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Cool under pressure... Until now.

Hostile Operations Team sniper Jack “Hawk” Hunter is cool, methodical, and utterly lethal. Nothing rattles Jack’s calm. But that was before he learned he fathered a child three years ago—a child who has just been kidnapped.

Gina Domenico is a superstar, a pop sensation with a string of hit records. But deep inside, she’s still the lonely girl she’s always been. When Jack saved her from an arms dealer, they spent three unforgettable days together waiting for rescue—and Gina fell hard for the sexy soldier before he walked away forever.

But now she needs his help and she’ll do anything to get it. Though Jack can never forgive Gina for keeping his child from him, he’ll do everything in his power—and HOT’s—to bring their son home safely.

Nothing is what it seems, however, and their fates hang in the balance as someone else pulls the strings...and brings them ever closer to an explosive confrontation that could either save their son—or cost them everything.

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Dee says

The mission is to eliminate the top man of the gun running group and to get out as quickly as possible. It was Jack's job as sniper to pull the trigger but in his scope he spots a woman who is obviously being mistreated by the boss' bodyguards so he shoots them too. Jack stays behind and helps the woman to escape and find somewhere safe to stay until the team could extract.

Whilst hiding out Jack struggles with the fact the woman was no other than Gina Demenico, the famous pop star. This is the singer who his wife, who had been killed in a car accident, had idolised and ever since she had been killed he hadn't been able to bear to listen to any of her songs. They talk and start to get to know each other and despite trying to resist they give in to the attraction between them but Jack warns her that it can go nowhere, that it will only be sex and that at the end he will walk away.

Fast forward three years.....Jack receives a call out of the blue from Gina pleading with him to help her save her son who had been kidnapped, Once he gets to her location she drops the bombshell that the boy was the result of their time together three years ago! Needless to say Jack was shocked and then angry that Gina had never told him but he quickly kicks into gear to try and find his son. After being led astray they eventually find out who has kidnapped their boy and why, and they set off with back-up from the H.O.T. team to go and get him back.

Hot Shot is another extremely well written romantic suspense story, the connection and sexual tension between Jack and Gina is there right from the beginning, the balance between the romance and the suspense is excellent with a few twists thrown in to keep the reader engaged from start to finish.

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Lily says

Does contain SPOILERS!!

Gina is a superstar, one who comes from a lonely past and has had enough of the false friendships, empty lovers and no privacy. Making a mistake with the wrong man sees her in the middle of a semi isolated Caribbean island with no way out. As she's planning her escape from a man she thought of sweet and safe, gun fire sounds from no where and men around her are dropping like flies. She needs to go and when she manages to get to a car and race away from the mansion she fears she's being followed so she turns down a dirt road path instead of carrying on toward the town (because really why would you flee to safety when you think you are being chased by hot headed men with guns??? Beats me lol). Her car gets stuck and that's when she sees a bush with eyes. Really it's Jack, a sniper from the military. Having to hide in a cave for three days with a man as hot as Jack is almost enough to take her mind off the situation. Obviously they get a bit to close. But Jack is still grieving the passing of his wife and unborn child. Eight months before his heart broke and he doesn't want to fix ever again, he also makes that plain to Gina. So when rescue comes they go their separate ways.

Jack will never get over the loss of the love of his life and their unborn child. Killed in a car accident while he was deployed, shattered him. Then he met Gina and something stirred in him he never wanted to feel

again, it was a good thing they went their separate ways. Until three years after walking away from her, she phones him begging for his help. Her child has been taken and she wants him to help. Not knowing what he can really do to help he still goes to her after hearing the pain in her voice. Seeing her again stirs things in him after all that time and he's pissed about it. Then she hit's him clean out when she reveals her child is also his! Three years ago they made a child and she never told him? Pissed isn't even the word. Deciding he would do anything to save the boy he's been told is his son, the hunt begins.

Will they manage to save their son from a mad man unknown to them? Through everything their feelings are running on high but they just can't seem to put everything aside and focus on the one thing that truly matters. Will they end up risking them all?

I have to say this is the first book I have read in this series and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Even though there were characters from the other books in the series involved, it didn't make me feel as if as I was missing a huge part of the story, in fact it makes me want to read the others next. The story was amazing with steamy scenes and enough drama to hold through the book.

Why not five stars then?

This is because honestly I am being picky here. I dislike when a leading female can be walked over after the leading man is frankly an asshole to her just because she loves him. A few times through the book I wanted to slap Gina for always giving into him when he has spoken to her treated her like crap. Secondly the whole book focused on a will they, won't they dynamic because Jack couldn't get over his belated wife. Even though he knew how Gina felt he kept thinking of how he only loved his wife and felt guilt when he was with Gina. Then all of a sudden he loved her too? Honestly that part made me think WTF?? What I miss that changed?

That being said I really did enjoy this book and will definitely give the others in the series a try.

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Alison says

Like this one but didn't love it like the rest and it was the hero that annoyed me!

Sheryl says

Everytime I think Lynn Raye Harris cannot possibly do it, she writes another addition to the Hostile Operations Team that I LOVE!!! Jack and Gina have so much "baggage" that I was honestly despairing that they were ever going to get their HEA... but they did (THANK GOD!!).

Now if you just wrote a story about Nick and Victoria... (HINT, HINT...)

ARC courtesy of Netgalley and Lynn Raye Harris

Desere says

Every time I pick up one of the new HOT series books I always know for a sure fire fact am in for a heck of a ride. Action, suspense, super hot men, spicy sex scenes and emotional drama all packed into an excellent plot.

But what I also always think is that this author cannot possibly do it better than the last time, and you know what, I could not be more wrong. This time the author surprised me over and over again with fascinating characters, a heck of a plot and twists and turns I had no idea was coming.

The read tells of Jack "Hawk" Hunter, the number one sniper to the HOT team, he's always cool and calm under pressure. Deep down he hides a broken heart after the death of his wife and unborn child, but he still gets up everyday and does his job to perfection.

Then he lets go for a few hours when he finds number one sexier than sin pop star Gina Demenico in his arms screaming his name and not being able to have enough of him. But at the end of their three day hideout Jack walks away and makes it clear this will never happen again and there is no future for them, it was just sex and that's all it will ever be.

Three years later Gina's son is kidnapped and she's desperate for help, she knows Jack is the most lethal man she knows, and if there is anyone that can rescue her baby boy Jack and his team are the men for the job. All she has to do is make contact with Mr Hot Shot Sniper, beg him for help and oh yes tell him that Eli is in fact his son!

This read was beyond fabulous and so, so SO super sexy. I loved the heat between Jack and Gina it was electrifying and so intense it totally made me lose my breath. The plot of this read could not have been more awesome, I loved the entire 'let's go rescue our son and try not to have too much sexual tension get to us along the way' idea. It made for super awesome moments of conflict that when finally hitting the 'this is enough and now we're going for it' scenes leap from the pages with such astounding epic amazement it left me in complete awe of this author's writing.

The action and suspense was as in the previous HOT reads simply fabulous. The intensity of the build up to the who dunnit and the total 'wow did not see that coming' was incredible. I truly thought I had the kidnapper all figured out and ready to be brought down and then it went the total opposite direction, really incredible keeping you on the edge of your seat stuff!

I am taking away a message that in life there are no guarantees, we love, we lose, we fall. But if we don't get back up and try again we will just fall further back in a hole there is no getting out of, make a compromise or two and you will be more than surprised to learn there is life after death.

To wrap it up, we have an awesome plot, a truly off the charts hotter than hot sniper, a little bit of a lost popstar wanting to please her fans, a murderous disgusting madman, a twist of fate, super hot sex and a team ready to kill on command anyone that dares mess with those they love, loads of action and guns blazing and two people both with a lot of baggage that need to learn how to build a future together. The absolute perfect combination of a kick-ass read.

The author has once again proved she is the ultimate master in creating the perfect action romantic suspense reads. I cannot wait for the next HOT read!

I highly recommend this book for all fans of action romantic suspense reads. Guns, mystery, drama, action, romance and a whole lot of amazing awesomeness. A thrilling delicious, toe curling, take my breath away read from a brilliant author.

5/5 star review

"The ultimate hot shot faces more pressure to be accurate than ever before"

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

This author writes one of those must read black ops series that is as good as Maya Banks & Cindy Gerard! Her own original series meshes perfect, but does not copy or reproduce story lines similar to the other books.

AND YES!! I was up all night reading this book!!

Gina's baby is kidnapped & she calls Jack to help her get back the son he never knew existed.

A one liner makes this book totally predictable, but it was exciting & nerve racking at times & I couldn't put it down.

I really like a crazy villain & I think he is... He wants Gina and her son for his own. Too bad so sad, Jack isn't going to let that happen!

Shauni says

Originally reviewed for Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy.

Intense, fast paced, emotional ringer!! Lynn Raye Harris continues her Hostile Operations Series by playing on a parent's greatest fear.. Someone kidnapped her child! HOT Shot is her 5th book in this series and each one pulls a different string, captures a different emotion and makes you just want to come back for more..

Three years ago, singer Gina Domenico found herself the "girlfriend" of a very dangerous man. Afraid she may never escape his private island retreat, she is still terrified when all of the men around her start dropping like flies. Smart enough to get out of Dodge before anyone else shows up, Gina gets out fast. Only to get lost in the rain forest when the car she is using ends up in a ditch. Not sure who to trust she takes off on her own. Only to run into Jack "Hawk" Hunter. Fortunately he is one of the good guys and offers to keep her safe until help can come. Knowing she can't survive on her own, Gina is forced to trust him. And for three days they survive in a small cave.. an intimacy is formed and finally on their last day they give in to the attraction. Now it's three and a half years later and the baby conceived in that cave has been kidnapped. Gina is once again lost and is forced to call the only man she can really trust.. the baby's father. Only he doesn't know about his son.

Jack "Hawk" Hunter loved once and loved deeply, when his wife and unborn child died in a tragic accident he cut himself off from any chance of future romance. Refusing to even act on an attraction to any woman until his time with Gina. But once they were out each went their separate ways.. When Jack gets a call from Gina, of course he wants to help but when he discovers it's his child. He is furious! How dare she???

A Great, Great read!! Emotions are all over the place. Yes it's a second chance romance and those always hit me emotionally but this was so much more. Jack and Gina have to work together to find out who stole their child and what can they do to get him back. Jack has to deal with his anger and his fear. His anger at Gina for never letting him go and his fear of starting any sort of relationship. His fear of loss. But this time he doesn't have a choice.. he has a son so no matter what he is going to be there.

Gina has to really learn who she can trust, has to wonder who would betray her. The only thing she really knows is the attraction is still there. Now she has to decide just how much she is willing to risk to have Jack in her life for good.

Ms. Harris gives us a particularly skeezy villain with some rather excellent minions. It's not enough that some whack job kidnaps her child but what he really wants makes your skin crawl.

And yes we do get to see more of the rest of the team. So once again we get to enjoy a group of individuals who are willing to put their lives on the line for each other..

A most excellent read. It can be read as a stand alone but again, why would you want to? Check out this series..

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of HOT Shot, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released June 30, 2014

Angie says

What a great story! I can't believe how many dark and erotic romances I've been reading lately. This book was refreshing and came along at the right time. Although Hot Shot is book 5 in the Hostile Operations Team series, I felt like it could be read as a standalone. I have not read any of the other books in the series and now plan to catch up on them. This book has appearances of several of the previous couples, but nothing that keeps you from understanding the overall storyline.

The author does a great job at grabbing us from the beginning of the intense connection between Gina and Jack. You're always rooting for them to somehow make it all work. Without giving away any spoilers, I did wish the ending went the other way around. Hopefully with their decision, this will create more opportunities for great characters of future stories.

I received a copy of this book through NetGalley from the author/publisher for an honest review.

Jacqueline says

Very pleasantly surprised by this romantic suspense novel that I've had on my TBR for a while. I haven't read any of the other series so I came to this basically with no expectations. I'm not even sure why I purchased it in the first place.

So any way I found it very well written. The action sequences were tense and believable. The romantic relationship between the two leads was very well done. The attraction and sexual tension was believable and progressed at a believable rate considering the story line. Characterization was wonderful. The hero was a recent widower when they met and you could really see where he was coming from. I was happy here that it didn't turn out that he had never really loved his first wife as soon often happens in romance novels. The heroine was a rock star, not usually one of the tropes I enjoy but it was well done here. They had a lot of

stuff going against their relationship but a lot of honest feeling to hold things together so their HEA was ultimately believable.

Gotta read the rest of the series now.

Kame says

4 ½ Stars

Jack Hunter is a man consumed by his job. He has nothing to live for now that the love of his life along with his unborn child died in an accident. As a sniper nothing can break his concentration on his targets, then someone HOT never expected to be at the compound walks into view; Gina Domenico – one of the world's most popular pop stars, and his wife Hayley's favorite. Not only must Jack execute his mission but as fate would have it he must also rescue Gina. He never thought he would ever see her again after the transport found them, but three years later he answered his phone and the desperation in her voice changed his life forever.

Gina maybe a pop superstar but she has not forgotten her past and the hard life that fostered the inner toughness that resonates so well in this story. She is no way the toughest heroine in the HOT series but she fits in nicely with all the ladies. Her presence even helps show a softer side of Lucky. Gina is warm, forgiving and has a sharp wit and tongue when needed. Some of her exchanges with Jack made me chuckle and others made me want to give her a high-five for putting him in his place. Jack is the typical HOT hero, an alpha who doesn't have that much of a softer side. He has reason to be angry with Gina when they meet again, but for me he held the grudge a little too long. The grudge might also have to do with the fact that Gina lives a lifestyle he has never known or could ever afford. Jack has a hard time realizing there could be enough love in his heart for Hayley and Gina; and he realizes he really hasn't gotten over the loss of his wife and unborn child. Gina does lack patience with this, which I questioned given the timeline of the book.

The nature of the plot makes a blossoming romance tricky. It was a tense situation and a quick succession of steamy scenes would seem rather a stretch for these characters and the plot. Because of that this book seems to have less steamy scenes; however the ones that are included are a pleasure to read. It is a quick plot with an epilogue a few months later. Outside of the great interaction between Gina and Jack were the appearances of all the other HOT heroes and their ladies. By the end of the book you really got a sense of how close all these characters are. Outside of the HOT characters there are few secondary characters, a tight "cast" is something I love as it is easier to read. This book has the right amount of action and steam and a few heart string pulling moments too.

Hot Shot is the fifth book in the series, and while I was frustrated that I didn't get to read it right away when it was released, I am now so happy that I have the next book (and the one after that) sitting on my kindle right now so that I can immediately dive into the next installment. I enjoy the HOT series immensely and right now I am on a binge read!

I received this book from the publisher via NetGalley for my honest review.

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 Action Packed and Sexy Stars

Even if you were thinking about something other than my gun, I'm not interested," he told her. "Not ever again. You're gorgeous and you know it. But you're a fucking liar- and I can't stand a liar."

Three years ago pop sensation, Gina Domenico, was at the wrong place at a very wrong time. Caught on the wrong side of flying bullets during a mission, she's rescued by the sexy HOT operator and sniper, Jack “Hawk” Hunter. Jack knows he has no business with the beauty, especially since her fame can cost them their carefully planned op. But that doesn't stop them from sharing three passionate days together...to never hear from each other again.

Three years later the last person that Jack expects to get a phone call from is Gina when her son is kidnapped. But what he expects even less is to find out that he fathered that child. To say he's furious is an understatement. He may never forgive Gina for keeping his son from him, but he will stop at nothing from getting him back.

Jack was one of those heroes that no matter how much of an asshole he may have been to Gina at times, you can't help but to feel for him. Having lost his wife all those years ago changed him and he knows he'll never be able to replace that one time love.

I really appreciated that the author never downplayed Jack's love for his wife while at the same time never making it feel like Gina was a consolation prize. Miss Harris did a fantastic job painting the picture of a man that lost a young love and struggles when he begins to develop feelings for a different woman. That's not to say that he didn't have his asshole moments, because he certainly did...a lot of them. (But then again, I'm into that sort of thing)

Gina was sassy and take charge, while also dealing with her own painful past and not so smooth present. That doesn't mean that she lets Jack walk all over her. She gave as good as she got, and then some.

Sex sells, baby. Or haven't you heard."
"Then you're doing a fine job of selling it."
"You're an asshole, you know that? You don't get to judge me or make assumptions about my business just because I'm wearing a dress that makes you hard. Jerk off tonight if you must, but blame yourself, not me."

The chemistry between these two was positively sizzling. As hard as they try to fight their attractions, it is pretty much inevitable that eventually they'll give in. Gina knows that Jack will never forgive her, but that doesn't stop her heart from falling for a man that may never feel anything other than lust for her.

Hot Shot was another sexy and action packed installment in the HOT series that you are not going to want to put down for a second. I especially loved the banter between Jack and Gina...

"This thing won't go off, will it?"

"No. But don't pull it no matter what. It's for me, not you."

"The damn thing is between MY legs."

"I know. Guns and pussy. Two of my favorite things on earth."

The author gives us a perfectly built romance in the midst of high action ops and suspense.

Each book only continues to get better, and I cannot wait to read Victoria and Nick's book next. That set up sounds utterly delicious. If you're a fan of sexy romantic suspense, I can't recommend this series enough.

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Karina Ramirez says

4 Exciting Stars!

When Jack and his team move in on an arms dealer in the Caribbean the last thing they expect is for their targets girlfriend to be there, much less for his girlfriend to be Gina Domenico, a pop-star sensation! Following through with their mission they eliminate the target, but when his bodyguards emerge from the house and being to manhandle Gina, Jack acts on instinct and kills them as well and saving Gina to escape on her own.

Splitting up on the island from his team Jack run into Gina and the two hide out in a cave for three days, learning literally everything about each other, including intimately.

Now three years later Jack is working and coin his own thing, when he gets a call from Gina, who he hasn't spoken to since they were reduced by his team. She's frantic and begging for his help to fins her missing son Eli. What's a man to do but say yes?

Little does he know Gina's about to turn his world upside down when she tells him that Eli isn't really adopted as she led the world to believe but is actually hers', and his.

Enlisting the help of his Black Ops team to reduce the son he never even knew he had, he must come to terms with the fact that Gina had lied to him about having a child.

Rescuing baby Eli is only half the battle and when Gina's fame and fortune begin to mix with Jack's super secret military life he begins to wonder if he and Gina could ever be something real, or are they two polar opposites.

And when the threat towards his new found family occurs for the second time, he will do everything in his power to keep them safe.

Super exciting read!

I loved this book, I read it all in one sitting. Jack was such a lovable character as were all of his team member. Gina was also super strong which I loved. If anything she was the more dominate character where Jack was always on the defensive with his feelings and where he wanted his life to go. It was a good contrast from the super alpha caveman, although he certainly was when it came to protecting both Eli and Gina.

I loved his interaction with Eli, the string cheese scene I mean come on swoooooonnnnn. I wish there was more of them!

Overall amazing read, a definite must read this summer!

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

??????? 3.5 STARS ???????

I liked that one but I guess I couldn't turn off the logical part of my brain to enjoy it truly.
Review to come.

Heather andrews says

Jack, he's not one taking some shocking news lightly, "if you're telling the truth," he snarled, "you have no idea how much I want to strangle you right now. You effing lies, Gina. To the world. To me." We also learn that where Gina is concerned the boy has no control, "I'm sorry for being a d*** earlier. That's what I came here to say. Not for this." He shook his head. "But you were naked, and I lost my mind. Seem to do that a lot with you." Also he's do anything for his girl even if it means him going without, "damn." He let out a low whistle. "You don't want much, babe. Just to cripple me with the worst case of blue balls I'm likely to ever have." I loved this book, I loved Jack, I love how after he cools down he sees the upsides and Gina's side of things.

B.E.Love says

When Jack's team is called on a mission they never expected to find Gina a famous singer with their target. When the situation is taken care of Gina didn't stop to think she just ran after seeing several men killed. Noticing she was being followed Gina hid only to run into Jack. Jack's late wife loved Gina's music so he knew he couldn't leave her without a chance to get free, and when she found him after fleeing he knew he had to protect her. After spending three days together they both parted ways when Jack made it clear he wasn't over his late wife Hayley. But not before he got Gina pregnant.

Three years later Gina's son has been taken not knowing what else to do Gina found Jack. When Jack got a call from Gina he was surprised and saddened that her son was kidnapped but knew she had to call the authorities. Knowing Gina's secret had to finally come out Gina told Jack they had a son. Now Jack and his team are working against a clock to save Eli Jack and Gina's son, When it is made clear that someone from Gina's past has other plans Jack and his team steps in to protect Gina and Eli.. As Jack and Gina spend more

time together neither can deny the feeling they have but Jack isn't over his wife and isn't sure he will ever be.

As Gina begins to fall in love with Jack his love for his deceased wife makes her wonder if they will ever be anything but Eli's parents and when she thinks nothing else will happen between them they all realize that the threat was never gone and Gina and Eli are once again in danger. As Jack tries to save his son and Gina he will have to decide if he has room in his heart for anyone but Hayley.

UGH this book was a pain and very hard to read. This story was about Jack, and Gina but they star of this book was Hayley Jack's deceased wife. I don't pretend to have a clue what it would be like to loose a spouse but if I am reading romance I don't want my hero to love his ex or deceased spouse more or close to the heroine and Jack loved Hayley period. If you asked me who Jack loved at the beginning of this book I would say Hayley, if you asked who he loved in the middle of this book I would say Hayley, and if you asked me who he loved MOST at the end I would say Hayley. She was mentioned more than Gina and in fact at 93% Jack says he loves them both, seriously. I was so sick of hearing about Hayley while reading this book that I struggled just to finish it.

I also get that hiding a baby is wrong Gina shouldn't have done it but I also understood it Jack made it clear he still loved his wife and didn't want kids and there was nothing between them. But Gina was still wrong. Having said that I think through most of this book Jack was a jerk, and I think he treated Gina like crap and I also got sick of him complaining about how much Gina made. Get over it she rich but she made it all on her own and used to be homeless give the girl a break and grow up. I do think this book was written very well but in the end I think Gina and Eli deserved someone better, I also think in the end if Hayley had come walking in the door that Jack would have dropped both Gina and Eli for Hayley(oh how romantic).

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