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When the past collides with the present, the only way to ensure the future lies in the ultimate kill...

Naomi McCall is a woman of many secrets. Her family has been murdered and she's been forced into hiding. No one knows her past or her real name, not even the man she loves.

Jake Tyler, former Marine and the newest recruit to the private criminal investigation agency, CORE, has been in love with a woman who never existed. When he learns about the lies Naomi has weaved, he's ready to leave her—until an obsessed madman begins sending her explosive messages every hour on the hour.

Innocent people are dying. With their deaths, Naomi's secrets are revealed and the truth is thrust into the open. All but one. Naomi's not sure if Jake can handle a truth that will change their lives. But she is certain of one thing—the only way to stop the killer before he takes more lives is to make herself his next victim.

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Cindy says

Favorite Quotes:

“Tears welled in her eyes and slid down her cheeks. Her stomach grew nauseous and she tasted bile. Lightheaded, she closed her eyes. “He knows the only man I’ve ever loved was him.” “And Naomi knows I love her, no matter what you did to her.”

“Right thing put Harry on row of death.” Harrison looked at Vlad, who chuckled. “Kidding. Vlad know it Death Row. Vlad also know it where Harry heads. But...” He took a long drag off the cigarette. “We do this. Vlad and Harry, we do this. Then go look at pretty women in bikinis.”

“Vlad lowered his weapon. “Honey Badger need to shut the fuck up. Vlad grow tired of Talky Tina.” “Chatty Cathy,” Harrison said, running a hand through his hair. “Damn it, Vlad. I was supposed to—”

This was given to me I exchange for an honest review.

This is a story a woman who would do anything for the man she loves. Naomi aka Rose has been through hell and back and then some. She is a woman who love jack but cannot be with him due to her past. She is on the run and changed her name so her enemy could not find her or so she thought. When she left Jake she thought she would never see him again but he found her and wants answers. Will she tell him her secrets? Or will she destroy the second chance they have? Will her enemy finally find her? Will he take away the only person she has left that she loves?

This is a story that I loved. This story will make you angry, sad, happy, and ready to kill and cry. Lots of action, sex, love, sex, oh and hot sexy men and of course plenty of bad guys. The story flows and the way it is written it makes you feel like you are part of the story. It is a page turner; you don't want to put it down. I cannot wait til the next book in the series comes out.

Laura Thomas says

Jake finally found Naomi, after five years of searching. Taking a job at CORE, a private investigation company allowed him better access to information. He liked his job and was good at it. Using his new position and his former training as a Marine, he tracked her down. Now, he only has to ask her, why? Why, when they'd planned to be married, have children, grow old together, did she run?

Naomi is shocked when she looks into the eyes of the man she loves. She knew the day could come when he'd find her, but she's still not prepared. How does she explain leaving him, running and hiding from him? She can't tell him the truth. About how a monster killed her parents and her brother. A man who'll stop at nothing to possess her. Jake would have wanted to hunt the man down. And she couldn't risk losing him to.

Jake still loved Naomi, Lisa, or whatever her name was. They'd been together for three years before she vanished. They'd planned on getting married, having children, and growing old together. Those feelings were still there, as binding as ever, but he's disappointed. She's still lying to him. Still trying to protect him.

Mickey has got himself and his twin brother, Harrison, into something really bad. Harrison should have broken this chain some time ago. Mickey pulls him into a job, it goes bad, they end up in prison. Only this time, it won't be a stay behind bars. It'll be a permanent dirt nap.

Harrison has a good idea what the devices he helped plant across the country will do, if not the reason why. Only a select few know that, and they never allow the brothers to be alone. It can end only one way. Especially after they meet the boss face to face, and recognize him.

The boss is a very influential, famous man, with an insatiable need for power and that one woman he needs to possess, if only to break her. No one defies him, not even her.

Ultimate Kill has it all. A megalomaniac sacrificing countless innocents just to get that one woman. Two brothers caught in the middle, trying to get out alive. And the woman, trying to hide, to stay alive, and the man who loves her, who'll do whatever it takes to protect her.

Lots of action, suspense, and some steamy sex scenes will keep you riveted, as the ultimate finale rushes at you. Brace yourself for the Ultimate Kill.

I received this book for my honest review.

Jennifer Clausen-greene says

Oh my gosh, I LOVED this book and have high anticipation for the rest of the series. Everything you could want in a great mystery you can find here in these pages. Great characters, twists and turns throughout , excellent plot, murder, sex, intrigue, romance-the book has it all.

This has to be one of the most twisted and evil villains I have read in a while, who takes stalking to a whole new level. Not only is he not the standard stalker, he is rich, sadistic and powerful as well. Cannot wait to read the other books by Kristine.

I received a free copy of this book/Ebook/Product to review. I was not required to write a positive review nor was I compensated in any other way. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the FTC Regulations.

Danielle Gypsy Soul says

This is the first book in the Ultimate Core Trilogy but really the 4th book because of the 3 books in Core Shadows which follows the same investigative group. This book centers around Jack and Naomi. Naomi,

walked out on Jake (the sherriff from Shadow of Vengeance) five years ago and he was never exactly sure why. He is finally able to track down where she is and goes to confront her to get closure. Naomi has been in hiding since she was nineteen years old when a psychotic billionaire, Christian, became obsessed with her. Christian spends unlimited resources looking for her but can't find her so he decides to bring her to him by sending her a message she can't refuse.

THis book had a lot of characters, not only is there Christian but he has three "henchmen" who play a fairly big role in the book. Christian also decides to kidnap two brothers, who he previously hired to set up bombs that can be remotely set to explode at anytime (although they are unaware of exactly what they are doing.)

I loved Shadow of Vengeance but I had a really hard time getting into this book. Maybe because it kept jumping around from character to character so much. Christian, the henchmen, the two kidnapped brothers all had as much time as Jake and Naomi. So I had a hard time connecting with Jake and Naomi's romance. It just got bogged down in the details of the setup for me. Plus Christian was such an over the top evil villian I didn't buy into it. I think I the book was almost half way over before Naomi told Jake why she ran and who her stalker was. There just wasn't enough of a connection felt between Naomi and Jake. We were told they were very much in love in the past but we didn't get to experience any of that and because the book focused on so many characters we didn't see their relationship reconnect. They reunite, are still lusting after each other, have trust issues and decide to forgive each other in a very short space of time and quite frankly pages. This book had a lot of potential and it was ok but I have come to expect more from Kristine Mason then okay. This book was more thriller than romantic suspense. If you want to read about a horrendous villian then this would be a really good book for you but if you're looking for a romantic suspense it doesn't really fit the bill.

Sherry Fundin says

OMG. WOW. Fantastic. Amazing. Sizzling and suspenseful. Need I go on? ^_^ Okay, I will.

Kristine Mason's thrillers are gripping and intense. I put her writing up there with the very best in her field.

As I open my Kindle and begin to read, I know some of what is to come and eagerly anticipate the adventure. Exactly what will happen and how is why I am so eager to delve into another Kristine Mason novel. It started with murder, a troubled love affair, a dangerous, jilted lover and ended with.....

Ultimate Kill may be her best work yet. It grabbed me from the beginning and never let me relax. The pacing makes me race through the pages. Whew, I can relax with the characters and enjoy a moment, uh oh, here we go again, racing through the pages, dying to know what is coming.

Ian, the head of CORE, had manipulated Jake into joining the company. That seemed to be one of Ian's best skills, getting people to do things. Now, between jobs and with time on his hands, Jake is determined to find Naomi. She had vanished, but he had never forgotten her and wanted what Rachel and Owen, and the other CORE couples had. He had to know what happened before he could move on.

Naomi didn't realize that Rachel had found her and told Jake. Surely he wasn't still looking for her. She had given up everything to escape the evil lurking in wait for her and him. If Jake found her, so could HE. It had

taken all she had to leave him. When she saw Jake, the past came rushing back and her defenses fell. She could not let him go again. But, how could she keep him safe? She was being given a second chance to really live again and it was time to end all the lies and running. It is time to go on the offensive.

HE had given her everything.

She had rejected him and for that she would pay the Ultimate price.

How far will people go to have what they desire?

HE is a narcissist and feels nothing for anyone. It is all about him and what he wants. No one was going to cross him and get away with it. He is rich and money can buy many things. Can it buy the presidency? How bad is he? How bad is a honey badger? He is vicious. We could call him the billionaire badger. Nothing wrong with a little humor along with the evil.

Kristine Mason talks about some of the weird critters in the south. I love it. They do appear to be prehistoric and if you haven't seen them before they can be quite frightening. I know how I felt the first time I saw an armadillo and the large flying cockroaches. With the bad, comes the good. The south has lush and colorful gardens, a visual extravaganza of color. I live in the south and enjoy the gardens and fight the cockroaches on a daily basis, so it is easy to visualize and walk with the characters through the pages.

I think I know what will happen. A little love and a little murder, but there is so much more. Every time I thought the end was coming, Kristine would be off on another route and I wondered where I was going. I didn't think it could get more intense, but she revs it up a notch, and has me hanging my by my fingertips on the edge of the cliff, saying what the hell could happen next?

I am a huge TV fanaholic. I would love to see the CORE novels as a series of TV shows, or movies. It reminds me of Leverage. Hmmmm, now who would be the cast members?

Ashley Wright says

I had high hopes for this book since it got such high reviews. When I saw that this was a thriller I expected to be on the edge of my seat. For me it didn't start picking up until a little more than half way through the book. The first half could be summarized in 10 - 20 pages or so. The man obsessed with Naomi is definitely a psycho and sociopath and to find out what happened to him was my main reason for finishing this book. I skim read quite a few sections to get to the real meat of the book. Overall this book had a pretty decent ending but getting to it was somewhat of a struggle.

Paula Harp says

I really loved this book. The characters had real depth and the villian was twisted. Naomi is a very strong woman, she has been stalked for eight years and had her family murdered by the stalker. And this is not just any stalker, this is rich, influential man. What he does to make her come out of hiding is unreal!!! I don't want to give out spoilers but "What the...?" Jake is with Core, an investigative agency. He and Naomi were engaged until she ran away 5 years ago, he has found her and wants to why? This book is an awesome, twists

and turns, going into Naomi's back story and into the plot to bring her out of hiding.
<http://harpsromancebookreview.com>

Cindy ~ says

If you looking for a different twist on the romantic suspense genre this author sure gives it. Yes you have the main RS couples that are in jeopardy but the killer and other characters that help the bad guy get just as much face time and you even find yourself having sympathy for them. Now the killer is always sick and twisted in a Kristine Mason book and this one is no exception.

The core of the story is about a woman who has been on the run for 8 years from a man who wiped out her family over his obsession with her. During that time she met a man and fell in love but not wanting to lose another person she loved she eventually ran from him.

Jake Tyler was a sheriff in a small town when he met and fell in love with Naomi and was heartbroken when she left without a word. He now works for CORE a private criminal investigation agency and has just gotten a lead on where Naomi is. Problem is he isn't the only one looking for her. To draw her out her the bad guy thinks nothing of blowing people up. The killer is a vile man.

Your captivated throughout as you read to get to the conclusion with the numerous action and suspense scenes along with a great romance.

Read Ng says

This was a Goodreads giveaway win.

This book is also subtitled as book one of a trilogy, but appears to me to be a complete story all on its own. Also, there appeared to be a few minor editing oversights. I'm not a book editor, so if I caught them, I hate to think how many more are out there.

This started out with some very steamy, erotic love scenes. Not at all what I was expecting. Then, the second half switched to some relatively good and tense action sequences.

But why does a girl admit that she is not on the pill shortly before sex, if in fact, she already knows that she is sterile and incapable of having kids anyway. How does that make for better sex?

Mason doesn't seem to be very subtle in her work. The sex was pretty graphic. It's not my typical reading material. Then it switched to a suspense story, with a villain that was just so over the top, he was not very believable. Jumping from the hot sex to the action suspense, just did not strike the correct chord for me. Mason has some good ideas, but needs to be less descriptive some times and let the reader's imagination fill in some of the details.

I won't be placing for the rest of the series very high on my to read list.

Have a Goodreads.

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

2.5stars

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Ever since Jake's fiancée walked out on him five years ago he has been wondering what exactly went wrong. He's feelings for her have not wavered and when he finally discovers where she went, he can't help confronting her and getting some closure. Naomi has been in hiding since she was nineteen years old when a billionaire with very high connections and a psychotic bent became obsessed with her. Naomi, formerly named Rose Wood, has lost her parents and brother to Christian, her murderous stalker. Christian not only has limitless means to search for her but also a trio of henchman that include a sadistic right hand man, knife wielding Colombian, and coldhearted Russian. When hired private investigator after hired private investigator fail to unearth her, Christian decides to bring his Rose to him. Kidnapping two brothers, who aren't fully aware of what they are doing, the Colombian and Russian take them on a cross country trip setting up bombs that can be remotely set to explode at anytime. The locations all have the words rose and wood in some capacity in common; Naomi gets the message. After Naomi informs Jake of why she left him, fearing for his safety, he in turn tells her about the elite investigating group he works for, C.O.R.E. With the help of CORE's resources a plan is devised to turn Naomi over to Christian and get the evidence they need to show he is behind the domestic terrorist attacks while still keeping Naomi safe.

The beginning of this started off very slow, the first hundred pages or so could have been edited down to around forty so that the story could get to the point. It was around the 42% mark that I felt it finally started to pick up and I became more invested. This was the point where Naomi had told Jake everything and Christian had devised his plan, story arcs were being put in motion. Half, if not more, of the book focuses on Christian and how narcissistic and demented he truly is, from how he treats his wife to the little tasks he has his right hand man complete. There is also a focus on the two kidnapped brothers, with the "smart" brother getting many povs shown. I would classify this book as solidly thriller because of these focuses.

As Jake and Naomi's relationship started and developed in a past the reader doesn't get to see, their love connection isn't felt. They reunite, are hot for each other, have trust issues, and then decide any past lies told are to be forgiven. Jake is said to be a former Marine, tough, protective, and love Naomi, a very common thriller romance hero. He, unfortunately, for being set up as a main character was one of the least interesting. His thoughts, feelings, and actions revolve only around wanting the truth from Naomi, being hot for Naomi, and working to rescue Naomi; there is no real depth to him. Naomi is a more flushed out character with her pain and fear described and shown very well but gets overwhelmed by the very circumstances that are put in to make you care for her. Together, they were fairly mediocre and I never felt invested in their relationship.

There were a lot of characters highlighted in this story which did add a little something to the story at times but as it was to the detriment of what was supposed to be the main couple, I think they could have been edited out. The terrorist bombings arc brought tension and a set pace but what was supposed to be the stars of the show lacked depth, which lead to disinterested reading at times. If looking for more of a thriller read with a villain who is not shy about showing his monstrous side and a snippet of romantic relationship this could be a go to.

Andrea Samar says

Naomi is a strong woman who was forced into hiding since her "ex-boyfriend" became a stalker, murdered her family and did other horrible stuff. She's never been able to establish herself and feel totally safe. She met Jake a couple of years after she ran away and changed her identity. But then she got scared and ran away again. Jake was so in love with her that he didn't forget her and 5 years later, he finds her and talks to her.

Naomi thinks that since 8 years had passed and she has never heard of her stalker again, she was safe. But then, the same day Jake visits her and finds out all the truth about the woman Naomi was, the stalker begins sending her messages by exploiting bombs and killing a bunch of innocent people per hour.

Naomi knows she has no choice but to go to him, but Jake is not willing to let her go again. And so it begins.

It's a long, heavy book, I should warn you that. The beginning is a little confusing but when you move on in your reading you begin to understand it all.

Naomi is a strong woman and Jake is a decisive strong man, they both make a cute couple and I liked them as characters, but I think they were very repetitive sometimes... maybe it was because all the situation was mortal but I heard a lot of "I love you no matter what" "We'll be together forever" "Always" "I promise" "Nothing will change my feelings for you" and they said it so much it seemed they were trying to convince themselves, not their partner. Aside from that, it was a good thriller, if a bit predictable it had some good stuff. Not as bloody as it may sound because, even though it had some creepy scenes, I expected a little bit of more... torture, I don't know. Maybe I'm a sadist.

I liked all the characters, Harrison and Vlad were awesome too. Christian, Santiago and Richard... well, I was scared from them but I liked Santiago in a way.

The story was good, original, a little too much dramatic and romantic and with a lot of action. And I'm going to repeat again, maybe not too long but very heavy, less dialogue and more descriptions that were too long for me. Maybe the author should have made the reading a bit more concise but that's my opinion.

At the very end it became really predictable (except for two seconds that really shocked me). I liked it but it was super dramatic. Anyway, it was a good book, not the best book about criminals but pretty good. I recommend it to everyone with a little sadistic vein lover of good criminal novels.

Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says

Too many ideas and stereotypes rattling around in this romantic suspense to make it work for me.

2.5 stars.

Sue Stewart says

Outstanding romantic suspense. Naomi's story had me on the edge of my seat, wringing my hands, heart beating - just waiting to see when the horror would fall.

Need me a Jake.

Can't wait to read Ultimate Fear!

Ellen says

What are your options when someone is so besotted by you he will do anything to get you back. Kill your parents, your brother and then sends a message to you by carrying out hourly bombings in a variety of places to get your attention. Naomi was at last in a happy relationship which she hoped would become permanent and lead to marriage and a family of her own. This was not to be her fate a cruel, sadistic person wants her for his own plaything, he did have her for a while but then she had had enough of his cruelty and ran. Now 8 years later he is still looking for her and will not let anything get into the way of his plans. .

Honey Bear was indescribable in his taunts and cruelty which he inflicted on anyone who questioned his authority or his means to an end. Great read, had the reader engrossed right to the last page. Very punchy in places. Kristine Mason really captures you in her writing and does not let go easily.

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

This was an unexpectedly delicious surprise. I had done a promo post back at the end of April for Ultimate Kill and was intrigued, but at the time, I was just swamped, so I didn't pick up the review option. Well, I had some spare time (or so my deluded mind lead me to believe) and went back for a closer look. Wow!! I am soooooo very glad I made the time, or stole the time or hell, just neglected something else to have the time to read this book. Although really, even though this was a hefty chunk of suspense, it just flew by. I read it first word to last period in one sitting. This novel is positively gripping.

Entire review posted at <http://ragesexandteddybears.blogspot....>
