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A new romantic suspense series by New York Times and USA Today bestselling author K.M. Scott and Anina Collins!

Persephone Gilmore comes from a life of privilege. The oldest daughter of media mogul Marshall Gilmore, she grew up wanting for nothing. But her father taught her more than just how to make billions, and even though she could sit by the pool and eat bon bons every day for the rest of her life, she chooses to work as an ER nurse and live on her own away from the family estate and her father's security.

Then one night, those choices come back to haunt her.

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Renee says

I received a copy of this book from the author/publisher to review for Stephanie's Book Reports.

Persphone Gilmore comes from a life of privilege. The oldest daughter of media mogul Marshall Gilmore, she grew up wanting for nothing. But her father taught her more than just how to make billions, and even though she could sit by the pool and eat bon bons every day for the rest of her life, she chooses to work as an ER nurse and live on her own away from the family state and her father's security. Then one night, those choices come back to haunt her. Nick Hanson hasn't been truly happy since he left the FBI. Life as a hired gun for wealthy clients has paid well and made him very much in demand, but it isn't the same as the life he used to have. When Marshall Gilmore wants to hire him to rescue his daughter after she is taken hostage by a terrorist group, he agrees, but to save her, he will have to go undercover and become one of them. It's dangerous work but he knows what to expect and he's never been one to turn down a challenge. What starts out as just another case turns into something much more, and Nick finds out just how much he is willing to do to save Persephone.

I really loved this book. Persephone Gilmore has grown up with never wanting for anything thanks to her father being a billionaire. She however decided to wanted to forge her own trail and became an ER nurse and lives away from her father and his security guards. However I am betting the night she gets kidnapped she is wishing that she had those guards with her. Her dad turns to Nick Hanson who use to work for the FBI and is now making a living as a hired gun. Nick is more than happy to go undercover and infiltrate the militia group but he still has the task of getting Persephone to trust him. This is where everything gets crazy and they are both sent into darkness and neither one of them is sure if they will ever find the light again. This book is dark and gritty and will keep you on the edge of your seat. And the ending.....that's all I am going to say. I for one can not wait for the next book in this series to come out. I am sure I will devour it just like I did this one.

Beyond The Covers Blog says

Persephone Gilmore wanted to make a way for herself in life without living off her father's money. All of that was great till the night she was kidnapped as she was leaving work at the hospital. Nick Hanson left the FBI and now works as a hired gun. When Persephone Gilmore's father calls him to get his daughter back Nick takes the case because it's the exact kind of work that gets his adrenaline pumping. After inserting himself into a militia type group now Nick must get Persephone to trust him and realize that he really is there to help her. With a turn of horrific events the two are pulled into the darkness and neither are sure if they will ever be able to find the light again.

K.M. Scott is an exceptional story teller and has once again out done herself with In the Darkness. A harrowing story of kidnapping, abuse, trust, betrayal and forgiveness, In the Darkness pushes the social boundaries beyond what most would find acceptable to write about. This is an exceptional book that makes you want to keep turning the pages, so you can find out what happens next but at the same time wishing the story wouldn't end. Luckily Scott promises to continue the story with a second book telling the next installment of Project Artemis. As with all K.M. Scott's books, the reader will NOT be disappointed

Jennifer Pierson says

In *The Darkness* was a story that hit the ground running and never slowed down. It was the perfect beginning to what I truly believe will be an amazing new series, and I'm already addicted. I'm already in love with K.M. Scott's brilliant writing style, but haven't read Anina Collins before, but I know that they meshed together perfectly with this exciting story that kept my heart racing cover to cover. See, Persephone Gilmore comes from a family with lots of money, and while they aren't over bearing, but she still wants to do good in the world on her own. So she's an independent woman, who lives in an apartment, and works in a hospital as a nurse, when she's kidnapped out of the parking lot. Her father has the FBI involved, but they can't find her, and so he pays the ransom, but the kidnappers still don't give her back. That's when Nick Hanson is hired to bring her home. Nick has to go undercover, as part of the terrorist group holding her, and as he's on the job, she becomes more than just the job to him, but he has to get her home safely first, before he can figure what is going on in his head. Again, this was an exciting read, because going undercover makes for an edge of the seat experience, since at any point, things can go south. And while this is classified as romantic suspense, it's hard to find alone time when being held hostage, but Nick & Persephone did get to know each other under extreme conditions, so there wasn't a lot of time for games. I sang colorful metaphors quite a bit throughout this story, because it was gritty since kidnapping is no joke. Now I'm going to end this review because if I go on any longer, spoiler douchery could make an appearance, so I absolutely CANNOT WAIT for the next book in this awesome new series, and HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO ALL!

K.M. Scott says

I can't wait for readers to get a hold of the Project Artemis novels because Anina Collins and I have loved writing them! If you love your heroes Alpha, your heroines strong, and your romance full of danger and suspense, then this is the series for you. :)

Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

???????STARS.

ARC BOOK REVIEW

Release Date-24/4/18

So this was my first experience with this author and I am pleased to say I really enjoyed this first book in the "Project Artemis" series.

I found "Into The Darkness" to be really fast paced and you were immersed into the action right from the get-go.

The two main characters here were great, liked them both very much.

Persephone was a strong woman, totally unspoiled by her silver spoon upbringing.

I'm not quite sure how correct that would be in real-life but for the basis of this story, it was something I ultimately adored most about her.

The male lead Nick was also a really relatable individual and I liked him equally as much.

It was really great to see the relationship develop slowly between Persephone and Nick as they each realise they only have each other to rely on in this dangerous situation.

"In the Darkness" set itself up for future books in this series really nicely.

I am so looking forward to seeing how this plays out.

My only slight issues here (which is the main reason I removed a star) was I felt too much time was spent setting the scene for future stories.

I would have preferred the spotlight ultimately to remain more on our two lovers and less on future events.

I do understand why this was needed though.

My second slight peeve was I wasn't a great fan of a certain scene between Persephone and Nick.

I didn't think it added anything special to the storyline and was just there ultimately for overall shock value.

And lastly, I'm not sure why everyone was bandying Stockholm syndrome around?

Correct me if I am wrong but Stockholm is all about falling for your captor, well technically Nick was Persephone's White Knight/rescuer, not her Jailor so Stockholm should never be in the equation DUH!!!

Unless I'm ultimately missing something there.

So that's it, folks.

It's been a while since I have read a good romantic suspense and this one ticked all my boxes.

This was a great read that I recommend giving it a go.

Thank You to the Author for providing me with an ARC of "In The Darkness (Project Artemis #1)" of which I have reviewed voluntarily.

All opinions expressed are entirely my own.

Reviewed By Beckie Bookworm

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Crystal's Book World ~ Crystal Cordova says

After reading In The Darkness, I was left speechless and with a lot of thoughts running through my head.

K.M. Scott is my go to author when I need something a little dark and a whole lot of sexy. When I say dark, I mean you come out of her book world a little bruised in the soul because of what the characters go through and the sacrifices they make. This is a co-written book by a new to me author Anina Collins. Together, these two authors bring a new series that I was sucked into right away.

Persephone is one of the strongest heroines I have read in a long time. She is independent and completely down to earth. She has a nursing career and the instincts to help those in need regardless of her background. Before she knows it, the unexpected happens and she becomes a prisoner of a militia group that have nothing but hatred and anger. When Nick comes into the story, I knew he was the man Persephone needed to survive. His confidence and alpha attitude meant he was going to do what he had too. Then a heartbreaking event shatters me. Just like the characters, I was conflicted of it being horrible and trying to understand it was to free them at the same time.

The ending was not expected after what these characters went through. Honestly, the way Nick came out of

the rescue mission, you felt a piece of him died behind the walls of the captors. I was unsure of Persephone would be able to lead them both out of the dark. The idea Persephone brings is hopeful and bold. Project Artemis is here and ready to fight the bad and ugly out in the world. I was left a little wounded, but I stayed with the feeling that this book is a start to an amazing series!!!

Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says

This is the first book in a new series, starting off with tension and drama that caught my attention right away.

Persephone is a rich man's daughter but not a pampered rich girl. Working as a nurse has exposed her to all walks of life and, unfortunately, the aftermath of all types of violence. Even all that experience could not have prepared her for this...

Nick is hired to rescue Persephone, another case in a career he is struggling to find fulfillment in. Nothing could have prepared him for her...

I really enjoyed this romantic suspense which had characters easy to relate to. Given her situation, it was easy to feel close to Persephone. Her strength was being cruelly tested as she shared her fears and understandable horror at her kidnapping. Nick made a warm and empathetic rescuer as he balanced his mission with the needs of a woman in a no-win situation. Their bonding was hard-won and had unexpected twists, making their relationship something they would both have to fight for.

I did struggle with the quickness of their relationship, given the extraordinary circumstances and events that took place. It's not that I didn't want them to work things out, I liked their characters and the way they found each other in the midst of hell, I just needed to feel their connection more and understand it better.

The authors' writing style, and the glimpse into the intriguing characters to come in this series, will have me coming back for more.

Hanne says

Persephone is kidnapped by a group of men that despises everything her dad is. The men aren't friendly to her. Persephone's dad will do anything to save his daughter. When the police gets stuck, her dad hires Nick. Nick was a FBI agent and he has done a lot of undercover work. Nick will save Persephone.

Persephone is a great character! She is strong, determined, passionate, smart and hardworking. Persephone can't believe what she's happening to her and she hopes to be rescued soon. She isn't sure what to think about Nick at the beginning and that's understandable. She soon realizes that he's different and she slowly trusts him. Nick is Persephone's light in this dark time.

Nick is also a great character! He's strong, protective, smart and a little closed off. He's also patient with Persephone and tries hard to earn her trust. He would do anything to save Persephone. Nick will become very supportive of Persephone's dreams after saving her. I really liked Persephone and Nick together. It wasn't rushed and it felt right.

In The Darkness is a suspenseful romance. It was even a little dark sometimes. But I won't have minded more suspense. It felt like the suspense was suddenly over and the focus was then on Project Artemis. I love the idea of Project Artemis and it's a good name for this series. In The Darkness is an amazing start of this series. I can't wait for the next (standalone) novel. It sounds great and I'm already intrigued by the main male characters who I've met in this novel.

-- My honest review is based on an advanced reader copy of this book. --

Dri ☆ says

★ 2 stars!!! ★

Eu não sei exatamente o que dizer sobre esse livro...

A princípio, achei a Persephone uma personagem forte. Consegui sentir uma simpatia por ela devido a tudo o que passou durante o tempo em que esteve cativa e a merce de seus sequestradores. No entanto, houve momentos em que suas atitudes me irritaram muito. Achei alguns de seus "chiliques" infantis demais, inadequados até. Mas por outro lado compreendi que a situação em si era de extremo stress, traumática e que não posso esperar que a pessoa se comporte de maneira sensata a todo instante.

Nick tem a missão de se infiltrar entre os sequestradores e salvar Persephone. Gostei do seu personagem e a forma que ele a tratou a maior parte do tempo que conviveram juntos.

De fato, os dois criaram um ligação em meio a todo esse caos, porém, justamente pela circunstância, não consigo enxergar como amor. Faltou ver mais os dois juntos, um foco maior no relacionamento deles.

A história tem uma reviravolta que me deixou com sentimentos duvidosos e com certeza criará um conflito entre os leitores, causará um desconforto considerável. Há quem compreenderá, há quem julgará e não aceitará... não tenho uma opinião concreta em relação a isso e ainda estou ponderando essa parte...

Deixo claro que minha nota não é baseada apenas nessa questão e sim na soma dos pontos que me incomodaram.

A narrativa é boa, entretanto em algumas partes achei que ficou repetitiva e arrastada, o que causou uma certa dificuldade em manter o ritmo e foco na leitura.

E na minha opinião, devido os elementos abordados, a trama merecia um cuidado, uma delicadeza e sensibilidade mais precisa.

Brenda says

Nick an ex FBI agent who gets hired for dangerous jobs by infiltrating and getting lost or kidnapped victims to take them back safely. And when he gets a call on a job it changes him completely. Persephone a daughter of very rich man with many media networks and businesses she is the type that wants to be out on her own and make her own way. She studied to be a nurse and rented her own apartment far away from her family's estate. Persephone is kidnapped but forever she is changed from the outcome. It's sad and unfortunate for

what she goes thru but she is an overcomer and has a different mindset in which she becomes the founder of project Artemis. I loved it! Can't wait to read more of the guys that became a part of my the project Artemis.

Amanda McCalip says

In The Darkness which is the first installment of Project Artemis had me turning pages from the second I started it. I literally could not put my tablet down. There was mystery, there was heartache, there was twists and turns, but ultimately there was love. I absolutely enjoyed every second of this read and it was my first introduction to both of these authors. They collaborated beautifully. Some books you can tell which author has done what but this book absolutely flowed from first to last page.

Persephone and Nick go through quite the journey together. Persephone has been kidnapped and Nick who is an ex FBI agent, is hired by her father to rescue her. Ultimately these two connect because of what they are experiencing together and are each the only light in each others day until he is forced to do something to ultimately try to protect her from the men who kidnapped her. (Sorry I won't leave a spoiler, you'll just have to read!) I was questioning whether they would get through the rest of the book still intact but I wasn't left disappointed. I got my answers and then some!

I can't wait to see what the next installment of the Project Artemis series brings our way! An absolute 5 star dark read!

K.M. Scott says

I'm the author, so I'm a big fan of this book. ;) Anina and I can't wait for readers to meet the men of Project Artemis! <3

Debbie Collins says

"In The Darkness" is the first book in the Project Artemis series and all I can say is WOW, this series is starting off with a bang. This book grabbed me from the very first page and kept a hold on me until the last page was turned. The danger and suspense started off right there in chapter one, and had me squirming and holding my breath waiting to see what happened next.

Persephone Gilmore the heroine in this book is far from a spoiled little rich girl, she is a nurse, strong, confident, determined and a fighter. She stands tall and proud for the people and the things that she believes in. Nick Hanson is the hero in this book, former FBI, confident, tough, alpha male and also determined. He will do whatever he has to do to protect Persephone, to get her out of danger and home safely. No matter what it takes he will protect her.

If you love romance with a side of suspense, danger, drama and passion thrown in then you have to read this book. It is absolutely amazing, with all the feels, and I cannot wait for the next book in this series. Romantic suspense at it's best!!

Suzanne says

Two words when it comes to this story. Mind. Blown. I devoured it, honestly wishing there was more! This collaboration between Scott and Collins is utter perfection. You get passion but there is so much more to it. You get raw emotions, that are heartstopping and at times earth shattering as you navigate this journey that Persephone and Nick are thrown into. The one thing I absolutely loved about this story is Persephone. She is a real fighter and she does things in her own way. She doesn't rely on what her family can do for her but she is in good standing with them. She does the job she wants and doesn't back down. Then we have Nick who is tough as nails to get the job done but also has an emotional past. These two thrown together, you get a ride of your life. There are moments you may not like but for me, it made this story so much more real. Like this is actually happening or could happen. Nick does everything in his power to keep Persephone safe no matter the cost. The struggle he goes through is heartbreaking but I love how persisting Persephone is with him. Overall, this is an epic start to an amazing series and I cannot wait for more. There is a slew of emotions plus amazing suspense that keeps you on your toes begging for more! I have been a huge fan of Scott's work for years, and now Collins has a new one as I go devour more from them!

Ruby says

I read this book in one day! It is suspenseful and romantic. The excitement starts on the very first page and it is fast paced through to the last page.

The characters are amazing. There is no meek, little woman in this story. The hero is handsome, sexy, confident, brave, smart, sensitive and has a good heart. The heroine, like the hero, is brave, smart and has a good heart. Together they are an unbeatable team.

The story is well told and held my interest for the entire book!
