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The Tate Brothers were raised to protect what is theirs...

Navy SEAL Wolf Tate is on a mission of vengeance. He's willing to do whatever it takes to infiltrate the lair of his arms-dealing enemy—and rescue the mother he never knew. To do this, he'll need more than his father's fortunes or his brothers-in-arms. He must find a way to kidnap his enemy's daughter for leverage. There's just one problem: She is also one of Wolf's closest friends—and the only woman he's ever loved...

For years, Olivia de Santis has been waiting for Wolf to take her in his arms and make her dreams come true. But she never imagined that he'd sneak into her bedroom one night...and take her as his hostage. Olivia knows she should resist him—and stay loyal to her own family. But how can she deny the burning justice of Wolf's mission, and the blazing desire in his eyes—even if giving into the heat of the moment can put her in grave danger?

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♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

## 2.5 Stars

Unrequited love isn't really my jam but naive heroines are kind of my crack so I'm a bit biased when it comes to Olivia and Wolf.

Olivia has been in love with her best friend, Wolf, for several years now but being the mousy, shy introvert that she is, she's kind of accepted the fact that her love will always be one sided. No way that sexy Navy SEAL bad ass, Wolf Tate will ever look her way. But she figures being friends is better than nothing.

When he shows up in the middle of the night with crazy demands and a desperate look in his eyes, Olivia can't deny the equally crazy need to help him.

There is naive and then there's *naive* and Olivia is definitely the latter. She maintains this blind belief that Wolf can't possibly hurt/lie/use her for his own nefarious end because of her feelings for him. She hasn't seen Wolf for ten years, they've maintained a fragile connection through emails but nothing since she was sixteen and he was eighteen and even then it was still a fairly new friendship. She is an heroine that is sheltered, innocent and wears her heart on her sleeve for everyone to see. Which makes her a vulnerable and in need of protection.

Wolf on the other hand is a hardened weapon, single minded in his mission and blinded by his own needs to see the lies, half truths and clear betrayal of the man he calls father. Even beyond the grave, Wolf allows himself to be manipulated and used. In turn he has very little calms in using and manipulating Olivia.

This was a revenge plot that didn't really work for me. It was so obvious that his father was just using Wolf and yet, Wolf never wised up and continued being an obedient weapon for a man that showed nothing but contempt for him. The few flashbacks show a man who belittled him and slowly chipped away at Wolf's self esteem. It was a dysfunctional relationship based on blackmail. And yet this man meant more to Wolf than the only person that ever gave him any worth. Olivia was his only friend and he was still willing to betray her and that was a hard pill to swallow for a hero in a romance.

I wish Olivia would have done a few things differently. One, Wolf needed to be brought down a peg or two. Olivia definitely needed to stiffen her spine a bit and make him grovel a lot longer and a lot more than he actually does. Her forgiveness was won too easily. Secondly, I wish the author would have shown us a stronger more independent Olivia. I wanted to see her realize her worth and be able to stand on her own, separate from her father and apart from Wolf. She had potential to be a really strong and positive heroine but we never see her stand on her own, for her own sake. She's a strong supporter, always willing to put others ahead of herself but I wanted her to fight for her happiness and not have it so dependent on Wolf.

## Would I recommend?

If you follow the series, you'll like it. But as a stand alone, I think you might not understand the undercurrents of what drives Wolf and in turn might not enjoy his character as much as the others.

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*I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All*

*thoughts and opinions are my own.*

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## **Chris C - A Midlife Wife says**

MMmm good one!

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This story revolves around Wolf and Liv for just a few days, however they have known each other since they were teens. They have always been friends but now things have changed and the friendship has become secondary to the mission. A mission Wolf must complete for his father and the Tate name.

But things don't turn out quite as planned. In fact, they are quite disastrous and throw a wrench into the delicate balance between Wolf and Liv. A painful back and forth that is stressful for us and them.

One of the things I love the most about this author's stories is the fact she focuses on the emotional side of the guys and their attachment to the women in their lives. Ashenden writes with deep emotion and you can totally feel the physical connection sparking between Wolf and Olivia.

This story is loaded with flaming hot heat and passion. The main story line is almost secondary to the emotion, passion, and major feels they have for each other. The connection can be construed as both destructive and supportive, but with good reason that you will completely understand as you move through the story.

The author has crafted a unique read that is full of intense situations, hella hot romance, and a steamy man who is more than just muscle and brawn. Another winner for Ashenden and a definite must read for SEAL fans.

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## **Dianne says**

Wolf Tate is on a mission, but in order to find and free the mother he never knew, he must kidnap one of his best friends, the only woman he ever loved, the daughter of his gravest enemy.

Should be doable, but is it? Jackie Ashenden's **THE UNDERCOVER BILLIONAIRE** has everything a reader could want, sizzling passion, an emotionally charged plot, high danger, high tension and we should be off and running, right?

Trust me, Ms. Ashenden can write, but this just didn't have that "chemistry" I needed to glue myself to every page. I wasn't sure I liked the hero all that much, he was just lacking something, call it "a fire in his belly or something." Sure he was passionate about his mission, but whatever was between himself and Olivia just didn't scream out as electric feelings...but lust, yes.

Olivia's sheltered life comes out in spades, she seems too naïve about the world. I could not fathom she could be so clueless about her father or the man he was, not in the twenty-first century.

Will these two overcome all that is before them and can they BOTH live with the choices and actions Wolf has taken? Lots of sizzle, lots of steam, but through it all, I just couldn't believe in this one.

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## **Carol [Goodreads Addict] says**

### **RATING 3.5 STARS**

The Undercover Billionaire is book three in the Tate Brothers series by Jackie Ashenden. Although I loved the second book in this series, I struggled a bit with this one. All of the characters were both being manipulated and manipulating others. I found it a little hard to like Wolf. I felt bad for the way everyone had used him but I still just couldn't find a soft spot for him.

Wolfgang "Wolf" Tate, a Navy Seal, is home on bereavement leave due to the death of his adoptive father, Noah. Like his two other brothers, Wolf has received a letter from his father with a mission. Wolf's dream is to find his birth mother. His father promises that this dream will be fulfilled if he accomplishes his mission. In order to do this, he needs information about his enemy and the focus of his mission, Cesare de Santis. Who better to get the information from than Cesare's daughter, Olivia. The problem is, that Olivia is his friend. She's the only person that has treated him like he is smart, that he is worth something. He won't hurt her, he'll just kidnap her and get the information he needs.

Olivia de Santis has known Wolf for nearly twelve years. She has also loved him for nearly as long. But she kept her feelings to herself, because she knows that he would never think of her as anything other than a friend. They haven't seen each other in ten years while Wolf was serving as a Navy Seal. But they kept in touch via email and phone calls. So you can imagine her surprise when she was awakened in her own bed in her own home by none other than Wolf looming over her bed.

So begins Wolf and Olivia's reunion. Olivia has no idea what her father is really like and can't accept what Wolf is telling her. She is all her father has, and she feels nothing but loyalty to him. At the same time, she is fighting with her feelings towards Wolf. She has loved him for so long but this isn't the Wolf of their childhoods. How can she love him if his goal is to kill someone she loves?

Wolf has never allowed himself to feel anything but friendship towards Olivia. And even that was never a real friendship. It was full of lies and deceit. The more time they spend together, though, the more an attraction builds between them.

Wolf has been used and manipulated by both his adoptive father and by Olivia's father. He in turn, has continually lied to Olivia. Olivia has also been a pawn in this whole mess. Her father pretends to care about her but in reality has been planning on ways to use her to his own benefit. I struggled with all of this. No one was as they seemed, with Olivia seemingly caught in the middle of it all. Although she is a bit naïve, I have to give her credit. She's a pretty smart woman and was a lot tougher than she gave herself credit for.

I have not read the first book in this series but I believe the timeline of the second and third books are running somewhat simultaneously. I did enjoy the epilogue and everything was pretty well wrapped up. The sexy times in this book are most definitely hot, the chemistry between Olivia and Wolf scorching. It's possible my reaction to all the double dealing in this one is just my own personal reaction and that others will be fine with it. I just wish that I could have found more that I liked in Wolf.

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☆ **BJ's Book Blog** ☆ Janeane ☆ says

ARC received via Netgalley for an honest review

I have read all the Tate Brothers books, and unfortunately this one was my least favourite.

I did struggle to get through the first half of the book, things felt a bit contrived to me,

Wolf Tate - still not sure whether I liked him or not. BUT he did feel more SEAL than secretary than the guys in the other 2 books. He just lacked something.

Olivia read more like a teenager than a 28 year old woman. Yeah, she had been sheltered, but sheesh, I

couldn't help roll my eyes at her more than once with her naivete. It's not like she had been locked in a basement, she has all this 21st century technology, but she was just so ugh, I can't even think of a word for it! I mean, she could track down things in 4.2 seconds, but didn't know what was going on under her nose??

I didn't feel the connection between Wolf and Olivia either, which was a shame.

But this could just be me.

Don't get me wrong, Ms Ashenden writes well, but The Undercover Billionaire was a miss for me.

I do look forward to seeing what she has for us in the future.

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### **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

The Undercover Billionaire by Jackie Ashenden is book Three in the Tate Brothers Series. This is the story of Olivia and Wolf. I have read the other books in this series but feel this can easily be a standalone book. Wolf and Liv have been friends since they were younger but Liv always had more feeling for him than just friends. Later in the present day Wolf is back after the death of his adoptive father. Wolf ends up getting a letter from him giving him information that could lead to finding out about his birth mother. To do so though he has to get information from the enemy and thinks to take his daughter as a hostage...that daughter is his friend Liv.

I have really enjoyed this series!

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### **Ivy Deluca says**

#### **QuickShot Review**

This was an ok read. It depended on the buildup to this big “deception” and well....

The story suffered from a lack of connection between the hero and heroine. You need that chemistry to carry that kind of storyline so the payoff of those climactic scenes clicks. Here, the inevitable betrayal and the resolution of that just didn't work for me. I am usually a fan of Ms. Ashenden's writing, but I'm going to chalk this up to a lack of knowledge of this series. It's just not my cuppa.

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### **Evelyn Swift (Featherbrained Books) says**

Big thank you to Netgalley and Meghan Harrington at St. Martin's Press Publicity for providing me with this series! I am looking forward to finishing the Tate Brothers trilogy!

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### **Pelusa Rivera says**

Rcvd an ARC at no cost to author..(netgalley) This is the third book in the series, and I am assuming it is the last since this is the third and last Tate brother. This is Wolf's story, and if you are familiar with this series, and I seriously hope you started from book one the Dangerous billionaire (Van's story) you remember how the last book ended (the Wicked Billionaire-Lucas story), with how we found out that Wolf was working for the evil Desantis. We were all freaking out, atleast I know I was, however I kept telling myself it could not be true, he could not be betraying his foster brothers. So was he? well my friends you need to read. The only thing I kind of wished I would have been able to read was Olivia's getting to know her half sister Chloe..

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### **Emily (Mrs B's Books) says**

**\*\*My thanks to NetGalley and St Martins Press, for providing me with a free copy for an honest review\*\***

This is the last book in the series and at first i was totally unsure of the characters, especially Olivia. Olivia is mid twenties, dresses like a nun, a virgin and never been kissed. She is also completely sheltered and naive.

Wolf is a navel SEAL and figures himself stupid, he also has a bit of a temper on him. In most of the book he does what has been expected of him as a weapon, whilst thinking he is not the sharpest tool in the box which annoys me. He has had his mind fucked by his father and by Cesare de Santis.

Olivia who has had a crush on Wolf since she was 15\16 takes Wolf in his stride, but finds her life falling apart by a few abrupt revelations about her father from Wolf. It is from there that the doubt creeps in and she is able to dig about for her fathers final downfall.

The chemistry between the two is combustable, and Olivia does some growing up over the course of the



book which redeems her character, but Wolf is the only brother that does not bring in another for help, he just asks them a couple of very quick questions that leave him reeling.

A decent end to the series.

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### **Maria Rose says**

The Undercover Billionaire by Jackie Ashenden is a steamy tale of lust and revenge, and the third story in the Tate Brother's series. In a previous series, Billionaire Fairytales, the De Santis brothers all found happy endings despite a difficult upbringing. Now it's their sister Olivia's turn.

Olivia De Santis knows all about the feud between the Tate family and the De Santis family, brought on by a falling out between her father Cesare and his one time best friend Noah Tate. Mortal enemies, the children of those men grew up knowing only what their fathers told them, which was not always the truth. When Wolf Tate showed up as a teenager in Olivia's home with a tale of woe about abuse at the hands of his adopted father Noah, she befriended him. Over the years Wolf had worked for her father but for Olivia, he'd been someone she could confide in, even during the years when he was away in the military. So when he shows up to kidnap her in the middle of the night, she goes with him willingly.

Wolf's finally at the end game of his mission. A double agent for his father, he'd infiltrated the De Santis household. Now his father Noah is dead, and he believes Cesare is to blame. He plans to kill him though he can't tell Olivia that, only that she has the information he needs as Cesare's assistant to help bring him down. He's willing to do anything to get it, even seduce the young woman whom he once considered a friend. But what starts out as a plan for revenge gets complicated when he can't separate his mission from his real feelings for Olivia. In the end will their friendship lead to love or ruin?

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### **Cathy Geha says**

The Undercover Billionaire by Jackie Ashenden  
The Tate Brothers #3

I was looking forward to this book having rated the first two books rather highly. This book could have been so much better. Why do I say this? In the previous books I found Wolf to be strong, dark and rather mysterious with great potential but in this book, as his story emerged, I found him the most damaged and least able to think for himself. I understand that he had been rather brainwashed by his father but still...to be so immersed in his mission that he could not see beyond what his rather demented and twisted father had told him for so many years did not fall in line with my beliefs about a navy SEAL who must have been able to think for himself and make deductions on his own. I also found the things he did a bit...strange...to say the least. The relationship between Wolf and Olivia was difficult to believe, too. And, how could Olivia take some of the things Wolf said and still be interested in him? I will read more books by this author but this one was not my favorite.

Thank you to NetGalley and St. Martin's Press for the ARC – This is my honest review.

2-3 Stars

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### Deborah says

I've read several of this author's books and I keep hoping that the next one will be the one that pulls her above the 3\* rating. Unfortunately this wasn't that book.

I was looking forward to this one but it just didn't work for me. The more I got to know Wolf the more I disliked him and Olivia was too naive for me. I mean seriously she's a twenty-eight year old never been kissed virgin who'd do anything for her father.

The kidnapping didn't work for me and the fact that Olivia discovered Wolf's mother in less than two hours was crazy why didn't he get someone to do that for him?

I didn't feel any chemistry between the main two characters and the whole thing just fell flat.

I voluntarily read a review copy kindly provided by NetGalley and St. Martin's Press

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### Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

*"His willing captive."*

I'm a big fan of Jackie Ashenden, especially her MC Romance. I started the Tate Brothers series in the middle, I've only read the 2nd & 3rd books. I learned enough about the brother's adoptive father to know that I wasn't a fan of his parenting style. He taught them hard lessons without the emotional support to back them up. So, of course, I wanted to give them virtual hugs and throw my Kindle at the one I felt was responsible for a big part of their damage. But neither of them saw his faults, believing he was only looking out for their best interests and glad for the lessons they learned from him. Let's just agree to disagree regarding his version of tough love.

Olivia was a very reclusive sheltered daughter. She didn't even attend school outside of her McMansion so she had very little access to make friends. When she ran into Wolf in her father's library as a young teenager, he made a big impression on her. They spent some stolen time together, sharing details of their lives. She always knew he planned to enlist. Over the next decade, she wrote to him occasionally sharing some of her thoughts, but never her heart. She knew he could never be hers. ***But she wanted him to be...***

Wolf told himself that he was just befriending his enemy's daughter for future leverage. But even he knew he was lying to himself. He cared for her and knew that she felt the same. But once she learned of his deceit and he completed his mission she would hate him. He knew she could never be his. ***But he wanted her to be...***

I found Olivia to be a contradiction. To be such a prim and proper buttoned up good girl who didn't have any

friends or fun she was actually feisty when riled up. And who better to do the riling than Wolf? I found it very amusing that her habit of sharing her thoughts with Wolf hadn't changed over the years. Whether inappropriate or not, she said what she was thinking. She did the same with me in her internal dialogue. This was my favorite, *Oh God, he was so hot she was going to have to check herself for scorch marks later."*

I had a lot of fun waiting for the bad boy to rub off on the good girl. The anticipation was delicious and the eventual passionate explosion did not disappoint. As I turned the last page wearing a smile I found myself wishing there was another Tate brother to look forward to. But alas, there were only three. So, I'll be keeping my eye out to see what the author gets up to next. The line forms here...

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## **Romance Readers Retreat says**

This is book 3 in the Tate Brothers series and you probably could read it on it's own as each book is about a different brother, but if you want to know the back story then I strongly advise reading the first two books in order before this one.

This has been a great alpha male series by Jackie Ashenden and I have immensely enjoyed my journey with all 3 Tate brothers. This one is Wolf's story, not my favourite of the 3 but I still loved it regardless. I'm not going to rehash what's already in the blurb because it tells you all you need to know.

Wolf Tate is a Navy Seal Alpha through and through, he's smart, all muscle, extremely good looking and can be such a dirty taker at times. All in all he's what every reader would want their lead males to be in a book. Don't get me wrong there was times in the first half of the book where I just wanted to throat punch him for the way he was treating Olivia but I think he more than makes up for it when he finally gets his act together.

Olivia De Santis is just simply smart and beautiful but she doesn't get a lot of attention because her father hides her away from the outside world, so she has no idea how gullible she really is towards her father. That is until Wolf Tate opens her eyes to what's really going on under her nose and at first she refuses to believe that someone that close to her could be so callous. Olivia has loved Wolf since she was a teenager so her journey through the book isn't an easy one and initially it's hard reading because she is so gullible but you get to see her wise up and grow more of a backbone in defending herself and her beliefs.

Overall it's probably my least favourite of the series and I found it a little too wordy/descriptive in places but all the same it was still an enjoyable and extremely satisfying read and I am looking forward to see what the author brings us next.

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