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Can He Be The Hero She Needs?

Navy SEAL John “Riot” Dillon finally has his life back on track after being wounded on a mission and losing most of his team. It’s taken all his focus to get there, and he doesn’t have time to fall for his neighbor, Ariana. Too bad his heart has other ideas.

Ariana Nelson likes to think she can handle anything, at least until she caught her now ex-boyfriend selling company secrets to China. But she put him out of her mind until the threats started. The FBI said they'll take care of it, but then she's confronted by a knife-wielding man while walking her dog one evening. Her neighbor John, the man she's been drooling over for months, hears her screams and comes to her rescue.

When John finds out what’s going on, he swears he’ll keep Ariana safe. But even with help from Wolf and Tex, he'll have his hands full trying to keep the stubborn spitfire from getting herself hurt or worse. Attraction is one thing, but will Ariana give love and trust another chance before time runs out?

## Protecting Ariana Details

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# From Reader Review Protecting Ariana for online ebook

## Donna says

this amazing series continues in book 7.

i loved this story. Ariana, powerful, sexy, sweet, but also protecting herself, i love her willingness despite being betrayed.

John, alpha hotness with a tender heart. this was a beautiful romance, mixed with sensual desire and omg funny!!!! and who couldnt love Mr. Darcy???? FANTASTIC!!!!!!

I love everything Lynne St James writes, this was HOT!, exciting, fast, beautifully written love story

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## Cheryl says

I won't giveaway any story spoilers, other than to say this is another slam dunk for Lynne St.James. Love nothing better than a second chance story with a stubborn female, a sexy, buff Navy SEAL, some bad guys, and a smart, protective canine also. The combo is terrific, the story well written and engages the reader from page one.

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## Amy Miller says

This was a sweet romance. Ariana and John are fantastic together. They are neighbor's at first although he is there to protect her from harm. The two hit it off instantly, yet slowly. Ariana has a little trouble trusting again after her ex. Just as they start to get to know one another danger is upon Ariana and John will do everything to save her.

Like I said this was a sweet romance. No rushing into sex it is all about the feelings and I like that the characters connect on a level other than physical. Both Ariana and John are very likeable, even the dog is comical and enjoyable. All in all a great short story!

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## SiKReviews says

Never read any Susan Stoker books, but I am sure to read her now.

Even though this was a short story, at least in my opinion, I don't feel like any was left out. There was action, love and a dog who steals the show. I mean a dog named after my favorite Book Boyfriend of all time! Priceless. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the tale of Arianna and John. John or "Riot" is hot and I love how he fell for her right from the beginning.

As always, Ms. St. James has written another story to melt your heart.

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## **Letitia Day says**

### **The book was good but felt incomplete**

I enjoyed reading the book but felt as though the ending had some holes . What happened to Chen? Who was the FBI mole? How did they bug her phone? Who was the mastermind behind everything. A better ending gets this book a 5 rating.

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## **Rebecca Warner says**

Protecting Ariana is set in Susan Stoker's Kindle World. The thing I love most about Lynne's writing is how she can bring life into the book. The character that stole the show was Mr. Darcy. He is a bulldog from the sounds of it and his attention getting farts are neither silent or odorless, but he is protective of Ariana.

The other characters in the book include Ariana, a self protecting woman who was almost framed for her ex's crimes. John, a Navy Seal who just got cleared to rejoin a new seal company; in protection mode and owns Miss Jade. Miss Jade, the plant who started it all. Various supporting characters from Homeland Security, The FBI, the bad guys that are out to get Ariana, and a smart BFF.

Read the book to see how it all got started and ended with love.

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## **Kate McLaughlin says**

Another fabulous story from Ms. St James.

What I love: the characters, John, a protective male with a soft heart. Ari, a strong, sassy female character who was betrayed but comes out fighting. Mr Darcy, a wonderfully written dog who, you can tell is based on the real thing.

There is suspense, romance, sexual tension and importantly, humour.

There is nothing I didn't like. A Very enjoyable quick read which helps to restore your faith in authors who value romance over sex.

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## **Patricia Mattingly says**

### **Special Forces: Operation Alpha: Protecting Ariana**

What a awesome book and when scrimmage beat up women to make himself feel like a man I want to kick him where it hurts by the way I love Mr. Darcy

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## **Terry says**

If you want to read a sexy story about a hot Navy seal man who's job is to protect Ariana and Ariana who doesn't want to be hurt again and scared then this is your story . While John watched over Ariana to protect her and fighting not to fall in love , but failed . . Another great story in the Beyond Valor series .

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### **Tina says**

Ariana thought she was in love but what she was was a cover. But she is determined to maintain as much normalcy as she can. And then she meets John. John is hiding a secret...a big one. And he has fallen in love...with Ariana. Will he be able to keep Ariana safe in spite of his lies?

Protecting Ariana by Lynne St. James is seventh in her Beyond Valor series. I liked Ariana. Her esteem has taken a beating but she is determined to not only do the right thing but maintain her life as much as possible. I enjoyed her determination even as I found it a bit foolish. And John was just too sweet. He has managed to fall in love...too bad he hasn't been completely truthful. I enjoyed that Ms. St. James allowed John and Ariana to build a relationship sans sex. Especially as both were keeping secrets. With the help of a flatulent dog, John and Ariana learn about each other. I liked their journey. It was sweet and a bit old-fashioned. Ms. St. James gave us a story full of humor and respect. I loved returning to this world she has created and look forward to where she will take us next.

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### **Kathryn Dotson says**

#### **Great story**

John and Ariana have a long road ahead of them to avert disaster. Espionage, terrorists and heart thumping action provides the recipe for either disaster or HEA. A must read.

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### **Marie Brown (Marie's Tempting Reads) says**

Marie's Tempting Reads ARC Review:

I dove into Protecting Ariana with pure gusto and I didn't stop until it was VERY late and I hit the end. I have ADORED everything Lynne St James's ever written, but these stories in Susan Stoker Kindle Worlds just reach inside me and make me want to sit up and beg for more because they ARE SO FREAKING GOOD...but Protecting Ariana was EVEN BETTER, MORE THRILLING, SO SEXY, AND BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN WITH A BRAVE AND SASSY HEROINE AND AN ALL ALPHA STUD WHO IS PURE TEMPTATION!

I mean really, I LOVED this story SO..SOOOOO HARD! It is fast paced, action packed suspense, with mind blowing romance that is HOT HOT HOT! This is so perfect for Susan Stoker's kindle world and will have newbies clamoring for Miss James's other books. This story here is why I enjoy military romance so much. It makes me crave a sexy hero and some amazing action and suspense that can add some much needed zest to my reading and life.

Protecting Ariana gets a FABULOUSLY THRILLING FIVE SHOOTING STARS!! HIGHLY

RECOMMENDED READ!

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### **Vickey Mcgee says**

#### **Oh, That Dog!**

This was beautifully written with excellent characters. My favorite character was Mr. Darcy a loveable dog ? who has a problem. I laughed until years came. It's a clean story that reads quickly. All ages will enjoy this. The two main human characters are a good mix of a woman who doesn't want to go into the Witness Protection Program and the Navy SEAL who protects her with his life and love.

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### **Sandie Grise says**

I received this book as an ARC via Book Funnel and this is my HONEST review...

My first thoughts on this book was that it felt short- well duh! It's a novella! Mr. Darcy stole the show! He was practically in every scene and the way he was written made me laugh, I mean really laugh! True to form, Ms. St James descriptive writing is present in this book as well as others, making you feel as if you a fly on the wall watching the scenes unfold and events take place.

It's not that the story totally felt unfinished (it is a novella after all and only so much can fit in the pages of a novella), it feels as if the author intends to write more about several characters because she leaves many open endings, even with our main characters- hence my 4 star rating. Do I recommend this book? Yes. Please note that there is NO sex in this book and the heat level is set to one on this book. There is plenty of intrigue though.

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### **Vickie Chaisson says**

#### **Protecting Arianna Rules**

This book is full of suspense, intrigue, and sarcastic wit. John, Arianna and Mr. Darcy ( what a name for a dog) take on the Chinese mob and a mole in the FBI. We get to touch base with Wolf, Caroline, Tex and the team Cookie, Dude, Mozart and the others as they help John aka Riot protect Arianna. As always with a Lynne St. James book the character development is amazing. This was a quick read but nothing was left out. These characters were real from page one and I cared about them. The repartee between the main characters added another level to an already good book. Loved Me. Darcy and his contribution to the story. St. James has written in this Kindle World before and stays true to the original characters. Job well done.

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