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A story of passion desire and fierce emotion the first in the new Seasons Quartet is the must-read for all fans of Sadie Matthews' After Dark series and will win her legions of new ones.

Freya Hammond is used to people fulfilling her every whim. Wealthy and spoiled she lives a butterfly existence of fashion and parties and is accustomed to getting her own way. Which is why the new bodyguard is riling her. Miles Murray is ex-SAS and obeys her instructions with barely repressed scorn. She can sense that he doesn't think much of her.

The Hammonds have been staying at their luxurious retreat high in the Alps. Now Miles is driving Freya to the airport but the rapidly worsening weather and a near-miss with a dangerously driven jeep causes him to lose control and sends the car plummeting off the side of the mountain.

When Freya comes to she is lying on the freezing ground Miles beside her. The car is a mangled mess far below them. Now Freya needs Miles to save her life. Using all his survival skills Miles manages to locate an old shepherd's hut and get them both there despite Freya's twisted ankle. Rescue will surely come before too long... but until then Freya is no longer in control. The tension between them is soon at fever pitch as she tries to dominate a man who no longer obeys her orders.

And when rescue does come how will they return to their old life of mistress and bodyguard after what has happened between them?

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Shining-Love says

At the end of fourth part, which I enjoyed a lot, Freya and Miles parted and my biggest worry was that the author would prolong their separation too much, something I didn't want to happen since fifth part was the final one. Unfortunately, that's exactly what happened.

In this last part there are a total of 6 chapters and Freya and Miles meet again only in the last 2 chapters. Sadie Matthews went on about situations not particularly important and that could have been resolved and explained in lesser time. In this way we could have had a better glimpse of Freya and Miles's future together as a couple and enjoy more tender, sweet and romantic moments between them. I found the ending quite rushed, especially under the romance, and many questions remained unanswered and others left to our imagination. It's clear the author did it on purpose and will resolve the mystery of who is the leak in the next volumes in the series but ~~Freya and Miles's love story ended here~~ and I wanted, needed, a definitely better happy ending for them.

Overall, it was a very good book that I enjoyed reading! I'm surely curious to read about Flora's story ~~with the hope that the author won't make the same "mistake" again.~~

**Note: I changed the vote from 3 to 4 stars because I learned from the author that, not only we'll see glimpses of Freya and Miles in the next book, but the fourth and final installment of the series will wrap up the 3 Hammond sister's stories! That's great news! Moreover, after finding out that the male protagonist of the next book is Andrei Dubrovski, I'm very looking forward to reading it!!*

Dicina says

I had the hardest time liking Freya during more than half of these stories. But I was compelled to keep reading.

Freya appeared really young, younger than her real age, and the fact that Miles is 12 years older and that he was his "tutor" and she was his "student" during their sexual games only made it worse for me.

In the beginning of the series Freya is annoying and despicable. I hated her, I hated how she treated people and how she behaved in general, like a spoiled little rich girl. I was happy every time Miles put her in her place. I was disappointed that he accepted (quite easily I found even though he refused in the beginning) to have sex with her.

But as the story unfolds, we could see the change operates in Freya, she became less self-centered and more human and likeable.

I loved Miles and I wish we had his POV as well. I would have liked to know more about him.

Shining-Love says

This third part continues to be intriguing and sensual.

Now rescued, Freya and Miles have to face the reality in which they live every day and as a result all the obstacles that separate them.

Freya is a character that I still like and, after the dangerous mishap, she lost his haughtiness and she is able to

appreciate the little things in life and especially she is more respectful of people who work for her and her family.

Miles is still a sort of enigma, in the sense that I'm still unable to understand what are his intentions and his feelings towards Freya. The main cause is surely due to the lack of his point of view in the novel, which in this part I missed a lot. On more than one occasion I wanted to know what he was thinking at that time.

The erotic scenes are always excellent and described with delicate sensuality. Their "lessons" continue and I'm really curious to see what Miles will think up in the next episode.

In short, I'm continuing to enjoy the story and I hope that in the fourth part there'll be even more tender and romantic scenes, and especially a little more dialogue between them that in this part is a little lacking.

Elaine says

Looking forward to the next installment.
