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Earth 2133 Tienan is an Alpha-an assassin who has been genetically and computer enhanced. He has escaped from the lab that created him and the Ruling Council that controlled him. He is now outside the Gate-a high-tech shield that protects the enclosed city from the contaminated and lawless land outside.

Tienan must constantly evade security forces sent to eliminate him, his only goal to destroy his former masters. Silence is a tracker with the Resistance on the trail of a dangerous stranger. The hunter becomes the hunted and when Tienan kidnaps her, she thinks her life is over.

But both captor and captive are enthralled with one another. Desire and need ignite each time they touch. Enemies become lovers. Treachery and mistrust drive them apart. But nothing can diminish the sexual heat smoldering between them. With enemies all around, they must confront each other one final time. With time running out, sexual longing and trust battle with betrayal for supremacy.

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From Reader Review Embracing Silence for online ebook

Kristie says

I'm all for a dystopian, crazy messed up read. Embracing Silence is that.

The world is a mess. The rich people have it all. There are genetically engineered men called Alphas. Most of them are gone, but those that remain are out to buck the system. The story feels mildly similar to many out there, but still has its own elements of intrigue.

The romance between MCs is good and the elements of the Alpha One's, Tienan, personality that come through unexpectedly make that more fun to read. They're not made for romance or love. It's an unexpected glitch that will probably have terrible implications later down the line.

I'm interested in seeing what happens in book two, about another Alpha, hoping that it will include Tienan and Silence.

I received an ARC via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review

Pam Kinsey says

Futuristic books are some of my favorite books to read and I loved everything I've ever read by N. J. Walters and this book was no different. I really liked it. There were a few issues with it. One of which it was short and therefore felt kind of rushed and the back story wasn't as fleshed out as I like but I'm hoping that the next story in this series will fill in some of the blanks. I really liked the characters Silence especially. She was a bad-ass but she had her quirks. Some folks would see flaws I see quirks. Tienan now he was more caring that I would think someone would be with his type of raising. But that was only towards Silence.

I will be reading the next book in this series because I really want to see where Ms Walters goes with this it. I give this one 4 stars and was given this book via Netgalley in exchange for consideration of a review.

Nikki says

I don't usually read the futuristic or post Apocalypse type books (hence The Hunger Games still on TBR rather than Read!) but this had the erotica element and that seems to be the phase I'm in at the moment so I gave it a go. It was pretty good. The characters and writing were pretty well done. I'm not sure how I feel about the whole falling-in-love-after-two-days bit, but this is fantasy not reality so I went with it! The smexin was hot and there were a few times the anticipation of what would happen next got a little high. I will be reading the next one in the series, and more than likely the third too. :)

Kirsten Brown says

This series is about super soldier's created with the mind of a computer. The company created them to obey, however they became resistant and escaped.

This story is about Tienan. A few month prior to this story he escaped with Logan whose story is told in the next instalment 'Have Mercy'

In order to stay alive Tienan has kept moving over the city, staying out of sight. For the last few days, someone has been following him. Luring her into a trap, Tienan, kidnapped Silence.

And so begins a story of two slightly broken people who fall hard in love.

I liked Tienan's Alpha attitude. He was tough as nails and very protective of Silence. He also had major flaws, one being the ability to kidnap Silence very well. Silence was a great character, she was nifty at getting out of chairs that she was tied to.. well almost.

The only part I wasn't too fond on was Tienan's 'love' for Kathryn Piedmont. It made up for some jealousy and heartbreak for Silence, but other than that she wasn't mentioned again.

recommended for those with a love of Hot Alpha Males..

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

Embracing Silence is book one in the Project Alpha series by N.J. Walters. This book was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review by NetGalley, Ellora's Cave Publishing, and by the author. This is my first book by N.J. Walters and it was amazing. I loved it!

The year is 2133 on Earth. Humans are divided between two groups. The elite that live within the confines of a camp run by a ruthless General, and those who don't. Tienan used to live within those walls but not ever as a free man. Tienan was an Alpha. A man genetically enhanced in an experimental program to be an unstoppable fighting machine. Once they found cheaper ways to engineer soldiers, they decided to kill off their human experiments. Tienan and his friend Logan both escaped before they could be killed.

Now Tienan lives outside the walls, with only one goal, to kill the man at the head of it all, the General. For the last few weeks Tienan has known someone was following him. He finally decides to turn the tables and to catch his follower and interrogate him as to why he was being followed. But surprisingly, his follower turns out to be a woman, a very enticing woman.

Silence has never known family or love. The closest thing she has is Adrian. He rescued her when she was near death at twelve years old. Now Adrian is like an adopted brother. He protects her. They live within the resistance. Adrian is their leader. She has seen the stranger and was afraid he meant harm to Adrian and their group. So she's been following him. Little did she know she was about to become the hunted.

Once Tienan turns the tables on Silence, neither he nor she expects the attraction. He wants to interrogate her but all he can think about is touching her.

“With just that simple touch he had her shackled as tightly as though she were wearing chains.”

“He was legendary for his control, in all areas, but Silence was making a mockery of it. He needed her the way he needed air to breathe.”

The General's men have found Tienan's hide out. Who tipped them off? Was it Silence? This book was fantastic. It was crazy sexy but there was also suspense and danger. I love the world this author has created. I can't wait for the next book in the series, Assassin's Awakening, which will be Tienan's friend, Logan's story.

“You were made for me.”

RJ says

Can I just remove the memory of this book from my brain?

First off, this book needs a different cover ASAP. Those sunglasses are not cute, honey. And that flowing hair! He looks like he's in a shampoo ad not like the kickass assassin he's supposed to be. Sigh. I'm sorry, but it's atrocious.

The only reason I forced myself to ignore the cover and read the book was because I thought the hero was a virgin! (b/c this book was on the "Books with Virgin Heros" list) So imagine my surprise and disappointment when I get 25% in and learn he's not a virgin!

I kept on reading because the story was alright and I honestly had nothing better to do.

My Thoughts: (spoilers)

- Okay, so he kidnaps you, keeps you isolated in a dark room for two days, then fucks you, and YOU'RE IN LOVE??!?? That was so unbelievable I can't even.

- From the reviews I read, I was expecting Silence to be kickass. She wasn't. What the fuck was up with her nipples "puckering" and "pebbling" every time the hero so much as looks her way. One touch and her breasts are swollen and shit. I think she needs to get that checked out.

- A pro would be that it was a quick read. But very unforgettable, expect for that cover, I think I will see it in my dreams tonight. *shudders*

Laurie says

I'm loving it as some of my favorite authors get the rights back to their old series from that publisher whose name we don't speak! Embracing Silence was first released in 2009 and I was thrilled when I realized I had not read this series even though I powered through this authors Legacy Series way back when.

The first in Project Alpha series, I read Embracing Silence straight through. For such a short book there was lots of goodies packed in—danger, treachery, a romance with some ups and downs, and some scorchingly hot sex.

In this world, to survive you almost have to be badass or you are going to end up dead. Silence was a gifted tracker, able to go in and out of places and follow people virtually undetected. Until she bit off more than she could chew with the mysterious man that had been ghosting around the ruins of the outer city.

Tienan is one of the last remaining alphas, born from test tubes, part man, part computer. Their creators decided to terminate them all but missed a few. Said to have no emotions, but this is not quite the case. Especially when Tienan first captured Silence. She awakened a protectiveness in him he didn't know what to do with.

Tienan was unbelievably intelligent, super strong, and trusted only his fellow alpha brother, Logan. Buried way underneath everything he had a fierce heart and just a tiny little sense of humor. Plus he was extremely good looking. Silence was super smart, skilled, and extremely loyal to her adopted brother, Adrien, the leader of the resistance.

My only complaint is there wasn't much backstory or world-building to go on. The characters were so richly crafted and the scenes so engaging it, the lack of backstory doesn't take away from your enjoyment but my inquiring mind was just itching to know more. What happened to the world? Why the need for super soldiers? And I really wanted to know more details of how Tienan and Logan escaped. Being told instead of shown such an integral part of the story felt wrong.

Even wanting more, I thoroughly enjoyed Embracing Silence, and I look forward to the next one. I'm hoping Adrien is up next, but I also hope at some point we'll get to meet Logan.

4 Happy Alphas are Sexy Alphas Stars

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

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Cathy Geha says

Entertaining steamy story of what the world might be like in 2133 should something horrific happen leaving some as haves and others as have nots. Throw in the heroes of the trilogy, Alphas genetically and otherwise enhanced in a research lab, and you have the setting for this story and the two that will follow.

Tienan, Alpha One, is set on revenge. Having escaped his handlers he would like to meet up with Adrien,

help the resistance in taking down the governing body and destroy the research facilities that created him. Silence, the woman closest to Adrian, just happens to meet him one night when she is tracking him and oh boy – what a meeting it ended up being. Eventually Adrian and Tienan meet and this episode of the trilogy ends with a HEA for Tienan and Silence.

Well written and engaging I did enjoy Embracing Silence. I might have liked a prologue that could show up in all three books – one that explains what catastrophe happened in the past, how long things have been as they are and a few other pertinent details. That said – it is not necessary for a novella to have the details a novel would more than likely include. The reader knows something happened, things are not the same for all, it is the future, who is good and who is evil, etc. I will definitely look for books two and three of this trilogy and also other books by this author.

Thank you to NetGalley and Carina Press for the copy of this story. This is my honest review.

Mary says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

3 1/2 stars rounded up to 4 stars

Ms. Walters has done an excellent job of world-building and describing in vivid detail what life would be like in 2133.

Tienan had escaped through the Gate into the ravaged landscape that surrounded the pristine city within its walls. His continued survival depended on his abilities to hide from those who wanted him dead, those who had created him thirty years before. Only one other Alpha had escaped the termination order that was Logan, the man he considered his brother. Together they vowed to destroy the labs that had created them and then ordered them killed.

Silence grew up outside the walls and all she knew was poverty and despair until she was rescued by Aiden, who was the leader of the rebellion. Never one to follow orders, she tracked the man she'd never seen before never realizing that he was tracking her.

The story is romance but it also has other elements of great story telling: intrigue, betrayal and lust. I can't wait to see where the story goes.

Maria11 says

This was ok. Yeah just Ok. It was interesting the way future earth was, but there was no background on how it got that way. It was just like bam and the story started.

There was insta love. Tienan was genetically grown and for someone that was supposed to be so steadfast lost his faculties so easily over a woman kinda didn't ring true to me. Yeah it made him look softer and made him more acceptable, but if he was the genetically engineered soldier he wouldn't be so over the top about

Silence.

There is a ton of sex. Hot sex. Page after page sex. Shower inducing sex. So if that is not your thing then pass on this. There seemed more focus on the sex and less on the storyline. There needed to be more story around the sex. NJ knows how to write sex. She makes it very hot!

I love NJ's werewolf series and I was expecting more from this story then I got. A tad disappointed, but it wasn't all bad just not great.

Was gifted a copy from the publisher through NetGalley.

Kami Dodson-Perry says

This is Book #1 in the Project Alpha series.

It is 2133 and it is about a failed government project of a super soldier (which we have seen a thousand times).

I like the background of the story with some of the Alpha's escaping the government and are now living outside the gate. Inside the gate is government, safe, clean, and freedom of sorts. Outside the gates are the Alpha's and others who are on the run or just the one's that don't want to conform.

This story is about Silence and Tienan. Silence was a young girl when she meet Adrian. Adrian took the role of big brother and taught Silence how to survive. Adrian also gave her the name, since she did not have one. Adrian runs part of The Resistance on the outside of the gate. Adrian is their leader. Silence has heard about a new stranger on the outside of the gate and has taken it upon herself to track him so that she can report it back to Adrian.

Tienan catches Silence and both of their worlds change. Silence fears that Tienan will rape and kill her. Tienan assures Silence that he will not rape her but he has not decided her fate on killing her as of yet. Tienan & Silence have an attraction to each other that they both try desperately to deny. Silence escaped Tienan and Tienan thinks that Silence has betrayed him since the government found their safe house. Silence sees the enemy closing in on Tienan as she is escaping to tell Adrian that she is okay and cannot get back to Tienan to warn him of the enemies closeness.

Tienan swears that he will hunt Silence down and punish her for this betrayal. But he is all talk because he is in love with Silence. And Silence is in love with Tienan. Tienan meets Adrian and together they come up with a plan to take out the enemy and be truly free.

The only problem I have with this series is that all of the books are less than 200 pages. I would like them to be more of a book than a novella.

Laura (Kyahgirl) says

2.5/5; 3 stars; B-

I'm going to give the same review to all three books in this series. I thought N.J. Walters was a good writer. I liked the story development, dialogue and flow of the words. I guess I've come to realize that when I'm reading a science fiction or fantasy story, I want that story....not an erotica story.

These three stories had the makings of a decent short futuristic sci-fi, but somehow I just felt it was a set up so each story could show two people meet, have some irresistible pull towards each other, have smokin' hot sex. Then have more smokin' hot sex, and finally, after a day or so, fall deeply in love.

I would have preferred to have one book, with the story of the futuristic city and the overthrow of the ruling evil council with the various love stories woven in.

I will definitely read other work by this author, I think she is talented.

Kelly says

No lie but broken cities, dystopian settings, and badass Alpha males are like candy to me. I just eat them up. This book worked all three of those and threw in a side order of sex-ay. Yes, I am smitten. Seriously. What is it about genetically engineered soldier-types fighting against their oppressors that makes me all gooey?

Beyond the setting, Silence and Tienan worked for me. While their attraction is of the typical "see one another and desire madly" variety, it was sexy and fun. Okay, maybe fun is the wrong word. I mean, being chased and hunted and nearly killed isn't fun but it is entertaining. I liked that Tienan was hit hard by the lust bug as soon as he saw Silence. I liked that she trusted him and did everything she could to get back to him when they were separated. Oh, yeah, and the sex was smokin'.

I'm not going to lie, I'd read more of these books in a heartbeat. Sexy super soldiers do it for me.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Angela Goodrich says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

Let me start by saying that this is not the first time I've read *Embracing Silence* or the Project Alpha series. I actually own the original Ellora's Cave ebooks, purchased and devoured over four years ago. Because of that, I jumped at the chance to read and review the re-releases of the series. Walters is one of my favorite paranormal and sci-fi romance authors, especially sci-fi erotica. Normally, I wouldn't mention the previous publisher in a review of a re-release, but considering that EC is known for their erotica, I kind of feel compelled to include the information because a new reader unfamiliar with Walter's writing might be surprised with just how erotic the novella is. And frankly, I'd hate for the author to be penalized for that because there are plenty of sci-fi erotica lovers like myself who will be titillated by Walters' writing.

Embracing Silence is a futuristic novella set in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Tienan is an Alpha – a genetically engineered super soldier who escaped destruction and is now hoping to bring down the very people who created him to kill. However, he doesn't have an actual plan and has spent the time since his escape trying to develop a plan, find allies to help him with his mission, and avoid being caught by General Caruthers. Enter Silence. Now, now, she's not the bad guy (or girl, I should say). She's part of the resistance

and, like those she is aligned with, has noticed the uptick in military activity in the area and is determined to find out if the stranger who is eluding the military is a danger to her leader, Adrian, and their people. Unfortunately for Silence, Tienan is better at stealth than she is and she soon becomes his prisoner when she gets too close in her pursuit. Neither trusts the other, but neither can deny the unusually strong attraction between them – at least not to themselves – and when the dam breaks, they drown themselves in one another. Whew! When Tienan’s guard is down, the timing of Silence’s escape couldn’t be worse because of the conclusions Tienan is forced to draw, and that puts a bullseye on Silence’s back, one that Tienan isn’t entirely sure he can follow-through on despite his feelings of betrayal.

If, like myself, you own the original editions of *Embracing Silence* and were wondering how much revision the book has undergone, I’m going to have to tell you that I really don’t know. It’s been several years since I last read it, but there really wasn’t anything that jumped out at me as far as the story itself goes. Because it has been several years since I last read it, it was almost like reading it again for the first time and it reminded me why I enjoyed the book and Walters’ writing so much – she combines just the right amount of action, attraction, and romance to keep me coming back for more. If you’re not a fan of insta-love, this might not be for you because the bulk of the story takes place over about a week’s time. However, if you’re a fan of sci-fi erotica and like a story with your steam, then you might want to check it out. As for me, I’m diving into the second book in the series.

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

Earth in the year 2133 is not where anyone would want to live unless they are on the inside of the Gate. The wealthy and the privileged live within the Gate. Silence is not one of those. Silence is not even sure where she came from or who her parents are. She has her place as a tracker among the Resistance. The Resistance has given her a home since she was twelve years old. It’s the best life one could possibly hope for in this desolate land and time.

The Ruling Council wanted to protect the precious life that is inside the Gate. They had the Piedmont Corporation create what they hoped would be the perfect soldier with Project Alpha. They enhanced the soldiers, sent them on missions, they made killing machines. Those killing machines eventually started thinking for themselves. Eventually the Ruling Council ordered them destroyed at any cost. Alpha One, Tienan escaped that fate and now braves his existence outside the gate.

Embracing Silence is an erotic sci fi romance that is set in a dystopian city that is near this Gate. Tienan is wanting to get near the leader of the Resistance. Silence is following “the stranger” trying to figure out what his motives are. This is a lawless land and everyone simply has to watch their backs at all times. There is also this security force that captures people living outside the Gate to question them, then they are either used for slaves or killed. I have no idea what they’re questioned about. I have no idea why Tienan was looking for the leader of the Resistance. I have no idea why Earth fell to despair. The author delivered on the hot and sexy. I needed a little more substance to go along with the sex though.
