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Chance brought them together. A killer is determined to rip them apart.

She's the face of innocence whose secrets, if uncovered, could destroy her carefully crafted life.

On the cusp of achieving every goal she's set for herself, Kacie Dane is one step away from superstardom. The hell she endured five years ago is a nightmare of the past. With a new name and a new life, no one would ever recognize her as the ravaged victim she'd once been. Her secret is safe...or so she thinks.

He's a disgraced former sports star looking for redemption, determined to stay in the shadows.

Once the golden boy of the NFL, Brennan Sinclair's fall from grace was witnessed by the entire world. Determined to stay out of the limelight and make his life count for something, he joins the Elite branch of Last Chance Rescue. Brennan never expected his first assignment would draw him back into the life that almost destroyed him.

Some secrets should never be kept. Some sins can never be forgiven.

Someone knows exactly who Kacie Dane is and will stop at nothing to destroy her. Brennan is sure that he, along with his LCR Elite partners, can keep Kacie safe and unmask the evil trying to destroy her, but he never expected to lose his heart to the one woman he couldn't have.

A killer bent on revenge. A woman who refuses to be broken. A man in need of redemption.

No one is safe.

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Jessica says

Reading about Kacie and Brennan made me feel...nothing really. It was just a book that didn't affect me in any way pretty much because I didn't care about either of them. I initially liked Kacie and Brennan for a small portion of the book until he made a habit of rejecting her, pushing her away, and couldn't decide if he wanted her enough or not. Then on her part, she took every rejection, every refusal to allow himself to love her, every confusing signal he sent her way and took it. She allowed herself to be taken advantage of, knowing he had no plans of being in her life after the job was done, let him use her as he pleased and embarrassingly flat out told him she'd take him back at any point if he decided he wanted her. I don't care if you're the sweetest person who attends church every Sunday. No woman who has self-respect would let a man treat her that way and be able to maintain a classy facade of smiling to his face in understanding, after he's told her he doesn't love her enough to stay and give them a chance. You're either fuming and bitter or crying your heart out in pain and resigned to the outcome before you send him on his way with the parting words to never come back or try to contact you. This just made me lose all respect for both of them, but especially Kacie.

After some time, I pretty much just stopped caring about them as a couple altogether. He hurt her but she showed him it was ok by never taking a stand. It took her getting kidnapped and almost killed for him to open his eyes and fight for her. He didn't even have to work for her, didn't even ask for forgiveness, because he knew she'd take him back, no problem, and she did. I didn't even feel anything special between them, their whole coming together was kind of boring. They didn't make me feel a need to see them get their happy ending. I was kind of over it halfway, with the way that he didn't fight for her until he realized her life was in actual grave danger and the way that she let him get away with treating her as disposable and easy to manipulate at his convenience.

This author's strength clearly lies with building suspense and action scenes. How she dealt with Kacie's fear of being with another man was decent and I liked that she still showed some effects of how much she was still traumatized about what happened to her. Romance, however, is just not her specialty, at least for me and from what I've read of her so far. It needs a lot of work and she needs a wake up call that heroines are allowed to fight back. They can most definitely be assertive without being portrayed as a mean witch, they can be strong and stand up for themselves to be treated right without losing their femininity, they can be more than a meek, blubbering, pushover without coming off as a dislikeable heroine because she doesn't follow the classic formula of what older readers grew up with.

This is the third book I've read by this author but I'm going to push on and get through the rest of this series on the off chance that there is something of hers that I'll like. This book will not be a reread for me though for obvious reasons and I truly do hope that she can prove me wrong in the future.

Amanda says

3.5 stars

Chance Encounter is a consider a **light romantic suspense** and there is enough page time dedicated to build up the romance between the H/h. Too often when it comes to romantic suspense book, the couple was

thrown together in a whirlwind of action/drama and they sorta hooked up due to the adrenaline. So I can appreciate how the author let the characters experience a slower build up of connection.

Kacie Dane is the star model who had it all. But only few knew her tainted past. Five years ago, Kacie was a victim of a kidnapping, tortured and raped. She did all she could to bury her past, but now someone out there is determine to unearth it.

Brennan Sinclair used to be the star footballer until a tragedy befall his family and he was painted as a villain by the media. In order to avoid the public eyes, Brennan build a new life for himself by joining the LCR Elite Team.

The beginning of the book really creep me out because I totally had no idea of is the villain at all. The original perpetrator who kidnap Kacie years ago was supposedly dead. So why did all of the sudden, Kacie is receiving this creepy message and hearing weird sound in her head?

Brennan first assignment after being transfer to LCR is to guard Kacie while acting as her stand-in boyfriend. The last thing Brennan need is to be under the spotlight again, but he is professional enough to take things in stride.

The thing with Brennan and Kacie is that they are both such nice and genuine person at heart. Kacie is one of those understanding heroine who know how to accept help and listen to advice. As for Brennan, after learning what she endured, which man wouldn't be all protective of her. Having these two admirable characters together is simply too sweet. I actually wish they would do something to piss each other off just to see how they react.

Of course, they do have their own set of problem. The major challenge is with Kacie's intimacy issue. Poor girl didn't feel sexually interested in men after her ordeal. Then is up to Brennan to help her break down all these walls. Meanwhile, Brennan can't really see a future with a famous model by his side. How will they make it work?

As for the suspense department, apart from receiving these creepy warning and being there with Kacie, Brennan was not involved much in the investigative work, much to my disappointment. The middle portion of the book was a bit on a slow side and focusing more on the budding romance between these two.

However, Christy did manage to end the book in a high note. I was engrossed with the later portion of the book when the deranged villain finally make the appearance and there are few twist thrown at me, which totally caught me off guard.

Overall, I really enjoyed the last 30% of the book. I wish there is more action in the middle part of the book, which will make it more engaging.

Dawn says

I absolutely love Christy Reece. This book is a great addition to the LCR Elite series. Brennan and Kacie over come some serious struggles and emotional damage to find their HEA. I loved the twists and turns throughout the story. We got to visit some of the LCR gang and catch up on their lives as well. Chance Encounter will have you turning page after page until the very last word. Loved this book and I'm loving this

new branch of the LCR series. The Elite group is taking the us readers on a wild and fun adventure. Great Job Christy Reece on another great book!!

Alima Livzletlivz says

‘Chance Encounter’ can be deadly enough to break a soul. ‘Chance Encounter’ can be a balm in the night of deadly shadows and a ‘Chance Encounter’ can be the very epitome of love that endures to fight for their destiny.

The LCR Elite has a new member in the savvy and fallen quarterback Brennan Sinclair. With a past that refuses to fade and a guilt that seems to eat him from the inside, his first mission with the LCR Elite lands him under the roof of the beautiful and wholesome Kacie Dane.

Another fallen angel to the evil of the world, enduring the naked scars of pain, Kacie Dane always has a smile for the world. Embracing her profession as a model, pouring her inner pain into Kacie Dane Foundation, she channels her nightmares into strength and courage, giving back to the world in her very small means.

But when her torturous past threatens her life, Brennan steps in with his support and empathy, love and security, and the entire LCR family weaves a shield of protection. And that very shield stokes the embers of lust and passion, and the need for companionship brings Brennan and Kacie into the folds of love.

“Chance Encounter” gives us a chance to know two wonderful characters with so much strength and courage makes us tear for their pain and loss. Two good people, who got the wrong end of the deal, yet fate throws them into the hands of destiny, smile with each other and pass those very smiles around. Christy does a stupendous job of portraying their inner demons, feelings and thoughts, that you cannot but help laugh and cry along with them.

What I love about Christy Reece is her amazing creativity of characters, so broken yet redeemable. She can write adrenaline and heart racing romantic suspense and thrillers and on the other end of the spectrum is her sublime romance and immense depth of feelings. All her stories may not have to be bloody and pure evil to send the message across. Evil and love can romance at a sublime level in her stories and she does a brilliant job of narrating them.

This is one of her very best of best works that I will revisit several times and Kacie and Brennan will take a very close second to my favorites McKenna and Luke (Last Chance).

Anne OK says

****FULL REVIEW IS NOW POSTED****

Christy Reece writes everything I crave in Romantic Suspense and then some! Her second book in the *LCR Elite* series is deeply steeped in vengeance and masterfully keeps a step ahead of readers in a twisty, sexy thrill ride that delivers a page-turner full of intrigue and romance.

I love how this author keeps those last few puzzle pieces just out of reach. The villain, culprits, and bad guys all stay hidden so well. I wasn't able to put the whole puzzle together and completely figure it out until the final unveiling which is a major plus for me as a reader in a five-star romantic suspense. First, the Prologue was cleverly written. I was thinking one way and it went in the opposite direction. As the story deepens and a number of possibilities begin to present themselves, well it was anybody's guess at that point. At one time or another, I was accusing each and every character that came anywhere near Kacie. And then I even started to question if I believed in reincarnation.

And at the end, I was like . . . WHAAAT? Yeah, I was shocked and completely taken by surprise. There were several really well-written dimensions to the game of hide and seek. I thought the clues and possible suspects were portrayed in a realistic and believable manner. Well-played, Christy Reece!

Brennan, LCR Elite's newest operative is assigned as a bodyguard to Kacie, a successful model. Kacie has been receiving threats and appears to be the victim of a stalker. Both Brennan and Kacie are wonderfully appealing and unforgettable characters. They are both among those classified as "beautiful" people. But their lives haven't always been beautiful to behold. Both have been wounded by some really tough times and experienced firsthand horrendous life changing events. Each was tentative when it came to new relationships. Time together and the circumstances surrounding them began to melt the ice around their hearts as they became attuned to and understood the other's needs for compassion and support. Brennan treated Kacie tenderly when called for, guided her with firmness when she needed prompting, and definitely showed her that loving someone was a beautiful experience – nothing like the ugliness that she had endured. Kacie was likewise understanding and in relating to Brennan's emotional needs as well. His losses were great and the press had not been kind to him. Ya might say these two were a match made in heaven!

I'm a reader who loves the slow-build with all those little details that make a story interesting -- none of that fast-scanning – but must-read-each-and-every-word of the storyline. I don't want some easy light-read. They are a dime a dozen and frequently just become a waste of money. I want real substance and challenge -- and Reece gives it in spades. The romance and suspense is well-balanced each and every time. The scenes are written with emotional meaning and beauty. Brennan and Kacie don't jump into bed right out of the gate, although there is certainly plenty of steamy chemistry that makes it all well-worth the wait. Frankly, I only mention this because there are some readers who always seem to require the hot and heavy scenes every other page or so. This storyline, however, guides the temperature and the need for a slow dance between these two scarred and broken characters.

I can never ever get enough romantic suspense, and it seems to be getting harder and harder to find one that hits the bull's-eye. Christy Reece's books are always a perfect score. And *Chance Encounter* is no exception – I loved this book from start to finish, and it definitely wins a spot on my "favorites" list.

(Beta Reader - June 2015)

Michelle the Romance Witch says

an awesome read. shows that sometimes what we really need to overcome our traumas is giving life and love a chance. another Reece masterpiece.

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

??????3 STARS??????

Christy Reece is quite a new to me author. I've read the first book in her LCR series a few months ago and liked it. I enjoy romantic suspense and her LCR series has been recommended to me more than once. This one in my opinion, just lacked a little in the action department to please me all the way.

Kacie Dane, supermodel and America' sweetheart has a hidden and difficult past. Someone is set on making her new life hell and reveal her tainted history.

Five years ago she was abducted by a maniac and sociopath who drugged and raped her repeatedly. She came a long way reconstructing herself and making her new life a safe haven. She is still skittish about dating men and lives like a recluse when she is not working.

Reaparrances of proofs from her previous abduction are about to break her again...

Fortunately, Kacie stayed close to Noah McCall, head of LCR , who decides to set her up with a bodyguard / fake boyfriend until they can identify and neutralize the threat.

Freshly recruited by LCR, Brennan Sinclair is the lucky guy who's picked to play Kacie's fake boyfriend and bodyguard. He retired from a successful football career after the tragic events that cost him both his son and wife's lives. He is still portrayed as the villain and sole responsible by the media to that day.

I liked the beginning of the book, the set up really called for all my attention as I was suspecting everyone, even Kacie, lol. The idea to set her up with a bodyguard acting as fake boyfriend to not gain anyone's attention was great and held promise of a future romance between this fragile young woman and a broken hero.

Despite a good plot and a great start, I lost focus around 30% in. The investigation about the bad guys took forever to lead somewhere, it dragged a little. The romance part was slow, as expected, regarding Kacie's past with sexual encounters. I was glad that the author gave some time to the heroine to manage and go past her barriers and issues regarding such an heavy subject. I appreciated Brennan complete comprehension about it.

That being said, I never felt the chemistry that was told to me in the book. Yes the author showed some moments of intimacy and mostly Brennan consoling Kacie... But for me it missed something and I'm not sure what. Maybe some action? Brennan involved in Kacie's security did not make for a lot of actions and bravado demonstrations from his part.

There's was a great kick in around 70% but follow up was strangely OTT and suddenly unbelievable. Thus far, all seemed very realistic and I didn't understand the change of turns the author made. It completely disconnected me from the feelings I had throughout the book and this lead me to a 3 stars rating, which is not bad in my book.

I received an Arc in exchange for an honest review.

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Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

3 Stars

This man who both fascinated and frightened her made her more aware of herself than she'd ever been.

I have been a huge fan of Christy Reece since first discovering her LCR series years ago. I binged on those books and never wanted to end. This is my first book by her in the new LCR spin-off series, LCR Elite, and I can't say that I ever felt lost or confused not having read the previous book in this series. I did, however, read every single one of her LCR ones. I got a little nostalgic seeing some of my favorite characters making an appearance here, like Gabe Maddox and Skylar from No Chance and of course the head of LCR, Noah McCall. If you haven't read that series yet, I highly recommend you do.

While I enjoyed Chance Encounter, it also failed to grab me like the other books by this author had. For a romantic suspense, it was pretty slow-paced and mostly uneventful. While there was the mystery behind who was after the heroine, not much was really happening on that front until practically the very end. A good chunk of the book is focused on the developing of feelings between Kacie and Brennan.

Brennan Sinclair was a character I really loved. But then again, I always do seem to love the broken ones, and Brenna's history is an absolutely heart-breaking one. I appreciated that there was no insta-love here even though both characters had an undeniable chemistry from the very beginning. I also really appreciate the way that the author handled Kacie's character. This was a woman that went through hell at the hands of a monster five years ago, and the lingering effects of her experience haunt her to this day. There was no instant healing with the hero's penis (oh you know exactly what I mean). It was written in a very realistic matter that allowed you to truly connect to the heroine and what she's feeling. It may have been a slow burn towards Kacie and Brennan finally being together, but once they did, the fireworks definitely flew.

Kacie?"

"Yes?"

"Who's inside you?"

She smiled dreamily. "Brennan Sinclair."

"Who's going to make you come again so hard that your eyes will cross?"

This was a solid four star read for me up until that last twist at the end. It was just so OTT that I found myself losing interest in the story. It served as the catalyst for Brennan finally getting his head out of his ass, but it was still mostly eye-roll inducing.

If you're looking for an action packed romantic suspense, this is not it. It's a slow burn and a bit on the fluffy side. In all fairness it was probably my least favorite book by this author. But considering her previous books

were mostly 5 stars for me, that's not exactly an insult. I'm just saying it was a little too fluffy and slow for me. That being said, I'm still looking forward to the next installment and will gladly continue with this series.

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RachelW (BamaGal) says

3.5 Stars. Well written, as is any book by Reece; but there was something missing. This was a kindler, gentler Last Chance Rescue, almost fluffy RS. LCR and a stalker theme just doesn't go together; we're used to them handling badass cases. That plus a story that fell apart towards the end in a mess that would make a soap opera proud, and this is a bit of a misfire for the usually excellent Reece.

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Maureen ~Bitch Can Write A Book says

4.5 stars

I really, really enjoyed this book. As I have stated before I love reading a book with a damaged character that get his/her happy ending.

This had the distinction of having 2 damaged characters come together in scary circumstances. Their growth together and as individual's had me cheering at times, on the edge of my seat at times and sighing out loud.

Christy Reece is an awesome voice in the romantic suspense genre. If you have not read her...it's a MUST that you do. I'm looking forward to my next visit into her imagination. I'm never disappointed.

Lisa says

I love Christy Reece's books! I have never read one where she didn't keep me involved for the entire book. This is definitely true for Chance Encounter. Christy is a romantic suspense writer through and through. This book grabbed me from the first page and never let me go until the last page.

Kacie Dane is a model that is known for her "girl next door" looks. What no one realizes is that five years ago Kacie endured a horrible tragedy where she barely survived. She has since changed her name and told no one what happened. Unfortunately, through a series of events that refer back to this tragedy, Kacie believes that someone knows and is planning to use it to destroy her career.

Brennon Sinclair was "the golden boy of the NFL" until his son was kidnapped and eventually killed and his wife died soon after. He has just joined the Elite Team and is given the job of guarding Kacie.

This is a wonderful story with lots of twists and turns throughout the book. Ms. Reece keeps gives us clues throughout the story, but many of them send the couple and the readers in the wrong direction. This story and its plot flows so well that I often forgot I was reading a fiction book.

Brennon and Kacie both have been through terrible situations, but both are survivors. These characters are very complex and react to every situation they encounter in different ways just as real-life people do.

We also get to visit with old characters such as Noah and Skylar who make friends with the couple as they try to help them through the nastiness that they meet throughout the book. Although these characters were in other books, you don't have to have read Ms. Reece's other books to understand this book. However, it certainly enriches the story when you know who they are.

I highly recommend this book. Ms. Reece is a talented writer who makes her stories come alive for the readers. There is always lots of action, romance, sex and even plenty of bad guys and girls to hate along the end. After you read this book, I highly recommend that you read ALL of this author's other books. You will not be sorry!

Deb says

Always a 5 star read in my opinion! Every Christy Reece book I've read and this one is no different! All her Last Chance Rescue books and now the "LCR Elite" books are fantastic, page turning must reads:) I won this book on an FB online event, but have bought most of her books over the years & she will stay in my favorite author file, forever. So if you love contemporary romantic suspense like I do, grab all of her books and of course, reading them in order is always best :D Can't wait for the next new book!

Hope Frost says

This couple was one that I wasn't sure I would love, but I should know when it comes to a CR character, I will always love them. Kacie was just so genuine and Brennan was so lost and wounded. I don't feel like their love story was rushed, even though they were together for only a short time before things escalated, I thought it was written beautifully and believable, and as I have said over and over, no one can write a villain like Mrs. Reece. How she dreams them up...not sure I want to know. I love how Kacie was so strong while still being vulnerable at the same time. I always like when other LCR operatives pop up in new stories, so seeing some of the oldies was a treat for me. Angela doing her computer thing, honestly made me grin. That girl is a wiz and I love her. This series just keeps getting better and better, I can't wait for more.

Lisa Filipe says

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Alison says

Christy Reece has been an auto-buy for me for years. I loved Chance Encounter! I was happy to see that Kendra, now Kacie from No Chance was getting her happily ever after. I was happy to see Kacie has grown into an incredibly strong young woman.

I loved Brennan and Kacie together. They have both been through so much and are survivors. I really enjoyed seeing their relationship develop.

I always love when we get to check in with other members of the LCR gang, Skylar and Gabe are one of my fave couples and seeing what they are up to now was a nice treat.

I always try to guess who the villain will be, but Ms. Reece shocked me with this one. Man does she know how to write an evil person!
