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A female bodyguard with enhanced abilities. A billionaire playboy committed to destroying people like her. A romance they didn't expect...

Dive into the second book in this fantastic new series set in the near future from New York Times bestselling author Megan Hart!

Ewan Donahue has made a lot of mistakes, but making Nina Bronson want to leave him has been the worst. With the initial threats on his life out of the way, he doesn't really need her protection, but hiring her to take care of him again is the only way to get her back in his life. When Nina shows up ready to work —and nothing else — Ewan's determined to win her back. If he can break through the walls his earlier betrayal built, maybe they can have another shot at love. When it turns out that this time, it's Nina who's being targeted for danger and possibly death, Ewan's the one who has to keep her safe.

## **Wicked Attraction Details**

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### Deborah says

While I had mixed feeling on the previous book Dangerous Promise I was still looking forward to starting this one.

That was until I actually started reading then a couple of chapters in I put my kindle down and decided I was done.

One of the problems with the previous book was the seemingly endless one step forward two steps back between Nina and Ewan. I thought we'd moved past that when they finally got together. And while I know that circumstances changed at the end I didn't expect this to start out the same way and I just couldn't face it again.

I did however give it another try (skimming huge sections) and after a while it started to work, I stopped skimming and started to actually enjoy what I was reading. Once this happened I couldn't get enough and I was gutted when it ended.

While the villain was obvious very early on it was no detriment to the book. It doesn't matter that we know, we're supposed to know it's the why, where and when that's important.

My problem with both this book and the previous one is that they are just too long. The idea behind these is good, I liked Nina and Ewan and the direction the story is taking us it's just taking too long to get there. Maybe two books would have been better than three.

The first half of this book gets 1\* but the rest 4\* so now my fingers are firmly crossed for the third and final book.

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### Under the Covers Book Blog says

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I am quickly becoming a fan of this series and I'll tell you why. Yeah, it's written by Megan Hart and she's an awesome writer. But this is all about the kick ass heroine of this series, Nina Bronson. I really like how her character is being developed, how she handles the things that are thrown at her. I just LIKE her!

I don't want to spoil the first book if you haven't read it but this is a continuation from that. Ewan had lied and it resulted in a betrayal that pushed the fledgling relationship he had developed with Nina back to zero.

But now he's hired her again and their working relationship is much different this time around. Plus he's really trying to win her heart again and show her that he is the man for her.

While this could've been a bit flat, the world was expanded a bit in this and more conspiracies are unveiled. The situations that our characters are facing in this book were interesting and kept me on my toes. For both the immediate result and to figure out the bigger picture and what is yet to come.

But one thing is for certain. I think Ewan and Nina as a couple have great chemistry, I love seeing them together. There's an easy banter while at the same time some simmering sexual tension. And the added bonus is that I think they also make the perfect team. They each have the missing pieces of the other.

I was not expecting the curve ball that is thrown at us at the end of this book and it's certainly left me excited to read the last installment (or at least I think it will be). I haven't decided if I think this will make things easier or harder for these two but I can't wait to see how they're going to deal with them.

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### Dα?iјα says

*Wicked Attraction* is the second installment in *The Protector* series in which new dangers emerged, and things got more emotional and complicated for the main characters Nina and Ewan.

Poor Nina and Ewan... I had that thought many times throughout the book, especially at the very end. The title of the third book made me suspect the story was headed that way, but, still, poor Nina and Ewan. I had that same thought at the beginning of the book.

In the previous installment, *Dangerous Promise*, Ewan and Nina met and fell in love. They had a short blissful time together before the reality came crashing in, and Ewan's secret came out. Nina left after that. Soon afterwards, Ewan used trickery and hired Nina once again. That was the end of book one.

The beginning of *Wicked Attraction* revealed that Nina stayed with Ewan as his bodyguard. She treated it as any other assignment. For Ewan that was the only way to have Nina near him to try to get Nina's forgiveness and somehow repair their relationship. With the time period and the world they lived in described in the previous book, there was no need for detailed descriptions in this installment, so there little left to distract me from the relationship between Nina and Ewan. I liked that very much. Like I said in my review of *Dangerous Promise*, complicated and emotional love stories is one of the main reasons I love Megan Hart's books.

Speaking of emotional, I have to talk about Nina here. Ewan was more-or-less his same likeable self as in the first book, though not so set in keeping the laws about enhancement tech as they were. Nina, on the other hand, was quite different from the woman I first met. I think I would call all of Megan Hart's leading female characters strong women, but Nina was on a whole other level. The enhancement tech had made her into a super soldier, a super soldier who at the beginning of the series was incapable of feeling any intense emotion. By the end of the previous book that changed -- she had started to feel too much. She was like that in this installment, too. It was strange from someone as fiercely strong as her. Unsettling, even, and sad because she was feeling negative emotions.

Luckily, though very slowly, Ewan won Nina back, and for a while they were happy. They were a couple madly in love, and they worked together to change the laws which would improve Nina's and other enhanced people's lives. However, living in a happy bubble couldn't last. This isn't the last book, after all. New shady characters entered the scene, and apparently the old shady characters weren't done with doing damage. The difference was this time around, the one in danger was Nina. It was a danger neither Ewan nor her enhancement tech could save her from. Like I said, poor Nina and Ewan.

All in all, *Wicked Attraction* was a great sequel to *Dangerous Promise* and a great lead-up to the final book. I couldn't be more ready to see these characters get their happy ending.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

As The Protector series continues, Megan Hart proceeds to amaze me with the twists and turns, surprises and amount of love between Ewan and Nina. *Wicked Attraction* picks up where *Dangerous Promises* ended and I couldn't wait to get into the story to see just what Ewan had up his sleeve to get Nina to trust him again. I was astonished with where this story took me.

Ewan did pull out all the stops but Nina was having none of it, even though her heart thought that she should give in. It's hard to forgive his lies of omission. Something happens though and she can't fight it anymore and opens up to him. But, as the relationship is slowing growing and being put back on track, strange things start happening. Little things that lead up to the big one. No one is suspicious until it's too late and the truth comes out.

New characters come into the story that just add more and more drama. Old characters make themselves known again. But, through it all, Ewan knows that he will do whatever he has to do to bring Nina back to him. Will he be too late or right on time?

I was amazed with how everything went down in this story. Megan Hart really astounded me with what she did. She wrote an interesting story that had it's ups and downs. Nina was confusing at times. I really wasn't sure which way she was going to go and then her whole demeanor changed and she accepted her feelings. Ewan was himself but did turn a little bit of a blind eye to all the clues that were glaring at him. I even knew who the culprit was before it was revealed. But, it did surprise me what exactly why he did it, who put him up to it, why he did it.

I am looking to seeing how she resolves this one. How she brings the two of them full circle and back to the beginning. How he gets Nina to fall back in love with him. And, finally, if he screws this up again. So, until tomorrow .....

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### **Caz says**

I've given this a C+ at AAR, so that's 3.5 stars.

**Wicked Attraction** is the second book in Megan Hart's *The Protector* trilogy in which the three books tell one overarching story – which means there are spoilers for book one in this review.

In *Dangerous Promise*, the author made a terrific job of building her vision of the world of the late twenty-first/early twenty-second century in which the books are set, and of introducing her two principal characters. Nina Bronson is 'enhanced', a human with superhuman abilities that are the result of experimental technology implanted in her brain which allows her to control her physical and emotional responses and bodily functions, and to be stronger and faster than normal human beings. Because of the advantages given her, she – and the other fourteen former soldiers who underwent the same treatment – are barred from returning to the armed forces and the only work open to them is as bodyguards. When Nina is hired to protect billionaire businessman Ewan Donahue, it's the ultimate irony because he's the leading opponent of enhancement technology. The laws which have been passed owing to his persistent lobbying and political influence have banned the creation of any more enhanced, and prohibit the application of upgrades – which means that ultimately, all fifteen of them will break down and die. But these laws are unpopular in some circles, many groups believing the experimentation should be allowed to continue; and it's this belief which led to the mountain of death threats against Ewan from which Nina was hired to protect him.

Even more ironic, however, is the fact that not only is Ewan now a passionate opponent of enhancement, he's the one ultimately responsible for it. Nina is unaware of this until quite late in the book – and of course, once she discovers the truth, is devastated. She fell in love with Ewan and his deception inflicts the sort of pain she hasn't experienced in years and had hoped never to feel again. As soon as his safety is assured, she leaves, wanting nothing more to do with him – but fate takes a hand when she is offered a lucrative contract on behalf on an anonymous client. She isn't surprised when that client turns out to be Ewan Donahue, intent on getting her back into his life by hook or by crook.

**Wicked Attraction** picks up shortly after this. With the threats to Ewan's life neutralised, he no longer needs a bodyguard to shadow him 24/7, and Nina has made it very clear this time, their association will be solely professional. The problem, though, is that the attraction and deep emotional connection they had built has never gone away, and now that Nina has allowed herself to *feel*, she can't just put the cat back into the bag and pretend their relationship never happened. Ewan has never stopped loving her, and wants desperately to win her back; and the first part of the story consists almost entirely of a 'one-step-forward, two-steps-back' dance as they talk and, yes, shag, with Ewan going into full grovel mode and Nina trying – unsuccessfully – to resist him. I didn't count the sex scenes, and I know that Ms. Hart is known as a writer of erotic romance so there are, perhaps, more than in the average romance novel – but well-written though they are, I began to skim through them after the first few while I waited for some story progression.

The plotline in **Wicked Attraction** is almost a mirror image of that in **Dangerous Promise** in that it's Nina in danger instead of Ewan, and he needs to protect her from an unknown threat, especially as it seems her tech is starting to degrade. Ewan is conflicted; how can he, who has spoken out so vehemently against enhancement, now turn around and argue that the necessary upgrades should be made available to Nina and her fellow enhanced? Yet he's prepared to do it, and is gathering support to ensure a repeal of the law that outlawed further research and development of the tech; the problem is that there are those ready to use it for unethical and unscrupulous purposes – and who will stop at nothing to get it.

Although I was fascinated by the ethical questions posed by the concept of enhancement, and the discussions about the importance of memory are intriguing, **Wicked Attraction** nonetheless suffers from middle-book-syndrome. I enjoyed a fair bit of it, but there's a lot of padding and a lot of time is spent just treading water

before the plot really kicks in in the last few chapters – leading to a heart-breaking cliffhanger. If you enjoyed the previous book and want to follow the story through to its conclusion, then you’ll probably want to pick this up, even if you do find yourself having to skim in a few places. Although **Wicked Attraction** didn’t grab me in the same way as the previous book did, I still intend to read *Forbidden Stranger*(book three) to find out how everything turns out.

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### **.Under the pages says**

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### **Jennifer Schultheis says**

3.5 stars! Review at <https://wp.me/p2F7IH-i5k>

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### **Kooloo says**

I love love love books that take place in future there is just so much potential for storylines to go but this just felt tooo drawn out. Yes I get that World building is necessary for the 1st book and that’s why I had more patience with it BUT this one was just too much of the samething...

DNF even though it probably picks up near the end...

Bottom line - MH is one of my fav sexy-time authors so I will go back and finish once book 3 is out.

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### **Lauren loves llamas says**

“‘You’re in a cage,’ the shadow man tells her without moving into the light. ‘I want to get you out of it. I want to save you.’

‘I’m the one who does the saving.’

The man’s voice fades as he speaks. ‘Not this time . . .’”

This book is the second in The Protector series, and shouldn’t be read as a standalone. It picks up a few weeks after the first book ends. I had some issues with the first book, mainly because I have a hard time with characters who lie, either directly or by omission. Given that, I was pretty pleased with the what happens in this book. As a warning, there are massive spoilers for the first book!

“Imagine reaching for something you know you should be able to grab, and it isn’t that it

keeps slipping out of your fingers. It's simply not there. Maybe it was never there. Maybe you've only been fooling yourself. When they took away the memories, Ewan, they stole pieces of our self-confidence.'

'I never wanted that for anyone.'

'I know you didn't,' she said. 'I know that's why you erased the records to hide the tech. I know that's why you worked so hard to make it illegal. I even understand why you didn't tell me at first, why you kept it a secret. But how could you let me love you, knowing I didn't know the truth? How could you do that to me?'''

Ewan never meant to hurt Nina, but he did, and, as the book starts, it's uncertain whether they'll ever be able to rebuild the trust between them enough to have a relationship. He's rehired Nina as his bodyguard, even though he's convinced that, now that his old partner is jailed, the threats to his life are minimal, because he wants her close to him, and Nina stays because she's stubborn, and as much as she'd like to say otherwise, her no-longer-dormant emotions are still telling her she's in love with him.

Nina is, as always, awesome. She doesn't hold her punches with letting Ewan know exactly how much his actions hurt her, and Ewan seems to realize that his actions were unforgivable. It is a bit circular – they spend most of the book talking over how much Ewan's actions hurt Nina, and how the relationship may never recover. Just when I thought Ewan was finally getting it, he went and did something else ridiculously stupid (trying to avoid spoilers) as a "surprise." While nowhere near as bad as the original lie, it was more proof to Nina (and me) that he didn't understand her. And then, of course, it seems like things finally click, and I went from wanting to smack Ewan (and not in the way he likes) to wanting to cuddle him and then tearing up because he was being so damn sweet.

"He tossed up his hands. 'Fine. But I'm cooking. You sit and look pretty.'

'Yes,' she cooed, 'because that's exactly my goal in life. To sit quietly and look pretty.'"

Besides the "can Ewan be forgiven?" main plot, there was a whole multitude of subplots, from vandalism at the lab site where Ewan's apprentices work, to degradation of Nina's enhancements leading to unpredictable memory loss, to Nina becoming the spokesperson for legalizing the enhancement upgrades (including an interview on kitten heels), to Nina's sister reaching out after years of silence. Ms. Hart does a superb job of ratcheting up the tension, bit by bit, as the reader starts to figure out the connections while Nina and Ewan are preoccupied with dealing with everything being thrown at them. I literally could not put this book down, and I was itching to start the final book in the series the moment I finished it, as it ends on quite a cliffhanger.

Overall, this was quite an enjoyable and thrilling ride! Highly recommended, especially if you love alpha women and scifi romance!

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## **Angela says**

3 1/2 stars

Wicked Attraction is the second book in the exciting The Protector series by Megan Hart. A futuristic romance that you won't want to miss! I really enjoyed the first book in this series, but this one felt like more of the same back and forth between the main characters that I thought we would be past. I don't want to give away any details, especially for those who haven't read the previous book, which is necessary to do prior to reading this one. These are not stand alone books, and I believe it would be required to read all of these in order to get the full understanding of the story.

Ewan Donahue created what is known as Tech, which is technology that was used on wounded or technically dead soldiers that not only kept them alive, it enhanced their abilities in numerous ways. However, he's also the one who has been lobbying to make any advancements or upgrades for the Tech illegal, until he fell in love with one of the soldiers who was given the Tech, and is in desperate need of the upgrades. Nina Bronson is one of only 15 soldiers who were given the Tech, which only 13 of them remain. She had been protecting Ewan from unknown threats to his life, and ended up falling in love with him, until the truth came out about his involvement with the Tech.

Now he has hired her again, as it's the only way that she'll be around him, but things are changing again. Only this time the threat is against her, and Ewan will have to do whatever it takes to keep her alive, if he can. With many twists and turns, the story continues as the threats to them get more dangerous. Will Nina be able to forgive him for his lies and deceit? Can Ewan prove to her that he never wanted to hurt her, and that they belong together? Will Ewan be able to save Nina from the dangers they now face? Will they be able to get their HEA, or will their enemies once again stand in the way?

I have enjoyed this series, but a lot of this book felt more like a repeat of the last one. There was also a lot of very obvious clues about the villain, as well as how they were involved, but the main characters both repeatedly ignored all of this, which went against everything that is known about them. I know that it's difficult to understand what I'm saying without giving away details, but I don't want to give away spoilers for those who haven't read the previous book yet. Don't get me wrong, I did enjoy this book, just not as much as I did the first one. I honestly feel that had this been written into 2 books, rather than 3, that it would have been so much more powerful. I don't read any type of futuristic books, but I really was intrigued by the premise of this story, and thought that I would try it. I'm so glad I did, because it's a great concept for a story, and I have enjoyed it more than I thought I would. I'm looking forward to seeing where the next book will lead.

I would recommend this book, series, and great author. Be aware that you must read all of the books in the series to get the full understanding of the story.

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## **Dísir says**

Cliffhanger endings can be brutal, but that's always the risk with a series that deals with the lows and highs of a single pairing, and especially so if the narrative arc stretches out over all the books. Needless to say,

‘Wicked Attraction’ isn’t a standalone.

Here, the rift between Nina and Ewan widens, though that doesn’t stop both of them from dancing around each other, getting into the same arguments and eventually into bed. Rinse and repeat. She tells him off tearily but says she can’t ever hate him, he grovels and declares his love, once even to the point where he’d literally brought to his knees. The push-pull as always, is a constant repetitive issue here, though there is some development on fronts that feel a bit more peripheral to the issue dividing Ewan and Nina.

Nonetheless, my reading experience with ‘Wicked Attraction’, was on the whole, quite uneven. Ups and downs, if you like. There were parts that interested me more than others and parts where I simply just flipped and skimmed. I was engrossed in the enhancement technology and what was happening to Nina’s body, couldn’t stop rolling my eyes about her neurotic slipping in and out of bed with Ewan yet protesting too much about how much he’d betrayed her (the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, perhaps?), liked some actions scenes and didn’t exactly care about the work that Ewan did with the talented kids as part of his latest project. Nina also did seem like a different character from the more stoic, alpha soldier in the first book; she was more given to emotional outbursts and more dramatic responses, though that was in part, attributed to the changes she was undergoing.

For these minuses however, Megan Hart does write well as I’ve said before, and her sensory prose continues here, which helped get me through the bits that lagged. There were bigger issues that seemed vital to the entire narrative arc but slid past me—the importance of memory and who should get to control them through technology—and I wished I were harder ‘hit’ by what Nina and Ewan were arguing for.

In short, I sort of did like Hart’s concept but I wasn’t always able to keep my interest in the development of the story. It was easy to pick up (and put down, unfortunately) and my ability to fully get into the characters each time made this a decent, but not entirely memorable read.

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### ? BookAddict ✎ La Crimson Femme says

Recommended to read these books in order. I read the second one before the first. This is the first book of Ms. Hart that did nothing for me. It was just okay. I’m used to having internal conflict with the characters. Something tortuously poignant which makes me sad is what I expect. For this one, maybe because I didn’t read the first book, it did not pull me in.

This story was hard to get into. Since Nina has a sort of amnesia, she didn’t remember Ewan. The chemistry or relationship between these two don’t do much for because because I didn’t really see the love. It is clear Ewan is torn about Nina and wants to do everything for her. Nina trying to regain her memory and figure out answers to her questions made her seem distant. For a romance novel, this left me a bit cold and disengaged.

The main plot is about fixing these “bionic” people. It seems there is a conspiracy that continues to cause problems and I find, I’m not surprised by the direction it goes. Unfortunately, I don’t care what happens to Nina either. I am going to go back to read the first book in hopes it makes me change my mind about this series.

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## **Maria Rose says**

Wicked Attraction is the second book in the Protector series, set in a not too distant future, and starring the same couple in all three books in the trilogy. You shouldn't read this one without reading book 1 as it sets the stage, and the fantastic world building, for book 2. In the first story we were introduced to billionaire Ewan, creator of technology that was used to create super soldier turned bodyguard Nina. He was under a myriad of death threats and while protecting him they fell in love. But secrets have a way of getting out and when they do, it puts Ewan and Nina's relationship in doubt.

Nina is back as Ewan's bodyguard again but things are different this time. Her emotions, once reserved and easily controlled are now in full swing, to her dismay. Plus, it looks like the threats to Ewan are more subtle. Learning to trust Ewan again, even knowing he loves her, is challenging for Nina. Knowing he's got the means to fix her degrading technology but is forbidden from doing so because it's against the law makes being with him pleasure and pain. Can they recapture what they once had?

It's a good mix of intense, sexy scenes and suspense as the story progresses and Nina and Ewan try to work out their issues. Part of Ewan's work now involves supporting young people who show an aptitude for technology and the author writes in such a way that we know something about them is not quite on the level. Honestly, I couldn't put this down until I got to the end! Without giving away spoilers, there is no happy ending for the couple here (as expected since it's the middle of a trilogy) and I'm definitely planning to read the next in series to find out how it all works out.

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## **Hollis says**

*She wasn't going to fool herself into thinking this was a new beginning. It was an interlude, no more than that.*

I think I've been disappointed in this series ever since I realized it was a trilogy focused on the same couple with an over arcing plotline to tie them together. Even though this isn't a contemporary romance in the strictest sense, seeing as it's set in the future, nonetheless.. it fits the same general terms. And it's pretty rare a couple can be made to be interesting for more than one book. Case in point, after this middle installment my disappointment only grew. Why? Because it was bad enough that from the get-go in book one we were already forced to slog through a significant amount of filler to kill time, but in book two not only did that trend continue, it was also exacerbated by blindingly obvious plot directions that neither the intelligent inventor nor the super keenly trained soldier managed to pick up on. Despite the fact that these questionable moments, hints, and characters, were blatantly staring them in the face.

Right before the conclusion of a DANGEROUS PROMISE, our lovebirds were separated for spoilery reasons, only for the final chapter to show them coming together again.. but not why. Is Ewan Donahue, the billionaire creator of the tech that runs through Enhanced soldier Nina Bronson's body, once again being threatened? Has she forgiven him for what happened in book one?

The answer to both is nope. **WICKED ATTRACTION** goes in a different direction from book one. A direction that would have been interesting if the villain hadn't been as painful to read about as Jesse Eisenberg's version of Lex Luthor was to watch (and weirdly they even acted alike..). Additionally we are bogged down by too many sex scenes, see-sawing emotional interactions that veer from the dramatic "I can never trust you again" to "okay lets do this forever".. almost within, like, a chapter. With hardly any discernible resolution for anything or explanation as to why suddenly everything is shiny fine or why, later, we're suddenly doubting things again. Also, the constant repetition of "baby" and "I love you" and "you're beautiful" made this even harder to get through.. and it was already hard enough.

Hart's world is interesting, the concept is creative, but it's totally overrun by shitty characters, endless filler, and less than convincing emotional connections. The ending was totally predictable but the "tense" (I mean, I didn't find it tense, but I can tell that was the intention) moments leading upto it were intriguing and I really enjoyed the way the author executed that chapter right before everything goes sorta-cliffy.

This series is my first experience with Hart and at this point I'm not really sure how I feel about this author. Honestly, unless things turn around drastically in book three I'm kind of on the fence as to whether I would ever even read her again. Guess we'll see how things go in **FORBIDDEN STRANGER**.

1.75 "it always seemed easier to tamp down happiness than sorrow" stars

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### **nick says**

This wasn't as good as the first one for me. There was too much back and forth between the two, and I also thought they needed to communicate better with each other instead of jumping into bed after every argument.

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