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When Amanda Redfield, an assistant district attorney from a wealthy and prominent Philadelphia family, is being harassed by a mysterious stalker, she meets Brendan Kelly, the police detective assigned to her case. Smart and capable but deeply troubled, Kelly protects Amanda while he works to find her tormentor, but his disturbing presence and rogue behavior disrupt Amanda's settled life. She is helplessly drawn to the sexy and charming but barely controlled cop, and as their passion grows she must choose between her prosperous and settled past and an uncertain future with a man whose own life is spiraling out of control.

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Rjsmommy says

Brendan Kelly is an ex-marine now serial-dater police detective is assigned to Amanda's stalker case at the last minute. Amanda happens to be an ADA and her wealthy father is the police Lt's golfing buddy. The stilted professional relationship between Kelly and Amanda quickly develops into something quite else but there's plenty of obstacles to overcome. These include finding Amanda's stalker, her fiancee the congressman, her wealthy and disapproving mother, Her father's business deal being tying up with her fiancee, and Kelly's past including an alcoholic father, violent tendencies and his refusal to aknowledge his PTSD. I liked most of the novel but the weakest part was the the stalker plot which was kind of disappointing. I did love both Brendan and Amanda though.

Katie says

This book feels like three short stories cut and pasted into a novel. Overly wordy at times, dull and uninteresting at others. Author needs significant work on dialog and internal character monologues. Points of this novel felt like someone trying to roll a baby carriage down a steep hill and losing grip - nowhere to go but downhill, to an ugly end.

Katie says

I found this book somewhat of a let down. Don't get me wrong – it is a good book, just not quite what I wanted. I wanted a well-written book that followed a pretty standard storyline, but adapted it somehow. The adaptation was good, but it could have been worked a lot better in my opinion.

The story follows Amanda and Brendan. Amanda is a well-born woman who went to school to become a lawyer so she didn't have to live off her trust fund. In her job as an assistant at the DA's office, she picked up a stalker. She gets the red carpet treatment at the police station thanks to her father and ends up assigned to Brendan. Brendan helps to find her stalker and keep her safe, with the two of them falling for each other every step of the way. This causes problems with Amanda's fiance, Tom. Amanda ends up choosing Brendan (not really a spoiler since it's a romance novel). After they get together, Tom comes after them with a vengeance.

The characters could have been developed a little more strongly. Amanda is a solid character, well-developed and relatable. However, she is the only one. You don't really learn anything about Brendan until the very end. He's there and you know what he feels for Amanda and his job, but not a whole lot else. You don't really know anything else about him until the end, and it's mostly just a lot of background on him thrown into conversations. He goes through a lot at the end, but you never get a feel for what he is going through, how hard it is, what he is dealing with, or how Amanda is helping him through it. I think that would have been a great way to work this book, really get into how he was dealing with the issues at the end of the book.

The core of the book is good though and you cheer on the couple most of the way through. It could have

been developed a little deeper, complicated the storyline a little more, but not a bad book. I'd recommend it to anyone who wanted a simple summer read or likes the books where the lady falls for her protector.

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107rinoNeko says

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Katie O'Connor says

This was a lovely story. The characters were believable, and it cast a lot of light on the problems of post traumatic stress syndrome. I always enjoy a novel where the characters can see beyond the surface to the person who hides beneath.

A good read. (Though I wasn't fond of the title.)

Kim says

This was in amongst all the freebies I downloaded onto my kindle when I first bought it. I have been pruning the books- but decided to give this one a try. A detective is assigned to make sure that a da's assistant is safe after she receives threatening messages. They fall for each other and she has to extricate herself from an engagement to a politician with links to her family.

Shirley says

A quick, light read.

Mackenzie Olsen says

I really enjoyed the story, but not the author's writing style. She would randomly jump from Kelly's POV to Amanda's, and then would suddenly be from some random waitress's POV.

Rachel Sides says

This is the first book I've read by Malek. I read it on my Kindle so I don't know how many pages it was, but I felt like the story was over before it ended. It is the first book I've read with 2 epilogues.

LadyCalico says

This would be a great choice of a novel for people who like their romances with a well-developed and realistic plot as well as real and human characters. Both the H/h were likable and sympathetic and were both gutsy people trying to do the best they could with the hand they'd been dealt. Both characters had their share of problems and obstacles to overcome--Amanda trying to hold onto her independence while trying not to be overwhelmed by the machinations of her selfish control-freak mother and fiance, and Brendan trying to hide his insecurities and PTSD with the walls he'd built as an adult child of an alcoholic. The book had several plots going at once and built to two satisfying denouements--the first having to do with Amanda's stalker and the second with her ploy to deal with the manipulative Tom. However, after that the last 5% or so of the book seemed to go on too long after the intriguing stuff was over. I can congratulate the author for wanting to see things through to the end without being unrealistic or rushed and not just jumping straight to the second epilogue, but I personally could have done just fine without the first long epilogue--too much repetition and rehash for a book that had been so exciting up to that point, but as I said, it did serve a purpose and tied up loose ends.

Lynelle Clark says

Loved the story.

Both main characters were sincere. I think what touched me the most was that the hero Brendon Kelly, the personification of what a man and hero must be also knew his weaknesses and was willing to admit and deal with it. Even if it meant that he had to seek professional help.

Amanda, the young lawyer saw through all the masculinity in his heart and captured him. Enabling him to face the demons within. Beautifully written, and I can recommend it to all readers.

Anna says

This was a really good book.. it would have been great if she could have edited it a bit.. the story seemed to go on and on.

SheLove2Read says

"That kid is a computer whiz, like one of those people who can tell you whether or not it rained on March 10, 1945 but can't look you in the eye or tie their shoes."

"Autistic?"

"Right. Except Frank's not weird."

Being that my son is "one of those people" who has Autism, and being that he also cannot tie his shoes but is definitely NOT "weird", I choose to DNF this before I waste any more time. Sincerely hope this author

considers sensitivity training before writing another book, even if it is "only the character speaking." Author?
Not cool at all.
