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A woman on the run...

Angel has been on her own for two years, moving from place to place to outrun her past. With no family and few friends to lean on, she's managed to keep her secrets and stay safe. But when her past suddenly catches up to her, she has a choice to make. Run or stay and claim her life once more.

He'll stop at nothing to protect her...

Vadim has never let anyone close to him—until Angel. From the first time he met her, everything changed. As a private consultant for Wyatt Christiansen, he's good with computers and he's got connections to unearth people's deepest, darkest secrets. When Angel's life is threatened Vadim steps in and uses all his resources to end the threat once and for all. As the danger closes in, he lies to her in an effort to protect her, not realizing that even once the threat is eliminated, he might lose her anyway.

The Serafina: Sin City Series, #3

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Tracey says

This is the first security book ive read by Katie, I have read and loved her pnr books before. I now can say I adore her security guys too!

Angel is on the run, but she need not worry Vadim is keeping an Eye on her, good job too!

I liked Angel she was feisty and stood up for what she believed, but she was all woman and affected by Vadim presence. Vadim, his a strong clever man but at heart is insecure, all he wants is to protect what he cares for.

So pick up this book and enjoy there story, it's yet another great read from Katie Reus.

4 star vampy and racey stars.

I was gifted a copy of this for my honest opinion.

RJ says

My Thoughts

- Vadim was a gentle giant. Those are my favorite types of heros. Also, he wasn't cocky as shit, he's more on the insecure side. He knows he's big and scares people, so he just avoids them since he is more comfortable with computers anyway. But he was still an alpha!

- Angel was an alright character for me. Nothing too memorable, really. I mean, *Breaking Her Rules* was my first Katie Reus novel and no heroine can touch Iris. She is queen. Angel was the typical damsel-in-distress so maybe that's why I couldn't connect with her more.

-Overall, this book was good. I was dying to get my hands on it and read it in one sitting. Vadim was a great hero. Angel wasn't annoying like most heroines. It's super short! You can finish it in a couple hours.

Grace says

I liked V a lot. She was never afraid of him, unlike most woman. V isn't a manwhore and has been into Angel since they met. I wish this would have been more in depth. We didn't know a lot about V, got little tidbits at the end. Also we don't even find out what Angel's studying in college or what she wants to do with her life. This author definitely reuses stuff from her other books. I liked this couple. V has never had a

girlfriend and has an adorable vulnerability, however he is so used to controlling and fixing everything. In the end she told him that they have to be equals in everything and he understood. The sex was also pretty hot.

SPOILERS:

Her parents died in a freak boating accident. She was a senior in college and the grief manifested into depression. She couldn't find motivation to do much living. She met a guy and they were friends but then she started getting better with therapy. Then he randomly proposed to her in front of his friends and family. She said yes to not embarrass him then went over to his place the next day to apologize. He then beat her and tried to rape her. The neighbors call the police and she pressed charges. She lived with her older brother while healing until he suddenly died in a suspicious mugging gone wrong. She knew it was him and when he called her threatening her after the funeral she ran. She got a new id and social security number and has been on the run for two years, but she is tired of running. V's mother was Russian which is why he speaks it. She was an addict who died of an overdose. He went to foster homes that were crowded. Then in the military he killed and honed his tech skills. He doesn't feel like he deserves her. I wish we knew why everyone says he had bad social skills, what made him so different? In the end the guy finds her and V protects her, but then he is randomly killed by someone. In the end she is held at gunpoint by the guys drunk father. She fights and V kills him. They tell each other they love each other and the epilogue is him proposing.

Dee says

This is the third addition to the Serafina: Sin City series. Once again Ms Reus' wonderful ability of telling a good story is evident in this book. Virtually every book I have read by Ms Reus I have loved and this is no different.

We knew from the previous book that Vadim is a quiet character but we also found out that he is definitely the usual Alpha male. Vadim is friends with Angel and would really like to be more but admits that he is not great with women and doesn't want to destroy their friendship. Angel secretly has the hots for Vadim but thinks he is not interested in her so never pursues it.

Angel has been on the run from a stalker for the last two years. A man she was once friends with had wanted their relationship to be more, but turned nasty when she refused him, so much so he killed her brother sending Angel on the run. Although she has been careful and not contacted friends, not set up any bank accounts, used a fake Social Security number and lived the quiet life, a private detective has managed to track her down. The stalker follows her to the Serafina and keys her car, but in fact the car belonged to Vadim so of course he got involved and so did the security of the Serafina because the damage was done their premises. Angel has no choice but to come clean and admit who she is and why she is on the run. The Serafina staff and owner automatically do what families do and that is to help and protect each other so they set about tracking down this stalker/mad man.

I liked the fact that Vadim had a dog called Charlie and that he spoke commands to the dog in Russian. I loved the interaction between Vadim and Angel and could feel the sexual tension between them and I quite honestly struggled to put my ereader down so read this in a very short space of time. Although the romance side was great I do think that the suspense side of the story was a little weak but that wouldn't stop me from giving it a high rating or recommending it.

I am looking forward to the next Serafina story and can only hope that Ms Reus gives us details of it soon.

ARC kindly supplied by author via Netgalley

Heather says

This was a great entry in the Serafina series. It can definitely be read and enjoyed as a stand alone novel. After having been on the run for two years, Angel realizes she needs to move on. There's just one problem, she's not ready to leave Vadim. Even though nothing has happened between Angel and Vadim, both would like to be more than friends. However, neither has told the other how they feel. When Angel's past catches up with her, Vadim sees his opportunity to not only protect Angel but make his move too. Like the other novels I have read by Katie Reus, this book has plenty of romance and some great characters. However, there was less suspense in this one. But still a great read for fans of Reus.

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

4.5 Alpha Protective Stars!!

I looooooved Vadim!!! Vadim is the computer expert for The Serafina hotel and, all of Wyatt's extensive holdings. He's also a former Marine who worked in intelligence. Vadim is somewhat anti-social, quite, and very intimidating, which make people wary of him especially women.....except Angel. But he's also very sweet and unsure of himself which I found really enduring.

Angel is a waitress at a restaurant within the Serafina Hotel and very good friends with Vadim, although she longs for more than friendship from Vadim, unbeknownst to her Vadim wants more too...he wants everything from Angel.

Angel has been on the run from a dangerous stalker for two years, when he tracks her down and threatens her, Vadim makes it his mission to keep her safe and make her his!!

Another great addition to the Sin City series, looking forward to the next book!!!!

Yvonne Cruz says

Of the three books in this series I have read, Sweetest Surrender is my favorite story.

Vadim is a private consultant for Wyatt Christiansen, billionaire and owner of a very upscale hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Vadim is computer whiz, former military man, and a very quiet person with little personal relationships.

Angel, one of the waitresses at the Cloud Nine Restaurant in the hotel, has been running from a stalker for the past two years and keeps to herself. These two been attracted to each other since they met, and slowly become friends. When vandalism occurs and it seems Angel is in danger, Vadim moves heaven and earth to

keep her safe.

It's a story filled with suspense, an evil man, hunky good guys, and a plot that will keep you entertained. The main characters, Angel and Vadim, are well developed. While Vadim would probably frown on being called sweet, he definitely is, especially when it comes to Angel.

Definitely another great addition to this series.

I was gifted a copy of this audiobook. The opinions expressed are solely my own.

Alex (HEABookNerd) says

Series: The Serafina: Sin City #3

Security expert Vadim Sokolov knew he wanted Angel Johnson from the first moment he met her. Not only was she cute and sweet, but she wasn't wary of him like many of the other waitresses at Cloud 9. In hiding for the last 2 years, Angel has been through much but being around Vadim makes her forget her problems. But when her stalker returns, Angel realizes she was never truly safe.

Overall, *Sweetest Surrender* didn't take me long to read and it was a good way to pass a few hours. **Heavily focused on the relationship between Vadim and Angel, there's also some suspense with Angel's stalker who has tracked her down in Vegas.** Vadim immediately steps in to protect Angel and though his tactics are a bit heavy-handed and manipulative, his heart is in the right place. Vadim is used to taking charge and making decisions and a slight lack of social skills means he doesn't always consider how his actions might be perceived by others. Angel reads him the riot act and calls him out the few times Vadim oversteps so I was happy to see her inner strength. **Angel might be afraid of her stalker finding her, but she's not a cowering damsel.** I appreciated Angel's fire mixed with her sweet personality; she's a natural caretaker and a genuinely good person.

I will admit that I never really understood why the other female employees were supposed to be afraid of Vadim. It was brought up several times and it really felt more like a tactic to make her look special compared to everyone else. But considering Angel and Vadim's pasts, they both deserve some happiness and someone who's perfect.

Reader Safety: Heroine is being stalked

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## Linda says

A captivating friends-to-lovers romance paired with chilling suspense in Sin City!

She made him want to lose control, something he never did.

Sweetest Surrender by Katie Reus is a captivating and titillating friends-to-lovers romance paired with chilling suspense set in Sin City. Viva Las Vegas! It's the third book in Katie's Serafina: Sin City series, but it works perfectly fine as a standalone read if that is your preference. This is Vadim's and Angel's story and it is told from the dual view points of the two main characters.

Vadim is the Serafina Hotel & Casino's computer guru. He's alpha, ex-military, and hot. Angel is working as a waitress at the resort's Cloud 9 restaurant while running from her past. She's using a fake ID trying to survive out-of-sight of her ex who murdered her brother. Angel and Vadim are strongly attracted to each other, but Angel knows that nothing can come of it as she's not who she claims to be and cannot stay in one place too long. When her crazed stalker finds her, will she trust Vadim enough to accept his protection?

Fans of the series will be glad to know that previous favorite characters in the series make appearances. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention a certain lovable canine star herein. ?

Following please find a few of my favorite quotes from Sweetest Surrender:

The woman brought out his protective instincts to the point he couldn't think straight sometimes. He'd never felt like that about anyone and it was jarring. Sometimes he wondered if he got a taste of her if it would slake the need he always seemed to have for her.

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From the moment they'd met, their friendship had been leading to more...

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"Do you know how often I've fantasized about the color of your nipples?" he growled against her neck before feathering soft kisses up to her jaw.

I listened to Sweetest Surrender and found myself extending my workouts as I didn't want to hit stop with this book! Jeffrey Kafer does his normal excellent job voicing it. His voice is clear and easy to understand. His pacing is perfect. His voices sound realistic and he consistently differentiates between the characters to where I have no trouble discerning who is speaking at any one time. The end product is polished. If you enjoy audio books, I would not hesitate to pick up the audio edition of Sweetest Surrender.

I honestly can't get enough of Katie's sexy thrillers! Sweetest Surrender is the perfect blend of suspense, intrigue and hot romance with plenty of twists and turns along the way. The villain is nasty and his devious games gave me goosebumps. I'd highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys steamy romantic suspense!

My full review is published at Reading Between the Wines Book Club. Please check it out there:  
<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

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## Victoria says

### **From the moment they'd met, their friendship had been leading to more...**

Sweetest Surrender is the third book in The Serafina: Sin City series by author Katie Reus and is novella length at 150 pages. This book can be read as a stand-alone although the series is sequential. Readers that like to read series in order should start with First Surrender, book one in the series.

Sweetest Surrender is a romantic suspense story told from dual points of views of the two main characters, Angel and Vadim. It's also a friends to lover story!

Angel is a woman on the run...Vadim is the sexy ex-military hero that's determined to save her, after winning her over first...

**The woman brought out his protective instincts to the point he couldn't think straight sometimes. He'd never felt like that about anyone and it was jarring. Sometimes he wondered if he got a taste of her if it would slake the need he always seemed to have for her.**

I have a couple confessions to make. First, I'm a Katie Reus fan. If Katie Reus writes a romantic suspense novel, I'm going to read it and I'm going to like it. She definitely follows a very specific formula to most of her books (damsel in distress, sexy capable protector, a dangerous villain, and of course, a nice medium steam level) and it totally works for me! I also have a soft spot for hot Russian hero's lately and Vadim didn't disappoint. He was sexy, sweet, and definitely had alpha tendencies. All in all, a very easy hero to like!

I thought the chemistry between the two characters was written well and the sexy bits were very nice!

**"Do you know how often I've fantasized about the color of your nipples?" he growled against her neck before feathering soft kisses up to her jaw.**

**He'd fantasized about her too? "You don't have to fantasize anymore," she murmured...**

I really enjoyed Sweetest Surrender and am glad the author came out with this new series. I'd recommend this book to readers that enjoy romantic suspense novellas that are well written with medium to medium-lite steam. A 3.5 STAR RATING.

*Thanks to Netgalley and the publisher for a copy of this book in exchange for a honest review.*

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## **Shauni says**

Originally Reviewed For: Tea and Book

I will admit it, I have yet to read a Katie Reus (or any of her pseudonyms) that I haven't thoroughly enjoyed. Sweetest Surrender takes us back to the Serafina and the people who work there. A story about a woman on the run and the man who convinces her to stop.. and of course the people of the Serafina who have created their own family.

Angel has been on the run for two years. Desperate to get away from a man who has destroyed her life. Never stopping for long in one place but she is reluctant to leave her latest job. The Serafina has become something of a haven for her. But when she is caught returning food she was considering stealing, she is sure her time there is at an end. Reluctant to say goodbye but knowing now might be the time.

Vadim is the silent force behind the Serafina's computer savvy. He is the wizard who can find out anything about anyone. But he is ever so much more than a computer geek, he has spent 12 years as a marine and has used those skills to protect those at the Serafina as well. A reserved man, who trusts few he has fallen hard



for the lovely Angel. To him she is a light in the darkness. So when he finds out she is has been desperate enough to steal food.. something just doesn't add up. Discovering that the food isn't for her but for some neighbor kids who often go without, that she was robbed so didn't have the money to purchase food, just makes her all the more wonderful in his eyes. Now he just has to convince her that he's wonderful too..

Of course it's all for the best that Vadim finagles Angel to stay with him for a while because it seems her stalker has caught up with her. Vadim is determined to protect her at any cost.. if he can just convince her not to run.

Well written, excellent characters and an indepth plot makes this book another winner from Ms. Reus. I firmly believe that this is an author to watch. She is going to be a top name before you know it.

Can't wait for her next installment of, well anything.. \*grins\*

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Sweetest Surrender, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released on March 30, 2014

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### Sheryl says

**OMG!!! I LOVED Vadim SOOOOOOO much!!! \*SQUEAL\* He was just so ALPHA, but also such a sensitive soul (and maybe a bit clueless when it came to Angel) \*BLESS HIM\***

**Absolutely LOVED this addition to the Serafina: Sin City series!!!**

*\*ARC courtesy of Netgalley and Katie Reus\**

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### Sunny says

ARC REVIEW:

This book makes me think that I was born a decade too early. When I went to high school, what was considered "cool" with the BMOCs (Big Men on Campus) and the surfers (yes, I grew up in Southern California). I thought they were cool too. But I was always shared that attraction with the smart, quiet, somewhat socially awkward guys too. These days we see an increasing number of books that feature the "intelligence" guy, the computer whiz who can find any information or hack through any security system in most alpha teams (whether it is special ops or motorcycle clubs). So now, it is vogue to be both geeky and brawny. This is fast becoming my favorite kind of hero. All to say, that Katie Reus offers up a sweet story featuring this alpha-geek aiding a damsel on the run.

This is the sweetest little story. Not the most tension filled romantic suspense, but something about the relationship between the two characters is highly appealing. Against the backdrop of Vegas and the Hotel Serafina, Vadim and Angel circle around each other until Angel's past catches up with her and Vadim finds the opportunity to protect the one he's been admiring from afar. From afar because this left-brain dominant

alpha is clueless that he's been the object of her affection. I love the fact that he's a little geeky He is sweet and awkward and brilliant and alpha. The best part is watching this romance develop. Like the other heroines in the Serafina series, Angel has an inner strength that is attractive. Angel is not the über strong, kick-ass chick, but rather the regular, stubborn, girl with a steely resolve. That what makes this pairing so perfect. I thoroughly enjoyed the interaction between the two characters.

The suspense part of the story is a little light. The narrative is straight forward, but Katie Reus gives us a couple of unexpected turns that keep the story interesting.

IN A NUTSHELL:

My favorite of the Serafina stories so far, don't miss this installment of the series. Go ahead. Indulge in a little alpha-geek goodness.

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## **Hazel Harkins says**

I love reading, it's my relaxation and escape, allowing me to live in someone else's life for a while' This is my first time reading a book by Katie Reus but I will be seeking other books by her.

Angel Johnson/Flanagan is a server at the exclusive Cloud9 restaurant. She had been on the run for two years now from the man she was sure had killed her brother because he wasn't happy that she had turned down his proposal. And she has a mad crush on Vadim Sokolov who works in security at the hotel.

Vadim Sokolov is a private security consultant for Wyatt Christiansen, he's good with computers and he's got connections to unearth people's deepest, darkest secrets. And he has a mad crush on Angel Johnson/Flanagan.

When Vadim discovers Angel is in danger he will do anything and everything to protect her, even lying to her.

This book caught my attention immediately and held it to the last sentence of the Epilogue. As Angel and Vadim struggle to come to terms with the mutual attraction they have for each other the chemistry is sizzling but each is afraid the other doesn't feel the same.

This book is filled with everyday happenings but also mystery, suspense, drama, danger and every page is action packed.

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## **Twin Sisters Rockin' Book Reviews says**

**Overall rating: 4.5 Rockin' Stars!!!!**

Favorite Lines:

*"He'd known her for five months, but felt like a lifetime for how attracted he was to her."*

*"He didn't have many friends, but he valued his friendship with Angel. She was kind and giving and one*

*of the few women who didn't look at him like he was an un-caged tiger."*

*"Angel was someone he'd never imagined having in his life, but always hoped for. She was more than worth the wait, and he was never letting her go."*

*"She felt like something had shifted between them but wasn't sure what."*

*"She made him want to loose control, something he never did. She also made him want things he'd never imagined for his own life, like a family and someone to come home to every night."*

*"She wanted her life back and that was mainly because of Vadim. She was a man she didn't want to leave. Even if her first instinct had been to flee, the time for running was over. She wouldn't live in fear forever."*

OMG! I didn't think it could get any better, but just WOW, Katie Reus. I am totally smitten by her new Serafina: Sin City Series! The characters in Sweetest Surrender are very endearing. From the beginning I was drawn to both characters, Vadim and Angel. Vadim is former special forces Marine intelligence, who has an un-caged tiger appeal. Although he puts off an "untouchable" vibe, he's always longed to be linked or have someone to belong to him alone. Men are intimidated by his ingenious wits and women are wowed by his beautiful physique, yet mysterious aura. Then Angel stepped into his life. She is a fiery red head whose running from a scary past. There is instant attraction between the two that heats up over a five month friendship. Finally after long last the two give in to their long awaited passion. I just can't say enough about this couple or this book. I didn't want to put it down once I started reading. The power of their story is captivating. This book is passion overflowing and exciting that kept me on the edge, craving more. Absolutely a job well done Katie Rues! I definitely can't wait to read the next story...Gr?ta

Hero -Vadim: 4.5 stars

Heroine - Angel "Johnson" Flanagan: 4.5 stars

Steam Level: 4.5 stars

Plot: 4.5 stars

Cliffhanger: No

Would I recommend this book: Yes!

Would I read other books by this author: Yes!

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