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The breathtaking conclusion to the USA Today best selling Alpha Group Series.

Who is Sebastian Lock?

The heart can lead you to dangerous places. Abandoned by the man she loves, with nothing more than sweet words and riddles for an explanation, Sophia Pearce felt like her life was crumbling before her eyes. And then they came for her. Now, things will never be the same.

Confronted with the truth about Sebastian's identity, she's thrust into a high stakes world beyond anything she could have imagined. A world that threatens much more than just her feelings. Sebastian's enemies will stop at nothing to get what they want, and they want her.

Their passion for one another consumes them, but as the danger mounts, and loyalties are tested, Sophia must answer one simple question. What is she willing to risk for love?

****This book is approximately 55,000 words, or about 200 printed pages. It contains erotic content and a dominant man who always gets what he wants in the bedroom. It is intended for readers aged 18 and over.****

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Lisa says

****This will be a review for all three books.****

Alluring.

Magnetic.

Mysterious.

Dominant.

Meet Sebastian Locke.....

Feisty.

Self-assured.

Submissive.

Meet Sophia Pearce....

The Alpha Group trilogy by Maya Cross is a three-book, fast-paced, engrossing, and titillating ride set in Sydney, Australia and which tell the story of Sebastian and Sophia. I knew going into reading these books that they would be about yet another sexy billionaire; however, the mystery and fast-paced suspense kept me enthralled and reading. I am happy to report that this trilogy surprised me with its captivating plot and the mystique surrounding Sebastian kept me reading to find out more.

BOOK ONE - - *LOCKED*

Sophia is a woman who is not immune to making rash decisions while under the influence of alcohol. One night out with her two girlfriends leads Sophia into crashing a secret party taking place behind closed doors

of a bar they were at. Not exactly the best decision for a corporate lawyer on the rise. The well-dressed guests entering the bar and then disappearing behind the guarded closed door were simply too much to resist. After Sophia sneaks into the lavish party, she meets Sebastian, a man as wonderfully beautiful as he is mysterious. In an attempt to make a hasty retreat from Sebastian's charm she ends up hiding out in the wrong place when she decided to "wander" around the premises and is about to be discovered when she hears voices. Hiding away in some cupboard in an office does not prevent Sophia from witnessing Sebastian administering a "punishment" on his secretary. When Sophia is caught spying on the pair, she runs.

Sebastian is immediately intrigued when he approaches the woman who dares to crash their highly private function. When she runs off when he catches her spying on him and his secretary, he knows that he must find out who she is and spend some more time with her. Using his power and influence (a.k.a. money), Sebastian engineers some run-ins with Sophia. She admits defeat and agrees to a date when she realizes that Sebastian is not going to take no for an answer in his pursuit of her. Sebastian is not into serious relationships but he will do his damnest to convince Sophia that he can teach her just how wonderful a casual relationship and hot sex can truly be. When Sebastian and Sophia commence their affair and things progress, Sophia finds herself wondering if she will be able to open up and trust this man who demands so much from her behind closed doors. Can she learn to submit and leave her pleasure in the hands of this enigmatic and delicious man?

While Sebastian introduces Sophia to the pleasures of submission, he remains a very mysterious character in this book. We do not discover his reasons for pursuing casual relationships, nor do we discover why he has a tendency for being a dominant in the bedroom. The emotional connection between the pair is slowly forming; however, at this point, we only see Sophia becoming more involved than perhaps she should. Although Sebastian agrees to her terms of exclusivity, it is hard to tell how invested Sebastian truly is. We do get a few incredibly sexy, sensual and hot encounters between Sebastian and Sophia that had me fanning myself. The author definitely did a great job establishing a strong sexual connection.

Locked ends on a rather abrupt note and we get the ever-present cliffhanger. This is why I am glad that I waited to read this trilogy until all the books were out. With this being said, *Locked* was definitely a great start to the series.

BOOK TWO - - *LOCKOUT*

Lockout starts off right where the first book ends. Sebastian has some explaining to do and perhaps a little groveling to get back into the good graces of Sophia. The pair manage to work out their issues and in this book we get to see a deeper connection between them being formed. I loved it.

In this book we get to see the carefully controlled dominant in Sebastian lose his cool a bit. As his relationship progresses with Sophia, he is having a hard time remaining aloof and keeping her at a distance. Sebastian continues to harbor secrets and only breaks down and allows Sophia in just a tad when she threatens to end things. She is falling hard for this incredibly sexy man and wants to disentangle herself from the relationship before her hearts gets shattered. I loved how Sophia took charge and simply did not allow Sebastian to make all the rules concerning their relationship. She wants more from him and is not afraid to tell him so. While it would hurt her to walk away from Sebastian, she is not willing to be kept in the dark from his mysterious life and wants him to let her in emotionally as well. It was awesome to see this come from a heroine in these types of novels. It made me adore Sophia even more! I could truly see that Sebastian was struggling with his feelings for Sophia. He wanted to stay away from her but was powerless to do so. With all this being said, in Sebastian's determination to keep Sophia safe from his secret life, he may have endangered her anyways simply by getting involved too deeply with her.

We get an abundance of sexy times in this second installment as Sebastian and Sophia continue to explore the confines of their sexual relationship. Sebastian desperately desires Sophia and wants to take her to new heights. Sophia is slowly accepting that she loves submitting to Sebastian when it comes to her pleasure. The pair heat things up.

Locked concludes with another cliffhanger that had me on the edge of my seat. I will once again express that I am so happy that I waited until all three books came out. The ending proved that loving Sebastian is a dangerous game and his secrets were about to cause some serious explosions.

BOOK THREE - - UNLOCKED

Unlocked is the action-packed conclusion to this trilogy and it did not disappoint. The book launches right into the maelstrom that ended off book two and it is an exciting ride for the remainder of the book. This third installment was definitely filled with more danger and antics than its two predecessors and had me enticed right until its conclusion.

In this book we finally discover what Sebastian has been desperately trying to hide from Sophia – what the Alpha Group is and his role in this band of secretive men. And, let me tell you, it was all so much grander than I could have anticipated. Sebastian is adamant in keeping his distance from Sophia despite the fact that she was now deeply entrenched into his world and she requires his protection. However, having her in close proximity is proving harder and harder to maintain his detachment. When Sophia discovers all the Sebastian has risked for her and goes to him there is no turning back. She is simply too tantalizing to ignore. Sebastian finally admits that he wants so much more with Sophia.

As the story progresses we see Sebastian and Sophia facing danger and being threatened from every angle.

Sebastian is trying his best to ensure that the time he has with Sophia is not brought to a premature end. We get to see Sebastian in action in this third book and holy hell, was it sexy. He was resolute to protect Sophia and went to great lengths. What I absolutely adored was seeing Sophia step up to the plate and become a true partner in helping Sebastian discover who was behind the threat. She shows great strength and I loved seeing her kick some ass.

Sebastian and Sophia's relationship deepens into something beautiful and real once they admit that they need one another and are unhappy apart. In the midst of all the turmoil, the two manage to fall into one another and ride the waves. They overwhelmingly love each other and it is not hard to feel how profound their connection is. Maya Cross once again provides her reader with some hot and heavy scenes, some of which were truly stunning. In their despair regarding their dangerous circumstances, Sebastian and Sophia cling to one another and take comfort in their bond.

Unlocked brings Sebastian and Sophia's story to a dramatic and heart-stopping conclusion. I was left completely satisfied with the ending and loved the Epilogue. All in all, this trilogy was great fun to read. The books were not overtly long but the pages were filled with intrigue, secrets, danger, sizzling chemistry, and a wonderful romance. I am definitely glad that I gave these books a go.

Chandra says

Story Rating 3 Stars

Character Rating 3 Stars

Romance Rating 2 Stars

Heat Level 2 Stars

Overall Rating 2.5 Stars

Mirjana ****DTR - Down to Read**** says

I'm not *entirely* sure I would rate the book as a whole a **full** 4 stars, but the last 30% gets it to that mark...it had me turning the pages faster than my eyes could read. I loved having Sebastian's POV and without that this book wouldn't have worked as well as it did. The action at the end was fantastic! I've also decided that I need to invest in a detachable showerhead.....off to Home Depot.

~ Bees ~ says

Wow, this is a pulsating and incredibly dynamic conclusion to The Alpha Group trilogy. The action picks up exactly where we left off after the dramatic cliffhanger in Lockout and Sophia in a serious predicament and the pace of the story never falters from this moment on. We have just about everything here - beautiful romance, incredibly erotic sex scenes, danger, action, despair, hope and happiness. Just about everything you could hope for in an erotic trilogy.

We've come full circle from the moment when Sebastian and Sophia first met in Locked - the story has moved on and grown massively from that point and it's on a much bigger scale than I could ever have anticipated. We finally find out about The Alpha Group and Sebastian's role in it and it's not something I had expected, that's for sure!

Sebastian and Sophia together in this one were such a joy to read. There's a real despair that they may not have much time together, danger is threatening them from seemingly every direction and, at times, they don't know who to trust and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel. I could really tell how much they loved one another, how much one feared for the other and how much they worried that their time remaining was severely limited. There's a real desperation here - an overwhelming love and desire that consumes them and, yet, at times, there seemed to be no future for them.

You always hear stories about the purity of love, about the way it swells inside you until nothing else even matters. I never cared much for that perspective before -- that kind of love typically isn't compatible with the sort of future I saw for myself -- but now I found myself longing for it to be that simple. Every decision had turned into a conflict, a titanic battle between heart and brain, between logic and emotion. I couldn't deny my feelings for him, but whenever they rose inside me, they brought with them anger and betrayal. I knew it wasn't intentional, but he'd exposed me to this world, a world that was currently trying to chew me up and spit me out again.

We finally got to know Sebastian well and in intimate detail in this one and I really fell under his spell. His reactions and feelings at the danger to Sophia will even surprise him and definitely made me love him more. Sophia also really comes into her own, having to draw on strengths even she didn't know she had as the two of them will have to use that incredible connection they share to communicate at the most dire of moments.

I put a hand on his knee. "We're in this together, Sebastian. Whatever happens."

He stared at me for a full ten seconds, somehow managing to look touched yet incredibly anxious. Eventually though, he broke into a sad little smile. "Together it is then," he said softly, reaching out to squeeze my hand. And somehow it felt like an incredibly tender moment instead of an insane suicide pact.

Despite all of the drama and suspense going on, there's still plenty of time for some seriously HAWT sex scenes. Sebastian is still a dominant man and they share several scenes that are pantie-combustingly hot and, as this is the longest of the trilogy, it's definitely going to disappoint you in that department. There's also a fantastic epilogue - I always need a good epilogue after the story is done to let me know how they're getting on and that's exactly what I got here. Great closure.

Finally he pulled away, only to bury his head against my neck. "Say it again," he whispered,

teasing me with a slow rocking motion.

"I love you," I breathed.

"And I love you," he replied.

So, in conclusion a fitting and incredibly dramatic conclusion to the Alpha Group Trilogy that has just about everything to keep you turning the pages at warp speed - sex, romance, danger, twists and turns, highly unexpected revelations and, above all, a beautiful love story. It's been a pleasure to read and review this trilogy and I can't wait to see what Maya does next!

4 sexy and dramatic stars

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Jacqueline's Reads says

It was okay. I'm glad I was able to listen to the series via the library. I enjoyed the narrator and for the most part the series was really smutty.

The 3rd book had a little more plot and the plot was kind of out there. The book was originally published in 2013 and of course my reading taste has changed. I found some parts kind of corny. Usually I go for cheese, but it was just dated writing. I don't even know if that makes sense.

I think if you are a huge fan of the 50 shades area and like the old fashion smutty writing then you would like this series. I'm disappointed the author didn't write anything else. Maybe she's a one-hit wonder or she moved on to another pen name.

Regardless, my last Maya Cross book. It wasn't bad and it wasn't great, but it helped pass the time.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Unlocked by Maya Cross

4 stars!!

“This isn’t me giving up my life, Sophia,” he said. “This is me beginning it.”

I had been eagerly awaiting the conclusion to Sebastian and Sophia’s story and I was not disappointed! Unlocked is the last in The Alpha Group trilogy and the story picks up straight after the dramatic cliff hanger that we were left with at the end of Lockout. Sophia had been kidnapped and she is locked away, she doesn’t know if anybody realises she is missing especially as her and Sebastian had split up just before! She tries to make the best out of a bad situation but this time in confinement gives her time to think.

During this story, we find out a lot about The Alpha Group and Sebastian's role within it, you would think that a group as powerful as this would be able to contain any problem that was thrown at it, but alas, no. This is made extremely difficult when it soon becomes apparent that there is a mole in the group and now nobody knows who to trust. The whole group is thrown into disarray and Sebastian and Sophia feel totally alone. Although, this may prove to be a good thing, eventually!

“We’re in this together, Sebastian. Whatever happens.” He stared at me for a full 10 seconds, somehow managing to look touched yet incredibly anxious. Eventually, though, he broke into a sad little smile. “Together it is, then,” he said softly, reaching out to squeeze my hand. And somehow it felt like an incredibly tender moment, instead of an insane suicide pact. Yep, definitely desensitised.

Whilst trying to keep themselves alive Sebastian and Sophia really have time to re-evaluate their relationship, finally we see why Sebastian has been holding back and his reasoning behind his decisions. Will he finally realise that the only person that he can truly trust is sitting right before him and is willing to do whatever it takes to keep them together?

“Do you remember what you said to me over dinner, the first time we went out?” I asked eventually. “Nothing worth having comes risk free.’ Well. That’s how I feel now.” I got to my feet and moved over to him, taking his hands in mine. “I’m a big girl. I can make my own decisions. I understand the risks, and I’m telling you I’m okay with them. I love you, Sebastian, and if that’s the price for being with you, then it’s one I’m willing to pay. The question is, are you?”

As always, Maya writes some steaming hot scenes in this book. Sebastian is still Alpha by name and alpha by nature, however, there are not as many scenes in this book as we are used to. This is mainly because this final book centres around the plot of the Alpha Group and they literally do not have time for any of those shenanigans !! As I said before, they are mainly trying to keep themselves alive!

....allowing him to sheathe himself in me all the way to the root. Finally he pulled away, only to bury his head against my neck. “Say it again,” he whispered, teasing me with a slow rocking motion. “I love you,” I breathed. “And I love you,” he replied. And then he was moving in me again, his mouth tracing fire across my collarbone...

We see a whole new side to Sebastian in this book, he is loving, he is extremely protective and he opens up a lot. If you didn't love the man of mystery before, you sure will now! Sophia, really develops too in this book. She has her back bone, she uses it, she steps up to plate and is literally Sebastian's right hand woman throughout this book. You can see their relationship getting stronger and stronger and you cannot help but root for them throughout the book. They also have an amazing connection to, not just physically but mentally too. It is this connection that amazingly gets them through some really tricky situations but will they both be standing at the end?

I have loved this series, a mixture of steamy romance, with mystery, danger, twists and turns, ups and down's and a fabulous plot that will keep you guessing and page turning till the end. This book also has an epilogue, and I am really love them so you will not be disappointed with the end. I cannot wait to see what Maya has in store for us next!

Dα?ιjα says

I'm not even sure what I was expecting to get from this book, but I don't think I got it. Oh, well...

At least now I know who Sebastian Lock is, and what The Alpha Group is. That's something.

This book was quite different from the previous two. It had more suspense, shooting, kidnapping, killing, betrayal, intrigue, and what not. It wasn't written entirely in Sophia's point of view, which for me was a good thing. There were some surprising twists at the end, and still I just wasn't feeling it.

I guess my biggest problem was failing to connect with the main characters, Sophia and Sebastian, separately and as a couple. Especially Sophia. I just didn't like her. Nor did I understand the things she did. Or why she did them. Come to think of it, I didn't understand how Sebastian even let her do those things.

Oh, well. It is what it is. I wish them all the best in their fictional lives.

Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says

???? 4.5 Locked Hearts Set Free Stars ????

Heartbroken and held captive, Sophia doesn't know what's going on. She knows she's in trouble and not sure of anything at this point.

Her life isn't going as planned and her options aren't looking promising until Sebastian comes to the rescue.

There is no time to reunite, they must move.

As safety comes into view, both their lives are about to unravel in a secretive world of The Alpha life that Sebastian has chosen for himself. Never wanting to put Sophia in danger, Sebastian must reveal secrets that are going to hurt several.

There was no happy ending here, and letting myself think otherwise would only destroy me more.

Sebastian and Sophia are now on borrowed time as someone is after their lives. Someone that neither saw coming and things are about to explode for Sebastian and everything he has trusted in his life.

Together, Sebastian and Sophia are unstoppable against the enemy.

"There was no want left in our relationship now, only need. I needed him like I needed air."

The conclusion to this story of fierce attraction plagued with a secretive life was perfect.

Maya Cross....you've just made your place on my favorite authors list!

Lucinda - I JUST LOVE TO READ says

3.5 STARS

I don't know how to rate this book.

It was GOOD, don't get me wrong and I loved it. **BUT...** the story felt like it was not part of the series... In the first 2 books Sebastian was secretive alpha male... in the last book it was like he was blabbering all his secrets like a 3year old. Telling her everything. It just felt weird.

There was some pretty hot scenes in this book:

1. The Movies (Uhhh I want to go to the movies)
2. The shower scene damn that was hot!
3. (Uhh I forgot about nr 3) that candle wax and the ice block YUM!

Look forward to other books of this author.

Over and out. xx

Wendy'sThoughts says

4 Concluding, No More Cliffys, Very Hot Stars

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This is the conclusion of the 3 part series. In the first two parts we were always left hanging, dangling, dying to see what was around the corner... and our fearless author would leave us there ... Teasing and Taunting ... making us click to get our fix on the next chapter for these two....

Was that fair.. or kind...ABSOLUTELY NOT! But she did deliver each time... and in this last part... I really was right there with Sebastian and Sophia every step of the way.

Was I always happy with all the roads they traveled... no ... but I really loved a lot of the detours they took... like the time they went to a little far off place called Mi Casa...

There was great food...wine and dancing... the type of dancing which makes you feel as if you are having sex standing up while moving to the music... and dance they did...

I liked when they connected on levels which were surprising to him....when he was overwhelmed with need and desire for Sophia which confused him yet made him feel more secure than he ever had been before...

And I loved when Sophia actually got her shit together and stood her ground... whether it was against a co worker bitch... or better yet, during a time of great stress ... setting aside everything to support and be there for Sebastian.

This story had a little something for those who like their romance with some intrigue and mystery. This story also delivered on the hot, steam and full on melt panties buy new ones scale....

So I will look out for Maya Cross and see what she is up to next... because I know she will be delivering something tasty.... My only caveat is she likes to do Cliffys.... so I was very fortunate to have had all three books ready for me to read. If I had had to wait for them.... I might not have been so willing to travel where she lead me....

One final note.... Jahy.... psssst... Thanks... you were right...

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JaHy?Hold the Fairy Dust says

Sebastian,

You were my first and you shall always be my favorite .

This is not good-bye , this is until we meet again..... in the shower, at the movies, in me casa, playing strip poker..... oh' right, I shouldn't be giving away all of our little secrets...

Your Crazy stalker fan,

Jahayra

Iva says

This review is also posted on Way Too Hot Books blog!

I was with Maya Cross and her journey with The Alpha Group series from day one and in that time, I fell in love with these books one by one. The first one - Locked - the one where we meet Sophia and Sebastian and where they meet each other and start something that will change their lives. The second one - Lockout - when they both realize things have changed and they want to be much more, but there are many secrets and trust is a fragile thing, but not impossible to earn.

And now - in Unlocked - we continue where we were left off. Sophia is in danger and Sebastian is afraid that he is the one that put her in that situation. Through the first two books the author kept us wondering about Sebastian's life and what exactly is so important to hide. This is when we finally find out the truth.

Unlocked is a combination of suspense that is much more present here then in other books; and romance and passion that is still blazing between these two, that is still too strong to ignore even when uncertainty

separates them.

I really enjoyed the suspense. It had many bad guys, mystery, plenty of action and edge-of-the-seat situations, even though at times, the excitement is reduced when things are solved too quickly. It had both positive and negative sides. The negative is that I got a small feeling of disappointment, but the positive is that it balanced the more important developments so it didn't bother me that much. It actually contributed to one thing I especially admire with Maya Cross and other authors: the organization and setup of the story.

Creativity is the most important thing in writing. After that I value the writing style and story organization the most - the skill to combine all the elements you want to put in the story so that it all makes sense and is able to drive a positive response in readers. The whole Alpha Group series is a calculated evolution of a relationship that made an interesting story.

Not to mention that sometimes I really wished all that I was reading was a movie to watch and see it all live in a brilliant spectacular light. But I'm definitely not complaining.

Sophia had been a constant remarkable aspect of the series - a strong, independent, hard-working woman that discovered another side of herself when she met Sebastian. I liked her willingness to explore the more kinky side of sex. And I loved(!) what they did here in Unlocked; there isn't much play with senses in BDSM books, or I'm just reading the wrong ones. Sophia's best attribute is her determination. I like what it's still even-present. Without it, a relationship with Sebastian would've been over before it even started.

Because this final book brought out the concerned and protective side of Sebastian. The events of the past caused him to try to distance himself from Sophia, to keep her out of the danger, and that's all sweet and all from him, but not what they both need. I love that the female characters was the one to push for once. But hell yeah, even Sebastian couldn't keep out his need and that sexy dominance (mmm..:)

An amazing end to a series that has become really dear to me! Full of suspense and romance with Sophia and Sebastian gradually forming a relationship that is sure to last. Maya Cross has done an outstanding job with her first series and I'm sure she will continue to use her talent to bring us more exciting stories to follow.

PS: I'm still lusting after these beautiful covers!

Kathleen says

Review posted at: Swept Away By Romance

Story Rating ~ 5 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4 Stars

Action Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

Ending ~ 5 HUGE STARS

Overall Rating ~ 5 Stars

WOWEEEEEEEE!!!! Now that was an excellent end to an AMAZING series.

At the end of Lockout, Book #2 in The Alpha Group Series, there was a major cliff-hanger! My jaw was hanging open and I was chanting...OMG! OMG! OMG! I was going crazy, and needed to know what was going to happen next. I had SO many questions I wanted answered. Maya Cross did an AMAZING job answering every one of those questions, and so much more, in Unlocked, book #3 in The Alpha Group series.

One of the things that REALLY surprised me was that Unlocked read more like a mystery/suspense romance. It added another element to the read which was very enjoyable! All of Sebastian's secrets were revealed, and most especially the one I wanted to know most about - what exactly is The Alpha Group?! Unlocked centers around The Alpha Group and you won't get any more from me about who and what they are. The book was action packed, and as things go from bad to worse, Sebastian and Sophia grow even closer.

Sebastian and Sophia's characters were top notch, and very well written. I loved reading how Sebastian finally caved and told Sophia everything. I also LOVED how Sophia handled all of Sebastian's disclosures and was ready to face anything to be with the man she loved. The way these two interacted when they were in danger was exhilarating and spot on! Sebastian and Sophia had amazing chemistry and sizzled together, the pages were burning! Just how I like it...HOT!!

Just when I thought everything was coming to an end, Maya threw us a curve ball, and added another exciting action scene that had me totally glued to the book. This book ended perfectly, giving me the HEA ending that I'm always looking for.

I highly recommend this series to anyone who loves a fantastic story with excellent characters, some laugh out loud moments, secrets, SCORCHING HOT love scenes, plenty of action, betrayal, victory, and most of all LOVE!

This series need to be read in order to appreciate the characters and the story!

Book #1 - Locked
Book #2 - Lockout
Book #3 - Unlocked

MischaS_ says

[About Liv being alive (hide spoiler)]

~IreneOust~ says

Oy vey! Can we PLEASE get some answers in this book ... I know that trilogies/series are all the rage now but Christ Almighty!!! give me *something*!
