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**Sophie Barrett Thinks She's Lucky To Be Alive.**

**She May Be Dead Wrong.**

On a sweltering summer afternoon, Sophie Barrett walks into a nightmare. A sniper has opened fire on a college campus. When the carnage is over, three people - plus the shooter - are dead and dozens more are injured. Sophie escapes virtually unscathed. Yet as details emerge from the investigation, she becomes convinced that this wasn't the random, senseless act it appeared to be. No one wants to believe her - not the cops, not her colleagues at the Delphi Center crime lab, and definitely not Jonah Macon, the homicide detective who's already saved her life once.

Jonah has all kinds of reasons for hoping Sophie is mistaken. Involving himself with a key witness could derail an already messy investigation, not to mention jeopardize his career. But Sophie is as determined and fearless as she is sexy. If he can't resist her, he can at least swear to protect her. Because if Sophie is right, she's made herself the target of a killer without a conscience. And the real terror is only just beginning....

## Snapped Details

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**Jess says**

Review posted: Happily Ever After - Reads

Talk about starting out with action right from the start. Sophie is on her way to sign up for college classes to help enhance her resume in the hopes of getting a promotion at the Delphi Center from receptionist into their PR department. As she makes her way across campus a gunman opens fire into the crowd of students and faculty. People are scrambling to get out of the way, and as Sophie finds a hiding spot, she sees a pregnant woman who was hit and lay dying while her young daughter sits there watching and crying. For as many great scenes and moments that are in this book, that's one that will stick with me. The initial randomness of the shooting is quickly investigated and Sophie's certain that more people were behind this than just the shooter, who killed himself once the cops located him on campus.

Jonah's on the case and his protective streak is running high with Sophie being caught in the middle. We first got a little bit of their story in UNFORGIVABLE, book 3 in the Tracers series, and we find out that their relationship never really got off the ground, so to speak. But the sparks are definitely there and as the case unfolds and Sophie finds herself looking over her shoulder at every turn, Jonah's there to make sense of the clues that are coming in and help Sophie stay safe.

The pacing of the story was fantastic. It starts out with a bang and I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. It's a great blend of action/suspense balanced so well with Sophie and Jonah's relationship. It never felt overloaded with action, but when the enemy attempted to tie up all the loose ends (aka Sophie) to complete his mission, I felt right in the middle of the scenes with Sophie as she dealt with all the craziness happening in her life. Never mind the fact that she was still trying to put her life back together from an attack that happened a few months back. Jonah was there for her then, he's there for her now and he'll do anything in his power to make sure she's protected.

I love that Sophie goes to Jonah when she needs to feel safe. When she's attacked outside her apartment, the first safe place she thinks of is Jonah's house, forget the fact that he's not even there, it was where she needed to be. They never really fought the attraction between them, but when Sophie becomes a very important witness to the entire investigation, Jonah has to tread carefully and not get as close to Sophie as he really wants to be until the case is wrapped up. But their relationship continued to grow stronger the more they were together and they came to need each other so much.

*"You're not really still mad at me, are you?"*

*"Very."*

*He brushed the hair out of her eyes. "Really?"*

*She nodded, and the hurt on her face made his chest tighten.*

*"Sophie." He kissed her forehead. "I need you to forgive me."*

*She looked at him for a long moment and he waited, anxious. He could hardly breathe for wanting this girl, and he realized he'd never had so much riding on one apology.*

*"I'll think about it," she finally said, and leaned forward to kiss him.*

One thing that I've always enjoyed about each Tracer's book are the solid stories the supporting characters get. We not only get caught up with past characters, in this case especially Mia and Ric, but we get great introductions to the characters we'll be getting to read about in the future. Detective Allison Doyle has a strong role and we find out just enough about her to lead us into her book which will be up next.

I loved everything about this book and it's a big must read for all romantic suspense fans. The series is one of my favorites and I think this story is the best of the bunch so far. All the separate pieces and characters flowed together so well and even though I was cursing Laura Griffin for keeping me up WAY past my bedtime, I simply couldn't put the book down. And I love when that happens.

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### **Carrie says**

TBR Reading Challenge: General Category- This book has been on my TBR list since December 2010.

3.5\*

I loved the suspense plot of this book, and as always I enjoyed the writing. Laura Griffin is a very consistent writer. Unfortunately, I didn't really "feel the love" between the main characters. Their communication skills were abysmal, and I didn't end the book feeling like they had learned to trust one another. Added to that, Sophie had a few TSTL moments, one serious. She somehow manages to blame Jonah and even gets him to apologize. I'd prefer the author find other ways to advance the plot than having the female lead act rashly, especially when the heroine has been traumatized in violent crime before and should know better, as the case is with Sophie.

I'm rounding up to 4\* because I really did enjoy the mystery and the writing. If I'd been able to connect with the characters it would have been higher.

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### **Roksana says**

Interesting plot, the h/h could have been more developed

The book was not bad, the action, mystery was there, but it was lacking in romance parts; other than some in depth sex scenes, the sexual attractiveness does not necessitate love and this is where the romance failed for me.

I find it hard to connect with the main characters and was looking for their characterisation development and disappointedly, there was no foundation for their professed feelings. I wanted to see more thoughts from the hero and heroin, as it was not explained why he fall in love with her and her with him.

On a positive note, Sophie was more developed and we could see some glimpse of her emotions and feelings towards Jonah, but I did not like one scene when Sophie was really scared and so the most logic thing to do was go to Jonah, as she felt safe with him, he was not there so she waited for him. When he came back, he was not happy her being in his house and being first concern with his career, rather than with her. Needless to say, some readers may prefer the main focus on the action rather than romance part, so it is fair to say that it deserves 3 stars for a good solid suspense, complexity of assassins motivations and interesting, believable

plot full of action and mystery.

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### **Kjen says**

4 Strong Stars! Lots of chemistry sparked between Sophie and Jonah, and the danger factor was off the charts. This was a great read! I really liked both lead characters, and the plot line was full of suspense. No dragging or slow places to be found in this excellent romantic suspense. On to the next Tracers...

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

The fourth book in the *Tracers* series by Laura Griffin and a good satisfying addition. I must admit, though, I didn't feel pulled into this one as strongly as the past stories have done to me. While I did like Jonah, I didn't really care too much for Sophie at times. She was one of those TSTL heroines determined to make protecting her difficult for Jonah. The motive for this crime seemed flimsy and I felt the the author may be setting up for future stories by carrying over the plot started here. This normally isn't a problem but because I'm older and forgetful, I may not remember much when the future additions finally come out. I would still recommend this series to anyone who loves romantic suspense.

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### **Laura says**

I knew I was going to love this book before I even read the first page, and I was not wrong. Sophie has been an intriguing character throughout this series and in this she is front and center to the action when she is caught in the middle of sniper fire on a college campus. Police detectives Jonah and Ric are also in on the action as first responders and investigators in the case. As in the last book, Jonah appoints himself as Sophie's protector and the chemistry between the two of them is evident with every interaction they have. I love the two of them. Sophie is tough, but at the same time acts like a girl with vulnerability and doesn't come across as a female version of Rambo. Jonah, is alpha and is true to his badge and acts like a realistic cop throughout this. Ric got on my nerves a little bit, with his warnings to Jonah, as he forgot pretty fast how things went down between him and Mia. After a slow start to the series, Laura Griffin delivered with book #3 and this one, and I am totally hooked on this series.

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Snapped is the 4th book in Laura Griffin's Tracers Series and so far the one I have liked the most.

I've always had a soft spot for Sophie Barrett since she was introduced in Untraceable, the 1st book in the series. She's gorgeous, likeable and kicks ass....love the small gun she carries around when she goes off to one of her singing gigs.

In the previous book, Unforgivable, was the set up for Sophie's book and we know that, after the sizzling chemistry between her and the San Marcos detective, Jonah Macon, that these two would be the main characters for the next book.

The story starts off with a "bang" right from the first chapter. A sniper kills people randomly in a college campus. The scenes involving the senseless carnage is filled with tension and suspense.

It soon becomes apparent that the killings were not random and Sophie is in danger from unknown killers who believe she knows more than she actually does. And Jonah Macon goes all full out to keep Sophie safe.

I liked these two together. They have some really humorous and tender moments.....Sophie is an absolutely fabulous heroine....she's funny, independent, vulnerable, strong with some really good lines....

***“I showered, shaved my legs, put on makeup, and returned two text messages in the time it took you to snoop around my kitchen. I’d say that’s pretty good.”***

Great dialogue.

A good balance between romance, action and suspense, keeping you guessing who the baddies are until almost at the end.

Characters from previous books make an appearance and we are introduced to some interesting new ones....I wonder if the two characters, Gretchen and Sean will be paired off in future books.

This is so far, an interesting and enjoyable series.

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### **~Megan~ says**

Quite possibly my favorite Laura Griffin book to date! It could be that I'm still surfing the high of it, but I really loved this one. After what Sophie went through in the last book, I really wanted good things for her, and Jonah was an amazing hero. As with many LG books, the hero is reluctant to get involved with the heroine because he is a cop and she is somehow involved in the investigation. I loved that Sophie kind of pushed herself in his life.

The mystery was fantastic, with a truly chilling opener that was so relevant to things going on in the world today. The declarations at the end were sweet, and I'm already excited for the next book in the Tracers series, Twisted!

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### **Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says**

Sophia didn't know what a bad day was until she was crouched behind a statue on the campus grounds watching in horror as people bled out around her as a result of the sniper shooting from the top of the library. She has cheated death once before, maybe this time would do the trick.

As Jonah and his trained team are making their way to the top of the library he catches a glimpse of a woman in the middle of the chaos that he not only saved once before but who has turned his emotions inside out.

Never get involved. It's a motto all cops follow but this time, with this woman, he can't seem to help himself.

There is something more going on than a simple man gone mad. No one wants to believe Sophie. Choosing instead to go with the easy answer and paint her as a limelight whore. Sophie saw something that day. A fleeting glimpse but enough to make the true mastermind worry. She is now in his crosshairs and he never leaves a loose end. Jonah will have to keep Sophie close in order to protect her and in doing so might just put his own heart in danger.

I don't think I've ever read a book that had such an engaging, action packed opening! Laura Griffin didn't waste any time and by the middle of the first chapter we were in the thick of a nasty plot. A shooter on top of a building is a chilly plot, one that Laura's own mother went through on a Texas college campus. She takes it one step further though in *Snapped*. What if that shooter wasn't the only bad guy? What if he was working with a second person. A person who was the true mastermind to a sinister and evil plot that ran deep and hid secrets no one wanted uncovered.

That is what *Snapped* gives us. At its heart it is a mystery with a pulse pounding countdown to an inevitable collision. I absolutely adored Jonah and Sophia together. Each one fighting their feelings for different reasons. Sophia because she has tons of issues stemming from her abduction just months before. Jonah because Sophia has issues and what kind of man would he be to take advantage of those just to get in her pants? The attraction is there and it simmers throughout the book. I enjoyed the slow simmer because it simply was. Sometimes I feel as if just having a male and female main character makes people think it's a romance when it obviously is not. This slow simmering was infused with enough heat that kept me reading hoping they'd finally get together. Finally give into the feelings they both had.

The twists and turns woven through the plot were hard to navigate. By that I mean I had no idea where the book was going and that is something that doesn't happen to me often. I did wish that we got to see the villain a bit more often. Maybe more from his point of view. He was very shadowy through the majority of the book. Because of that I didn't find him as menacing as I wanted to. Yes, he was scary. I find that if an author gives me more insight into the sadistic mind of their villains I tend to find them scarier.

*Snapped* is a great addition to the literary world with its steamy emotions and plot that keeps you guessing till the end! Jonah and Sophia sizzle with every page and keep you guessing until the last page. I loved this book...and you will too!

I give *Snapped* by Laura Griffin 5 stars!

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## **Beth says**

This is decent formula, as always. What keeps it at "meh" instead of at "really good" is that I didn't buy into the couple at all. It feels too much like, "well, you know, they're next" instead of believable. Sometimes introducing new characters, even at the risk of infinitely expanding the world, is the way to go...

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## **Saly says**

The Tracer series has been getting better and better for me, it is a good blend of suspense and romance with characters who are real, screw up, fight, make-up but don't give up on life and Snapped is a very good installment and is the story I have been waiting for.

The book can be read as a stand-alone but Sophie and Jonah are people we have met before. Sophie was nearly a victim of a serial killer and Jonah a detective saved her. He has had the hots for her ever since but hasn't done anything about it.

Sophie comes from a family of doctors while she herself is a receptionist at the Delphi Centre but ever since her almost murder she wants different things so is thinking of taking college courses to get a promotion at work that results in a shooting on campus where she sees people die and bleed out around her. Poor Sophie I wanted her to catch a break but the hits keep coming. Jonah shows up on her doorstep later for sex she presumes but leaves.

There is a huge hue and cry and Jonah is on the task-force for the investigation and just when the police think they have it all figured out Sophie remembers that she saw the car the killer used and he was not driving, but the kicker no-one believes her though Jonah does try to investigate that on his own.

But Sophie takes another route. What I enjoyed was that these two clashed and fought, hell Sophie even rejected his offer of a date and at one point when Jonah tried to take over Sophie just went away which resulted in them finally falling into bed with Jonah debating over it since she is a witness. They fought but they talked it out, when Jonah makes a big blunder in order to protect her, he later does apologize when he realizes that what he did brought back bad memories.

I did enjoy how Jonah tried to take care of her while juggling a case that just seemed to get more and more complicated. Sophie went through a lot, the attempts kept happening.

I love the great blend of suspense and romance in the Tracer series and this one doesn't disappoint and it also introduces many characters I hope get a story especially I want Ric's FBI brother to get one.

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## **Connie N. says**

#4 in the Tracers romantic suspense series

I've said this about all the books in this series so far--but it was very exciting and I just HAD to keep reading. I think I'd rate this 4.5 stars, if I could, just because I really liked the characters. I especially like the characters in this book: Sophie is strong and hopeful, but she's still dealing with some PTSD from her dangerous situation in the previous book. This time she's caught up in a campus shooting that just happened to occur when she was signing up for classes. Jonah is attracted to her, but he's got a problem since she's the star witness in the shooting, and he's one of the cops investigating. Jonah is sexy and protective, and he's fighting his attraction for Sophie. She's constantly chafing at his rules, and he's frustrated because she just won't follow his instructions for her safety. They're cute together, and their personalities blend well (when they're not irritating each other). We revisit some old friends from previous books and spend some time at the Delphi Center. Interesting police procedural as they try to figure out the who and the why of these



killings.

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### **Keri says**

This was a really good romantic suspense read. I liked it much better than the last one. It took me awhile to get the connection on the heroine's part. I would have been all over the hero...he was too sweet. I hope that we see a future book between Sean and Gretchen...they had an instant connection.

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### **Jonetta says**

It's been six months since Sophie Barrett's rescue from the clutches of a serial killer and she's finally regained her footing. On her way to sign up for some college course to line her up for a promotion, Sophie finds herself in the middle of a sniper attack on the campus. Just her luck that she's seen more than she knows and Homicide Detective Jonah Macon makes it his personal mission to protect her, even from herself.

The series seems to be getting better with each book, finally finding its mojo, especially with this story. The focus is on forensics and old fashioned investigating after an exceptional and gripping start. More tracers are introduced (who knew there was a thing called questionable documents?) along with the details regarding their areas of speciality. As I lean towards the mystery angles, the forensic analyses fascinated me. However, I loved Sophie, who is smarter than most give her credit and knows how to handle herself. Her relationship with Jonah was a bright spot as they tangled often and she didn't roll over when his alpha nature would rear its head. It's a smart and sexy romance with a suspense filled climax.

This story is my favorite to date and I hope we see both of them in future stories. Sophie is just too refreshing to sideline. 4.5 stars

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### **Manda Collins says**

1st read 9/5/2011

Re-read 7/27/2015

Re-read 2: 1/31/2017

I know I say this with each of her books, but Laura Griffin just keeps getting better and better. From the high octane opening chapters, where we watch Sophie Barrett duck for cover as a sniper terrorizes the quad of the university where she's gone to register for a night class, to the pulse-pounding conclusion, *Snapped* is about as good as romantic suspense can get. Sophie's relationship with San Marcos police detective Jonah Macon is complicated from the get-go. But there's something very real and very tender about the way they deal with one another. And when it's Sophie who first theorizes that the gunman, who committed suicide right before being caught, wasn't working alone, Jonah has to put his career on the line to make his superiors see that she just might be right. The mystery is a complex one and a page-turner. Mix that with the smoking hot romance and the result is a book that kept this reader up until the wee hours to see how it all turned out.

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