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From Reader Review Revenge River for online ebook

Samantha Jayne Grubey (ABookHaven) says

Loved it.

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Claire - The Coffeeholic Bookworm says

The story starts with Nightshade receiving instructions from his father about her mission to rescue her twin sister Caroline Cotter. Nightshade was a highly trained soldier and she was supposed to pretend that she was her twin and would be saved by the enemy, Task Force Scorpion or TF-S. She was to do this so she could save her own troop, the Mayhem.

Merc hated Jack Mankel a lot. The man had done monstrous things to him and his men, and he vowed to extract revenge against him. And then he saw how Mr. J had beaten the hell out of Caroline Cotter, the senator's daughter, with explosives strapped all over her body. His instincts had him saving the girl, thus his revenge against Mr. J was abandoned.

But things had gotten out of hand, because after saving her from the explosion, they were captured by a Sheikh and had done terrible things to the two, like Merc was hung on a ceiling and Caroline was exploited by the sheikh. It was only a matter of time before the TF-S came and rescued them and everything was alright again.

Or so they thought.

Once again, Lindsay Cross captivated me with her Men of Mercy soldiers, and I think this is by far my favorite in the series. There's something puzzling about Merc that drawn me to him. Perhaps it was his mysterious past, or how he was described - like he was larger than life. Nightshade was a good fit to him and I liked it. Their chemistry was palpable and amazing, even if he wasn't aware of her true identity.

This had been another action-packed story, one that had kept me up all night until the break of dawn. Although I had to admit, I kind of anticipated the truth about Nightshade and Caroline's identities. It had been niggling in my mind, that Nightshade had been fed lies and lies ever since she was born. I pitied her so much, I wanted to kill the perpetrator myself.

Lindsay Cross knows how to please her readers, and that's a big plus for me if an author wants to have a following. The anticipation, the drama, the suspense and action-packed scenes were something to look forward to. I highly recommend this heart-pounding read to those who love military romances and thrill-seekers!

GypsyBelle says

Holy MERC! This was one of those books that you wanted to slowly read so it will last longer. But you can't b/c you can't wait to find out what happens. Well written , with a great adventure, drama, friendship we all wish we had. And finding that love. Once again Lindsay Cross has given my emotions a full workout!
Reviewed by GypsyBelle

Cathy Geha says

With each book I read in this series I am drawn in further and further. With the twins' stories to be sussed out and determining who is and is not "good" and "bad" this series keeps me on tenterhooks waiting to find out what will happen next. I loved Merc and want to know more of his backstory. Nighshade is the perfect mate for him and I hope more of their relationship will be told in the future. There are still secrets and mysteries unexplained, teams that were captured to be found, a twin still missing and Mr. J and a new bad guy to be found and done away with. I can't wait to read more in the series and wonder just what will star in book ten.

Thank you to the author for the copy of this book. This is my honest review.

4.5 Stars

Vickie Chaisson says

Lindsay Cross and her Men of Mercy Series have always been 5 star reads but she has out done herself with this book. Revenge River is by far the best of the series and Cross is at her finest. This is Merc's story and I have waited a long time to read it. We have seen glimpses of him in her other books but I was not prepared for the man he is and his story.

Merc is a man without a past or none that he remembers. He woke up on a battlefield with little to no memory. He is taken care of by Jay Manuel who later betrays him and his team. A thirst for revenge begins to grow. 2 sisters separated very early in their lives and neither one has the entire truth being told to them by the men they know as father.

This book will take you on a emotional rollercoaster ride thru suspense, lies, blackmail, deceit, mistrust, and the thirst for revenge. This is one of the best books I have ever read that truly tells about how twisted and evil on can become when they quest for revenge. It is also a true love story about two people who have no right or nature to love get past their emotional scars and find love. It is a tale of how truth and love win out in the end and sometimes our family is who we make it not what we were taught from birth. This book is one of the best Lindsay Cross books I have read and I recommend it to everyone.

Kristi Metcalf says

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader's Copy of this book

This book picks up a month after the events in the previous book. The TF-S team is rescuing Caroline Cotter

who Mr. J kidnaped, but little do they know that it isn't really Caroline.

Ok so many things!! First, this is Merc's book and we don't know much about him other than Mr. J really screwed him over, more so than the rest of the team I think. Second, you don't really wanna feel for the enemy but God I can't help it!! Nightshade is Mr. J's daughter, well she thinks she and Caroline are really his because that is the lie that she has been told all her life. That Caroline's father kidnapped her and killed their mother when they were babies, when in fact it was the other way around but she doesn't know that.

Nightshade and Merc fall for each other, but she hates herself for it because she is just pretending to be her sister and knows that once everyone finds out who and what she really is they will hate her for it, but she is there to do a job and get out.

There's just so many levels of hair pulling in this book!! Lol!! You tug a little bit because you see these two falling, you really pull hard and wanna throw the book because you know she's the enemy's daughter but you see that she isn't as bad as him, and finally you just rip it out because you just wanna slap them both; him for not realizing she's the enemy and her for not realizing the lie she's been living.

I love that we finally learn more about Merc, that we get to see the rest of the team again, and that things in the end turn out better than predicted. I can't wait to see the team get Caroline back, the real one, and Mr. J get his comeuppance.

Angela Batchelder says

Revenge River by Lindsay Cross is book 9 in Men of Mercy Series.. This book has everything you can imagine in it. You name it suspense, deception, action, romance, mystery and much much more!!! Once you start this book you WILL NOT be able to put it down until you finish it. I can't wait for the next book in this series!

Merc Grayson is on a mission to save Caroline Cotter. His enemy Jack Mankel is the one who is holding Caroline Cotter captured. All he wants is to do his job and rescue Caroline from this evil man and to get his questions answered to find out who Merc really is and what happens to him and his men. Merc can't do both but if he chooses to go after Mankel then Caroline would be dead. So being the man he is, he saved Caroline. So he thought!!! Caroline is a twin! Which one did he save??

Nightshade aka Marissa is Caroline's twin sister. Her father told her about her sister being kidnapped as a baby. She was raised to be a machine. Nightshade wants revenge on the person responsible for keeping the sisters apart.. All her life she was told about Senator Cotter. She will make him pay for also taking away team mayhem (her soldiers)

One twin thought the other died at birth and the other thought the other was kidnapped at birth!! Which is the truth!! Will they find out?? Along the journey Merc will fall for one twin, but which one? Is she being truthful?? You will not be disappointed with this book.

I give this book a 5 star rating!

Vivi Chatzikiriakou says

"I was provided by Sassy Savvy Fabulous and the author with a free copy of this book so I could give an honest review."

I'll be damned!!! I mentally slapped me, twice, because I didn't keep the promise I gave to myself, to read all the other books in this series. Jeez, this story was amazing!! Lindsay, I want to see these books transferred on the big screen or tv....please!

"I don't want to lose her when we've just gotten her back" ~ Nightshade

After reading the first few pages, I was again conntented with the full consuming narrate of Lindsay's Cross. Using third person for her narration, whish isn't my favorite style but here I truly enjoy it, Lindsay created a plot, so powerful and intense, I couldn't put my tablet down. I love that the book has this fast page turning rythim, with one action scene comes after the other, molding the plot perfectly with the intelligent style she owns.

The story begins with Nightshade's POV.

She has a mission to finish. Her team, Meyhem, has taken captive by Senator Cotter, a man who is responsible for her twin sister's abduction and her mother's death. This man is her lifetime enemy and, her father, Jack Mankel has trained her, for twenty five years, to take revenge. Jack's plan is ready to be on action now. He kidnapped Caroline, Nightshade's twin sister, weeks ago, kept her in a palace somewhere in Afganistan, and waited Special Forces to find them and try to rescue her. Jack's scheme is going to pass unnoticed as long as Nightshade played her role perfectly, a role which wasn't what she believed it really was.

"I trained him myself when I still worked for the CIA. He's deadly and dangerous. He will lie, steal and kill to win." ~Jack Mankel

And he is totally right about that!! Sergeant Merc Greyson, is a killing massine, a deadly assassin. Without a memory about his past, everything he knows is what Jack Mankel told him about. Waking up in a room without his memory, Merc's only way to survive is to listen and comply at Jack's commants. He trained at the most unrealistic situations, learned to use any possible obstacles on his favor, never feared to kill or to be killed, he was the best soldier Jack ever trained. But this was the past, after Jack betrayed US Special Forces and Task Force-Scorpion, for a life full of wealth as a secondhand to a leader of the Islamic State of Afganistan, Merc's mission was to find and kill him for all the bads his teammates lived because of him.

"Stick to the plan. Don't deviate. You can't allow your emotions to cloud your judgment." ~Jack Mankel

Of course, no matter how perfect training Nightshade was, she always been the emotional one. She always cared for her teammates and deep inside had a huge love for the twin sister she never met. Even if she had trained to have the mind and body of a soldier, her heart was a warm cave of love, her father's constant battle to erase. And when Sergeant Merc was on his way to save her sister, this little flaw of hers had to be buried deep inside and never comes to surface. Don't count on that girl!!! To be clear, the plan is that Nightshade would take her sister's place and act like her until she found out where Senator Cotter is keeping her team, Meyhem. This plan had to look real in the eyes of Merc, who is coming to rescue Caroline and for that moment the plan was moving as a well tuned clock. Jack Mankel had all planned out perfectly. An amazing action-packed scene took place, every detail on it made me stop breathing, captivated by the moment. It was really intense, and made me think maybe things aren't as it looks they are...

"Never let your enemy know your full capabilities."

The resque from the palace was successful but Nightshade and Merc earned lots of injuries and a renew captivity. They had now to try and free themselves from a Sheik, who took them from the debris that palace was now, planned to make Nightshade his next wife of his harem and Merc his prisoner, making him talk about whom he worked for. It was a riveting moment, after what they've been through, when they finally freed themselves and TF-S meant to found and returned them to base. The agony started when Nightshade had to start playing her role. Focused only to stick to the plan, Nightshade couldn't denied the love feelings Senator so easily phrased for his daughter or the loving people Caroline had beside her, she couldn't even

denied her feelings for Merc anymore either. She tried to keep her identity very well hidden, but not what she felt and what her heart wanted.

"I'm sorry I have to hurt you to save you."

Nightshade isn't the delicate flower her twin sister Caroline is. She is a strong, feisty, determined woman who put her team and plan first. Merc is an obstacle for her, a brutally hot obstacle which she can't stay away from. She never felt these feelings before now. The invisible pull between them was, a welcome distraction to fulfill her needs...and his, but at the same time, a big bell shout at her that the mission was at risk. After a week at Senators house, Nightshade became closer with Merc, fell in love with him, put her walls down and made the wrong move that uncovered her identity. It was time to move with her plan but trusting the words of the wrong man was her ultimate mistake. Government secrets, high profile politicians, military programs, medical experiments, a needed tanglement for personal superiority, everyone had been involved to find Nightshade and use her to reinstating again the Operation Midnight, something she never knew she was into it from the beginning. Until the secrets unraveled in front of her own eyes. Yes, she wasn't what she believed she was and now everyone has to pay for it.

"You're not the cure. You're the cause."

I know I haven't say much about the story, only about the main character, Nightshade, but I want to believe that this tactic would put you in thoughts to read the story as well, telling you that there would be Merc's personal view in the narration as well. Any book of Men of Mercy is a high recommended one, for all of you who love to read books full of action, adventure, mystery and unbelievable passion between the, always there, perfect couples. Lindsay's writing skills on the military genre are amazingly unique and majorly detailed, which even a man can easily read, enjoying the hot scenes Nightshade and Merc had into the story. Yes they had!!!!!! How they couldn't??? She is Hot, he is Hell Hot so.....Which I remembered to express my "Thank you Lindsay for all the passionate kisses and the delicious sensual sex scenes you gave me again... You Rock Girl!!!"

I want to believe that I would keep my promise and sooner than later you would read a new review for one or two or all the other Men of Mercy series, this amazing author gave us to read. Until then...enjoy what book is in your hands friends.

Best
Vivi

Julie says

Revenge River: Men of Mercy by Lindsay Cross is a four star book. This is the ninth and final book in the series. I have not yet read the other books in the series as I did not realize it was a series until after I started this book. Because of this, it was somewhat hard to follow at the beginning but I was still able to get into the book and enjoy it. I would definitely recommend starting with book one before reading the rest of the series. Merc is a man with many talents and skills. The one thing he doesn't know, is who he really is. There was an accident. After the accident he doesn't remember anything about himself. He is found by a man Mr. J and Mr. J trains him to be superstar secret agent. He is the best around. But after a falling out with Mr J, they become bitter enemies. Many years later, Merc finds himself chasing after Mr J again when he kidnaps a senators daughter. What Merc doesn't know is that Mr J already has the twin sister of the senator's daughter

and has been training her to get the girl. Nightshade, the twin sister, believes Mr J to be her real father and believes the senator kidnapped her sister when they were just babies. Mr J has devised a scheme to get back at the senator. Nightshade is going to take the place of her twin sister and be returned to the estate with everyone thinking they saved Caroline. Then once Nightshade gets there, she can quietly learn about what happened to her team and be able to rescue them. That plan starts to unravel when she realizes she has feelings for Merc. She knows she can never have him but doesn't understand what her feelings mean.

Laura Furuta says

Revenge River: Men of Mercy, Book 9

By: Lindsay Cross

5 out of 5 stars

The story Revenge River: Men of Mercy, Book 9 by Lindsay Cross is a military/action/adventure book. Merc is a man with no past and no future. He only has a need for revenge on the traitor who betrayed his team and his country. Nightshade is like a shadow. No one knows who she is and lives for revenge on the one she believes responsible for her death. When they meet, Merc and Nightshade know they can't stay together. He doesn't believe that he is good enough for her and he works for the man who betrayed her father and killed her sister. As they try to resist the feelings they have for one another their worlds are shattered. Who can they trust to provide them with the answers they both seek?

I first want to say that this book is awesome! I have always loved action/adventure stories and when it brings in the military I just have to read them. The storyline is the first reason for reading this book. This story is fast paced, action packed and just plain fun to read. Books, I believe, are written to keep our brains sharp and for letting your imagination run wild. This book also has a human side to the entire story. That is where the second reason, the characters, come in to the picture. You have Merc and his team who are all like brothers and each would lay down their life for the other. He keeps telling himself that he doesn't deserve Nightshade, however he has more emotions than he lets on. Nightshade believes in her mission. She will take any risk, any action necessary to complete it. She also has a human side to herself and that is what both herself and Merc are sometimes really running away from. Then we have "the bad guys" thrown into the mix. Sometimes knowing the extent that some will go to, for any reason, is not a pretty picture.

I highly suggest and recommend this book for anyone who loves this type of story. It had me reading all the way through with almost no breaks. It had me hooked from the first chapter to the ending page. There are sensitive subjects brought up, adult language and steamy love scenes. I would suggest for anyone 18 years or older.

Pat says

There's a reason that Lindsay Cross is my favorite military romance author. She writes a kickass military series and book 9 is the latest installment.

Book 9 is Merc's story. Marc does not remember his past and does not believe that he has a future; therefore, his only priority is to get his revenge against someone who betrayed his team and country - at any cost! Then Merc is assigned a mission to rescue a US Senator's daughter, Caroline. No one knows that Caroline has a

twin sister, Nightshade, who is working for the very man that Merc is after. Marc has no idea that this assignment will turn his whole world upside-down. Can Merc find the happiness that craves? There's an attraction between Merc and Nightshade, but a relationship between them seems impossible given the circumstances.

As usual this story is very well written. It is very intense, very exciting and has heart-wrenching emotion. It has suspense, fast-paced action, really great romance and twist and turns rolled up into a complex story with great characters that will leave you wanting for more. Once I picked up this book I could NOT put it down. It was great from beginning to end, and I highly recommend it if you love military romance.

Coco.V says

? Books 1 - 8 in the Men of Mercy series are FREE on Amazon today (1/28/2019)! ?

Blurb:

Merc:

His name is Merc.

He has no past.

No future.

Only a thirst for revenge against the traitor who betrayed his team and his country – Agent Jack Mankel.

When he's handed a mission to rescue a sitting US senator's daughter from the traitor's clutches, Merc jumps at his chance for vengeance, never dreaming the girl he rescued could be his downfall...

Nightshade:

She walks in the night.

She is a shadow.

An operative so elite even the president doesn't know of her existence.

Her whole life, she's lived to serve, raised in the black-ops team her father, Jack Mankel, created. Then her whole world is turned upside down when she learns the sister she once thought dead is really alive; and to save her, Nightshade will have to take on the hardest mission of her life...

Merc knows he doesn't deserve her. Nightshade knows she can't have him. But a connection so powerful neither of them can resist draws them closer, even as a betrayal so deep threatens to destroy their very existence.

Dawn says

Wow! Cross has rocked this series again with a stellar book in Merc's story.

Merc is the silent type and cold, but always there for his team. In this book we learn why Merc is the way he is.

The team is still looking for Sen. Cotter's daughter, Caroline, who was kidnapped from her wedding, and has tracked her and Mr. J's location to a middle eastern palace. Merc is the recon guy and is to identify if she and J are there and call in his team.

Caroline's twin sister, Nightshade, has finally gotten her sister back and wants nothing more than to go to her because she is so sick and she wants to make sure she is OK. J, her perceived father, will not let her. She has a mission to accomplish first. But Nightshade seems to have a problem with following orders.

Merc wants nothing more than to capture Mr. J and interrogate him and then kill him. The team, along with Merc, does not know that Caroline has a twin sister and that is a fact Mr. J is going to use to his advantage.

When things get dicey and both Caroline and Merc are knocked unconscious from an explosion they are captured. Some women are stronger than men give them credit for as we find out when Merc takes the worst of the torture and he has to be helped out.

As things get more and more convoluted the team forces Cotter to make some changes and give more information than he's comfortable disclosing. Not a problem, Merc can change the man's mind.

Deception and a series of revelations will keep you glued to the pages of this book. Not to mention a bit of romance.

I realize I didn't give too many details here but that's because I don't want to give anything away. You have GOT to read this one! Let me know what you think.

This book is so very good. If you haven't read the series you could get by with this being your first book, but I suggest you start at the beginning so that you can get a real sense of who the characters are. You won't regret it. I was a huge fan of the series from book one and continue to be with every story that I read. Please keep writing Ms. Cross and I will continue to read everything I can get my hands on.

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Teresa says

****I received a copy of Revenge River from the author in exchange for a honest and voluntary review****

Revenge River by Lindsay Cross is the ninth book in the Men of Mercy series. I have read each one and highly recommend that you read them in order because each one picks up where the last one ended. This book is Merc and Nightshade/Caroline/Marissa's story and it's a solid 5 star book.

Nightshade was taken from her mother who passed away at the birth of her twin girls. Her father is a very powerful senator in charge of Task Force Scorpion but she was raised by Jack Mankel, AKA Mr. J, who has turned against his country and now sides with ISA. He's trained Nightshade to be a lean mean fighting machine but when Caroline her twin was taken hostage she's taken to his home. The main worry of Nightshade is that her sister whom she hasn't seen in 25 years and that her team, Mayhem, who until

three months ago were taken hostage. But her assignment is to impersonate her sister Caroline and be rescued by TF-S. But between a IED that explodes, a Sheik taking both her and Merc hostage and finding out that things are what they seem with her father Senator Tom Cotter. Truths will be revealed and a surprising ending with have you waiting anxiously for the next book.

Merc wants revenge against Mr. J, former CIA ops who didn't prevent an ambush of Merc's team, his lost memories. When the mission for the rescue of Caroline Cotter he takes it hoping that he'll find Mr. J and finally get his revenge. But who he finds is Nightshade wrapped in a suicide vest and he makes the decision to protect her with everything he has left. Even if he taken hostage and tortured with her in a nearby tent being prepared for a wedding (or sacrifice by his other wives). She rescues him after taking out the guards in camp and escaping into the hills all the while Merc is close to dying from his injuries. Can she fight the blooming attraction to Merc? But when she finds out that Mr. J who raised her to be a Black Ops soldier isn't who he says he is, will she be able to choose which side she'll take? There's an ending that will blow all your theories out of the water and give you a taste of what's to come even when there is a death that could shatter Nightshade to her very core.

Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Merc is a man without a past his missions are classified. Yet Merc still wants revenge on J Mankel no matter what. He's tasked with rescuing Caroline Cotter but a series of events that happen next will change everything he knows. Nightshade is on mission posing as her twin sister to get inside information that her father wants. Soon Nightshade discovers that her mission is in jeopardy from everything that she's learning and feeling. Nightshade also learns that she wants Merc all to herself and then some. Can Nightshade pull off her mission? Will Merc discover his past? Your answers await you in *Revenge River*.

Men of Mercy series continues to suck you in from first to last page. Merc and Nightshade are the ultimate couple. The characters and story were complex, compelling, raw, gritty, real, and definitely hot. I look forward to my next adventure in this series.
