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*Warning. Romantic suspense with dark themes. Extremely obsessive and jealous hero. Strong language and sexual content with sexual deviant situations. Mature audience, 18 years and above.

The first time Jake sees Ella he is struck by her beauty.

He becomes obsessed.

His obsession becomes a deadly affair.

You see, Ella belongs to someone else.

Someone determined to keep her ... or kill her.

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maggieandteddy says

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My review:

I've read quite a few of Victoria Paige's books, including the Guardian Series and the Always series.

I love her writing style and the strong heroines in both of those series.

I also enjoy reading about the quiet, more reserved heroine and hero.

In this book, it starts off with a bang. Literally.

I don't mean to be funny, it's not. The hero Jake and heroine Ella are together from the beginning of the book.

Ella, is quiet in her speech and manner. Jake is definitely an alpha male and OTT with Ella in every way.

There is a triangle- I wouldn't say LOVE triangle though. The motives for Ella being with another man is explained in the book to the reader and Jake is aware of the om. In this case Jake is the om, since he pursues Ella while she's with the om. There is evidence of cruelty by the om and Jake vows to protect her from danger.. The om, Clayton, is Jake's rival. I won't say how, but it's explained early in the story.

I didn't feel as emotionally connected to this heroine. Some of her decisions didn't make sense to me. Ella put herself in danger and took abuse to get information on her missing sister. There is another bad guy out there, who is it? I have to say, I figured out who, but what identity was he using? The suspense was the best part of the book. There were some secondary characters that I was suspecting....

As I mentioned, I do like a quiet heroine, but Ella wasn't my favorite of Ms Paige's awesome female characters. Ella had a lot of admirers throughout the book. I couldn't figure out why she would allow herself to be abused-after the first time. I liked Jake, but he was taking on a trouble magnet.

This was quite the page turner. There are quite a few twists, so watch for them. There is an HEA including a very good epilogue.

Seems like a standalone to me.:) I will give this 3.75 stars, rounding up to 4 for the writing skill and style. I wish that I had Ms Paige's grammar and English composition when I had to take English Comp 101 TWICE in college (boo).

ARC provided by the author with no obligation at all.

***kawehi.reviews says**

? I received an ARC via Hot Tree PR in exchange for an honest review. Thank you so much!! ?

A tumultuous affair, perhaps, something MORE.

When an ex-underground fighter turned business mogul Jake Hopper sets sight on the fair Ella Michel he just HAS TO have her. Possess her. Own her.

There is just one catch: Ella has a boyfriend. A rich and powerful one at that.

But with a deadly obsession lurking in the air... with a dangerous fixation upon Ella, that neither Jake nor the Feds can pinpoint or control...

Will time prove not to be in Jake and Ella's favor, as the stakes are risen, and dire consequences unfold

themselves?

And with a big foreboding of---

Love.Sex.Murder.Insanity.Compulsion.Mystery.

In the air, how will it all end? Will Jake and Ella's love survive the deadly entity looking to kill and stake a claim on Ella as theirs? Or will everything end up in blood and tatters?

For the most part, this book was pretty suspenseful. I spent a lot of it trying to determine who the big baddie was and what their motive was. To say I was shocked, would sum up what I felt. I didn't expect that!

Otherwise, as for Jake and Ella, well, a lot of their parts felt redundant and like going in circles. I loved that Jake was alpha and possessive, but sometimes his and Ella's relationship sometimes felt based on lust, sex, obsessive tendencies, and even jealousy. I don't really get what makes them coming back to one another other than each other's looks and the out of this world bedroom kinks.

And Ella's intangible, out of this world beauty? Wah, she must be Aphrodite incarnated or something because she has SO MANY dang suitors! And then to have them be so gah-gah and go ballistic over her, reminded me of Helen of Troy. How men would go to war for her. *Hmmm*.

I don't know. This book was a mere borderline for me. I liked it, but I would have liked more actually rapport and relationship building between both main protagonists instead of the repetitive themes and circumstances that I kept on seeing.

Suzanne (Lily) says

So frustrated that life got in the way when I was in the thick of reading Deadly Obsession. Looking back, I stopped at about the 76% mark because I wanted my head to be in the right space to read on. If only I knew that I was so close to getting answers and a whole lot of easier moments I'm sure I would have kept reading! Good aspect to this was I was able to have that great cover constantly on my currently reading shelf...

It was easy to pick up where I left off as the characters and story were still clear in my head enough not to go back and start all over again. Really pleased I picked this up again and got to enjoy that final chapter. This story is a real mixture of dark, suspense, friends, alpha men and some really scrumptious food descriptions! I loved the background story of Ella's love of baking and her focus on turning a favourite past time into more. All this while Ella desperately tries to uncover the truth behind her sister's disappearance with her attempts to do so being constantly distracted IMO by men keen to help her one way or another.

Wasn't too sure where my allegiances lay, Aron was my first choice, Jake can be a tad OTT alpha at times LOL but then he has this wonderful way of redeeming himself that has me overlooking his demanding streak :)

Amelyn Randall says

You want everything? This book has everything.

Victoria Paige is truly the author of smut for smart girls. I already consider myself pretty smart, but I had to look up 10 words while reading this book. I love words, and want to personally thank the author for expanding my vocabulary (and for Kindle Paperwhite for adding the Vocabulary Builder function).

So. You can get smarter reading this book. You can also enjoy a tale that includes an alphahole (I also love made-up words), a dirty-talker (YES!) and so much intense suspense, you'll be clutching your chest!

There are few books that affect me the way this one did. It's a bit of a departure from the author's usual work, and I'm loving this turn. It's darker and the title, *Deadly Obsession*, only begins to describe the book. The synopsis tells so little about this book, and that's a good thing. I guessed one surprise in the first fifth of the book, but everything after that was one thrilling surprise after another. By the end, I was smiling so hard, my cheeks hurt and I was hugging my Kindle. The biggest surprise was that I wanted to start all over and read it again immediately. The only other books I've felt that way about were the three *Fifty Shades* books.

This book will definitely be read repeatedly. I already know this. The next time, it will be as a read-aloud to my husband. In fact, we're going to read the whole Victoria Paige library together.

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review, but I also bought the book, because I believe in helping to support one of my top-three favorite authors financially. **READ THIS BOOK.**

Read again January 2016 aloud to hubby:

It is still a favorite and I loved it just as much reading it aloud. This was hubby's favorite book from Victoria Paige's library (so far...a little bird told me she is writing again!), and I think it's my favorite, too. We have finished our journey through these delicious books. I know I'll be back through again myself someday. Each one lends itself to multiple readings. Happy reading!

Samantha K says

Rec - 5 stars and now a favorite!

H - OTT j/p, controlling, dirty talking, non-abusive, obsessed with the h and intense in his love for her but not what I would consider an alpha-hole nor an anti-H. He's a man utterly determined to have his woman and keep her safe.

h - Strong, admirable (when you learn more about her motives), not a bitch, not ts/tl. You WILL be uncomfortable with what she's doing as it pushes boundaries. (She's initially a masochist.)

Sex - open door and hot! You WILL be uncomfortable with what she does as it pushes boundaries.

3rd person POV with POV's from H and h

Triggers - The h was severely beaten by a bad om. The h is almost raped by a bad guy; and what some might

consider cheating on the h's part BUT there are unusual circumstances. (When you get deeper into the story, you'll understand. It doesn't feel like cheating.)

HEA

Holy holtness! Wow! I loved this book! I'm not a romantic suspense fan but if all romantic suspense books were like this, I'd be instantly converted, lol. The romantic suspense story did not overtake the romance imo and I loved that. This is what I'm looking for in a romance! Read the preview and trust me, you'll instantly get it. Here are the first two sentences of the book (& yes this is the H and h) -

" "You like that, my little slut?"

Jake whispered to the woman he was fucking over the sink. "

Yep. It's starts out with a bang! Literally! (Lol!) I absolutely loved this H and I love how he talked to the h.

" "I love you." Jake declared. "I fucking love you." "

This H was 100% obsessed with the h. She was "it" for him. While he was intense and very controlling (he kidnaps her at one point) he wasn't abusive and I love-love-LOVED that!!

He never degraded her or talked down to her except in one scene early in the book that was unusual & he was justified. I loved the dialogue between the two. They had great chemistry together and yet there were some lol moments -

The h - " "I think I've done well putting up with your overbearing ass," Ella retorted.

(The H) "Oh baby, you haven't seen overbearing yet."

Ella cast him a look of mock horror. His woman didn't know how possessive he was with her and how much he had actually been reining it in. If he had his way, he wouldn't let another man near her."

There were a ton of j/p scenes! It was like a j/p lover's buffet. :D Some scenes were quite explosive when his jealousy was out of control and dangerously close to pushing the edge of acceptability yet this H was not psychotic and didn't cross the line. This is how I want my H's to be. I knew he cared about her more than his OTT feelings. (He 100% would've stopped if the h wanted him to and that OTT scene is my favorite scene of the book Victoria Paige!)

I also love that I felt the H's love for the h.

" "I love you," Jake whispered. "I want to spend the rest of my life with you, have babies with you, grow old with you. I hope you feel the same way because I'm never letting you go."

I do recommend this book to everyone who enjoys a darker, more intense romance. Even if cheating is your trigger, my guess is you'll be ok with this one.

Regarding the cheating trigger - (view spoiler)

Vee Paige says

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When I decided to take a break from writing military romance, this included shying away from the usual explo

Cyndi says

Jake and Ella started off in an odd situation, but I liked them together and he was so crazy about her. The suspense aspect was also really good. This would have been a 5 star for me if we weren't introduced to Candy- Jake's next door neighbor, business associate, and former f*ck buddy. Not only was she rude when she met the h- looking at Jakes crotch and insinuating they had been intimate, she also received oral from Ella's best male friend during a party- off in a room and Ella walked in on them. Candy seemed like a permanent fixture in their lives which creeped me out especially because she still called Jake- Jakey. Gross! Safety gang safe

Stacey is Sassy says

Jake Is HOT!!!

I am very lucky to have an in with the author of Deadly Obsession and she supplies me with my drug of choice...Hot Alpha Males!! Thanks Ms Paige for the ARC and the opportunity to read and review.

Jake is an ex-fighter who works hard to get past his rough start to life and becomes CEO of a company that deals in construction. He has led a busy life making work his priority. Unfortunately this included marrying a woman (stupid cow) who would improve his business. She's an idiot who loses him, but he is nice enough to let her keep her job. Ella is recovering from tragic loss and finds escape in a dangerous way. She is a very beautiful woman who men can't help falling for. Jake and Ella meet up and have an instant physical attraction to each other. Unfortunately she is in a relationship already.

This story scraped along the edge of my comfort zone. Relationships that start in this way normally get my back up. In this case I was able to get past it. Ms Paige has a talent for explaining the motivations of the characters to make the situation come through clearer and harder to form judgements.

Jake is a foul mouthed, sexy hunk of a man who knows what he wants...and it's Ella. This journey for the couple is not easy. There are many obstacles in the way of their happiness, but fortunately they both want it enough to work for it. They had to learn to live with each other and their possessive quirks, but they also had some issues in the bedroom. Boy did I like to see them work through those problems. Ms Paige has written some of the hottest sex scenes I have ever read.

There is some violence throughout the story and there is one scene towards the end that surprised me a little, but I was able to get past it.

Overall I really enjoyed this story and I feel that Ms Paige's style and talent improves with each release. It is different from her usual fare, but definitely as good if not better.

Thank you Ms Paige for being a wonderful friend and helping me feed my addiction.

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

ARC kindly provided by author in return for an honest review

Maya says

Seriously, what the hell did I just read?! While reading the first few chapters I thought, OK, it might get better and the writing style might stop bothering me but it only got worse! Too much OW/OM drama and all that bullshit.

DNF!

Elizabeth Neal says

Not only is his ex-wife still a part of his life - and no, they didn't have children - they work together so they are each other ALL THE TIME. As if that isn't. As enough, they stay at and eventually move to the house he stayed with his now ex-wife, and the neighbor next door is the realtor he purchased it from and he used to screw her. Oh, and she calls him Jakey, which is is freaking annoying, AND she and heroine became friends! WTH? No. Just no. These two things ruined what could've been a good book. The ow drama, both women he's been with, was too much. Ugh. Disappointed.

Kitten Mercer says

"Extremely obsessive and jealous hero" *swoons*

Ms. D. Reader says

An Intriguing, Hot, Romantic Suspense That Kept Me Guessing!

This romantic suspense story is darker than the other books by Ms. Paige and will push some readers' boundaries. There are warnings of triggers and deviant sexual behavior given up front so some readers should proceed with caution.

The first chapter of the story pulled me right in and I wanted to see where it was going. The reader is

immediately presented with two main characters that are sexually obsessed with one another. Jake is a dirty talking alpha male that wants the mysterious temptress Ella even when he discovers she is already in a relationship. Physical evidence from her S&M lifestyle with her lover shout "abuse" to Jake. He wants to rescue her from this terrible relationship. Ella refuses to leave her lover, and Jake decides he can't live with being the other man. He walks away.

So I was ready to throw my kindle at this point..... but I kept going. All hell breaks loose, and Jake can't let Ella go ever again. I have to find out why. I just know there is more to this woman than what is happening on the surface.

Of course there is!

The suspense plot that has this couple skirting danger at every turn involves a serial killer making women disappear. If the reader can hang in there through chapter five, it won't take long to find out that there is a lot more going on with Ella's lifestyle. She is living a screwed up life for a tragic reason, but you have to keep reading to find out why before judging her. Ella is strong and determined to handle things that are quite dangerous on her own and way out of her league at times. Some of her choices left me uncomfortable even though I understood her motives. I was frustrated at times when she took unnecessary chances that brought on Jake's protective and angry reactions which I felt were justified.

Jake is determined to keep her safe and forge a deep and lasting relationship during all this drama. His actions are sometimes hard to tolerate even though you know his nature is to be in control and dictate the couple's sexual escapades. He is an over the top alpha who enjoys rough sex play. He also has a dark history that makes him fight ruthlessly for what he wants. For some there may be times that he crosses the line in his jealous and possessive behavior, but he also can admit when he is wrong and apologize. Ella calls him on his extreme behavior. They do work on their problems and come to some compromises or at least acceptance of their needs and desires.

There is a murder mystery at the center of this couple's journey. Jake can't stay away from the woman in the middle of it. She brings excitement as well as heartache to his life. This white knight wants to save this woman from herself. There is more to her dark life than meets the eye and watching Jake unravel the mystery of Ella kept me intrigued. The couple tries to build a life while evading a serial killer. Even though there is cheating at the beginning, once I knew why, it was something I could overlook for the sake of the unfolding suspense story. The plot explains this trigger that I normally will not tolerate in my romances. (view spoiler)

I was uncomfortable with parts of this story at times, but the story was still riveting, the sex was hot, and I found myself rooting for the couple despite some of the dark elements and the characters' faults. This can be credited to the writing of the author. I commend her for pushing the envelope while still giving me a love story with a HEA. I enjoyed this suspense story, and I grew to like the strong alpha with extreme jealous and possessive tendencies and the woman of mystery who owns his soul. They kept fighting for justice and found the love of their lives in one another despite the odds against them.

I received an ARC from the author for my honest opinion. I appreciate the chance to read her work anytime.

Kitten Mercer says

"Ella was his weakness. She could shatter him into a million pieces. And she was the only one that could

put him back together again."

3 "OTT Jealous Alpha Hero" stars!

My first Victoria Paige book.

Jake Hopper was probably the most overbearing alpha hero I've read about. His jealous and possessive nature was consistent throughout the book. He only sees the heroine, he was devoted to her in a way that he didn't touch any other women during the months they were apart. He was completely obsessed with her, and to say that I was elated was an understatement. Jake only escalated my love for obsessive alpha males to a whole new different level, thanks to this author. I need more heroes like him!

If you want to know how Jake is when he gets jealous, here is a scene from the book, my favorite one:

He was gone, caught in the frenzy of jealousy-edged lust. The need to pound into her took over as he quickened his pace. Pulling out, pushing in, his pumping hard and relentless. He trapped her hands above her head as he moved inside her, above her, keeping focus on her face.

Thrust.

Mine!

Thrust.

Mine!

Thrust.

Mine. Mine. Mine.

His obsession was raw; his love was boundless. It was all-encompassing, and he was never letting her go. So here he was branding her, marking her, sealing her fate.

Talk about a total alpha caveman in bed!

However, in spite of my love for the hero, I felt a little disconnected with the main characters and the story itself. I just didn't feel any emotional connection between Jake and the heroine, Ella, no matter how possessive Jake was. At times I felt like they were only using each other purely for sex. I need more emotional chemistry between them, not just intense sex and hard f*cking (*though I admit I enjoyed their very intense chemistry in bed, lol*). And I wasn't a fan of the heroine. The portrayal of her character just didn't make the story believable, the fact that she had a bunch of men after her made me arch a brow.

As for the story, I felt like things were a bit rushed in the beginning of the book. I wish that the author should've taken her time in letting her characters develop, instead of rushing things straight to the suspense part. That said, it was still a fairly entertaining read. The writing was great and will have you at the edge of your seat. I'm a huge fan of romantic suspense, so I still enjoyed this book nonetheless. I look forward to reading more of this author's works and more OTT jealous and possessive alpha males.

HEA: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

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From the opening scene, this book sucked me in with a sense of OH my gosh what will happen next? I love suspense, I love sexy times, I really love dirty mouth alpha males who aren't shy about going after what they want. Jake wanted Ella like he had never wanted anything.

From the bottom of his soul to the breath that he breathed he needed her like air. The mystery right away had me trying to figure things out and every single time I was wrong. With Ella it was like an onion being peeled back trying to figure out really what was in her heart and with someone like Jake, thankfully he took the choice out of her hands. She only had to let her mind follow her heart.

Victoria Paige just has this way with the suspense that makes you flip through the pages devouring her reads. But right there in the middle you're falling in love at the same time as the characters. I wanted to figure this book out so bad and at the same time didn't want to finally come to the conclusion because then it would be over. But Victoria didn't let this be a crash landing. NO she wrapped it up perfectly and left me smiling and warm all over. I adored every moment and even though the blurb and the first few chapters would make me think this would cross boundaries I usually run from..it is not like that at all. One amazing love story with characters I just loved from the start ..even when I didn't know if I should like them at all. Passion and electricity that is what kept me riveted and that is what kept me reading. Total post-romantic-read happiness hangover commences right now. .

