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Six months into a relationship, things have heated up between political blogger Sam Flynn and FBI Special Agent Nathan Walker. Though Sam is happy with Nathan and proud of his own sobriety, he's anxious about what their future holds. Things are heating up in Stonebridge, Connecticut, as a series of deadly fires puts the community on edge and eventually threatens Sam's comatose brother. As Halloween approaches, fears rise that the arsonist will strike again.

When Sam encounters the main suspect, seventeen-year-old orphan Damon Blake, he's not sure what to do. Obstruction might land him in jail, but he is increasingly skeptical of Damon's guilt. He takes matters into his own hands and investigates, but doing so means keeping Damon's whereabouts a secret from Nathan and the police. Meanwhile, Nathan wonders what Sam is hiding and grapples with insecurities of his own. Sam wants to confide in Nathan, and Nathan wants to trust Sam, but they discover that negotiating new love can be as dangerous as solving crime.

Inner Sanctum Details

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Brandilyn says

Reviewed for Prism Book Alliance

I don't think we can quite call Inner Sanctum a cozy mystery since Nate is a FBI agent and all, but Sam is our main investigator. He is certainly NOT a policeman or agent, so we will call it a cozy-ish mystery. Yes, I have a thing for cozy(ish) mysteries. They are all about the everyday man (or woman) seeing a wrong and wanting to make it right. It is a fine line for an author to walk because you can't paint the authorities in a bad light, but you have to believe that your protagonist is the only one that can solve the crime.

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Linda-Grace says

As brilliant as the last book, love Nathan and Sam both hot but flawed. loved the secondary characters too

Annie ~ Queer Books Unbound says

I really enjoyed this story, just like with Double Indemnity Maggie Kavanagh know's how to write a good mystery!

She kept me guessing about the arsonist until the end and I never suspected the character being responsible for it.

I think I loved Sam and Nathan even more than I did in the first book. It was great to see the two of them again, see how they were doing and spent some time with them again.

What I loved about Inner Santum, was that Sam's doubt about who was responsible for the fires was believable. And even though I didn't like him lying to Nathan I absolutely understand why he did it. Also think it would have felt wrong if he'd done nothing. Those who already read the first book know Sam can't not investigate on his own. Especially when it looks like the police have the wrong guy.

I am really looking forward to reading more of these two because they're great together. Can't wait to see where the author takes them in the last installment of the series!

If you loved the first book, you'll definitely like the second one. Go read it! :)

Harshini says

Interesting characters, with real life problems, angst with a romance that felt real, interesting plot, what more do i need in a book?

Donna says

Aww... things are looking up for this series! I enjoyed this second installment much more than I did the first book! Although, I must admit that even though I understand where the BDSM thread is coming from... I am not sure that it is working for me! Curious to see where Ms. Kavanagh goes with it in the next book! BTW: Stonebridge, Connecticut just doesn't seem like the place to live! ;D

Brown Eyed Girl ~Suzanne~ says

Another awesome story!!!! I love Sam! He's such a wonderful character who is a hero but doesn't even realize it. He has a humility to him that is so very endearing! I'm still not 100% sold on Nathan and this next book in the series will either make me accept him or totally drive me into the hate him category! I do love their new kitten though! So sweet! Even she loves Sam!

This series is such a pleasant surprise!

Kirsty Bicknell says

This review originally appeared at Divine Magazine

Inner Sanctum continues Nathan and Sam's story which began in Double Indemnity and opens up a new investigation after a series of arson attacks in Stonebridge.

Though I think Double Indemnity has a slight edge on this sequel, I still enjoyed Maggie Kavanagh's writing, the strong personalities she creates, and particularly her new characters like Damon Blake.

In writing this as a sequential series, it means that Maggie Kavanagh is able to evolve Nathan and Sam's relationship, developing some of the seeds that were planted during Double Indemnity.

Sam and Nathan have now been together for six months. Sam is committed, but still reconciling himself with Nathan's past sexual experiences.

Whilst the fact that Sam is unable to talk to Nathan about his desires is an indication of the trust issues between them, I do not think this conforms with the idea of Sam that we have - the confident journalist who confronts murderers.

I think Sam and Nathan's gentle experimentation with different sexual roles is interesting, though not necessary to the plot, and I prefer the vanilla moments between them.

Around the couple's relationship obstacles and reluctance to trust one another, Maggie Kavanagh writes an intriguing mystery. We spend most of the story confident of the perpetrator's identity, only for Maggie Kavanagh to laugh in our faces at Inner Sanctum's explosive conclusion.

Although I had a few small issues with the book I am really excited to see what is next for Nathan, Sam and Stonebridge in Blind Spot.

Alisa says

3.5 stars

I enjoyed this second book in the Stonebridge Mystery trilogy. This story was equal parts romance and equal

parts mystery. Sam gets himself involved in another case and this time he puts Nathan in to a tough spot with his job. I think these two are a great couple and I like how they communicate and work with each other. They're not perfect but they're also not full of angst and made up drama. The characters come across as everyday guys who love each other and are doing the best they can. I thought the mystery in this one was good. I also really liked the side characters and their roles in the story. I can't wait to read the last book and see how things end up for Sam and Nathan.

F. says

Love this series. 4.5 stars

Wende says

This book was a good book to read when you want a mystery. It had a good one and it kept me guessing. I did not think it was the two it was until it was revealed near the end. I loved that. I did have trouble with Sam. He has an almost terminal case of TSTL and it took away from my enjoyment of the book a bit.

Cari Z. says

Really 3.5* for me, but having read a number of books I really didn't care for in between reading this one and rating it, I have to give props to the author for coherently, cohesively carrying this narrative through to a satisfying conclusion. I need to read the first one to get a better handle on the characters and their relationship, but the setting is interesting and the story is well thought out. Enjoyable, and I would definitely pick up another book from Ms Kavanagh.

Andrea says

Part of a series but could be read as a standalone, better to read the first one, though. Great writing and I enjoyed everything about it just as much as I did the first one. No cliffhanger but I can't wait for the next book.

Skye Blue ?*~??('`?)~*? says

I am liking Sam and Nathan more this book. I do like series that build with each book. I tend to prefer series with the same MC's for that reason. I love a mystery. This series is right up my alley.

I'm feeling the relationship with Sam and Nathan this book. I look forward to more romance in the next. I'm also looking forward to more Sam and his friendships, now that he's on the wagon.

ConM says

Another good read. An enjoyable series, good mystery and nice atmosphere.

Anke says

More like 4.5 stars

Although I had some problems to follow the crime storyline, I really liked how Sam's and Nathan's relationship progressed.

And now off to the final part of the series!
