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Everyone has secrets, even the leader of the free world.

Even his wife.

I was Ophelia Harris, America's youngest First Lady.

Now I'm America's Widow, and my husband's secrets continue to haunt me.

They continue to threaten my life.

I'm supposed to grieve with the world and keep up the façade of the perfect marriage and the perfect life.

But I can't.

Because of him.

Cruz Solano, the man I can never have and the only one I'll ever want.

## Against Protocol Details

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# From Reader Review Against Protocol for online ebook

## Kinky Minx says

Thanks to the author for the generous ARC in exchange of honest review.

So the Protocol series is a second chance romance to me. So the story starts with Lia and Cruz, way back in high school. As the start of a story, this is really steamy hot!!! I mean I can tell the chemistry between them just sparks right away and lovely. Cruz always says he does not do relationship but Lia is so different he broke the rule for her but love didn't always work out well. Cruz left Lia sixteen years ago, Lia is heartbroken, Cruz meant the world to her and she believes that the feeling is mutual. But time flies, Lia married the President and became the first lady, but life didn't do her good at all. The love in her marriage was long gone before the President was assassinated. Lia feels like someone will kill her too, and . . . here goes the cliffhanger.

Oh Cruz came back as a bodyguard for Lia, but both of them feel the tension between, nothing really changed, the love is still there, lying in between the thin wall. . .

I won't say I'm absolutely excited about this book but somehow the relationship between Cruz and Lia is very interesting and what kept me going is I wonder at the end can Cruz and Lia be together?

I will give 4 stars for the start and 2.9 stars for the rest of the story. Hopefully, the next one will be better.

Going to my next in line > > > Broken Protocol

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## Brandy Roberts says

WOW another amazing book by Eden Butler love everything this author writes she always has me on my toes along with my heart dropping and lifting and just putting me through on a emotional ride that I don't want to get off on . Against Protocol is the first book in the Protocol series and ends in a semi cliffhanger if this is the first story that you read by the author you need one click all of her other books as soon as possible . The sexual tension between the couple is off the charts HOT they really know how to bring it can't wait to see what's to come for their future even though I am a bit scared so can't wait .

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hero=9 heroine=9 secondary characters=9

Chemistry=9 steam=6 romance= 5

humor=3 darkness level=4 action=4 mystery=4

enjoyment=10 angst=4 story line=10 Story ending=9

character development=10 pacing=9

cover=10 stars=4.5

Genre =

Is this part of a series =yes the Protocol series book one

Can it be read as a standalone =first one

would I recommend this book=yes

would I re read this book=yes

would I read future books by this author=yes

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### **MJ says**

Eden Butler starts the Protocol series with a bang! I love that this is a very different kind of story. A love that is denied. A love that is forbidden. And all of this happening as the First Lady of the United States is suddenly a widow.

We get the backstory as well when Lia and Cruz first meet in college, have a whirlwind romance and then part suddenly. As we are now in the present, of course when the former first lady now needs protection more than ever as she resumes her civilian life, who is assigned to her detail? The man who would forever be the love of her life.

Wow. This little gem of a book does not hold back as Lia and Cruz are forced to be together again, all the while the man who killed the President is still on the loose. I like that this series is in 3 shorter segments and Butler does a great job in giving us everything we need without dragging the beginnings of this tale out. The heat between Cruz and Lia is insane and I know it's only a matter of time before they pick up right where they left off.

I cannot wait for the 2nd book as the story heats up both in and out of the bedroom and secrets will most certainly be revealed.

Really well done, I happily give Against Protocol a solid 5 stars!

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### **Kylee says**

This first part in The Protocol series will have you completely hooked. Against Protocol is a short read but it packs a punch and will have you falling in love with Lia and Cruz. As their story begins you will be caught up in the secrets, lies, rules and most importantly protocols. It is steamy, mesmerizing and will leave you in a spin. Bring on part 2 because I have so many questions.

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### **DJ Sakata says**

Favorite Quotes:

You silence the noise.

Martha Wilkens, a veteran former First Lady nearing her seventies, pulled me aside to inform me that my husband's wayward cock was "the nature of the job."

My Review:

Sizzle and snap – this story is smokin' hot and taut with tension and terse exchanges. Written in my favorite

dual POV yet mainly composed of angsty narrative from insightful inner dialogue and heart-squeezing memories told out of order while both main characters live out a pretense of social, political, and security protocols – hence the title. I am intrigued, thoroughly hooked, and grateful I have all installments loaded on my Kindle as I would be pulling my hair out otherwise. And courtesy of Ms. Butler's strong word voodoo, I am also consumed with an overwhelming desire for gumbo. There goes my diet – again!

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### **Tanya says**

what a tease this first part is....in a good way.

I would have given it 5 stars but there were a few places I got confused as to the timeline/where we were. Overall when I got past that in the first chapter it was sooth sailing.

16 years ago these two had a short fling which they both knew would end, 10 years later they meet again, things happen. Now nothing stands between these 2, except his job as the agent in charge of her security and the 1 secret he is keeping from her.

The 2 full out sex scenes were HOT, but the flirting and teasing through out is just as hot.

I can't wait to see what Eden has in store for the next 2 parts and thankfully we don't have to wait long either :)

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### **Dri ☆ says**

★ 2 STARS ★

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→ My review will be on the last book.

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### **Laura says**

The prologue was the best part! Couldn't get into this and not a fan of continuation books so won't bother with the rest of the story as this one didn't hook me in.

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### **April Symes says**

This is book 1 in a 3 part series from author Eden Butler. Going by the fantastic opening, what a phenomenal series this is going to be

Ophelia is the first lady who has now become a widow, and with her husband's secrets now coming to light and are starting to haunt her, her life is in terrible danger. I don't want to give any spoilers ; this is a must

read for all romantic suspense lovers. Lia and Cruz!!! Wow.

This is a story that has many twists and turns, and surprises; a story that spans years and its the ultimate 2nd chance story. I cannot wait for book 2

My rating: 4.7 stars \*\*\*\*\*

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### **Brandilyn Petitto says**

I absolutely love this so much! The chemistry and heat between Lia and Cruz is explosive! So well written. I'm dying from excitement for Part 2! I've just fallen in love with this story already and it's not even finished yet. I wish I could give it more than five stars! Eden Butler never disappoints. ???

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### **Yvette (Booksandbandanas) says**

Eden Butler.

Brilliant.

Amazing.

Sexy.

Heart pounding GOOD.

Give more. More. More.

It has been forever since I've read an Eden Butler book, like years. When I saw the covers for this serial I just knew i had to get my hands on them. I love presidential type books! This was unlike anyone i read before! It just was in a league of its own.

The writing is gripping, sensual, and out of this world addicting.

Lia is now a widow after her husband the President was assassinated. The newest body guard to protect her is her first love, Cruz. They have a deep past. He was her first heartbreak. They have history, they have sizzle, they have love, what they have cannot be broken or shaken.

Cruz loves his job. He is a professional and nothing and no one will make him stray from his devotion of what he has worked for - for far to many years. Right?!

This book is short. Like I blinked and it was over. I kinda loved that. It made the angst that much greater.

Cruz & Lia brought the fire shown on my kindle and I am dying to get started on book 2.

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## **Natalie The Biblioholic says**

I love when a new-to-me author can grab me by the proverbial nuts and keep hold of them until the bitter end... or until the cliffhanger at least! Eden Butler has made a fan out of me in just 72 pages of her Protocol series and I'm on edge wondering what comes next for Cruz and Lia with the bombshell he revealed at the end.

?? Lia is the first lady, her husband has been assassinated, and she is forced to assimilate to former first lady life while the killer is at large.

?? Cruz is the lead on her secret service team, protecting her against the unknown assassin.

?? Cruz and Lia were lovers in college and I'm rooting for their second chance harder than they are it seems.

?? Cruz and Lia are hot!!

As I said, this ended with a huge secret and I can't wait to see how the author allows it to blow the heck up!

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## **Trader (RedHotBlueReads) says**

Against Protocol starts with a flashback that has Lia and Cruz hooking up and more. Fast forward some number of years (things are effectively vague in this tale) and Lia is First Lady, married to someone else. When a tragic shooting occurs, Lia is left alone with secret service providing security. And you probably guessed it already ... Cruz is an agent on that detail. I don't want to reveal much more because that will spoil it for you.

I liked this, even though I was a bit frustrated with understanding the timeline at first (well, still, but that's ok). Cruz is the perfect man-of-few-words and alpha dog and Lia is in a place where she really needs him -- or does she? I guess I'll find out in the upcoming installments of this serial.

Overall, an intriguing start to this political romantic suspense serial.

An ARC was provided for review.

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## **Julia says**

The author dedicates her book to Shonda Rhimes saying "to Shonda, the goddess of take-no-shit women, thank you."

Funny, because this heroine was the exact opposite. She stayed with a cheating husband and then cheats herself with the "hero" of the book that won't commit to her and keeps pushing her away for her own good. Yeah, bye.

The writing and flow of the story was also deeply confusing and frustrating. It was like trying to watch tv

with beer goggles and ear plugs.

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### **Linda Cotter says**

This was a wonderful start to the series. The heat was cranked up, and the story had me from the word GO. Great characters who bring you right into the story, and an interesting premise. I can't wait to see how this all plays out, and I can't wait for more!!!

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