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Sadie Jennings was used to being protected. As the niece of Sean Taggart, and the receptionist at McKay-Taggart Group, she was constantly surrounded by Alpha men more than capable, and willing, to lay down their life for her. But when she learns about a friend in trouble, she doesn't hesitate to leave town without a word to her uncle to help. After several harrowing weeks, her friend is now safe, but the repercussions of her rash act linger on.

Chase Jackson, no stranger to dangerous situations as a captain in the US Army, has volunteered himself as Sadie's bodyguard. He fell head over heels for the beautiful woman the first time he laid eyes on her. With a Delta Force team at his back, he reassures the Taggart's that Sadie will be safe. But when her past catches up with her, Chase has to use everything he's learned over his career to keep his promise...and to keep Sadie alive long enough to officially make her his.

## **Rescuing Sadie Details**

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## **From Reader Review Rescuing Sadie for online ebook**

### **Rebecca says**

Ever since Sadie Jennings, Sean Taggart's niece, was introduced in the Masters and Mercenaries series, I wanted Lexi Blake to give readers Sadie's story. Sadie is such a sassy and spunky woman, and I knew that whoever she gave her heart to would be in for a rude awakening since Sadie is such an independent woman who, at times, can be a bit too impulsive for her own good.

So, when I saw that Sadie's story was going to be told, and it was part of Lexi Blake's crossover collection, I immediately signed up for an ARC, even though I wasn't familiar with Susan Stoker's writing. I thought it would be awesome to get a character's story I really wanted and also be introduced to a new writer, and while I will say that Susan Stoker's writing is exactly the kind of writing I enjoy, because I had no background of her Delta Force Heroes' series, I felt like I only got part of the story because when Rescuing Sadie begins, parts of what's happened to Sadie have already occurred, and now, the characters are dealing with the fallout of her choices and what that means for not only Sadie but for the hero, Chase Jackson, as well, because it's his Delta Force world that Sadie's story occurs.

Sadie and Chase's story had the suspense, intrigue, and character chemistry that I love to read about, but I couldn't feel the full effect of all of those characteristics because I felt like I was immersed into the storyline in the middle of things and because the action was already occurring or had already occurred, there weren't many details offered that would allow me to be on the same page as readers who are familiar with Stoker's series, so I just couldn't catch on to everything that was happening in a way that allowed me to fully understand the entire story line.

I will say, though, that readers who are familiar with both series or probably just the Delta Force Heroes' series would definitely enjoy Sadie and Chase's book and not feel like they've been placed between the end of the rising action/climax of the story line, which would make a big difference to the understanding of everything that had already occurred before the book began.

3 Poison Apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

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### **Sarah - Musings of the Modern Belle says**

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I'm not really sure what to say about this one. I didn't love it. I didn't hate it. The characters are likable, but having read neither series by either author, I never really felt a connection to anyone.

The story itself is good. There is suspense, the threat of danger, and romance, but what sometimes seems to happen in military-esque romances are these side comments that spout military slogans of sort. It doesn't detract from the story but it normally throws me out of the romance I'm reading. This happened quite a bit.

I would imagine readers who love these series will give this one 4-5 Stars, but for me it was just okay.

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## **Stories in Review says**

Good story. Safety: There is talk of pedophiles and rape. The villain hurt the h's breasts. Other than the breast part, the other is not descriptive.

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## **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

Hmmm...well this was an interesting read...Masters and Mercenaries is one of my favorite series, and this whole "crossover" thing that seems to be so popular nowadays in Romancelandia had me intrigued. So I figured I would give these six side books a read since I was intrigued by more than a few of the guys being featured. We meet both Chase and Sadie (briefly) in the M&M series, and I couldn't wait to read more about Sean Taggart's niece.

My main issue with this book? I felt like I was dropped in the middle of an ongoing story concerning Sadie. I am guessing her story starts in another book. Which one I have NO clue, but assume one of Miz Stokers? I'll be honest; this perturbed me a little bit. And maybe this is just how these crossovers work? I don't know as this is the first one I have attempted to read. But I already have to have read at least some of the M&M series to know who these characters are, and now apparently I also need to read at least one (maybe more) book(s) by this author to actually get WTF happened to Sadie before THIS book begins. Like I said, perhaps this is how they are done. I don't know; I do know that being dropped into a story already half over had me disappointed, and my rating reflects that.

NOW...all that being said, the writing was still very good. This was my first Susan Stoker book, and she has an excellent flow to her writing. The characters were very likable. I loved seeing Sean Taggart. Chase was a sweetie. Sadie was likable. It is a super short book, and the sex doesn't come until very late in the book. I wish it would have been a bit spicier. There is basically zero angst and no OW or OM drama. Last, it was all wrapped up in a lightning speed resolution. So ya, it was OK. I am sure it would have been better had I read whichever book had the beginning of Sadie and Chase's story, but it was what it was.

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## **Kylee says**

I cannot believe that this is the last book in the Crossover Collection (sheds a few tears) and also why has it taken me this long to read a Susan Stoker book. Chase and Sadie's story will have you captivated from the first page and this pair will also steal your heart. We have met Sadie along the way with her being the niece to Sean Taggart and also working for McKay-Taggart. Sadie shows us that not only are the men built tough in the Masters and Mercenaries series but the women are too. Captain Chase Jackson has been given the duty to protect Sadie from a seriously evil man but he also wants to own her heart and soul because the minute he held her in his arms she had stolen his. Rescuing Sadie is full of suspense, drama and angst. As these two realize that there is no way that a connection like they have should be ignored, it will take sharing secrets that lay heavily on their souls for them to realize just what they have. An absolutely fantastic book to finish this collection on and also the wake up call I needed to one click some more of these Delta Force Heroes.

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### **Ivy Deluca says**

Full review to come.

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### **Sofia Lazaridou says**

Rescuing Sadie might have been an even great experience for me if I had read Justice for Milena. The story is obviously continuing from where the story ended in that book and since I haven't read the book, I couldn't help but feel like I was missing something. Susan Stoker is quickly becoming an author I like and enjoy her writing style, so I couldn't help, but like this story. I liked the main characters and the plot. I don't want to write anything else, about the book, just that you should have read JFM. Some things might be clearer then. It's my third favorite book in the crossover.

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### **Laramie Briscoe says**

I was lucky enough to get an Advanced Reader Copy of "Rescuing Sadie" and I LOVED IT! I haven't read all of Susan Stoker's or Lexi Blake's books, but I was able to follow along nicely.

Sadie and Chase are super hot, the attraction is instant, the males are totally alpha, and the suspense is edge-of-your seat. If you want a quick read with a big pay-off. This is the book for you!

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### **Kahea says**

**\*\*\*5 Stars\*\*\***

This novella definitely packs a punch!

It had all the goodness I've come to expect from the author all wrapped up in a nice little bundle: sassy and strong women, hot Alpha AF males and a nice little touch of cray cray that even surprised me, but kept me turning the pages until the very end.

I adored Chase and Sadie, I did. Chase is all kinds of Alpha AF male: Protective, honest and honorable. I loved how upfront he was with Sadie, even when she doubted him, and never wavered once. Sadie is one tough woman. She sassy, independent and yet knows when to accept help when it's offered. What she went through would have broken most people, and while it has left its mark on her, she's picked herself up and is working through it. Their journey to their HEA was a fun one. It is slow burn that is filled with a lot of sexual tension (that once it broke it was all kinds of hotness!), but considering the situation they found themselves in it totally worked. I enjoyed watching them open up to each other and found one of their disagreements to be quite interesting, and loved where they were at in the end.

This really was a fun read and it can be read as a standalone even though it is tied to the events that happen in Justice for Milena. The author does a great job at getting you caught up with that situation so you can understand Sadie's role in it. But I must admit that part of my enjoyment of this book was that it was set in the Delta Force Heroes world and getting to hang out with some of the characters from it was a lot of fun. DFH was my introduction to the author and is my favorite of her series.

So, if you're looking for a fun, quick read with great characters then this is a must read!

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### **Jacquie says**

So, let me start with this; I haven't read ANYTHING from Susan Stoker before Rescuing Sadie (I know! Where the heck have I been??!!) Let me also say this will DEFINITELY not be the last book I read from Susan Stoker, because it was FREAKING AWESOME!!!!

This novella, part of Lexi Blake's Masters and Mercenaries Crossover Collection, reads more like a novel than a novella! It's full to bursting with drama and intrigue, lust and an insta-love that is really a slow-burn (my FAVE) to end all slow-burns! A H that would lay down his very life to protect the one he loves and a h that stands up to a crazed stalker and helps take him down? YES, PLEASE!!!

Like I said, I will DEFINITELY be checking out more of this author's offerings (I think I'll start with Justice for Milena so I can get the back story for Sadie and Chase's relationship :) ) I highly recommend this compelling, addictive, off-the-charts SIZZLING read to ANYONE!

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### **Corinne Michaels says**

I absolutely loved this book! Susan Stoker does suspense like no other. Chase was everything and more. Watching him care for Sadie was beautiful. I enjoyed it so much I knew I had to go back and read the rest of this series. So fantastic!

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### **Liz says**

Rescuing Sadie by Susan Stoker is part of The Lexi Black Crossover Collection, as well as Susan's Delta

Force Heroes series. This novella tells the story of Chase Jackson, a captain in the US Army and the woman that literally brought him to his knees.

Sadie Jennings has always been protected. As the niece of Sean Taggart of McKay-Taggart, she has always been surrounded by strong men. But when Sadie is threatened after trying to help her friend, she finds herself protected by Chase Jackson. But Chase makes her feel things she never felt before.

Chase Jackson life is all about danger, but when Sadie is threatened, no job has ever been as important as keeping her safe. Because since the first time he saw Sadie, he knew she was his and he would do anything to protect her. I loved Chase, he was all alpha, strong and determined.

I loved how strong Sadie was. She was not afraid to step up when needed, but when danger gets too close, can Chase keep her safe? I loved all the men in this story. They were so protective and yeah totally alphas, but also very caring. This was my first read by Susan Stoker, but I am looking forward to reading more.

Read and reviewed for Sultry Sirens Book Blog.

Happy reading!

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### **Kimberly / Love Notes Book Blog says**

3.5 stars. This was a pretty good book. Rescuing Sadie is a crossover with Sadie, from Lexi Blake's Masters and Mercenaries series, and Chase, from Susan Stoker's Delta Force Heroes series. Sadie is Grace Taggart's niece and has worked as the receptionist at McKay-Taggart. She helped her friend Milena escape from some very bad, insane guys who are still on the loose and one of them, Johnathan, is now obsessed with finding her, stalking her and forcing her to bear his children. To keep Sadie safe, her uncle Sean Taggart has enlisted Chase as her personal bodyguard and to keep her safe. They begin to fall for each other as Chase keeps her safe and they catch the bad guys.

I have read a few books by Ms. Stoker before and they were mostly just okay for me. But I decided to give her a try again for this crossover collection because I am a big fan of Lexi Blake and the Masters and Mercenaries series. This book was actually better than I expected and than other books I've read by this author. But I still didn't totally and completely love it. I felt like I was starting this book way behind on the storyline. Sadie's story begins in a previous book, Justice for Milena, which I had not read, and I honestly did not quite understand everything that happened. Sadie met Chase in that book so their relationship had already kind of begun before this book. I was pretty confused through much of the book and I didn't think this book read well as a standalone. Still, I liked Sadie and Chase in general. They did not have a lot of chemistry, but their story was interesting and enjoyable. There is insta-love on Chase's part, but Sadie took a little bit of convincing to give him a chance.

Overall, though, this was an entertaining, suspenseful, easy read, as well as a great addition to this crossover collection series!

\*arc provided in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **Sabrina says**

I found this book to be immensely frustrating. I felt like it dropped readers right in the middle of an already ongoing story with only little hints about what was happening. My understanding was that each novella from this Masters & Mercenaries crossover was going to be a standalone, but this book certainly did not feel like it was.

The entire plot was entangled in Susan Stoker's previous books plot and, I believe, even featured the same villain as the last story. It made it very hard for me to understand what was going on and to feel the connection between Sadie and Chase. He was already declaring her "his" only a few pages in which was also the first time this book was showing them together. Some of what happened when Sadie first arrived in this timeline was mentioned and explained but not enough that I ever felt like I knew with any type of certainty what was happening.

*Rescuing Sadie* was my first book by this author and one I was actually very excited to read since I've heard amazing things about her. Unfortunately for me this novella just didn't hit the mark but I'm going to give her another try since I did like her writing style and saw a lot of potential in it.

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## **Kate Hastings says**

3.5 : You're literally dropped right into the middle of the action with this crossover collection title - which is fine - except I didn't know it and thus spent the whole read feeling outta the loop. I think had I read the book prior (or even books, as there are some wonderfully sexy alpha hero supporting characters & their heroine's) I would've LOVED this book. Solid story telling, action, suspense & romance.

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