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I don't do love. Hearts, flowers, dates, girlfriends, it's all pointless. Why tie yourself down to one person when you can have a different one every night? Sure there have been a few that have intrigued me but none ever made me think about hanging around. No one ever haunted my thoughts after I left.

Until Her.

I just wanted one night of freedom. A chance to live without prying, judging eyes. When I met him, the moment he first touched me, it's like I was hypnotized. I got caught up in the moment and made a mistake, I never thought he would be so cold after it. No one has ever made me feel that way.

Until him.

When you push love away will you be able to recognize it when it's right in front of your face?

Or will everything be ripped away before you get the chance to really live?

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From Reader Review Protecting Her for online ebook

Emily says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

Fantastic read. I really need to read more of this authors books as the ones I've read so far have been brilliant.

Hunter is a one night stand kinda man. He doesn't want to love anyone so he refuses to get close to anyone. Then Sam enters his life. His whole life changes when he meets her.

Two great characters. Although Hunter was portrayed as a twat at the beginning he gradually took a piece of my heart. I was so rooting that Sam would grow a backbone and stand up for herself.

This book exceeded my expectations. I thought I was jumping into a quick romance but the author threw so much more into it. I loved the mystery running through it.

Will definitely be reading more of this authors books.

Mignon Mykel says

4.5 /5 stars

Received an arc through author in exchange for an honest review.

I almost gave up on this book.

Recently, I decided that it's ok to give a book a DNF rating. I try hard to at least skim a book I don't like to find something to write about. Maybe the plot was good, just not written how I'd like. Maybe the characters were fairly rounded, I just couldn't connect with them. Just because I don't like a book doesn't mean I can't find something that somebody somewhere would like.

And while that still holds true to an honest review... Why am I forcing myself to read a book that I don't like, just to give it a 3 or 3.5 with reasons how I think it could have been better? Because let's be honest, I didn't write the book -- it was written the way it was written, and maybe that author and I simply don't jive.

So again, I almost gave up on the book.

I didn't like Hunter. At all.

In his point of view, he's extremely honest with the reader -- he's a player, he's a one-time man, wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am. He doesn't give promises, he treats women like dirt, he sinks it and walks away. He dips it in a new woman every night and never goes back for seconds. I hated him.

But then he's confronted with last night's conquest -- and he still treats her like shit. I have multiple highlighted portions in this title with words like, "Ass" and "Cocky" and "Hate him"... and the occasional word that starts with an 'f' and rhymes with 'trucker'. He gives her the name 'cupcake' because of her anatomy and is crude above and beyond that simple explanation (...it becomes an inside joke, though, so eventually I forgave him for that).

...grasping her chin in between my thumb and forefinger, lifting her head so our eyes meet. I know people might be watching but right now, I don't care. My only concern is the beautiful girl standing in front of me, looking like she was just crushed.

And there. Right there, is when my opinion changed and I grasped for every word in this story. The more he gets to know Samantha... the more he witnesses her and the shit she puts up with? The more he finds himself falling for her. He has his 'rules' for a reason, and he finds himself torn when it comes to letting Sam in.

Since she was nine, Samantha has dealt with a mom-ager, and her mother is certainly intense. There is so much verbal and emotional abuse, it's amazing Samantha has gotten to where she is in the book. I liked that Sam and Hunter went from detesting one another to giving in to one another. With Hunter, Sam learns what acceptance can be. With Sam, Hunter learns that it's ok to let go and let someone in other than his (very good) friends.

When I started, I did not think I'd be ending the review with this line, but my goodness, did I enjoy this story. I will be going back to read Jules and Brian's story -- I enjoyed their interactions and the type of friends they were to Hunter and eventually to Samantha. This is now a series that I'm invested in.

Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

5 Stars!

Amazing read! This is a new author to me and I was thoroughly impressed with this sexy, sweet, and suspenseful standalone. This book grabbed me from the beginning and devoured me whole by the end. This book was a sexy romance that was edgy and super intense at times.

This is Samantha and Hunter's story. Samantha has it all . . . well not really. She is a sexy and seductive pop star by profession but that is not her. Living under her mother's rule, she is alone and not happy. She wants to break free. Enter Hunter. A sexy but only one night stand that is about to become a whole lot more. He has made it clear he is a hit it and quit it kind of guy with no repeats but Samantha is going to test his limits. It was supposed to be easy but it never is. It was supposed to be uncomplicated and chance to live but it became so much more. With danger lurking and the tension thickening, can these two find a happy ending?

Oh Hunter was such a cocky a\$\$hole that I wanted to smack and kiss at the same time. His dirty mouth was panty wetting and his sex on the stick body made temperatures rise. But underneath all the cocky bad boy was a man with a heart of gold who was also fiercely protective. I also liked Samantha. My heart bled for her. These two had tons of obstacles to face. I was rooting for them while wishing ill upon others :)

I highly recommend this book!

Review Post--> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2015...>

Renee Entress says

5 star

I was pulled right into this story. The story flowed well and I was able to connect with the characters. The story has laughs, betrayal, secrets, suspense, and heartbreak.

This is Samantha and Hunter's story. Samantha meets Hunter but after one hot sex session he walks away. When the next day he is hired to be her protection detail she realizes things could be difficult. He is just around her to do a job. She needs to find a way not to be attracted to the jerk that she knows he is. But when Hunter sees how Samantha is treated he wonders why she is treated that way. He realizes she is a little broken like him. Can he prove to her that she is loveable? When everyone turns on her will she be able to protect herself? Or will she not only be broken but destroyed by the people who should have loved her? Can he prove that he does love her in the end? Or is she too far gone?

I highly recommend this book.

FMR Book Grind says

HEATHER'S REVIEW

4.5 STARS

When Hunter took the position of body guard for high profile performer, Samantha he would have never guessed that the smoking blonde was also the smoking brunette he bagged then kicked out right after the night before.

After suffering a loss, Hunter refuses to form any personal attachments and never goes for repeats.....until Sam. With a threat looming to harm Sam can Hunter protect her while protecting his heart?

Protecting Her was a quick fun read. The characters were awesome! Hunter so angsty and alpha and Sam so strong yet she lets her vulnerability cloud her strength. The sexy times were hot and the suspense was riveting. The only issues I had with this book was the predictability and just the feeling that something was missing.

All in all this is a book I definitely recommend for a fun summer read.

DAWN'S REVIEW

4 STARS

This book will have you guessing what is what. I thought I had it figured out and BAM new direction. I loved that you never knew what was coming. It also frustrated me because you want it to go a certain way but it doesn't and your left saying "why the hell not" I will say that the chemistry between the two characters is off the charts. The banter that goes on will Crack you up and have you laughing out loud while people look at you like your crazy. They also have secrets that explains why they are the way they are. I didn't want this book to end and I can only hope that there will be a 2nd one.

ERIN'S REVIEW

4 STARS

This story was great. Hunter is a strong character. He puts his all into his job and into his determination to win over Sam. He has no use for Sam's mom and the way she treats Sam and speaks his mind at every available opportunity. He has a great group of friends that he can spend his down time with. They are very supportive of him and they accept Sam into the fold easily. They treat her like a person and like her for who she is and how she treats their friend. They become a lifeline for Sam.

Sam just wants to be a normal person. She is tired of always being in the spotlight. She is a little bit of a pushover, most always going along with her mother instead of causing a fight. She is really insecure and looking for approval and acceptance. She finds what she is looking for in Hunter and his friends. Her journey in this story is to learn to love herself and learn how to stick up for herself.

AMY'S REVIEW

3.75 STARS

When Hunter Stone gave his screw them & leave them speech to Samantha Baker he had no idea that her one night of anonymity would come back to bite him. The situation that they both find themselves in is not unusual, he is hired to protect a rising star...he just had no idea that Samantha would affect him so much. This book was a very easy read for me. It was short and sweet and offered little angst. The plot was quickly delivered and was easy to follow.

"Thank you for being so incredible. You haven't seen anything yet, babe". Incredible isn't the word I would have given Hunter Stone when I first met his character, arrogant really is what came to mind. He was ballsy and had the biggest chip on his shoulder. He was a closed book and no one was getting into the fortress he built around his heart. Enter Samantha Baker. She was musical royalty in need of protecting...or possibly saving is more like it. She is an open book searching for someone to allow her to love and be loved by them.

This book was just the right size for the story provided. It offered minimal conflict and flowed well. The instant attraction they both felt for each other was a little overwhelming leaving me to catch my breath on many occasions while reading. I give this book 3.75 stars.

Babbling Chatter Reads says

Wow. Oh my God. The beginning of this book just dove into the story right off the bat, which I really appreciated and loved. Sometimes, it's the best way to catch your readers' attention and keep the interest of the audience. And for me, it really worked. I found it hard to stop after I started. It won't drag you through boring introductions or narratives.—you just jump right into the lives of Samantha Baker & Hunter Stone. Oh! And since the start of this one dives right into the story, a couple of chapters in and you'll get your first twist right away. Some chapters before the ending will give you another huge, mind numbing, heart wrenching twist that will have you holding your breath and your eyes bugging out of their sockets. The latter part has my insides so freaking twisted. My heart hurts. Everything just went downhill so fast. Sam started pulling back and pushing everyone away, and I do understand because she's hurt and lost with everything that got dumped on her. But she does have a newfound family already with Hunter's friends. They accepted

and welcomed her willingly and with open arms. Fuck her horrible parents who treats her like trash. They never deserved a sweet, loving daughter like Sam. I just can't believe how a parent could do such things to their own blood. It's just not freaking right. How can you even stomach that? There were also times I got so pissed at Sam for not listening to Hunter and getting fooled so easily by the people around her. She got too needy, in search for approval and a family that it was the only thing she could see. She got blinded by it and it was like she forgot Hunter was there anymore. I fucking hated her for that. And it backfired right away. But what she ended up seeing in that hotel room that night? She did not deserve that at all. I cried a few tears for her then. My stomach dropped and I cannot believe that just happened. It was so not cool. Too heartbreaking, I tell you. My heart started beating triple time and I just couldn't believe what I was reading! Holy cow.

Hunter came off as the biggest douche in the entire planet in the beginning, but well, all of us have our reasons for the way we are, right? Hunter has his, too. And again, it's a pierce through your heart once you know why he is the way he is. Add to that the real Hunter who is so incredibly amazing, thoughtful and sweet. He's a funny smartass who ends up being Sam's knight in shining armor, who'd protect her with his life no matter what. The way he changed and opened up was such a beauty to see. It wouldn't get lost on you how much he came to love Sam because you will feel it. He will make you feel how deep his feelings went for her. I don't know if I'm starting to get biased here since I am a sucker for players who end up finding their one big love, but with all the things Hunter did for Sam in the long run, I fucking fell. I'm gonna say that Sam is so freaking lucky to have him.

Taking a risk at love isn't the easiest thing to do. Everyone's afraid of falling and losing the people you love—that's why you try your best to keep away, isolate yourself and not let anybody in, right? But once you find that one special person, there's no holding back. There's no avoiding the speed or impact of your fall nor the loudness of your heart shattering once everything turns to shit. But that's why it's a risk you have to be willing to take. You must know if that person is actually worth taking the risk for. With Sam & Hunter, not everything was beautiful and sweet as cupcakes. They went through rough roads and huge fucking speed bumps along the way as well, but with a love so strong, they got through the shitstorms. Eventually.

Protecting Her is such a great quick & easy read that will mess with your emotions. You will have to expect the unexpected because with all the twists happening, you just don't know what's going to happen next. You'll just have to get a grip, go with the flow of everything that's happening and allow yourself to feel.
~Renery, 4 stars

Douche bag Hunter Stone is a f#@K them and leave them kind of guy. He does not do romance nor does not believe in love, pointless in his eyes. Until that one re-encounter of one of his conquest ends up being someone he has hired to protect.

Wanting more to be free from a control atmosphere of her presence when in the public eye and her constant schedule of events due to her status we have Samantha Baker. One night she was able to get away and had met a random stranger who caught her off guard leading her to end up doing something she did not expect. The aftermath of that mistake was so cold from this person making her feel more things she least expected.

Although there were times it was a bit rush in a few areas, this 4 stars quick read will have you feeling some off the charts tension and some crazy need to just smack someone in the face not once but multiple times. Hunter and Samantha personal and love story will have you gutted with emotion and/or rage with anger and frustration. The words "Protecting Her" will have a whole new intriguing meaning and one where I

recommend this must-read-pick-up-a-copy today book! ~Cristina, 4 stars

Myra Espino says

~Ms. Me28~

One of the best books I've read!

I was addicted with this book!

Hunter and Sam are amazing.

At first, I was kind of pissed at Hunter because of the way he treated women but as the story goes, I fell in love with his character.

Because of an unexpected job, Hunter and Sam met again.

As the story goes, things will get interesting and more intriguing as the stalker is worming its way to spook and threatened Sam.

Hunter will do anything to protect her...but will his effort be enough?

Ms. Alexis nailed it!

This book is amazing!!!

Loved it!

Julz says

warning this book contains a cheater!! I don't care if he was supposedly drugged. surely he would have recognised the heroine!!! but no he calls her 'no one' sorry totally spoilt the whole story!

Meaghan Royce- Love Infinity Book Blog says

Protecting Her is the story of Hunter and Sam. Hunter's a self-proclaimed asshole who never sleeps with the same woman more than once. Sam is a superstar signer who never lets anyone in. Together, they build a relationship with lots of obstacles along the way. They're both afraid to let someone on because they don't want to get hurt. I loved this story. Alexis Noelle definitely knows how to keep you guessing until the very end. I hated, loathed, despised, Sam's mother, and totally loved, then hated, then loved Hunter. You should definitely check this one out!

Jennifer says

** A review copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review **

~ 4.5 Stars ~

There is ones real reason I will always read an Alexis Noelle book and that is because even though her books are on the shorter side and are quick reads, they surely do pack a punch!!! Protecting Her was no different.

Protecting Her gets right to the point in the first chapter and it keeps you going all the way through. This story was filled with action, mystery, suspense, laughter, and romance. I will say I was taken by surprise when I started this book, because when I read the blurb for the book, I didn't realize that Samantha was a celebrity and that Hunter is hired to protect her. I was pleasantly surprised and I really enjoyed this book.

There are really only 2 reasons I couldn't give this book 5 stars. One being that I thought it ended too quickly, I would've liked to see more of Hunter and Sam after what happens in the end. The second reason is because there was cheating in this book, even though it is explained at the end of the book, I didn't like what happened while it was going on. Had that scene not happened I could've easily given this book 5 stars.

Protecting Her is a stand-alone book and is written in Dual POV. Even though this isn't listed as being a part of a series, this book follows along with a group of friends, who are each getting a book. The first book, Keeping Her, is the story of Brian and Julia, this is the story of their friend Hunter and the next book is called Saving Her and is the story of Mason and Lacey, which leaves their friend Ryan, who I am also hoping is getting his own story. I don't believe that each of these books need to be read to understand each of them. This was my first book in this group and I never felt lost. Alexis fills in the gaps of how everyone knows each other.

This story was filled with lies and betrayal of the worst kind. I don't want to say too much because I think you need to unravel this story on its own. I will tell you this, this is the story of Samantha and Hunter. Samantha is a musician who is controlled completely by her mom and she is fed up with it. So she decides to sneak out and go to a club without her mom knowing. This is where she meets Hunter, and to say their first encounter was explosive is an understatement. I will be honest... Hunter was hard to like in the beginning....he was kind of a serious jerk, but he definitely grew on me quickly as the story unfolded. Samantha was a girl who just wanted someone to love her and to feel worthy of that love and Hunter was a man who was afraid to open his heart to loving again. It was great watching these two learn to love and trust each other.

So if you are a fan of a quick and sexy read, that is filled with suspense, lies and betrayal, then this is the love story for you. If you are a fan of Alexis Noelle's then you don't want to miss this book. I look forward to more of her books to come :)

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Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says

I love this author and I love this story. I didn't even send any hate e-mail to her during or after reading this !! She almost went easy on us !! Just when I got comfy and was blissfully happy with how things were going BOOM out of nowhere we get slammed with a twist and a gut wrenching event. There was a topic in this story that is sadly such a real life issue it was great to see an author tackle the issue and have the character come out on top of it. Hunter may come off as the typical bad boy BUT I can bet money you will fall in love with him. As snotty as Sam may seem you will also fall in love with her !! They are great , love them as individuals and as a couple. Can't wait to see what comes next.

Hunter is known for his man whoring ways. He fits the bill - hot , cocky , single and doesn't give a crap about what others think. We start off with him at a bar scoping out prey and nailing one down for the night. Little does he know this one night stand may be anything but. He may come off as a jerk but it doesn't take

long to see his softer side , his real side. The pieces of himself that he normally hides. All it takes is a slightly broken celeb to drag it out of him. This job may be nothing he expected but everything he didn't know he wanted !!

Samantha is on the fast track. A celebrity in the making. The fame and fortune isn't really worth it to her , she is miserable being managed by her mother. That woman is pure evil , OMG I wanted to BEAT HER DOWN !! Sam is never good enough and she is worked to exhaustion. Just one night away , that is all she craves. She doesn't expect to find a one night stand but going with the flow she gives in to temptation only to be made to feel just a horrible as she does by her mother. I seriously feel for this girl. With a threat looming over her there is new security hired. When they come face to face and realize they will be together day in and day out tensions run high.

With Sam as his new job Hunter knows he should keep his distance. Something about her draws him in. Her mother drives him crazy and the way she treats Sam has him twisted in knots. With Hunter as her protector Sam quickly realizes she needs to make a stand , her mother is relentless. Hunter and Sam make a great team. When the you know what hits the fan you will be shocked to see how it all unfolds. I really enjoyed their journey. Sam has some serious issues and problems to overcome. Hunter has a past he needs to share and put behind him for good. Will they help each other or will their relationship get in the way and just cause more pain ??

Alissa Evanson says

"Most people tell me I'm an asshole, and honestly they're right. I have no interest in taking a chick out on a date, pretending like I give a shit what she is talking about and then lying, and saying I'll call her the next day. I would rather go to her place, fuck her good, and leave with no expectations of speaking to her again. If you think about it, I'm doing these chicks a favor by not leading them on."

Finding a woman to spend the night with (if even that) is becoming a challenge. Most of the women in the bar he has either already blessed with his charm *insert sarcasm here* or just they don't hold his interest. That is until he sees this leggy brown haired girl sitting at a bar. She's new and just the person he wants to spend some time with.

Sam is on a mission to let go and for once- just do what she wants. Forget the rules, the schedules, the fame and fortune she has been blessed with. So when she is approached for a dance that turns into a hot and steamy one time affair she is hit with an excitement she has never felt before. That is until just seconds after they are done he bolts and she realized the kind of asshole she allowed herself to get into bed with *or on the couch* as it may be in this case.

"Where are we going?"

"To your place," I trail my hand down her body, stopping on her pussy and stroking it. "That way I can give this pussy the dick you've been begging for."

So when she finds out this 'mistake' she made is assigned to be her body guard she has mixed feelings. Of course she doesn't want to be around him- or at least that is what her head says but when these two are together- the chemistry between them is explosive.

Hunter doesn't do repeats but there is something about Sam that he just can't get enough of. He wants to be near her and something in her calls to him telling him that it would be a mistake to let her go. But he just can't allow her in. He has suffered before and has learned his lesson on what can happen when you allow yourself to get close to someone.

He has a job to do. A job to protect her and that is what he is going to do.

Protecting Her is a fast paced suspenseful sexy read. Sam and Hunter are explosive and I loved watching their characters unfold. These two people who seem so different may have more in common than they think. I despised Sam's mom, loved Hunter's friends. My heart aches for Sam and I sympathized with Hunter.

"What have you been eating?" She walks in a circle, inspecting every aspect of her. "You know I try to tell you how one day of cheating can hurt your body. I mean, you are lucky they had a big enough size for you." My eyes bug out of my head at the nerve of this woman. I can't believe Sam tolerates her. Her mother walks away without a word and I can see the defeat in her eyes. I can't not say anything. I walk up to her, grasping her chin in between my thumb and forefinger, lifting her head so our eyes meet. I know people might be watching but right now, I don't care. My only concern is the beautiful girl standing in front of me, looking like she was just crushed. "Don't listen to a fucking word she says. You look goddamn gorgeous. When you stepped out of that trailer, I stopped fucking breathing." A tear slips down her cheek and I swipe it away. "Don't let her get in your head. Go out there and rock that shit, cupcake." She smiles at me and nods. She walks off toward the water and I can't help but stare at her ass. I am in fucking trouble.

*"You just had to kill the moment, huh?"
"Hey babe, I can't be soft all the time. I have a rep to protect, you know." He smirks at me as he pulls out of the restaurant.
"A rep? What are you, the Godfather?"
"No, but you can call me a God if you want. I'm sure that's what you'll be screaming later." He reaches over and trails his hand up and down my thigh, sending sparks through my body.
"You are so full of yourself."
"You're about to be so full of me."
"Oh my God! Do you ever not have a comeback?" I nudge his shoulder with my hand.
"No, but if you want, later I can come on your back."*

The story may have been a bit predictable but all in all I give it a 4 stars. I hope we get more from this great group of characters.

4 STARS

Books Laid Bare says

I have become a huge fan of Alexis Noelle and this book just confirms my devotion – the woman has this writing malarkey nailed!!

Protecting Her is the story of Hunter and Samantha and they while they are the strangest of bedfellows the have more in common that you would originally think.

Hunter is hired by Samantha's mother – what as I her you say – well I think the title of the book really should have you barking up the right tree – he is her bodyguard.

But there is more to the pair of them than initially meets the eye and I couldn't help but smile - it is fabulous.

Hunter is the guy that has never looked for commitment, he doesn't do seconds, not ever but when his last conquest is the one that he has no choice but to see over and over again, you just know that what is to come is going to be one heck of a ride.

Now while everyone thinks they knows Samantha, they really have no idea, they see the face she portrays to the world but behind that veneer she keeps herself well hidden, Hunter gives off a different vibe, this man isn't overawed by who she is, it is as if he can see into her soul – but will he like what he sees?

Hunter, might think she is as hot as hades but she is his charge and he has a job to do, getting too close is out of the question and in a bid to make that easier for him, he decides that the bigger the ass he can be to her the less she will want to have to do with him, the old reverse psychology trick – just a shame that his heart and mind are looking at Samantha from different ends of the want scale – because no matter his plan, he is falling for her and there is nothing that he can do to stop it.

Hunter gave Samantha a confidence that she hadn't had the opportunity to feel before, he instilled so much self-worth in her that he helped her to grow into the person that she wanted to be not what she thought she had to be for those around her.

From what I could see though the healing worked both ways, Hunter had secrets, ones that held him back but by cutting loose and helping Samantha, he learns that his problems have to be faced head on and that only he has the ability to do that, his words to Samantha ring in his ears and by taking his own advice he may just be a man that he can face in the mirror each morning – a man that Samantha may want to face each morning too.

This was a fabulous tale of discovery, love and learning, of being who you know you can be and being ok with that.

Of leaving the stuff you can't change behind you and learning that each step forward is a step that should never be taken with regret, life is an ever changing path but you only get one shot at taking your next step- you have to learn to make them all count and together Hunter and Samantha learn to make each and every single one count- oh and the light the page up along the way!!!

Jamie says

Alexis is a new to me author. I picked up this book and Keeping Her at an author event I went too.

If you want something fluffy, heartwarming, sweet and super cute, this is the story for you. I don't want to give away any spoilers so I'll keep this short and sweet.

This story gripped me, I couldn't put it down. Alexis was able to keep me entertained. I laughed out loud, and my heart weeped for the characters. If you're in the mood for a sweet love story, this is the book for you.
