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Alex Rossi leads a double life, and it may cost Grace Nolan her son.

*The Devlin Group: A privately-owned rogue agency unhindered by red tape and jurisdiction.*

Grace Nolan walked away from the Devlin Group carrying Alex Rossi's child in her womb and his bullet in her shoulder. But a ghost from the past has kidnapped her son, Danny. The ransom—Alex Rossi. To get her son back, Grace will have to step back into the life she'd left behind and reveal her secret to Alex.

With vengeance for his mother's murder nearly at hand and a deadly substance on the loose, the last thing Alex Rossi needs is to find himself at the business end of Grace's gun. Now the clock is ticking as they race to save a child and stop a madman bent on destruction.

But Alex has a secret of his own, and it may be the ultimate betrayal.

## 72 Hours Details

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## From Reader Review 72 Hours for online ebook

### Debra says

3.5 stars. I think this was a pretty good start to a series. It was a short book and I would have liked to have seen it be longer and I think that would have helped some of the character development. The characters are interesting enough that I intend to continue with the series.

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### Kelly says

I was in the mood for some fast-paced romantic suspense when I picked this book up and I got that. I also got danger, secrets, lies, and simmering sexual tension. Which is pretty much the yardstick by which I measure all books of this kind. So, YAY!

Grace and Alex have some things they need to work through. This is before she pops in to kidnap him and hand him over for her son's life. Needless to say, their relationship is a little on the complicated side. Grace is harboring a few misconceptions about Alex. Alex is keeping secrets from her. And from most everyone else, come to think of it. Things are decidedly bumpy when they come together after so many years. As one would expect them to be.

Normally, I'm not a fan of big secrets being kept--especially when the secret in question is a kid--but I get why Grace did what she did. She had a hard choice to make and she thought she was doing the one thing that would keep her child safe. I'm still not a fan of keeping those sorts of secrets, but... I get it in this case. I get it.

Bottom line: I was looking for something that hit hard and left a few bodies in its wake and I got that. I liked the characters. I liked the chemistry between Grace and Alex (sexy times after an assignment are always nice, amirite?!?) and I liked the secondary characters we got to meet. \*thumbs up\*

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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### Holly says

I decided to read this book because of the secret baby plot. I like them when done well, and I was led to believe the heroine's reasons for keeping her son a secret from his father were reasonable. What I was told was correct - her reasons made sense and allowed me to enjoy the story without anger at her for keeping her son a secret.

I really liked the chemistry and emotions between Alex and Grace. Their past history made the story more intense. I also liked the action scenes. Grace was a pretty kickass heroine. I especially liked that she was the one that rescued her son.

What didn't work as well for me was her insistence that she go after the bad guys after recovering her son. As a mother, I can understand her need to rescue him herself. I can even understand the need for vengeance and wanting to hurt the people responsible for kidnapping him. What I can't understand is leaving him almost immediately after rescuing him and putting yourself back in danger...especially without waiting to see what kind of emotional trauma he might be suffering.

Luckily - and this is reflected in my rating of the book - Grace realized she was an idiot and I felt like she learned her lesson. It came a little late in the game, but better late than never, right?

I am kind of disappointed that it was so short. I would have liked to see more with Alex getting to know his son.

In any event, I will be reading the next book in the series. Stacey managed to hook me.

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### **Lisa says**

Grace doesn't look like a woman on the run. She tries (and fails) to bake cookies for her son Danny after school. The secret from her past - that she's a butt-kicking secret agent - catches up with her at the beginning of the book, when Danny is kidnapped and held in exchange for her former co-worker Alex.

Grace has a secret she must tell in order to get Alex to go along with her plan. Alex also has a secret that comes out in time.

Could I see the happy ending coming a mile away in this paint-by-numbers thriller? You bet. Anything unexpected? Nope, not really. It's a fairly interesting book that kept me turning pages, but as other reviewers have noted, Stacey is no Hemingway. Not even a Patterson or a Kellerman.

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### **Larry Anspach says**

Horrible. Sophomoric writing. I REALLY try to read a book through. At the halfway point, I decided I just couldn't do it this time. Character development was shallow. The book is filled with repetitive clichés.

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### **Joanne says**

#### **Good book**

Loved this book. Full drama and intrigue. From the first page I was hooked. It has a bit of everything, action drama and love kept me entertained even though it's only a novella.

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### **Rogetwhi says**

3.5 stars!! I wouldn't rated higher if not for a couple of things. 1. I wanted to see more of Alex with Danny

and what happened after they all went home together. It didn't have to be long, just something to let me see them as a family. And 2. the constant changing of Danny's eye color...four different times in the book his eyes were described..twice they were called blue and twice brown?!?! Not big problems because I did like the book but a little extra and paying attention to details could've made it so much better!!!

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### **mad4rombks says**

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### **Heidi Dover says**

Was okay, but just didn't grab and pull me in. A whole lot of suspension of disbelief in a few things, like the setup, the procedure. Was an okay quick read.

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### **Michelle says**

Grace walked away from Alex when she thought that he had betrayed her but for years she's been hiding a secret from him and she can no longer keep him in the dark. When her son is kidnapped she has no one to turn to except for Alex and when it's revealed that he's the father, he will stop at nothing to bring Danny home. As the truth comes out between them feelings that they tried to forget become harder to forget but can a covert operative find happiness with a woman trying to give her son the most normal childhood as possible. A really great, fast paced, sexy read to start the *Devlin Group* series. Fun read!

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### **Leorah says**

Brain candy--

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### **Linda says**

Grace Nolan traded barbs with Carmen, the only girlfriend that she had and suddenly launched herself down the steps and into the kitchen, she flung open the oven door, grabbed the burning tray of chocolate chip cookies and dumped the charred mess into the sink. She could repel from helicopters, shoot to kill the bad guys on the run, so why was it so hard to bake her eight year old son cookies? Grace muttered back up the stairs, when Carmen saw the expression on her face and chuckled. Carmen had been trying for years to get her back in the Delvin Group, a privately owned rogue agency unhindered by red tape or jurisdictions but Grace had Danny to think of now and she would not go back. Grace had been a damn good agent until that fiasco in London when Alex Rossi had shot her with her own gun no less! It was not until she got to the hospital that she found out that she was pregnant so she switched hospitals and settled down in a town to raise her son alone telling him that his father was a doctor, not even her parents knew who the father was.

Everyone thought that it was her doctor. Grace hung up from Carmen then headed to the kitchen to pour her son a glass of milk, got the bag of cookies she hid in the cabinet and put several on a plate knowing her son would be home from school at any time. The kitchen door slammed but it was not Danny but a dangerous man she knew but could not place yet holding a picture of her son boarding an airplane. Danny had been kidnapped and they wanted to trade his life for Alex Rossi!

Alex Rossi was leading a double life, he was Sean Delvin, owner of the Delvin Group and Alex Rossi a field agent. He had named his company to taunt the murderer of his mother and he had gotten close to nailing him. Maria Rossi had sheltered his body with her own when they were in the market square, her death was the second warning to his father who was trying to bring down a drug lord. Alex had been a boy at the time but he could still see and hear the bullets slam into his mother while her body jumped and it was his mission to get revenge. He knew that Grace, his one time partner and lover had a child by her doctor and every time she talked to him as Sean Delvin, hearing about the son that should have been his made him want to beat the doctor to a pulp. Now, Grace was about to come back in his life and he was suddenly jealous that she had contacted Sean instead of him no matter that they were both the same man, he wanted Grace to need him.

Oh what a tangled web of lies and intrigue that Ms. Stacey spins! 72 Hours is one of those books that begs to be re-read as you read about Grace kicking some serious butt while trying to come to understand her need for Alex and find her kidnapped son without falling apart. 72 Hours flowed smoothly and was easy to read, quite believable what a mother with agent training who saw red at the idea of her enemy having her son would do, and white hot sex all neatly packaged. An excellent read!

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### **Jennavier says**

This was solid romance and a decent suspense novel. Not sure I love the two together, but overall it was enjoyable.

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### **Diane says**

Fast, easy read, sort of like a tv movie. Lots of action but no depth.

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### **Shelly Crawford says**

absolutely loved it!

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