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Mallory Westin was born into power. But when her family's quest for more power caused her a broken heart, she turned her back on the only life she ever knew. Now a successful owner of a security firm, she's determined to forge her own path. But sometimes one's past isn't so easy to leave behind. Mallory has to take control of the power she was destined for after discovering her politician father is involved in an assassination plot. Things only get worse as the one man she's always loved becomes a target as well.

Reid Simpson had loved Mallory since they were teenagers. Then one night changed everything as she suddenly broke his heart. For years, he escaped the pain as he built his resort and casino empire. He pushed her from his mind, if not his heart. As Reid encounters increasing danger, he finds that Mallory is the one by his side trying to protect him.

Can Reid and Mallory work together to uncover the assassination plot while avoiding the pain of the past? Or will they discover that love has a way of conquering all?

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Donna Porter says

This was the fourth book in the Women of Power series. Mallory Westin loved Reid Simpson from the time she was sixteen. Her best friend, Reid's sister didn't even know. On her eighteenth birthday her and Reed got together in bed. While there her father walked in and told him to get out and leave Mallory alone. She wanted to go with Reid but her father whispered to her he would destroy him and his family if she did. For sixteen years she has worked for the government in security and had become one of their top agents. Reid had built a series of casino/hotels around the world. It was at one of these while on a mission they met again. This was a great book as all Kathleen's are and this one will not leave you disappointed. It has a lot of suspense in it and it will hold your interest throughout. A very good read

Christie says

This book was amazing, funny, full of action and completely lovely!! Read and Mallory's story was tender, fun-loving, hilarious and full of surprises and why not pure action. Even Shirley got some action!! By the way, who didn't want to see another glimpse of the fabulous, mysterious and totally hot Ahmed One more time?! Ms. Brooks did it one more time! This series it's one of those that no matter how many times you read them you will laugh at the same jokes and fall in love all over again!!! Happy reading!!

Ronald Miller says

Good reading

This is the fourth book I've read of hers as the others, it's lots of fun to read. I like the way she explain the characters.

Melissa says

Powerful

Mallory and Reid's story certainly answered all of the questions threaded through the other stories. I loved it. I laughed out loud and even cried. Rarely does a book get that type of reaction from me! Great book!

Trish R. says

Great ending to a wonderful series..

WOW! This 4th book was exciting from the very beginning: spying, murder, attempted murder, a plane

crash, plots for an assassination, a car chase, without any brakes, the FBI and the CIA, a lot of love and a little bit of sex. What more could you ask for?

I knew I'd like Mallory and Reid's story the best, but I really did enjoy ever book in this series.

I didn't like Mallory's father or Ambrose or Liam or Black and Jonak. They were all great bad guys, vicious, evil killers or just plain old jerks.

I enjoyed this series. Everyone got their own HEA, including Shirley, who was my favorite character, and Reid's mother, Margaret.

As usual, no sexual tension but nice sex scenes.

Ms. McFadden did an awesome job narrating.

Lynz Johnston says

I enjoyed this book, it was nice to FINALLY read Mallory and Reid's story. But I felt like this book was much darker than the others in this series. Yes, there was an assassination plot and all of that, and espionage etc going on, but it still had a darker feel than the others.

I also want to go back and reread the other books to see if I can see glimpses into who Mallory really is or not.

Great series, and great author, I will continue to read her books (I have about 10 of them that I read often).

Between My BookEndz says

I have read all of Kathleen Brooks' books, so I am definitely a fan. I dove into her "Women of Power" series and have inhaled every book at least twice. The finale for this series, Destined for Power, is a fitting finale for the series! We had been teased long enough regarding Reid and Mallory's past relationship with one another; it was obvious the two had deep feelings for one another previously. What could have happened? Well, Ms. Brooks rewards us the answer in an intense, well-written conclusion to the series which may be my favorite of the series!

Mallory was depicted in the prior 3 books as a combination Wonder Women/Terminator-in-pearls. We knew she was from old society, but her family scars appeared fresh. Reid was from the "wrong side of the tracks, but this charismatic brother of the Simpson girls became a successful hotelier whose smiles and supermodel girlfriends hide deep currents of sadness and loneliness. The author brings all of those secrets, and the emotions involved with them, to the surface so we finally learn about the split between Mallory and Reid and how it involved Mallory's family. Add in some villains and international intrigue and you get a deeply satisfying read.

Another reason to love this book *spoiler alert* - Shirley gets her groove on! Let me tell you, the old gal "ain't just talk." Go Shirley! I was so happy for her I did not even mind the visual....LOL! And Margaret Simpson also gets her HEA! I just loved this series, and cannot await Ms. Brooks' next book.

Karen says

Oh Yeah....WOW!!! This book grabbed you from the beginning and never let go. You knew from the other books in the series that there was chemistry between Reid and Mallory but you never knew the back story until now. My heart ached for them with what her father did to them. But it leaped for joy when they were able to overcome it. I absolutely LOVE Shirley and Margaret. You never know what is going to come out of her mouth but when Margaret stood up to Mallory's parents and told them what it is I was cheering out loud. I am so sorry to see this series end but I am hoping we get something down the road with babies for Margaret especially since you cannot leave us hanging with her and Troy getting married. I have never read a book of Kathleen's that I have been disappointed in. I am anxiously waiting for the next new series.

Jo says

it's a small world, Mallory is the colleague of Ahmed, or let's say Ahmed is the mentor of Mallory when she worked for CIA.

LOL, this is the last book also my favor, maybe it is related to bluegrass series characters. Mo and Dani, let me rethink about Cy, also the CIA.

it is a lovely one, Reid and Mallory was in love since she was 16, of course, i wil think if there were together in that moment, they may apart now. After 16 years, both of them became more mature, good mind to deal with everything.

Mallory is CIA, wow, it is unexpected lead. Reid, be the man of Simpson, he did well to protect her family that's he not around in US, to let Mallory be with his family.

Shirley, she is protective when things happened related to family of Simpson, she is nice, make the story in live. If we have the best supporting role in the story, i will nominate Shirley in this series.

Tracy T. says

Great Series! Great Story! Great Narration! (audible whispersync review)

I really enjoyed this entire series. Book one started out a bit iffy but I am glad I kept with it because every story got better and better. I loved Mallory, I always liked her in every book and just knew hers would be so good. And it was. Mallory was beautiful, smart, strong, and a bad a\$\$! Loved her. And Reid, was great too. Handsome, strong, smart, rich and so in love with Mallory. They had some great chemistry together and a

couple of hot and steamy nicely written sex scenes.

Loved the story line and plot. Assassination attempts, undercover CIA and romance. What's not to love!. The story flowed so well and was easy to follow along. There is a lot of dialogue through out the entire book. It was great.

This last book really was a great ending to a great series. it wrapped up the series perfectly. Well done Kathleen Brooks!

As for the narration. Amy McFadden gets better and better. The men sound like men, everyone gets their own distinct voice, she has a great reading voice and she reads with emotion as called for, whispering, yelling etc..

I totally recommend this series.

Michelle says

Exalant

What a read I was gripped from the beginning in glad Mallory and Reid finally got together they sure waited long enough, it's filled with lots of action and a treat for that naughty Shirley she's soo funny

Kathleen says

In her great style, Kathleen Brooks has ended this series with a grand slam. I give this a book 5+ stars. She gave us the romance and high drama with her Handsome and hunky Reid Simpson and Sexy siren Mallory Westin, who can kick ass and take names when the dust settles. A story that has been told through the first three books. We get the full story of their animosity and the power of lust and love that pulled them together and pulled them apart, when ever they were in the same room. We find out what just why Mallory and Reid will come together in the highest drama of them all.. A book not to be missed.

In this book we also get more of the Simpson family and the ever present Shirley, who is the sexy senior citizen, who terrorizes all the young sexy men with her wit and wisecracks, who pinches their butts and makes them nervous when ever she is in the room. But at the heart she is the protector of the family along with Margaret, the Matriarch of the Simpson family. We also visit with many of friends from Keenston, KY in the form of the Royals and Ahmed.

I will miss these characters, but I know she will bring us back to the Woman of Power series, just as she brought us back to her Bluegrass series.. Well done Ms Brooks, well done.

Barbara says**My new favorite author**

I read this in one sitting. Amazing story, amazing characters, amazing twists and turns. Family drama, political intrigue, back stabbing, loyalty problems. Just an amazing story and excellent read.

Becky Kleibrink says**Loved this book**

I just can't get enough of these wonderful stories. The characters are the best. So much humor in addition to the great action.

Beth says

5 stars

This was a fantastic ending to this series I loved the tie in with the Bluegrass series. This was Mallory and Reid's story (I have been waiting for this story since I read Chosen for Power) and I wasn't disappointed, I loved that some mystery was left about his contempt for her that had been made clear in the first 3 books of the series because when you find out what happened you'll realize it wasn't contempt but a broken heart. I also loved the change in roles when the woman was protecting the man and I really liked that through this series as noted in the series name that it is about women with power not all about the alpha male that is so popular today. While I like the alpha male most authors put them with a "strong" female (don't get me wrong I love those books too) but this series has alpha males with strong females that do stand up for themselves and their strength shines through. So while I am sad to see this series end I am really looking forward to the new Bluegrass Legacy series which will apparently be released towards the end of the year, yay!! On to recommendations I would definitely recommend this book as it was fabulous with strong characters and some very funny moments (keep your eye out for Shirley) I would suggest that you start at the beginning of this series and read the books in order if you haven't read them before because you will miss out on a lot of background to this story and if you don't you will be missing out on 3 fantastic books. Also you may want to read the 2 Bluegrass series's she wrote before this series because in this book you see a tie in with that series.
