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In the aftermath of a deadly alien invasion, a band of survivors fights on...

For Hawk pilot Finn Erickson, flying is in the blood. Since the aliens decimated the planet, he spends most of his time flying Hell Squad into combat. With communication to other survivor bases cut off, he has no idea if his family is still alive and feels their loss keenly. But helping to fight back sustains him, and his quadcopter is the only woman he needs. She doesn't argue with him...unlike a certain redhead who is one hell of a kisser.

Lia Murphy lost her mother and sister in the invasion. She vows never to get emotionally involved with anyone again, and as head of the drone team, she's always busy with work. But one cocky, arrogant pilot pushes all her buttons. When Finn issues a challenge--a fly-off in the flight simulator--she can't resist. But she's not sure if she can accept what he demands as his prize if he wins...her. In his bed for one night.

But as Finn and Lia's fiery attraction heats up, so does the battle with the aliens. The pair must work together to reestablish communications with other humans and discover what the aliens are hiding in a mysterious area to the north. In the process, they will face the most dangerous alien creature yet, and be tested to their very limits...

## **Finn** Details

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## From Reader Review Finn for online ebook

### Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

In this tenth book in the Hell Squad series, we finally start seeing the human survivors take the fight to the alien Gizzida, and it is awesome. Meanwhile, just as in all of the previous entries in the Hell Squad series (start with Marcus and ENJOY!) the story tells its tale of kicking alien ass and not bothering to take alien names through a hot and steamy romance between two of the survivors of the alien invasion.

Finn and Lia are both pilots, not that anyone can get Finn to admit that Lia is a pilot. It's part of the tension between them. Finn is out in the thick of the fight with his aircraft, flying the squads, especially Hell Squad, to where they need to go, and pulling their collective asses out of the fight when things get too hot.

Think of Finn as a one-pilot equivalent of SOAR in M.L. Buchman's Night Stalkers series. He takes the best where they need to be, and gets them home when they've done their job. The Squads often "bug out" under fire, and Finn and his Hawk quadcopter shoot through their enemies to bring them home.

Lia is a drone pilot. Her little spies go where humans fear to tread, and bring back precious bits of enemy intel. But as much as she loves her drones, she doesn't risk her life with them – she does her piloting from the relative safety of the base. But her piloting is every bit as vital as Finn's. The humans desperately need the intel her drones provide to pinpoint any enemy weaknesses. So when the aliens start jamming communication over a particular area, it doesn't take spidey-senses to figure out that whatever is being protected is even more dangerous to the human survivors than the bad news they already know.

And the humans at the Enclave are all too aware that time is not on their side. If they are going to kick the Gizzida off Earth, they are going to need help from any and all survivor bases that have managed to hang on during the last two chaotic years. And for that, they need long-range communication.

That's where both Finn's and Lia's piloting skills come in. The mission is to drop a communications booster out in the Pacific Ocean, far from shore, and far outside the operational range of the Hawks. They need an airplane. And Lia knows just where to find one – and just how to fly one.

All they need to do is steal it, fix it and fly it out from under the enemy's noses. Or snouts. Or whatever. And play oceanic keep-away with a giant sea monster.

It's all in a day's work for Hell Squad.

Escape Rating A-: This one ends on a marvelous high note, which I won't reveal. And this reader is overjoyed that the survivors are starting to seriously work towards the Gizzida's exit from Earth – with extreme prejudice. Because up until now, all of the marvelous love stories have been forced to finish with a Happy For Now. Not because the various couples (including Finn and Lia) are in any way uncertain about their love for each other, but because the future is so uncertain. It is impossible to plan for a Happy Ever After when you are completely unsure that you, your friends or the human race itself have any kind of an "ever after" at all.

Both Lia and Finn have a lot of emotional baggage, and in this romance it's the same brand of luggage. They

both lost their families in the invasion, and have both chosen to wall themselves off emotionally rather than feel the pain of those losses. But their friendly rivalry breaks down the barrier, and they both discover that even this crazy life is sweeter when you have something and someone to live for.

Their rivalry is also a lot of fun, and reminds me of the romantic relationship in one of M.L. Buchman's Firehawks books. His military romance and romantic suspense series are marvelous (and best sellers) so he is good company for Finn and Lia to be in.

As with all of the books in this series, the action is non-stop and the romance is meltingly hot. But a big part of my reason for reading this series is the science fiction set up – the alien invasion and its perilous aftermath. I am a very happy reader to see that overall arc take the first steps towards a righteous alien ass-kicking conclusion.

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### **Niki says**

#### **Sexy, and so unexpected!**

I think this is my favorite book in the series so far. There's so much action and unexpected twists, I felt like I was on my toes the entire time! Add in the super sexy scenes, and this book had it all!

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### **Sue Riley says**

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Reviewed by SFF Dragon\*

A risque bet leads from constant bickering to love and a happily ever after in this action packed sci-fi romance. Very steamy.

Have you ever watched a movie where the building tension was so great that you were on the edge of your seat with your hands over your eyes, desperate to know if the good guys got away, but with your pulse hammering and your heart in your mouth, you just couldn't bring yourself to look? Well 'Finn', the tenth book in Anna Hackett's terrific, action packed sci-fi romance series is the book version of that film and I really didn't want to put it down.

It's about two years since the alien Gizzida invaded Earth and the refugees from Blue Mountain Base have been at The Enclave, the revamped former coal mine south of Sydney for about a month. It's a tight squeeze, but everyone is adjusting to the new situation, some faster than others, and everyone is pulling together to survive and try to reclaim their planet.

Finn Erickson is a Quadcopter Pilot who fell in love with flying as a child growing up in Norway and it's been his obsession ever since. He used to be in the United Coalition Air Force, but now spends most of his time with Hell Squad when he's not having almost daily arguments with Lia Murphy, a former supersonic jet Commercial pilot and now leader of the Drone Team, about what a pilot really is. Catching Lia at the end of a training session, he decides that a competition to see who's the best is in order and proposes a bet with high

stakes....

I don't want to give spoilers and ruin it for those who like their suspense, but I really couldn't believe Lia accepted such stakes, having said that, I can also understand why she did. Both Finn and Lia have painful memories from before the alien invasion, both are lonely and in need of some serious stress relief, so why not... Only things don't turn out quite the way either of them imagined when those pesky things called feelings start to get involved. Then there are added complications when a signal dead zone is investigated and communications with other groups of survivors across the planet become a priority.

Well written in the third person, this story is filled with terrific characters, horrifying aliens, new and old, situations that are action packed, explosive, deadly and had me on the edge of my seat hoping against hope that the good guys would get away. This book has lots of humour as well some serious steam leading to a happily ever after for Finn and Lia. The story continues to build on everything that has gone before and the characters evolve like old friends, which I suppose, having read the previous books, they are.

Anna Hackett is one of my all-time favourite authors and an amazing action/adventure romance story teller. I've read a lot of her books over the years, she never disappoints and this one is a very definite winner. Another amazing adventure that had me hooked from beginning to end, and I can't wait for the next one in this terrific series.

I absolutely loved it. I really wish I could give lots more than the 5 star limit and it's definitely on my list of books I'd rescue if the house was burning down.

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### **Marta Cox says**

Well it's high time that Finn got his own story because the author has been tip toeing around him and what's clearly mutual attraction with Lia. It's been fun spotting them on the periphery of other stories but after 'that' kiss in Niko I just knew it had to be something special . Seeing the sparks that fly between these two as they both deliberately push each other's buttons has been entertaining to say the least but I had no idea just what a dance the author would lead this couple on!

So here we have Finn, hot shot fly boy with an itch to scratch and it's name is Lia! Lia may be in charge of the drones now but she is no slouch when it comes to flying but the ragging she gets from Finn is unbelievable . One heated night and hey no strings because both these survivors understand loss and fear the pain of loving again. However life and the war with the Gizzida is knock knock knocking at their door! I'm not going to ruin the story but will say this couple get caught up in a very dangerous mission right in the heart of enemy territory . What I liked was the author let the couple have a little fun before everything hit the fan and I had no idea Finn had such an imaginative and playful side! Then the story really takes off at breakneck speed as this couple get tangled up in missions that would scare the bejesus out of most people . Still there's always time to regroup and grab a moment or two and that's exactly what happens but for the most part this was a high octane non stop ride that leads us quite nicely to what's coming next . Humans are reconnecting and fighting back but the Gizzida have only just begun spreading their plans and as this story ended I was be shocked to discover just how twisted things are becoming!

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review

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## Alex (HEABookNerd) says

**Series:** Hell Squad #10

Hawk pilot Finn Erickson and drone pilot Lia Murphy are in a constant battle to prove who the better pilot is. **After a one night stand and a mission together they're forced to admit there is more to their feelings than animosity.** But both have been hurt in the past and aren't looking for a relationship.

**Once again, I am loving this alien invasion series and how it just keeps developing.** Finn focused on getting communication with other survivors in hopes of finding a global plan to stop the Gizzida. This brings Finn and Lia together as they search for a supersonic jet that can drop a receiver deep in the ocean. **Action and adventure are a key part of this series and every time I pick up the next book I just want to read it in one sitting.**

In typical pilot fashion, Finn is a very confident but he's thankfully not so cocky that he gets annoying. Not knowing if his family is still alive in Norway has made it hard for Finn to focus on a relationship. **He's not really sure when his feelings for Lia shifted but Finn hopes that a one night stand can help him get over this attraction.** I enjoyed reading about Finn and I appreciated that when he makes a mistake he admits it and tries to make it better. Lia herself is very confident in her skills and I loved watching these two butt heads. **Losing her twin sister in the invasion devastated Lia and she's kept everyone at a distance ever since.** Lia doesn't want to feel that pain again but after a night with Finn she can't keep her emotions locked down. These two had an uphill battle but I loved reading about it.

4 out of 5 stars

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## Rachaelthebiliophile says

Finn and Lia were not fond of each other, but a lost bet translated that fire into a night of kinky role playing sex. They worked together and tried to fight the attraction with Finn saying some hurtful things under the influence of pain meds but it was all forgiven pretty easily then, again suddenly they're in love. Plot wise new things are happening as they try to contact other survivors, the alien kracken was just a little too OTT but still an okish read.

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## Kara Prem says

Hawk pilot Finn and drone pilot Lia work to figure out what the aliens have hidden in an area where the drone signals (and everything else) are scrambled. Additionally, they have to take on a mission to deliver equipment to the middle of the ocean in hopes that they can re-establish communications with the rest of the human survivors. Some tense moments and a hot love story.

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### **Mei says**

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### **Angela says**

This different perspective was refreshing in that we are still in the fight of our lives against the Alien invaders but, we are coming at them with some sexy flyboy/girl ingenuity and fortitude. Finn always seems to be that happy go lucky kind of guy in the series but, here we get to see some real depth to his character. And I love how well rounded it made him; He's a keeper. It was also very touching for him to get that last little surprise as a reward for all he endured....gave me a wee tear in me eye.

Lia is all contained efficiency with a bit of step up with some girl power moments. You can understand some of her self-containment. It does feel authentic in those moments of just let it go-ness. Throughout the story you can feel her maintain a bit of her starchiness however, you see her accept this new world/new life and the need to embrace the life they now find themselves in.

Nice addition to the series.....and I read on!

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### **JML says**

#### **Great addition**

Another solid entry to a fast paced exciting sci-fi series. I enjoyed Finn and Liz's story the attraction and passion was not and the developing relationship fun to watch unfold. I can't wait for the next one ?

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### **Kelly says**

#### **Wow**

Well this one was jam packed full of action!!!! I loved that as things got worse and worse they had each other and the family thing at the end was wonderful. And that last page, perfect!!!!

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### **Paraphrodite says**

4 stars.

So this is flyboy Finn and drone flyer Lia's story. There's been an ongoing disagreement between the two over whether drone flying is actual flying but I think Lia proved Finn wrong.

Another exciting installment to the series, but I'm starting to look forward to the survivors kicking the aliens

off the planet soon...

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### **Amber says**

#### **Great book!**

I loved the adventure in this book! It was awesome reading about all of their determination and the action packed ass kicking they are giving the raptors.

Lia & Finn were perfect together. They're both competitive and have a love for flying. So when they got together it was just hot and pure perfection.

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### **Kelly says**

Ten books into this series and things continue to heat up. Both between the couples AND the survivors' fight to win back their planet from the Gizzida.

Between you and me, Finn and Lia are definitely doing the steamy things right. They snipe at each other. They worry about one another. They spend some quality sexy time once they get over their issues.

Of course, getting over those issues does take a while. You know how it is. In the aftermath of an alien invasion, people sometimes guard their heart closely so they don't have to deal with the fallout when VERY BAD THINGS happen. As they tend to do. Both Finn and Lia have to come to terms with whether or not their romance is worth it. A few close calls and some soul searching puts them on the right path, though.

Like I mentioned above, a few new developments (some good, some not-so-good) in the survivors' race to take back the planet were revealed. THINGS feel like they're happening. THINGS. (And, man, I kinda dig those Berserkers. Which has nothing to do with what I was talking about except they make me grin. I can't wait for their stories!)

Anywho. I'm ready for Dev's book. FOR REASONS.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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### **sharon e hochstetler says**

#### **Release the kracken!!**

Ok. I have read the series in order up to now. I have a few favorites but really. This one almost had me yelling out loud in my office break room. So many things going wrong. New weird alien creations. But man that was great read!!!! Loved this one!

