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The *Finding Strength* Box Set, includes:

Book 1: Two Sighted

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Because he knows more about her than she thinks, Kyle doesn't take the warning lightly, for he knows she's being watched. He also knows he wants her in his bed more than his next breath.

Book 2: The Strength of Three

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Finding Strength Details

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Jane Stewart says

5 stars for The Strength of Three and 4 stars for Two Sighted.

This book contains the following two stories.

5 stars for THE STRENGTH OF THREE.

TJ and Jon were former military and are currently partners in a security business. They like to share one woman and have had their eyes on Chris for months. She works in their company. She is drawn to both of them. Finally, she decides to give it a try and goes home with them after an office party. This is the beginning of love forever. The guys are super alphas. They cherish and over protect her. They control her for her own good and spank her when she puts herself in danger. It's over the top in the sense that guys like this don't exist, I don't think. I found myself laughing several times although it is not a comedy. It's hot, erotic sex among two males and one female.

A subplot involves her abusive and alcoholic father and brother. Chris believes her father killed her mother by pushing her down the stairs.

Sexual language: erotic and graphic. Number of sex scenes: six. Setting: current day U.S. Copyright: 2008. Genre: erotic contemporary romance.

4 stars for TWO SIGHTED.

More of the same thing, good erotic fun. Former military, super alpha guy owns a security business. He has wanted his personal assistant for months, since she came to work for him. He finally gets her into his bed, "where she belongs," according to him. He cherishes her, protects her, and has a lot of sex with her. A subplot involves her abusive, stalking ex-husband. She never lives more than eight months in any one place because she is on the run from him. She is clairvoyant with occasional visions of the future.

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To date, I've read the following Annmarie McKenna books.

4 stars. Blackmailed. Copyrt 2006. Review Date 1/10/08.

4 stars. Look What Santa Brought (in anthology The Perfect Gift). Sequel to Blackmailed. Copyrt 2007. Review Date 8/19/08.

2 stars. Seeing Eye Mate. Copyrt 2006. Review Date 3/02/08.

4 stars. Checkmate. Sequel to Seeing Eye Mate. Copyrt 2007. Review Date 8/19/08.

4 stars. Fantasmagorical (in anthology Sins of Summer). Copyrt 2008. Review Date 8/19/08.

5 stars. The Strength of Three (in anthology Finding Strength). Copyrt 2008. Review Date 7/12/08.

4 stars. Two Sighted. (in anthology Finding Strength). Copyrt 2008. Review Date 7/12/08.

Daniell Marsh says

Two short books with the second book following characters that you meet in the first one. Enjoyed both stories as enough depth of character was done that drew you in and made you care about the outcome of their story. Some twist and turns along the way with a lot of sex. Did like the humor in the stories. Would recommend and read again.

Cindy says

I read both of the stories as ebooks and liked them well enough to get the paper copy which about says it all. Hot, well written, suspenseful plots, engaging characters - I enjoyed both stories. There's a touch of the paranormal in the first story and menage sex in the second.

Sam says

Very good book, very sensual and erotic. Very well written and well-developed. A good read for those who enjoy a change in pace from the norm of other romances.

Melinda says

Although I consider this a typical erotic type book. I really enjoyed the characters and the story. I did wish they spent some time building the characters backgrounds, mainly of the heroes. However, all-n-all, I found the book very entertaining.

Holly says

In Finding Strength, there are two short stories, both written by Annmarie McKenna, starring Aislinn and Christina. They are friends who work in a large security firm and are both on the run, from themselves and some pretty dangerous men in their lives.

Two Sighted: In this short story, Aislinn Campbell is on the run from an abusive and controlling ex. She's been working at Turner Industries as the PA for Kyle Turner and is studiously trying to keep her head down. Kyle Turner has noticed her from the very beginning though. Being ex Special Forces and in the security business, he's got the access to delve deep into Aislinn's background and after learning of her abusive ex, does whatever he can to make her life a little safer. He knows she's got a set pattern of running away after about eight months and she's already been with him as his PA for six months. Time is running out for Kyle and after waiting as patiently as he can, he decides it's time to make her his. Kyle is very gentle and unassuming with Aislinn, while also being very much in control. He's sensitive to the fact Aislinn doesn't have good memories of men or their desires and introduces her slowly to him. He's not very dominant with her, he's very tender and I enjoyed that. Not every guy has to be a hair pulling sexual dominant in bed. There's a little subplot with the fact Aislinn is clairvoyant and can 'see' an attack on Kyle. Kyle is accepting of her talents and takes her warnings seriously, but it only increases his protectiveness towards her.

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I really like Annmarie McKenna's stories. They are erotic and steamy, without crossing into smut. Her men are the type of heroes you know you are safe with. You can experiment with them, discover different facets of yourself, all while knowing they are there to catch you. They are the perfect combination of alpha male, protector and lover that every woman wishes she had.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

"Finding Strength" by Annmarie McKenna contains two connected stories. Both are excellent and well-worth the cost of the book. I first read McKenna via e-books, but am so glad that I can now have her stories in print copy to put on my keeper shelf.

Two Sighted is about Aislinn who has visions. She's also on the run from her wacko ex. She doesn't usually stay in one place too long, but she's felt so safe in this job...then she gets a vision of her boss fighting for his life, in his boxers! She can't just do nothing, but how to let him know without knowing the information came in a vision?

Kyle has had his eye on Aislinn since the day she walked in the door of his company. He's done some investigating and knows all about her past, both the wacko ex and the visions. So when she tries to provide an 'anonymous' warning, he's pretty sure he knows where it came from. And when her ex appears to be getting close, he'll do anything to keep her safe...and under him!!

The Strength of Three tells the story of Aislinn's friend and fellow co-worker Christina. Christina was an abused child and doesn't trust any man. She is, however, wildly attracted to both TJ and Jon, who she thinks are her boss Kyle's bodyguards. Won't she be surprised when she finds out TJ and Jon aren't bodyguards, but co-owners of the business. And the only body they are willing to guard is hers...BOTH of them.

HOT, HOT, HOT

Hot, hot, hot...

E. says

3 1/2 stars. Two stories about friends Aislynn Campbell and Christina Marshall. Each has her own burdens to bear but their lives are about to change due to Kyle Turner III and his friends TJ McFee and Jonathan Winslow. All three men are ex-military and Kyle intends to put an end to Aislynn's flight from her abusive ex while TJ and Jonathan intend to convince Christina that they are both going to be in her life permanently no matter what kind of baggage she is carrying around. Nice sensual scenes, stories are a little constricted by the limitations of length.

Auntee says

This was a pretty good and *very* sexy, easy read. The book consists of two related stories about two women friends working at the same large security company (Turner Industries), each with their own emotional, abusive, baggage to deal with, and both (claiming to be) off men like a dirty shirt.

In *Two Sighted*, beautiful redhead 30 year old Aislinn is a personal assistant to the head of the company, 32 year old former Navy SEAL Kyle Turner. Aislinn is a clairvoyant, and she has a vision where she 'sees' her boss's death. She needs to somehow warn him, but will he believe her?

Due to a past with a horrible, abusive ex (who she is on the run from), Aislinn really doesn't want anything to do with men again. So why is she attracted to her boss? Is it his gorgeous blond good looks, his self confidence, or that protective alpha quality he exudes that makes her feel safe?

Kyle wants Aislinn, has wanted her ever since she walked into his office 6 months ago. He's aware of *everything* about her past, knows that she doesn't get attached to people since she changes jobs and cities every 8 months or so in order to avoid her stalker-ish ex, and knows about her special 'abilities'. Kyle's been without a woman for 6 months--ever since he's laid eyes on Aislinn--and figures it's time to make her his. Will she put her trust in him to protect her from her ex and find the strength to stop running? Will she give the relationship he's certain she wants a chance? Will she trust that he can protect himself from any threats against his life?

In *The Strength Of Three*, Aislinn's co-worker and friend Christina has no desire for a man in her life. Chris comes from a dysfunctional family complete with a mean, abusive drunken father, a mother who puts up with his 'beatings', and a younger brother who's heading down the same abusive and drunken path as his father. So with her bad experiences with the men in her past, why is she interested in not one, but *two* of her sexy bosses?

Former SEALS Jon and TJ are partners with their buddy Kyle in Turner Industries. They're also partners in 'sharing' their women. The two men are used to getting what they want, and they have their eye on the often prickly Chris. She may say she's not interested, but they think otherwise. They know all about her past, and while it may pose a challenge, they're confident in their powers of seduction. Will she trust them enough to let them *both* into her life, and to trust them to not run away from the problems her abusive family brings?

Both of these stories were smokin' hot. The men were protective alphas to the max, complete with some pretty forceful dialogue when it came to telling their woman just what they planned to do with them. Of course that didn't always go over so well, because each woman had a certain stubbornness and had some bad

experience with men. But the men never did anything the women didn't want. And it turned out they *wanted* plenty!

If you're looking for a couple of easy to read, fast paced erotic stories, check this book out. Each has a touch of suspense, and plenty of hot lovin'. Enjoy! 4 stars.

Warning: This book contains explicit language and sex, including oral and anal; the use of a blindfold; violence; and m/f/m menage. Not for the faint of heart.

Gayle says

Reading these two stories by McKenna was a good way to heat up this winter day. I wasn't that impressed since the stories were short they had to be straight to the point. Was certainly steamy though so was an enjoyable read.

Kerry says

This is a hot and passionate book and love the strength in the characters. Aislinn is a strong woman who has a traumatic past which keeps catching up with her and Kyle, who knows what her wants and how he's going to get it. Chris is so unsure of her body, she knows what she wants but is too scared to herself to admit it and then there's T.J and Jon, the two men who can give her everything she wants if she just opens up and lets them show her how good they can be together. These are two hot stories which will have you begging for so much more. Fantastic!!

StrangeBedfellows says

Hot and sexy? Sure. But other than that, this isn't a very entertaining book. I was disappointed by how quickly the love interests got together in each story. I wanted much more relationship building -- more drama and developing tension between characters. I feel like I read this in twenty minutes, and never once felt more than mildly interested. Even the spicy scenes fell flat because there wasn't enough (forgive the pun) foreplay. I would really like to see both stories expanded into full-length novels and see what happens then.

Bronwyn Rykiert says

These stories are hot hot hot!

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Adriana says

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Both stories were good and really hot reads.

The description of the stories I am listing below is from the back jacket of the book. I'm adding it because I believe the one on the Goodreads page does not depict these stories.

Two Sighted

Even with her shaky past, Aislinn can't help but to secretly want Kyle. When she witnesses his death in a vision, how can she tell him without giving away her secret or her lust?

Aislinn Campbell is a clairvoyant, the latest in a long line of first-born daughters to the previous first-born daughter. All of them have fiery red hair and a second sight. Hiding from her ex in the presence of a sexy ex-

military millionaire seems the safest way to start over. Until she “sees” his death.

Kyle Turner III has been keeping a close eye on Aislinn. There's nothing he doesn't know about his personal assistant, including her secret and ugly past. He also wants her in his bed more than his next breath. When he receives an anonymous warning that something might happen at his annual Fourth of July bash, he doesn't take it lightly. He knows exactly who sent the warning and he knows she's being watched by her bastard of an ex.

After he's injured in an accident, Kyle isn't about to leave Aislinn unprotected for a second. He coaxes her into more than just tending to his wounds. Because making Aislinn believe in him and her together far outweighs anything her ex can dish out.

The Strength of Three

Christina Marshall has no desire to have a man in her life. TJ McFee and Jonathan Winslow are on a mission to change her mind.

As the daughter of an abusive drunk, Christina could care less about the lack of men in her life. So why is she having seriously erotic dreams about two of her bosses?

Jon and TJ are men who go after what they want and right now their focus is on a certain blonde-haired, brown-eyed nymph who's done her best to blow off anyone of the XY persuasion. She's a challenge. Never let it be said that either one of them ignore a challenge.

Their seduction is set off course when Christina's mother dies and her father reinstates himself in her life. When accusations of murder fly, Chris must find a way to learn to trust both Jon and TJ. Her very life may depend on it.

Marion says

Julie said it all. It is hot and very well written.
