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Former Navy SEAL Jack Brenner knows he's in trouble the minute Charlotte Whiteside steps into a seedy Thai bar and asks him to help rescue her brother, who is being held hostage on a nearby island. Jack doesn't want to get tangled up in Charlotte's problems or anyone else's, but an obligation to a SEAL teammate prompts him to help her. They embark on a nighttime mission that turns out to be more dangerous--and passionate--than either of them ever imagined.

## **Surrender at Dawn Details**

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## **From Reader Review Surrender at Dawn for online ebook**

### **Rachel Skinner says**

I don't normally read short stories or novellas, but as this was free for Kindle, I grabbed it. Although I agree with all the reviewers saying this ended too abruptly, and therefore was ungratifying, it's not fair to rate it down by more than a star for that, because it IS advertised as a short story, not a fully developed novel. Considering that fact, I think the story and characters were great.

Just like so many other reviewers, I'm very interested to pick up something else by this author, which means WELL DONE on her marketing strategy for offering this teaser as a freebie! It did its job!

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### **SheLove2Read says**

very very short read. gives you just enough to get a feel for the author and her voice. I've read LG before and she is a good author but this was just a little too short.

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### **Denise says**

Just a quickie free kindle book. I wonder if the two main characters will show up in a full length novel?

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### **Pamela(AllHoney) says**

I love Laura Griffin but I didn't love this. The story left you hanging so I do wonder if this is supposed to be a prequel or something.

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### **Maura says**

This didn't quite cut it for me. I like that it's a short little novella and the writing of the story clearly shows the author's potential, so I'd definitely look at full-length stories from this author. But the downside to this, is that it reads like a prologue for two characters and I'm not sure it ever gets finished in another story later. This could have been an awesome story without the romance, but that's what left me wanting - the fact that the characters never really had enough time to connect to each other, so their romance felt very superficial, and the ending, (view spoiler). So there isn't really any love or any HEA - it's left up in the air and it felt unfinished. Kind of like a cliffhanger and those are my biggest pet peeves ever.

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### **Tina says**

I'm giving this book a 3.5 rating. I didn't care for the abrupt start. I found it to be quite confusing at times. The characters were decent though. Despite being a short story that doesn't leave a lot of room for character development, I never once felt a disconnect from them. I also loved the author's voice, and the writing was solid. No complaints there.

I did have an issue with the editing, namely the lack of division between scenes. There was a few times where a scene would change in the middle of a paragraph, and I found it to be both confusing and annoying, since I had to go back and reread parts to make sure I wasn't missing something. My final complaint was with the ending, which was devoid of any HEA or even a HFN (Happy For Now). It was very abrupt and a major let down. Had it been more emotionally satisfying and complete, I would have happily given 5 stars for this story. But as it stands, I felt I was robbed of my time and cannot recommend this book.

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### **Christine says**

This is a short romantic suspense story about a devoted sister who travels to Thailand in search of her brother who has gone missing while on a journalism assignment. Charlotte Whiteside knows her brother is in danger and arrives in Phuket, Thailand with a wad of cash and the name of an American pilot--John Brenner who she's been told to hire to find her brother on a remote island. The search and rescue of Charlotte's brother is deemed dangerous because it is believed he went to this particular island to interview a dangerous drug lord. John "Jack" Brenner is an ex-US Navy SEAL and just the man to do the job.

*Surrender At Dawn* is a pretty short story--not really long enough to fully develop the characters or their relationship as much as I'd like. However, for a short story, I think the author did a decent job of creating a suspenseful situation and bringing two characters together with the promise of something more between them. The ending to this story is realistic and suggests at the possibility of a future story between them. I hope that's the case, because I would enjoy reading another story in which they meet again.

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### **CD {Boulder Blvd} says**

Short story that was OK but then after I read *Nightfall* which I liked better and I started looking into what LG had written. So this and *Nightfall* introduced me to Laura Griffin's writing which led me to discover the *Tracer* series which is one of my all time favorite series.

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### **Linda says**

This is a short novella. John Brenner (Jack) is a pilot and former Navy SEAL. Charlotte Whiteside has come looking for him in Thailand to take her to the island of Ko Aroon to find her missing brother Davy. He is a reporter who told friends he had a hot story but no one has heard from him. Jack and Charlotte went to the island after dark and Jack found a young woman who said she was Davy's girlfriend. Jack found Davy in another hut and got all of them off the island. From map info he found in the hut, Jack saw that the island was a training camp for al Qaeda and their aim was to bomb the US Embassy in Manila. Jack got the needed intel to his SEAL friends. He left Charlotte at the hotel but left his US phone number for her.

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### **Julie says**

Surrender at Dawn by Laura Griffin a 2011 Laura Griffin publication.

This book was a freebie in the Kindle store and I while I normally check this, I just saw the name Laura Griffin and purchased it without looking into the specifics. As it happens, this book is only about 37 pages long. So, it's a super duper fast read.

Charlotte's brother, a journalist, has disappeared. She enlist a friend of a friend, Jack, a former navy seal to help locate him.

Jack agrees because of who Charlotte knows but she has no idea how dangerous things are about to become.

Despite it's brevity, the book is still interesting and has some genuinely tense moments, plus some hot romance. There were way too many unanswered questions and the ending will leave you a little puzzled. But, I have to give the author kudos for cramming such an intense story into so few pages. This one gets 3 stars.

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### **Lori says**

This felt like the beginning of a great story. I liked both Jack and Charlotte. I sure hope Griffin is writing a full book about them!

As a standalone, it gives a hint of a promising romance, but feels totally unfinished. As a prelude to a longer book (?) it rocks. Either way, my appetite is totally whetted for more. Please say there's more!

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### **Anne OK says**

Fun and quick read. Always like a good Navy SEAL in the starring role. My only complaint was that it ended much to quickly and not as tidy as I prefer. Suffice it to say, I wanted more -- much more!

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### **Angie says**

A nice short read. An ex-navy SEAL helps a young woman find her brother on a dangerous island. Cue Suspense, intrigue, and romance. Now I want to read the second chapter on these two...

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### **Brenda says**

This was a cool short story, but VERY short-- still the writing was excellant and I'll be checking out more of her books. Ex-SEAL and a woman who needs help click. Fun read!

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**Judi says**

This was quick. Really just a teaser, a taste to wet your whistle. I get the feeling "ex-Navy SEAL" Jack and para-legal Charlotte will make an appearance in a future book since the ending leaves the door open. I can sure see them meeting up in the future again.

If you're a fan of Laura Griffin then Surrender at Dawn will give you a little Griffin fix and tide you over until her next full length novel Snapped comes out later this year.

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