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*Strong sexual content and language. Can be read as a standalone, but may leave questions about secondary characters who will become the protagonists in upcoming books.

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Rachel K says

I meant to write a full review earlier (before the book was released) but things were crazy in my house with both my kids sick and then me ending up with tonsillitis. Good times :/

I can't actually go into too much detail otherwise I'd give too much away. Needless to say, I went in blind (which I don't normally do, but I truly enjoy this author's writing)...and loved every second! The heroine reminds me a lot of the heroine in Fire and Ice, which is still one of my favourite books :) I like how VP writes her characters. I like how strong and kick-arse she writes her heroines without them coming off as bitchy or shrew-like. I also like how possessive and over-protective her heroes are (especially in this book and Fire and Ice) without them being super-dickheads!

Although this is classed as romantic-suspense (which it is), there was enough of the relationship/romance

part of it to satisfy me. Although the suspense is a big part of the story, so was Trent and Cassie's relationship and I liked how it all played out. Cassie was hesitant at first - for reasons that become obvious once you understand her background, but Trent pretty much won her over from the start and there was no push-pull bullshit going on either which I appreciated.

My only reason for not rating it 5 stars was that there was a lot going on and it was kind of hard to keep up with all the characters and where they're at, but there really was a lot of stuff going on and we needed to know who was who and where everyone fits in. But I had to re-read some parts because I got lost a couple of times. However, I still loved it and this is an awesome start to a new series I'm really looking forward to reading more of :)

ETA: **ARC kindly provided by author in exchange for an honest review**

Victoria says

Fighting Chance wasn't at all what I was expecting it to be. It's one of those books that is hard to review without giving anything away. I will say that "small town romance" made me think this was going to be a simple contemporary romance maybe featuring a jealous old boyfriend or stalker or something similar. Being familiar with this author's previous books, I should have known better!

Trent Painter is brought in to figure out what's going on in the small town of Misty Grove. Everyone seems to be keeping secrets and the Sheriff's job is to figure out what's going on. That's made more difficult (and interesting) by his budding relationship with the heroine, Cassie, who seems to be in the middle of it all.

The story was filled with intrigue, suspense, and had twists and surprises throughout... The writing was solid and the chemistry between the characters added a lot to the story. I liked that our hero fell pretty quickly and even though he was put in a tough spot more than once because of his involvement with the heroine, he always stays committed to protecting her.

Overall, this was a solid romantic suspense story with a unique plot line. I liked both characters and found the writing very readable. I'm definitely looking forward to reading what's next in this series. There's no telling what the author may throw at us next!

Page says

Very much enjoyed reading this advanced copy. Best of luck on your upcoming release!

This book is both complex and enjoyable, and always with this author, it is well researched, well written, and extremely well edited.

Misty Grove is a new series named after the small town...with a not so small secret. The main characters are:

Trent, the hottie pants sheriff who is described as strong, loyal, dependable, and protective, and Cassandra, his female shotgun-toting, MMA style fighter with an arsenal of other skills. Yes, that says female :). Unfortunately it's difficult to describe those other skills without spoiling the aforementioned town secret.

Many different US government agencies are part of the plotline, as are the agency's officials, present, former, and deep black ops military personnel. Like I said complex. This author writes smart- not fluff, but always enjoyable.

Great start to a new series from Victoria Paige. No cliffhangers, but a new job description for the h at the end of the book indicates a promising book 2.

Stacey is Sassy says

Possessive and bossy...NICE!!

I really enjoyed *Fighting Chance*. This review is going to be extremely short (for me) because I really think this story will be enjoyed more knowing as little as possible. I will say, though, I was completely confused at the beginning. Trying to work out who was who, what they do, what they are and how they do it, was really tricky. I had no idea until it was completely laid out for me. Eventually, everything is explained and I settled into another action packed *Victoria Paige* adventure.

The characters are awesome. The hero, Trent Stone, is the newly appointed sheriff and his role is going to be far from straightforward. Within days he realises that the little town he is sent to is hiding secrets and he'll need all of his prior training to get to the heart of the problem. Talking about hearts...his has been stolen by the woman holding a shotgun to his head.

Cassandra Reed, her twin brother, family and town have a HUGE secret. When the new sheriff hits town it seems that their secret may not be kept for long from him. It doesn't take long for them to realise that he's no ordinary sheriff. Cassie is a strong-willed, determined and stubborn woman who knows how to handle herself. She is very attracted to Trent but knows it's her job to push him away.

Fighting Chance is full of action, conflict, suspense and a whole lot of sexual tension. When Cassie and Trent finally come together it's explosive.

I started and finished this story in one day. It was riveting and I was sucked in from the very first page. A few of the characters from *Victoria Paige*'s previous books are mentioned and it gave me a buzz to see and hear about them again. *Fighting Chance* is the first story in the *Misty Grove* series and I will definitely be coming back for more.

To buy *Fighting Chance* for the bargain price of \$0.99 - <http://amzn.to/2d59euT>

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Ms. D. Reader says

This author's romance and suspense always keeps me wanting more!

4 1/2 stars

Victoria Paige's first book in her new Misty Gove series, "Fighting Chance", has all the elements that keep me reading her stories. There is plenty of action, romance, mystery, strong characters, and complicated plots and twists that kept me guessing. It has all the things I loved about her Guardians and Always series. There are erotic love scenes, an ultra protective and possessive alpha male, and a very strong, unique heroine.

Trent is an undercover sheriff who comes to a small town in Georgia to investigate the suspicious death of his predecessor. When he meets the mysterious Cassie, he can tell she is holding back secrets that he is compelled to investigate. He senses that Cassie is secretly involved in a whole lot more than ranching. There is an instant attraction that later develops into love even though both are reluctant to admit it too quickly.

I really liked watching this couple learn to trust one another despite their secrets. The strong heroine had moments of vulnerability. Trent could be dominant but gentle and sweet when she needed it. There were plenty of steamy moments and erotic loveplay between the couple. Cassie was a different type of heroine with her unusual secret occupation. It was interesting that this alpha fell for a tough chick that wasn't necessarily his usual feminine type. Trent knew when to back off and when to push when she was stubborn or afraid of her feelings. He calmed her fears when she felt insecure about being different.

I love going on one of Victoria Paige's adventures. There are always government secrets and secret agents as well as scientists or dark characters who become so obsessed or empowered that they have lost their sense of reality and morality. Trent has Cassie's back every time when things get dicey. They support one another even while trying to meet their own agendas. I always enjoy the author's strong couples and how their journey turns into a wonderful commitment of the heart.

There are a lot of characters and plots to keep up with in this story, so you have to pay close attention to where things are going. The complicated storyline is intriguing, but it is the love story of this couple along the way that is so satisfying by the end. They really are meant for one another. I did not guess the final revelation of the identity of the real enemy at the end of the story. I like it when that happens. I was happy that there were no major triggers or separations with this couple that would pull me out of the story. Sometimes you just want a romantic suspense without any major distractions from other people interfering with the main couple's growing relationship.

I enjoyed the crossover connections from the author's other books that popped up in this story. That makes it fun for those who have read the author's other series. The epilogue had some cute scenes and a nice view down the road. I am looking forward to the next book couple in this series! Keep them coming Ms. Paige! I received an ARC for an honest review.

Jo says

“Don’t you know I need you to breathe?”

When sheriff Trent Stone's investigation into his predecessor's murder leads him to small town Misty Grove, he quickly learns that nothing is what it seems.

And his first encounter with Cassandra Reed isn't what he expected either, not the shotgun in his face, or his immediate attraction to the beautiful spitfire. She's unlike the women he's usually attracted to, she's tough and fearless, and the vulnerability in her eyes, makes it difficult to act professional, when all he wants to do is risk everything to protect her, to make her his.

When Cassie is hurt from a suspicious incident, Trent is determined to keep her safe, and to have her admit to the attraction that burns between them. But Cassie and the town are keeping secrets, secrets that threaten to take Cassie away from him. And Trent will have to decide how far he is willing to go down the rabbit hole to have the future he wants with Cassie.

His survival instincts were telling him to stay away from her, and yet every other cell in his body yearned to see her again.

He was fucked.

I freaking loved Trent and how protective and possessive he was over Cassie. I loved how bossy he was, and how she made him lose control and act like a caveman :-D He was so damn sexy!

Cassie has had a tough life, one that made it difficult for her to be normal, to be herself with others, especially with men. In Misty Town she had built a life surrounded by people who understood her, who were like her. But a relationship has never been in her plans, until she met Trent. No matter how hard she tried to push him away, he kept breaking down the walls she has built, proving that he accepted her for who she was.

"I love you so much, Cassie. I have this need to keep you safe, to be with you every minute of the day." He lowered his voice. "This need to be inside you every second. It's an obsession out of control and I don't give a fuck."

The chemistry between Trent and Cassie was intense, and I loved that Trent was instantly attracted to Cassie. He was determined to make her his, and he never gave up, and I love a man who knows what he wants and goes after it. The sexy times were scorching, especially with Trent's dirty talk ;-) And I loved the wonderful epilogue the author wrote. Their HEA was fantastic!

I loved the secrecy and mystery regarding the town and what exactly Cassie, her brother and the others were. The plot was suspenseful and intriguing and I loved all the action. I really hope there will be more books in this series, as there are many characters that I want to know what happens to.

This was my first book by this author, and it will definitely not be my last. It's rare to find a romantic suspense where the balance between the romance and suspense is perfect and kudos to the author for getting it right. A definitely must read for all RS fans.

Bev says

I love me a good romantic suspense that keeps me guessing. Add to this a hot, possessive alpha male, a strong, badass heroine that can handle herself with not a single TSTL moment in sight, a fab set of side characters that I can't wait to read more about and I'm in R/S nirvana.

I absolutely love the way Ms Paige writes her characters, especially her alpha males. Trent came very close to toppling MY Travis off his pedestal, and that took some doing :D

This is a brilliant start to a new series based in a small town and I can't wait to see the series build. There's a strong suspense story running through this book that gets tied up by the end although left open for side characters to get their stories.

And that's all you're getting from me so I'm not going to give anything away.

maggieandteddy says

Here's my review:

4.5 stars:

My birthday came a couple of weeks early! Great consolation (boo to birthdays! Yay to a great rom-suspense book).

Wow did this keep me on the edge of my seat! Whew!

This is 3rd person POV. There's a little prologue(set a few years prior) that really sets up the entire story. The story begins in present day, small town Georgia.

There are a LOT of characters. I really had to pay attention. Some played a huge role in the story. The heroine is a bad ass -that you could actually love. The Hero is very strong-alpha and KNOWS what he wants!

Trent to Cassie: "... The brilliance of your smile and that twinkle in your eye are enough to nourish my jaded soul. Whenever you leap into my arms after a long day at work, you wash away the weariness of the day. And my heart, God, my heart Cassie, it's so full to bursting because it knows you're my woman. You make me happy just being you." *sigh*

The heroine has some mystery about her. What is she up to? Who are the bad guys?

The Hero has some street smarts and knows how to use them.

I'm being vague-I don't like to give spoilers, so don't ask me.

I will say no cheating. There's a great love story in the chaos.

I mentioned the ## of characters. I thought that it was a little too many for me to remember. The big focus is the Hero & heroine- of course.

There's some violence-- and the Hero goes all out to protect the heroine.

I loved the epilogue. This hero and heroine were so compatible throughout the story. No push-pull crap. The romance was there -just being in the same room.

Great HEA. I'm ready for book 2. ARC copy from author. My review is my opinion.

PS: Wait! I should mention that I've read & loved Ms Paige's Guardian & Always series. All with swoony Hs and bad ass heroines (to some degree).

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

Perfect ott hero. This guy was everything I love. Lots of action and suspense and some really swoon worthy moments.

Vee Paige says

It's live and it's 99 cents for a limited time and it's on Kindle Unlimited (because I freaking love this service.)
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Kim says

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Sabah says

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I have read every book by Victoria Paige and I have loved every one of them. She is an auto buy author for me. I would literally read anything by her. They are always action packed, but the romance is always the main part.

Fighting Chance is no different. It is a perfect balance of romance and action. One of the things that I hate in a book is when Heroine make stupid assumptions about what Hero did and doesn't give him the chance to explain, but that doesn't happen in this one. Cassie might be my favorite Heroine of all time. She smart and vulnerable and can kick anyone ass. I usually love the hero but Cassie is something special. Trent is a perfect guy for Cassie. He is the perfect balance of alpha male and sweet. Yes I said sweet. I loved that he knew when to give Cassie her space and let her do her own thing and when to push her.

The secondary characters are amazing, because the whole town (view spoiler)

Laura Elizabeth says

Great new series from Victoria Paige. Secrets and agents!
