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**There are good guys, and then there are highly trained good guys—the kind who make the world a safer, sexier place . . .**

Former military and ex-FBI agent Ethan Worth is searching for a new way to serve and protect. On a break in Beaufort, North Carolina, he just may have found it. It starts with saving a tipsy damsel in distress from a shady troublemaker. But it ends with the surprisingly sober beauty outraged by his rescue. That's all Ethan needs for his expert instincts to kick into high gear . . .

Riley Jones is back in Beaufort for one reason only: to find her missing best friend, Hanna. If that means using herself as bait for the kind of guy who'd prey on a vulnerable young woman, so be it. She doesn't need a rugged knight in shining armor like Ethan distracting her, and she doesn't want his help. But it turns out she needs it. And together, as the heat between them rises, so does the danger. Until both their lives are on the line . . .

## Bait Details

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## From Reader Review Bait for online ebook

### Laura says

Hmm, ok so we have Riley Jones who has decided to look for her friend and will do just about anything including become bait to find her. She meets a rugged and strong man named Ethan whom she of course starts to fall for even though it is not what she thinks she wants or needs at the time. The problems with this book were that as street smart as Riley was supposed to be, the writer seemed to make her pretty dumb when influenced by a sexy man. Second, the plot was pretty much laid out and the reader knew too much too quickly. It does move at a fast pace and the characters are well developed it just seems that they may be too much for this book. I guess there will be another one as the way the author left us hanging in this one. I just hope that it will be as good as the first one. Samantha Keith does a great job of holding the readers attention throughout the book and ensuring that the characters flow together nicely.

If I could give this one 3.5 stars I would.

Thanks to goodreads and the author for giving me the opportunity to read this book in exchange for my honest review.

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### Brooke says

**\*\*This book was given to my by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review\*\***

So, this was an average read for me. I had a difficult time understanding how the heroine thought she was going to save her best friend by placing herself in danger. Her behavior wasn't just reckless, it was silly, irresponsible, and unbelievable. There were some good parts and overall, it wasn't a bad read...just nothing new or exciting. I will read another by this author as I believe there is definitely potential

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### Christina says

Well...I was really hoping this book would draw me in more than it did. After really enjoying the first one, I found this one to be...less appealing. Maybe it was the fact that there was WAY too much recklessness involved....hmmm...

Ethan is a former FBI agent who is also one of Cal's friends from the first book in this series. After deciding to change his career, he moved in to a small town to re-evaluate what his next move would be. But he's been pretty distracted by his neighbor. She's not only easy on the eyes, but after witnessing her putting herself in a very dangerous situation, his interest has only peaked that much more. Too bad she's already told him that he's not her type.

Riley is on a mission. Her best friend has gone missing and the police have no leads, so she's decided to take matters in to her own hands. After finding her BFF's diary, she's pretty sure what type of guy took her. Add in the fact that she's now being targeted by someone and she's definitely sure her friend is still alive. But her new neighbor has gotten in the way twice while trying to find her friend. But when an accident hits too close to home, she finds herself wanting his help. In more ways than one.

The concept of this story line was good. The anticipation and drama were also good. But the way in which Riley put herself in harms way more often than not was a huge turn off for me. I'm not trying to give things away, but lets just say that for someone determined to help her friend, she sure sucked at it...LOL. All in all, like I stated earlier, the concept was there. Still a good read and I'm still looking forward to Nate's story. Jus sayin...

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### **Denise Van plew says**

First time in reading author but I was glad I opened this one up. In this one we meet Ethan whom will have us looking closely at him and Riley whom is on a mission. Good thing for her he is ex military and FBI that will be a plus for what she has to do. She will though disagree with my opinion and think she needs none of that. As you go in this you will be caught up in what is going on with not trying to miss any action. The suspense will slowly get to ya and you too will want answers soon. Page turner to the end with this being the kind I like to read.

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### **Jane says**

I want to thank Samantha Keith, author and Goodreads First Reads Giveaway for the eBook Kindle copy of *Bait ~ The Dangerous Distractions ~ Book 2* that I won in the Giveaway.

Ethan Worth, an ex-FBI agent is in Beaufort, North Carolina to take some time to figure out the next part of his life. He left the military for the FBI but it wasn't a good fit with all the rules, restrictions and paperwork. He wanted to find something to do to help people.

Riley Jones was in Beaufort to find her childhood best friend Hanna, who had disappeared about a month ago. She set out to make herself *Bait* to the kidnapper but with Ethan next door he kept protecting her and stopping her from getting into real trouble. That is until she let her guard down and finds herself captured by the last person that she suspected...

*Bait* is a great mystery full of romance with strong characters and a great plot.

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### **Bonnie says**

I loved this book. It really kept me on the edge of my seat and had me guessing who the kidnapper was. The story line was wonderful too. All I can say is buy the book you will not be sorry!!!!

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### **Book Him Danno says**

Samantha Keith creates a story that has potential but ends up needing more help than readers might be able to stand.

## Questions

how many times can one woman get hit over the head, drunk, almost killed before someone steps in to help?

When reading this book please tell me I was not the only yelling at the Riley telling her to stop?

Why is Riley so hung up on a guy that she refuses his help over and over again.

Riley is supposed to be smart but she never once uses her head each for getting hit. She refuses help, tries to save her friend by getting drunk with guys who will rape her. On top of that the one person that screams crazed killer is the one person she refuses to acknowledge.

It would be almost laughable if the author didn't put so much heart and soul into the story.

This is the story I would tell Romantic Suspense avoid this style of story. While it has promise it falls on every single romantic suspense cliché. It's a fast summer read with your typical cast of characters and ends just as you imagine it would.

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher Lyrical Liaison for the advance copy of Samantha Keith Bait

With a little more focus and mystery this story could have been a 4 out of 5 instead it was predictable and lacked focus.

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## Donna Repsher says

Bait is the second novel in Samantha Keith's Dangerous Distractions series, but it's the first one I've read, and while it wasn't a bad read, it wasn't a great read either--although it was fairly well-written, I found it so derivative, that as far as romantic suspense novels go, there wasn't much romance or much suspense, so for those reasons, and several others that I'll mention, I couldn't give this novel more than 3 stars.

For starters, Riley, the heroine, quit her job in Boston, and hurried to Beaufort, NC, when she learned that her lifelong best friend, Hanna, has disappeared. The police have no leads, but having watched enough true crime shows on TV, she knows that the longer Hanna is missing, the less chance there is of finding her alive, so, after finding Hanna's journal, she thinks she has an idea of how to catch Hanna's abductor, by using herself as bait--hence the title. The journal clued Riley in on the type of men who were hitting on Hanna at the local bars, and Riley believes that if she dresses slutty enough, and drinks enough, that one of guys who hits on her will be Hanna's abductor. Dumb, dumb, dumb idea!

Riley has zero self-defense skills, can't hold her liquor, and her new next-door neighbor, Ethan Worth, who, unbeknownst to Riley, is former military and an ex-FBI agent, is worried about her behavior, follows her, and saves her from being raped on two occasions. Is Riley grateful? Nope. She's ticked off because he interfered, and she won't give him a reason for her unusual and risky behavior. The two are physically attracted to one another, but that's pushed aside by Riley, who chooses to risk her life to save her friend and to do so alone. To say I disliked her is putting it mildly--the foolhardiness of her mission, her lack of self-defense skills, and the rude way she treats Ethan, were among the many reasons I disliked her.

Not surprising at all was that Riley soon attracts the attention of Hanna's abductor, and the fact that since

little attention is paid to him as a viable suspect, makes his identity too obvious, and pretty much killed the suspense for this reader. One of the reasons I seldom read mystery novels is that I know that the culprit is usually the character who is pretty much ignored throughout the book, and that's true in this novel as well. When Ethan finds that Hanna's home, where Riley is staying, is bugged, she reluctantly stops fighting his attempts to help protect her, but again, she does so grudgingly, and only because he's got the skills to protect her, FBI connections, and is ruggedly handsome.

While I liked Ethan as a character, liked his protective nature, and came to understand some of the reasons why he left the military and the FBI, neither he nor Riley were given much depth, nor was the culprit, who wasn't even given a real reason or enough of a backstory for readers to understand why he preys on women as he does, or even what he does to them after he abducts them--a glaring omission, in my opinion.

Add to the aforementioned issues, the fact that the course of this novel, and the mystery of who abducted Hanna was so familiar and predictable, and the romance between Ethan and Riley so lightweight that it was practically nonexistent. Unless you're looking for a quick romantic suspense read without much character development, romance or suspense, I'd suggest that there are far better novels in this genre than this one. For this reader, Bait was just a so-so read.

I voluntarily read an advance reader copy of this novel. The opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Suanne says**

Bait is Samantha Keith's second novel. It follows the same set of heroes as her debut novel, Abducted. Bait is less steamy than Abducted because the heroine, Riley Jones, does everything she can to avoid the hero, Ethan Worth. She has come back to town after the disappearance of her best friend, Hanna. When the police essentially give up on the search, Riley takes matters into her own hands. Though reputedly an intelligent woman, she repeatedly does totally stupid things, with one TSTL (too stupid to live) moment after another. There are a couple of inconsistencies that should have been corrected in editing. This is a good beach read.

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### **Katie says**

I won this book from a goodreads giveaways

**\*\*3.5 Stars\*\*** I enjoyed reading this book. It was well written and I loved the connection between Ethan and Riley (though it becomes another story of insta-love when the book ends). But the plot was something I had read before and I figured out who the guilty party was before I was halfway through the book.

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### **Ramona says**

This is a well written and wonderful book. I'd highly recommend this book to everyone. I've found another author that I look forward to reading more books written by. I won this book through a giveaway on Goodreads website.

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## Whispers From says

Riley moves back to her hometown after her best friend disappears. She lives in her house and after reading some of her friends journal, starts going to bars and trying to find the man she described. Ethan just quit his job with the FBI and is vacationing in North Carolina. He rents a house next to Riley and has rescued her twice when she's been out and drunk. She doesn't want rescuing but Ethan doesn't know that. Riley finally starts to thaw towards Ethan, when he tells her he'll help her look for her friend. The police are no help and then Riley starts getting notes and other things start to happen to her. Then they get closer to who kidnapped Hannah, her friend, and Riley gets taken too. Ethan will do anything to get her back and love her forever.

This is the most heart pounding, sexy, suspenseful book I've read in awhile. I thought I knew who the bad guy was and BOOM! I was totally shocked. I read this story in a couple of hours. Could not put it down. This is one story you don't want to miss.

\* Voluntarily read and reviewed this for Netgalley \*

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