. Now this book is a little different and in my opinion it was better for it.

We don't just get Tech and Steel we get all the other guys as well, more than we previously have and it worked.

Normally I kind of fixate on a couple and find time spent with others an unwanted distraction. But not here, I loved all the POV's and time spent with the guys.

This turned out to be my favourite so far and while I'm eagerly waiting for the next one I'll catch-up on Promises. Part 3

Plus on top of the best book of this series so far we also get bonus chapters on Genesis and Curtis!

Lyn says

4 Solid enjoyable OTT stars.

It's time that I give A.E. Via books more consideration. I just have to go in expecting a bunch of boys dressed up as alphas and enjoy the OTT ride. These guys are so outrageous that I can't help but find them adorable and loveable.

I'm totally reading this series out of order. Strangely enough, I don't feel lost at all. This installment is supposed to be about Tech and Steele, but there is also a lot of focus on God and Day's relationship as well. I loved it. Of course, now I have to read book 1 at some point.

I'm looking forward to Free and Hart's story.

Bo and Lorraine, I get it now. You ladies can say "I told you so". ;-)

BWT (Belen) says

4.5 Stars

Fans of the series won't be disappointed with this installment in the series. We get back front and center with God and Day's squad and get to meet a couple of new members as well. There's a lot of action right from the start, which helps to make this a real page turner. I stayed up until 3:30 AM in order to finish it because I didn't want to put it down!

Told from multiple POV, the story follows God and Day through their nuptials, as well as new team member Steele, who is immediately taken with Detective Shawn "Tech" Murphy, the team's technology genius.

Though there is some miscommunication between God and Day, they eventually get their Happily Ever After - and I'm not ashamed to say, there were a few sniffles on my end as I read about their perfect-for-them wedding.

Their friends and family stood and clapped for them while they embraced and quietly spoke promises in each other's ears. Promises of love and fidelity. Trust and honesty. Day believed every word God said. Knew he was safe with this man, always had been, and always would be.

I loved getting to see Steele and Tech's relationship unfold, getting to check in with all the guys, meet new characters, and see a sneak peak into the next couple (Free and Hart? Yes, please!). I also loved the bonus chapter with Genesis and Curtis!

This felt like a love letter to fans from Via. There's action, romance, passion, a little bit of a mystery, and a strong sense of what's still to come.

This series isn't done. Not by a long shot, and I'm excited to get to the next story!

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Lila Hunter says

Rating: 4.25 stars

Review to follow at Scattered Thoughts and Rogue Words.

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Mirjana ****DTR - Down to Read**** says

*****4.25 Stars*****

My favorite in the series!

You get two stories for the price of one! In addition to Steele and Tech beginning their relationship, you get God and Day taking the next step in theirs. And we get all 4 POV's...bonus!

I really liked Tech and Steele. They balanced each other nicely. Tech with his sweater vests, computers & gadgets, and adorable glasses paired with rough around the edges, Swisher Sweets smoking, badass marine Steele was a great combination. They were equal parts sweet & hot.

HUGE shoutout to shower sex combined with phone sex!! I'll never look at an earpiece the same way again.

And although it was insta-lust, I like that the guys took it slower building their relationship. The attraction was acknowledged right from the start, but they didn't move at lightening speed....and I loved that build up to the inevitable.

As for God and Day...I liked their continued HEA, but I could have done without the unnecessary lack of communication plot line. It felt like an easy cop out (no pun intended). Also, for as much screen time as they were given, I'm a bit disappointed that their sex scenes were fade to black. I mean throw me a bone....at least on their wedding night!

A.E. Via does a great job of setting up the next book in the series, which I'm really interested in! I see some hurt/comfort in the future...

Also, there's some bonus chapters in the back of the book with Genesis and Curtis (I have to admit I didn't read it).

Although this is book 5 in the series, it can easily be read as a standalone.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the issue that I always have with A.E. Via's books....the editing. This book is definitely an improvement over what I've read in the past, but unfortunately, it's still filled with errors. Interestingly enough, they start to pop up after about a third of the way through the book so it's as if her proofreaders got wrapped up in the story & kinda stopped paying attention. Which, I can definitely understand (I think every proofreader has been there), but you have to remember that you still have a job to do.

BUT, I have to give credit where credit is due...this book is MILES better than others I've read.

Nakristianna says

~ I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest and unbiased review~ I tried to keep it spoiler free and sorry if I rambled to much :)

Wow! Mrs. Via has done it again. I absolutely love this series. Definitely one of my top favorite. Once you read about these men you'll know why I feel that way. She has a way of writing that makes you fall in love with them all. I don't just have one favorite couple.

This book has all our favorite characters from past books as well as a few new ones. It begins with the ending of Book 4, Don't Judge, a recap from when Day proposed to God. Although we have God and Day's POV thrown throughout, the story very much focuses on Tech and Steele.

Tech is the technology expert for the team and he is smart as hell. At first I wasn't sure who he was so I had to go back and search which wasn't a problem at all because I can reread this series and never tire lol. Although he's badass with technology there's so much more to him and he wants so much to prove it. He wants in the field with the rest of the team. In the beginning he feels because he's behind the scenes and not in the field that he doesn't do much for the team as the others but he couldn't be more wrong and I love how the team members deal with that.

Steele is a former Marine whose still dealing with his life in the military and what happened with his partner. His Uncle brought him in and got him a job on the team. Once he saw the team in action he knew he wanted to be a part of it. When he joins, he's put with Ruxs and Green and he fits right in with them. The first time he and Tech meet we see sparks fly and everyone can see that they want each other. There are some moments where they start off on the wrong foot but once they clear the air, from then on its smooth sailing.

I love the way Steele is with Tech, so sweet and gentle. He knows what he wants and he goes after it, and boy does he go after it lol. *Fans myself* The chemistry between these two is off the charts and it just gets hotter and hotter as the book goes on. Tech is a bit hesitant but once Steele shows him he's there to stay all bets are off and he goes after what he wants just as much. Before these two even realize what hit them, they are falling head over hills with one another. It so beautiful to watch the way they support each other and like the others on the team aren't afraid to show that they love and want their men.

I love the dynamic of the team as well. They're not just a team, their a tight knit family and there's nothing they wouldn't do for one another. Now to talk about God and Day. They are just as in love as they were in the previous books. There was a bit of a misunderstanding but no worries it gets cleared up and we all get the moment we've been waiting for. It was just beautiful. We also meet a new member Free, Tech's mentor. I like the sparks between him and Hart and can't wait to see where they lead. Vasquez is gonna proved to be a

big problem in the future, I can just see it. (Read this book and you'll see what I mean). We also get a visit from Prescott and his men. They have a bit of trouble that the team help with.

And oh my, Curtis and Genesis. I've been waiting on a story for just the two of them for so long and let me say she did not disappoint. Let me say I love how protective and loving Gen is of his man. It was near perfect, the only problem is I want more, more, more. It was sexy the way he handle the situation.

I don't want to give anything else away so I'll end it here. Sorry if I rambled, I just can't say enough about this series.

Wendy says

I have read all the books in this series and the spin-off. I also found out really quickly that A.E. Via's book are my crack !! So you can understand I was so excited when I found out there was gonna be a fifth book. That excitement tripled when I learned that it was gonna release early !!

Fans of this series won't be disappointed. This book is a bit different than the others though. It has multiple pov's and it isn't about just one couple. For me this worked really well, because we got the new love story of Tech and Steele, but we also got God and Day's voices and their story about their upcoming wedding. I absolutely loved getting more of God and Day, and all the other wonderful men in their Special Task Force !!

This books starts of where book 4 ended, with a prologue of Day proposing to God. Did I already mention how much I love these guys ???

After this we are immediately thrown into an action scene, where we finally get to know more about "Tech", the task force's "genious hacker". I fell in love with Tech right at the beginning. He was an awesome character, smart, sweet and a little bit insecure. Tech feels as though he's the odd man out in God's team. All the field agents are giants, fighting the streets for the greater good, while Tech sits behind his desk, feeling like he could do so much more. Tech might be smaller than the rest, but he sure as shit isn't weaker. All he needs and wants is a chance to prove his worth.

We also get introduced to a new member of the team. Steel is a former marine, who has served 20 years and even received a medal of honor. He has turned in his badge in Oakland, after a major fuck up by the department, cost him his partners life. Now his uncle, who is a councilman in Atlanta, has arranged a job for him on God's team....or well, more like a try-out really. Nobody really tells God what to do ;)

There is an instant attraction between Tech and Steel and I thought it was awesome, that even though there are so many handsome men on the team, this big ass marine only had eyes for the geeky tech guy <3

Their growing romance was sweet and definitely hot. There was even some very nice "dirty talk", which everyone knows I'm a big fan of !!

"Climb up here, *minu armas*. Want you to push that cock down my throat"

While this all is going on, God and Day are struggling with their own relationship. Don't get me wrong, they are still deeply in love, but God keeps avoiding all talk about the wedding and Day is getting pretty frustrated and hurt that they haven't set a date yet.

When Tech finally get's a chance to prove his worth in the field, we get introduced to a new tech guy, "Free". His story will be next and I can't freaking wait !! Especially because his love interest is "Hart", the supposedly straight leader of the SWAT team, and God's best friend.

Fun fact: we also get a visit from Prescott Vaughn and his men :)

For me, this was an awesome addition to this series and I hope there will be many many more !! Please keep them coming A.E Via....I will read them all !!

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This review has been posted on Dirty Books Obsession

I~♥?~Books says

★4.5 Stars★

Lorraine Lesar says

That title is so understated. This, like all the authors books, was special. I love this Series, it gives me everything I want as a reader.

Christelle says

3.5 stars rounded to 4 because I was glad to have the guys back :-)

Yeah !!! A.E Via and her team of Atlanta badass cops led by God and Day are back. This addition is a bit different than the others. It deals with multiple characters and stories. Mainly Steele, the

new cop – ex-military- added to the team and Tech, the Geek of the team. But also God and Day and their upcoming wedding (well, maybe not so upcoming if they stop communicating, damned badass). And a bit about Free and Hart and the sparks between them (it does scream material for book 6, yeah!!).

It's fast-paced when it comes to action - trust these guys not to take gloves – it's full of dirty talk and hot scenes. A bit OTT sometimes, but I'm so partial with this series that I'm not gonna dwell too much on that.

PS : Thank you so much **Amanda** for this Christmas present. Happy Holidays to you !!

Chris says

Yes I loved this - loved the series - loved the characters and really wished there was another book ready for me to read ! God & Day had their big moment and helped Prescott out along the way. Techie met his match and Alpha dream guy Steele who as a decorated Marine was new to the team and Techie also brought Free into the team as his super powered replacement. Ruxs & Green continued to be badasses and the bonus novella on Gen & Curtis made my heart warm ♥A few characters were missed but not forgotten... this really is a series about friendship and unwavering loyalty. Awesome guys

Sabrina says

3.5 Stars

AE Via knows how to do mm like no other. She's one of my go to authors when I'm looking for a hot man-on-man story and I know her stories will never disappoint. In this addition to the Nothing Special series we meet Steele, a new team member, and get to watch his introduction to the city. And to Tech, the teams go to IT guy and the man he has an undeniable attraction to.

This book was definitely different than the rest of the series and I equal parts liked it, and didn't like it. It was fun to catch up with past characters and get to see what's going on in their life, but it also got a little frustrating when I wanted to see more of Tech and Steele together. There were moments that their story got lost and pushed behind God and Day's. Throughout the book we're giving multiple POV's from other characters and I just didn't appreciate it at times when I didn't care about those other people. I liked them, yes, but I was more interested in Tech and Steele.

Overall, this book was still enjoyable and the heat level was raised to 100 so that definitely saved the story for me. I loved seeing Tech and Steele together and getting to see the chemistry they shared. I would still definitely recommend this book to any fellow mm lovers and this series is one that everyone should give a try.

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