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Shelly Hampton intends to spend the holidays alone in her family's mountain cabin, but when a snow-covered stranger appears on her door-step, her plans are shot straight to hell. The man before her seems oddly familiar, and he stirs a dark need within her.

It's soon apparent that John Smith is far more than a normal man—he's too strong, too fast, and she could swear that he seems to read her thoughts...and know her most secret desires.

But is John a man that she could love...or is he someone she should fear? Because even as the snow fall deepens, a deadly threat is closing in on her little cabin. And soon, Shelly will be trapped on the mountain with a dangerous man...a man who swears that he has come back from the dead, just to be with her.

STAY WITH ME...A "Lazarus Rising" Novella

Author's Note: All of the books in the Lazarus Rising series are stand-alone titles.

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Rachel K says

4.5 stars

I'm not a fan of instalove, but this is a novella, it's Christmas season and it totally worked in this story :)

Can't wait for the next one!

Carvanz says

I'm absolutely in love with this series and Stay With Me only solidified that for me.

After experiencing so much loss over the past year, Shelly heads to her mountain cabin to find some peace and solitude. At the local bar she meets John who insists that they know one another. She assures him they do not but he doesn't accept her answer easily or at all really. When he rescues her from several attempts on her life, the fear that overwhelmed her desire fades and she brings him into her home.

John has no memories of his past except for the beautiful woman he's been searching for. Now that he's found her he can't let her go, especially since someone is trying to kill her. Or is it him they're after?

This book has so many twists and turns in it. It was a wild and crazy ride filled with lots of drama, surprises and suspense as well as plenty of heat in true Cynthia Eden fashion. I love a hard alpha hero and I got that in John but I also got a hero that's capable of showing vulnerability and I really loved that! Shelly was a perfect counterpoint to John. She's strong when needed but able to yield when necessary. No wanting to throttle the heroine in this one.

The next book up is Willow and Jay and I can't express how much I'm looking forward to their story. These books can be read as standalones in my opinion but would be enjoyed much more if you start at the beginning.

This is an honest review of an advanced copy provided by NetGalley and Hocus Pocus Publishing.

Dual POV

Safe

No apparent triggers

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

I feel like I'm on repeat but I can't help it, this series is awesome! Cynthia Eden brought us another great

super soldier in John. I like that the author switched things up and gave us a soldier not directly related to the first group we got to know in book 1 and 2. We are starting to see the scope of what lengths the government has gone to trying to create killing machines. What they didn't count on was the primitive pull these men would feel towards the women and their refusal to give the government their blind loyalty. This series is a great blend of GI Joe action plus the exciting story telling of strong Alpha's who will do anything to protect their women. Love it! ARC provided by NetGalley.

Alex ? says

4 stars, but I click 5, because...

I'm in a good mood today *lol*

and as thanks to this author for writing **strong and smart heroines!**

Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

4.5 "You're my Christmas" stars.

I'm loving this series. Can't wait to read more.

Cynthia, you keep on writing and I'll keep on buying. ??

Safe.

Maayan says

4.5 ??

Linda says

When a handsome stranger appears in Shelly's life, she doesn't know what to think of him. Big, capable and intense. When he saves her life she becomes unable to turn him away, but she's not prepared for what this will mean.

John woke up with no memory of his life before, but he knew one thing, and how to find her..

PNR action, suspense and smutty fluff in an awesome combo! Love this series!

Disclaimer; I was fortunate enough to get a copy for free, but I would have bought my own copy, with a smile on my face =D

Jessica Frances says

Stay With Me was fantastic. I loved John, even as my heart broke for him and what he was put through. This is a holiday read, but it didn't skimp on the action, suspense or mystery. It was hot, sweet, fun and a wild ride! I definitely recommend to fans of this series, and for anyone looking for an edgier holiday read.

Marta Cox says

Yet another story about those who were part of the Lazarus programme this time not only do we get to know new characters but it's set at Christmas so lots of lovely warm feels as well as suspense.

John is very different to other survivors we have met in this series as he has very strong memories of a woman who means the world to him. He's followed his instincts and tracked her down but the woman in question not only doesn't know him but from their first meeting it's obvious she's in serious danger !

Shelly hasn't a clue who the big buff scary guy following her is but things just keep happening when he's around. Having recently lost her brother Shelly is alone but John clearly is as lost in his own way as she is. Someone is definitely up to no good but just who can Shelly really trust?

I loved John and his strong feelings for Shelly right from the start but as you would expect from an author of this calibre there are lots of twists along the way to entertain the reader. A strong romance that leapt off the page but with an excellent plot that allows this reader to speculate about what might happen next. Plus of course it's set at Christmas so a lovely warming read on a cold night !

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair.

Tina says

3.75 "a little bit far fetched but what the hell, I liked the characters" stars

I really liked the characters.

The heroine was strong and smart but also 'soft' as to say, in right moments, feminine but didn't take shit from anyone. Just how I liked them.

I also liked the hero, he was possessive but what I absolutely LOVED about him was that he never took her choice from her, he never took her will power from her. He would respect her wishes and that is the combination that I always look for in my heroes

Also this book was H-O-T, burning hot, shot fire through rooftop, explosive chemistry hot.

Seriously, Cynthia Eden can write one hell of chemistry between characters, whether it is between the sheets or just talking about murder lol.

But, this was something between 3 and 4 stars for me, because I kinda wanted more. I liked the whole suspense thing, but the 'bad' guys were a little predictable and I wanted more of the story about Lazarus. But

I think that was my problem because I started this series from this book, the 3rd one, rather than first, so I guess it is more explained in first book.

I also wanted more to know about couple, I would like that they investigated more about hero's past, I wanted more of them. Because it was kinda short-ish everything revolved around 'situation now' as to say, and I wanted more talk about past AND the future.

I really really hope that we will have another book where we see more about this couple after the whole 'storm' pass. Maybe a book about all couples, few years into the future?

Also on some moments it was a littleeee bit ridiculous and over the top. As to say, not believable and maybe farfetched? However, Cynthia Eden has a kind of writing that just suck you in, so all those little 'are you kidding me' moments you just choose to ignore because you like the characters and the pace.

Meanwhile I am going to throw myself on first book of the series.

Thank you Leonor and Alex for pointing out Cynthia Eden for me <3

Safety:

(view spoiler)

Bev says

What a fabulous series! I'm not a huge fan of holiday reads and tend to steer clear of them but so glad I picked up this one. I'm well into this series, Cynthia Eden has me totally fascinated with this world she's created. Give me a hot, growly alpha male, a fast paced romantic suspense, a strong heroine, a tinge of paranormal and a bit of amnesia and I'm so in my happy place.

Although this is a novella, the pacing was perfect. Nothing was rushed, lots of detail and although the love is kinda insta it totally worked given the reasons that come to light.

4.5 stars.

Timitra says

Stay With Me is the perfect blend of sweet and sexy laced with suspense. I enjoyed this new addition to The Lazarus Rising series and can't wait to read the next book in the series.

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

Ann Lou says

Honestly, I was expecting the third book to be about Willow and Jay. Super looking forward to it. But this Christmas novella is a bonus.

All the Lazarus subjects have primitive instincts even if they forget their pasts. The urge to protect a mate, to keep her safe. John Smith is lucky in this case. He remembers Shelly even inside the lab. Memories of her kept him sane.

I was happy to read about Jay and Sawyer here. Really lookig forward to Willow and Jay's story :)

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibiliophile ? says

Claire Robinson says

4 - "You are my Christmas..." Stars!

The third book in Cynthia Eden's hugely enjoyable, *Lazarus Rising* series, has a decidedly Christmassy feel to it.

Don't fret the romance and suspense are still fully in the fore, but the author took a step away from the characters that we have come to know in the first two books, to give us John Smith and Shelly Hampton's story.

"You're... the only thing... I know."

John just like all the other Lazarus subjects has very little in the way of a memory pre waking up in the research facility where he was given the treatment. The one thing he does remember, or should I say woman he remembers is Shelly.

"I wanted you before I even knew if you were real or just a figment of my desperation..."

How, why or who she is isn't initially clear, but with his enhanced senses and the scratchy but incomplete memories of her, he manages to track her down to the remote cabin that she has hidden herself away in for the holiday without too much trouble.

"When you're ready for my mouth, tell me... Because, baby, I've been ready for you for a very, very long time."

I found this couple's coming together really sweet, John only remembers Shelly, she doesn't know him from Adam, but as the story progresses, and as you would expect with a book from this author, everything and everyone is definitely not as they would initially seem, and the directions the plot takes aren't exactly as you would expect either.

Quick paced in its telling, as well as in its reading, *Stay With Me* was another absolutely outstanding addition to the *Lazarus Rising* series. *Run To Me* is due in late January, and I am interested in seeing what sort of story the author gives Jay and Willow.

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