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EIGHT PASSIONATE LOVE STORIES ABOUT AMAZING MILITARY HEROES BY BESTSELLING AUTHORS:

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Wendy F says

TO be fair, I literally only read Suzanne Brockmann so my rating is only for that book.

Melliane says

Mon avis en Français

My English review

Hot as Hell (A Deep Six Novella) – Julie Ann Walker

I have heard a lot about the author and her books and I admit that I was curious to discover one of her writings. Finally, I can say that I spent a great time with this novella. We see the relationship between two people, frans towards each other about their desires and feelings. The set really made me want to discover more and to read an entire novel from the author. A good discovery with a military background. 4/5

In Plain Sight (An Elite Forte Novella) – Catherine Mann

I did not know about Catherine Mann but it's true that I was really carried away by her novella here. We discover two childhood friends who find themselves in some rather difficult conditions. One came back and left the Special Forces while the other is trying to escape her past and a former violent and obsessed husband. I really liked to discover more about our duo, although I find that the end may be a little too fast relative to their relationship, especially after so much time away. But the author has highlighted problems for our hero that I had not yet had the opportunity to read. A good story again. 4/5

Torn (A Novella Protect and Serve) – Kate Serine

I do not think that I had a chance to read something other than paranormal romance for Kate Serine, so I was curious to discover another genre there. We also find here a kind of youthful love that finally never really continued. Yet now the young woman receives some very strange and obsessive attention brands and our man is determined to help and protect her. It was a rather nice reading and I really enjoyed it all. 4/5

War Games (An Endgame Ops Novella) – Lea Griffith

A little disappointed by this story ... Yes, this novella presents everything that usually bothers me although the idea is good. A mixture of plots, all with a former soldier accused wrongly and a young woman, a good hacker decides to save him as he saved her brother. Yet the next insta-love bothered me a bit and therefore the evolution of the relationship was a bit unrealistic. Moreover, there is no resolution of the story and we could have more. It is more an introduction than a new complete story. 3/5

Beauty and The Marine – Tina Wainscott

Here we find two people who have more injuries than what they think. A supermodel who is harassed by a man who hires a former special forces to protect her. While a romance develops between them, the two may well realize that the threat is really present. Their story is quite fast without really taking too much importance. An interesting novella although I expected maybe a little more. 3.5 / 5

NSDQ (A Night Stalkers Romance) – M. L. Buchman

Unlike the other stories, it is a woman who will see her life change here. By losing a leg, she will realize what she lost and must now confront her nightmares to finally move forward. Yet this episode will also make

her face a man who will be a great support in this difficult time. I enjoyed seeing a woman as a heroine here and although I was a little less carried away some of the stories, it was interesting to discover everything. 3/5

Sealed with Passion – Anne Elizabeth

We do not have this time a wounded person by life, but rather a man and a woman who meet after a time of absence and a big misunderstanding between them. Something they will also have to manage before moving forward. It was a nice little story that the author has here, but I found that everything was really too fast in their relationship. 3.5 / 5

Home Fire Inferno (Burn, Baby, Burn!) – Suzanne Brockmann

This is the last story and a new good discovery. We alternately follow a couple, both soldiers. The pregnant woman needs to deliver her baby in quite difficult conditions and her husband is kept in secret because he is on a mission or in any case it's like that until he understands that something strange is happening. I loved the idea this time. 3.5 / 5

Marcela (BookaholicCat) says

4.5 Stars

I don't usually read anthologies, but I made an exception with this one because it was for a really good cause. Also, almost all the authors were new to me authors –the only one I knew was Kate SeRine- and thought this was a good opportunity to discover new authors.

The Way of the Warrior is a compilation of eight short stories about military heroes coping with their new lives after being medically discharged from service. Some of these novellas are part of ongoing series and others are prequels to new series. One thing I can say is that they all let me wanting to know more about them and made me search for other books in their series.

The good thing about these novellas is that they all were easily read without need of previous knowledge of the series. The only one I had a little problem with was Home Fire Inferno by Suzanne Brockmann. There were many characters and it was pretty obvious with this one that they had history between them. At times it was a bit difficult to follow who was who.

One thing I really liked is that not all the military heroes are male. In the case of NSDQ by M.L. Buchman the hero is a woman. I really loved that novella and I'm planning to read other books in the Night Stalkers series.

Despite my little problems with Home Fire Inferno by Suzanne Brockmann I can honestly say I liked all of the novellas; of course, I like some more than others, but in general The Way of the Warrior is a pretty solid anthology.

My favorites stories were:

Hot As Hell (Deep Six #0.5) by Julie Ann Walker, I really liked the chemistry between the characters in this one. I loved that this short novella felt like a full-length novel. I'll be reading, Hell or High Water, first book in this series.

Torn (Protect and Serve #0.5) by Kate SeRine, the love between the characters was easily felt. I also like the introductions to the Dawson brothers and I can't wait to read their stories. First book in the series, Stop at

Nothing will be release on November 3rd.

War Games (Endgame Ops #0.5) by Lea Griffith, I love dark heroes and in this one Lea Griffith gives us the epitome of one. Rook is swoon worthy. Also, I'm dying to know more about The Piper. I'm looking forward to reading first book in the series, All the King's Men, to be released on January 5th, 2016.

NSDQ (Night Stalkers #6.6) by M.L. Buchman, I loved that in this story the wounded hero was a woman. I also love the banter between the characters and the chemistry between them was off the charts. I'm planning to read previous books in this series, that's for sure.

I recommend this anthology to Romantic suspense and military romance fans.

All proceeds from The Way of the Warrior will go to the Wounded Warrior Project; so you will not only be reading a great anthology, you will be doing it for a good cause. What are you waiting for? Go and get your copy now!

Sophia says

Anthologies have been a great source for encountering new authors or new series and I love it when the antho is themed like this one. The Wounded Warrior Project is a great cause and I think it fab that the authors gave a story to support it. As I do with anthologies, I will write up quick impressions about each story with a rating and then sum up.

Hot as Hell by Julie Ann Walker 4 Stars

Deep Six series #.5

It was a desperate dangerous terrorist attack situation and yet the humor in the down home Southernisms from Harper, the heroine, and the SEAL team's harassment of each other and Mark, the hero, along with the scorching passion made this a fun, fast moderately developed read. 4.21.15

In Plain Sight by Catherine Mann 4 Stars

Elite Force #4.5

Second chance romance set against a dangerous situation of a woman's fatal attraction ex trying to kill her and her childhood sweetheart the 911 Operator she calls. Enjoyed the blend of suspense, re-connection, the back story and especially the service dog to go with this spicy romance. 4.21.15

Torn by Kate SeRine 4 Stars

Protect and Serve #.5

Friends to lovers romance in this childhood sweetheart- return from the war injured-stalker plot. Enjoyed the girl and guy next door slow build romance, stalker plot and promise for the series. 4.21.15

War Games by Lea Griffith 4.5 Stars

Endgame Ops #.5

Whew! This author knows how to set up an opening scene. I don't think I would have put the book down short of a tornado blowing through and even then I would have just picked up and moved to the basement. Story stayed intense and did its job setting up what looks to be a killing black ops series. An Army Ranger and his dead pal's sister work to find out who framed him and go on the offensive to take down whoever is manipulating things for a government takeover. 4.22.15

Beauty and the Marine by Tina Waincott 4.5 Stars

Justiss Alliance #3.5

So poignant to see these two people come together with one scarred, but learning he was worthy and the other scared and lonely in this mission to get rid of a dangerous stalker. And snikeys that was a great twist at the end. 4.22.15

NSDQ by M.L. Buchman 4.5 Stars

#6.6 Night Stalkers

And now I know what the intriguing title stands for and its powerful. Just as this story was intense and powerful along with sweet. I loved the role reversal of the heroine being the injured combat vet and the hero being the strong encourager who sees her as being more than she sees in herself after she sustains a career-ending injury while saving all the crew and passengers of her medivac helicopter.

Sealed With Passion by Anne Elizabeth 4 Stars

#3.5 West Coast Navy SEALs

Talk about fireworks and heat! This one starts with a bang and a huge misunderstanding that a determined SEAL and a feisty interior designer overcome while helping out their mutual friends settle into their new home because they never stopped caring. There is a sense that this story was a follow-up to another story, but still has its own resolution.

Home Fire Inferno (Burn, baby, burn) by Suzanne Brockmann 4.5 Stars

#17.5 Trouble Shooters

What a fun adventure helping delivery a baby while the mom is stranded out in the desert that showed off how a SEAL team and their significant others are family and support for each other. The wry humor and sweet excitement were a great intro to me for a series I now really want to read from the beginning.

The variety in the circumstances, writing styles, and romance were a big plus. I will also say that it was great that each story can function as a standalone though a few were obvious that they are part of a series. Most shared alternating narrations while a few were told third person by one character. I loved how many of the authors focused on different aspects of wounded combat vets who bore external and/or internal scars. Some even tied in the wonderful work that the Wounded Warrior Project works on. Each story was filled with so many strong points and honestly there wasn't a weak story in the group. I now have so many series that I need to try or in one case finish and it is with anticipation that I look forward to the effort.

I would definitely recommend this anthology to those who enjoy Military Romance, but other Contemporary Romance lovers might want to dip their toe into the sub-genre with this antho. It does the job of introducing and reacquainting the reader with several of the best writers in the genre. The romances mostly ranged into the spicy heat, but the action level of the plots varied.

My thanks to Sourcebooks Casablanca for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

Darcy says

Hot as Hell - Julie Ann Walker

After finishing reading this one I'm excited to read the new series from this author. I thought Harper did a good job of trying to take care of the Ambassador, even when he was making poor choices. I liked the

chemistry between Michael and Harper, even as the situation that they were in was an odd one. I was glad that they had the time to work things out and realize they both wanted the same thing. The rest of the teams plans for the future should bring about some fun stories.

In Plain Sight - Catherine Mann

This one grabbed me right from the start, the call we were in on had me on the edge of my seat hoping that Stacy would get help in time. I liked that when Stacy was at her worst a blast from her past was there keeping her safe. I thought that Gavin's choices after the phone call were good ones. It gave him a chance with Stacy again and let her direct things. I like the choices that both of them made at the end, they need a fresh start.

Torn - Kate SeRine

I don't know what it was about this one, but I feel like I should have liked it more than I did. I liked the couple, was glad that they finally admitted they liked each other in a boy/girl way and was glad that Joe realized he can do his job. But for the most part I was bored when read this one.

War Games - Lea Griffith

This one seems to be the start of a new series. I've never read this author, but I find myself very intrigued by this story. I want to know more about Endgame, more about those that were turned into it's patsy and how they are going to fight back. I loved Rook and Vivi from the start, loved that Vivi took charge and sort of bullied Rook. It was fun to see, but you knew he only let her seem in charge. I look forward to reading more about them!

Beauty and the Marine - Tina Wainscott

This one was very aptly titled. While I hated the situation that Kristy was in, I was glad that she got to meet Griff and let him see himself in a new light. The whole idea of Redneck games was funny, especially as the city girls were put in some crazy situations. I was glad at the end that Griff took a chance in more ways than one.

NDSQ - ML Buchman

I really like the Night Stalker series and this short was a great addition to the series. As this one opened I hated the hard choice that Lois had to make, hated even more what it cost her and how she felt her life was over in the aftermath. Kendall was great to give Lois a different reason to go on. I was a bit surprised by the choice that Kendall made at the end, it was a big risk for him, but it was exactly what Lois needed to put things in perspective.

I loved all the Superman talk, it was fitting.

SEALed with Passion - Anne Elizabeth

I didn't really care for this one. I think part of it was how after 5 years and a one night stand Jonah and Alisha jumped into things without really talking. Sure they chatted a little of what went wrong in the past, but it didn't seem like enough for things to be all rainbows and puppies.

Home Fire Inferno - Suzanne Brockmann

I love the Troubleshooters series, so I'm always happy to spend time in their world. This little short is really what the whole series is about, crazy situations and relying on the SEAL family. Of course things would go wrong on Jenn and Eden's road trip, so wrong that their only recourse was to contact the Senior on the mission. I loved how everyone came together to help Eden and Jenn, while protecting Dan. It seemed like there was a new addition to the team in HoboMofo, would love to get more with him.

Under the Covers Book Blog says

I've been an enormous fan of Suzanne Brockmann's Troubleshooters for years, so when I heard about this anthology, I knew that it would be on my TBR. I must admit, however, that I've been slacking in my reading of romantic suspense over the last few years. I think for some time it was all that I read, and we all know how it is when you get burned out on a genre. Suffice it to say, that I've been under a rock when it comes to my familiarity with romantic suspense authors in recent times. *The Way of the Warrior* was THE perfect way of getting me back in the RS mindset. Eight authors worked on this anthology, with moderate length, well-plotted stories, each involving military heroes of various kinds, both male and female. The most wonderful thing is that all proceeds are being donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

In terms of content, *The Way of the Warrior* gives a little bit of everything. Some stories are sweet and sexy, others heart-poundingly intense. Many focus on wounded soldiers and the life they face when coming home. M.L. Buchman made me a fan in "NSDQ", with his tough as nails female helo pilot dealing with life as an amputee. I shed tears for Catherine Mann's hero, Gavin, an ex pararescueman faced with a life changing disability in "In Plain Sight". I absolutely WILL buy Lea Griffith's follow-up to "War Games." Her prison break scene involving spec ops soldier Rook and CIA operative Olivia had me absolutely captivated. I couldn't look away. The chemistry was insane. We go to Islamabad in Julie Ann Walker's "Hot as Hell" for some very steamy safe room sex. Sadie and Joe from Katie SeRine's "Torn" get to fend off a sadistic stalker. Damaged and scarred Griff falls in love with a model in "Beauty and the Marine." SEAL Jonah and Alisha get a second chance at love after botching their first attempt 10 years prior in "SEALed with Passion". Last but not least, Suzanne Brockmann pulls out all the stops (and characters!) from her Troubleshooter's series to welcome in the newest little member of the family. No more spoilers on that one.

I know many will buy this for Brockmann's installment and regardless, it's well worth it for such a great cause. I would implore readers to read the other works in this anthology. There isn't one single dud in the group from my standpoint, each one bringing something new and different to the table. I've been introduced to some new authors that made me very excited to go out and buy their backlists and it's rekindled my love for romantic suspense again. Lovers of contemporary romance would also really enjoy what *The Way of the Warrior* has to offer.

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Marlene says

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The Way of the Warrior is a collection of military romance stories that was published in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. All of the author and publisher proceeds are going to the project, in honor of those who have served.

Some of the stories include references to the Wounded Warrior Project. Some of the vets in the stories, are using its services, some volunteering, some both.

It's a terrific project and also a terrific thing that the creators of this anthology are doing with this book. But what about the book itself?

All of the authors of the individual stories are well-known for their military romance, and all of the novellas are part of their ongoing series. In the case of Lea Griffith's War Games, Kate SeRine's Torn and Julie Ann Walker's Hot as Hell, the stories here are introducing their new series.

And even though the other stories are in the middle, or in the case of Suzanne Brockmann's Home Fire Inferno, deeply into their series, the stories stand alone. It probably helps that all of these stories are novella length, so the author's have plenty of time to establish their characters and setting.

Howsomever, in reading the collection there was something that bothered me. Don't get me wrong, I love a good military romance, but there's an accidental theme that runs through too many of the stories. Out of 8 stories, 3 feature a heroine who is being stalked and needs her military man to rescue her from her violent and escalating stalker.

In all of the cases, the stalkers are so clever and organized that they leave no clues behind and the police are unable to help the victim, even when the stalker's identity is known. I'm not saying this doesn't happen (all too often) in real life, but this is fiction. Even though the individual stories were good, there was too much of this theme for my tastes. I don't like to see my heroines as victims, especially not over and over.

Of course, your mileage may vary.

Of the stories that were not about stalker victims in need of rescue, my favorites were Julie Ann Walker's Hot as Hell, War Games by Lea Griffith, and of course NSDQ by M.L. Buchman.

In Hot as Hell, our heroine is an administrative assistant at the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan. Harper is also trying to ignore the chemistry that was sparked in her one-night-stand with SEAL Mark. His unit is supposed to be guarding the embassy from a prospective attack, but after weeks of nothing happening, they've temporarily been sent to another assignment. And Harper has been ignoring his calls, pretending that she can't bear the thought of being involved with a military man.

When the embassy is overrun by terrorists, Mark is the first person Harper calls. His unit is supposed to be back that day, and Harper needs a hero. Bad.

What I loved about this story is that Harper rescues herself first. As soon as she sees the gunfire, she does what she is supposed to do and gets herself into the embassy "panic room" in a nerve-wracking game of hide-and-seek, with her life as the prize if she doesn't hide. Not that she doesn't need Mark and his team to clear the embassy, but she might not be there to rescue if she hadn't kept a clear head.

And not that the adrenaline rush of the danger and Mark riding to the rescue doesn't finally melt all of Harper's resistance to the man she already loves.

The heroine in War Games is also every bit as badass, in her completely different way, as her hero. Vivi is a CIA Cyber Spook, and she has arrived at Leavenworth to rescue her brother's best friend, Navy SEAL Rook Granger. Because the last thing that her brother said to her before he died was that Rook was being framed, and that the op that killed their team was a set up from the get go.

It's not an easy rescue. Rook isn't just in solitary confinement, he's chained to his cell to keep him from leaving. The solitary is to keep him from talking. Whatever went wrong on that last op, there are too many low people in high places who want to make sure that the truth never gets out. And that Rook doesn't either.

But Vivi brings down all the security, and its backups and its backups' backups, to pay her brother back one last time. As Vivi and Rook cross the country, both pursuing and being pursued by people who are tracking their every move and are one step ahead every moment, they discover that they can only trust each other with a secret that can topple governments. And that they can finally trust each other with the hearts they both believed were dead.

Like Harper in Hot as Hell, Vivi is a heroine who takes care of herself. She isn't as physically intimidating as Rook. In fact, she isn't physically intimidating at all. But she can, and will, mess with people's minds, their systems, and their credit reports as needed to get the job done.

In today's world, fists aren't the only way to beat someone to a pulp.

And last but not least, a novella in M.L. Buchman's Night Stalkers series, NSDQ. NSDQ is the Night Stalkers' motto: Night Stalkers Don't Quit. Lois Lang has to tell herself those words every single day, as the ace chopper pilot is learning to live with a career ending injury. On a rescue mission, her chopper was hit with a full load of crew and wounded. With one engine down, the only way to keep her crew and passengers alive during the oncoming crash was to roll her bird so that it landed pilot side down. Everybody lived, but Lois lost one leg below the knee.

She's a heroine, but she's also certain that the Army will invalid her out of the only job she's ever loved, or even wanted.

Lois Lang, named for two of Superman's loves, needs to find her very own Clark Kent to see that not only can she have a good life with her injury, but that she still has a lot to offer the Army and even SOAR. Because heroines aren't made of legs, they are made of heart.

This story was especially sweet, and also just a bit different. In this one, it's a woman warrior who is wounded and needs to find a way to recover her life, her purpose and her dignity. Even Superwoman needs someone to lean on now and again. The role reversal in the story made this one especially poignant.

Also, I just plain love this series.

Escape Rating B: That's for the book as a whole. There were too many "stalker rescue" stories for my personal taste, especially since those are three of the first five stories. By the middle of the third, I was praying not to visit that theme again. I prefer a relationship of equals in contemporary romance, and those weren't it.

A couple of the other stories just didn't do much for me, but over my personal pet peeves rather than anything wrong with the story. In any collection, there are always a few stories that aren't my cuppa. That's kind of the point in a way, that everyone gets a sampling, and hopefully finds something they like.

I liked both the Walker and Griffith stories so much that I will be looking for the upcoming books in those series, and I always grab the Night Stalkers as soon as they appear in NetGalley. I'm still very happy that I followed that series from the beginning.

And I would happily give Hot as Hell by Julie Ann Walker, War Games by Lea Griffith and NSDQ by M.L. Buchman "A Grades" if they were published separately.

Anita says

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Wounded Warriors Project is one of the most worthy charities in existence. I am proud and in awe of the wonderful work they do with veterans and their families. That these authors and publishers are donating the proceeds to this organization says a lot about them as individuals and companies. I have read the work of only one of the authors and have the books of another two on my to-read list. The others I will seriously look to purchase in the future.

I happen to like anthologies. They are a great opportunity to read the work of new authors without committing to a full length book. It is also rewarding to get a complete story in a short amount of time.

Hot as Hell by Julie Ann Walker 5 Stars

Harper is secretary to the American Ambassador to Pakistani. They are caught in an attack on the embassy. Harper makes it to the safe room and waits and reviews her relationship with SEAL Michael. Michael's team comes and he waits with her in the safe room where they get time to come to terms with their feelings for each other and the path their future will take.

In Plain Sight by Catherine Mann 4 Stars

Stacy is a virtual prisoner in her home due to an abusive, stalker of an ex-husband. One night he breaks in and the 911 operator who answers her call reminds her of Gavin, her childhood sweetheart who joined the Air Force. But he's been gone for 10 years. Gavin was shot down in combat and came back blind. While trying to put his life back together, he has not contacted Stacy. Now she needs him and he needs her too.

Torn by Kate SeRine 5 Stars

Joe returns from war a wounded hero, but he feels like something much less. Sadie, his childhood friend can only wait until Joe decides that they are more than friends. Sadie has picked up a stalker since Joe has been home and Joe is not happy that she withheld that from him. As Joe protects Sadie they both express the love they have been hiding.

War Games by Lea Griffith 5 Stars

This story is about Vivi, whose brother, and other Delta Force soldiers, died under suspicious circumstances that were a setup to implicate Sergeant First Class Rook Granger. Michael's last request was for Vivi to clear Rook. Honor and duty are big factors here and the setup and cover up go far into the government. Great story, hot romance.

Beauty and the Marine by Tina Wainscott 5 Stars

Giff was a Marine victim of a suicide bomber. He survived, his friends didn't. He came home scared in body and soul. Kristy is a model who has attracted a stalker. He got to her once and also left scars. As a way to flush the stalker out. Kristy is doing promos for a redneck girls survival series. She takes one look at Griff and sees the beauty on the inside.

NSDQ by M.L. Buchman 4.5 Stars

U.S. Army Captain Lois Lang is a Black Hawk helicopter pilot who lost her foot in a rescue mission. She has nothing else and is having a tough time coming to terms with the end of her combat career. Kendall Clark is the Black Hawk factory trainer and has been in love with Lois for over two years. He finally makes his move and helps Lois see that she has a life other than combat missions. *Night Stalkers Don't Quit*

Sealed With Passion by Anne Elizabeth 4 Stars

Back home after a mission that went bust, SEAL Jonah is going to help put the finishing touches on a home built by the Wounded Warrior Project for his best friend, Kevin. Instead he comes face to face with Alisha and the memories he hasn't been able to forget.

Home Fire Inferno (Burn, baby, burn) by Suzanne Brockmann 5+++++ Stars

I can't tell you how tempting it was to start with this one, but I didn't. Sometimes you need to save the best for last. I LOVE IZZY!! I am an unabashed Troubleshooters groupie. No one does SEALS better than Suzanne Brockmann. When Jenn goes into labor with no transport in the San Diego desert, the guys are on the other side of the world and Eden has to be the voice of reason right now. I laughed and I cried and I REALLY, REALLY want a new Troubleshooters book with Jay's story.

Cindy ~ says

Always a treat to have an anthology with tons of my favorite authors with the bonus of them being all new stories.

Hot as Hell by Julie Ann Walker - This is the prequel to Ms Walker's new series Deep Six. A group of Navy Seals who after their latest mission will retire and most will be going to Florida to run a marine salvage business. This novella gives a glimpse of three of those Navy Seals while still in action sent in to rescue a woman and the US Ambassador to Pakistan. Harper Searcy and Michael "Mad Dog" Wainwright has a one night fling except Michael didn't want it to be just a one night thing but Harper hasn't been returning any of his calls since – until she calls him from the Embassy's safe room after the Taliban blast their way in. It's a short story but still has all the things you expect from this author – action, alpha men and the tough women who fall for them.

In Plain Sight by Catherine Mann - Stacie Currie lived through 4 years of abuse from her husband before divorcing him but neither that nor the restraining order has stopped him from terrorizing her. While on the line with 911 she realizes she is talking to the man she should have married all those years ago instead of pushing him away with her selfish demands. Gavin Novak has been medically discharged from the Air Force after a helicopter crash that almost ended his life. Now reduced to being a 911 operator due to his disabilities from the crash he can't believe when the scared woman on the other end of the phone is his childhood friend and ex lover Stacie. When the two finally meet face to face after 10 years they both realize that their feelings for each other are as strong now as they were back then. Gavin calls in some old friends from his PJ days to help with finally putting Stacie's ex in jail where he belongs.

Torn by Kate SeRine - Torn kicks off a new romantic suspense series featuring the Dawson brothers Tom, Gabe, Joe, and Kyle. This story was about Joe who was injured by an IED during his tour with the National Guard. After 18 months of rehab he is finally getting back on his feet enough to start back to work with the Sheriff's department where his father is the Sheriff and two of his brother's are deputies. Joe and Sadie have been friends since they were little. They both knew they loved the other but never had the guts to ever cross

the friend line. Joe's brush with death is the catalyst that finally pushes them to confess their feelings for each other but turns out Sadie has a stalker and he's decided he doesn't like that Joe's back in Sadie's life. This was a new author to me and I enjoyed this one enough that I am looking forward to the 3 other brothers stories.

War Games by Lea Griffith - Didn't want this one to end. Lea Griffith writes such intense stories and this short introduction to a new series about a black ops team barely whetted my appetite. Opening scene having CIA operative Vivi Bentwood breaking wrongly convicted prisoner Rook Granger out of Fort Leavenworth started the ball rolling on what's sure to be another sure fire hit series for the author.

Beauty and the Marine by Tina Waincott - Griff Tate see himself as a beast after being burned over 25% of his body while in combat. After a long recovery period he is content living on the 200 acre resort his family owns and away from the public. When his friend that runs a private security agency ask him if they could use the Resort to set up sting to catch a stalker he agrees not know that the victim would be so beautiful and make him long for things he doesn't think he could ever had again. Kristy Marsden may have a beautiful face that makes her money as a model but she has scars of her own from the stalker. When she meets Griff she doesn't see scars on his face she sees the wounded warrior on in the inside and that stirs up feelings she long thought the stalker had killed.

NSDQ by M.L. Buchman - All of these story so far in this anthology have been great but this one caused a little leakage to the eyes.. US Army Caption Lois Lang flew Black Hawks on CSR missions. She worked hard to get to be the pilot of her own crew. While on a CSR mission in Afghanistan they get hit with a RPG and she manages to save everyone at the cost of her leg. She had to have a below the knee amputation. Now stationed at Fort Lewis she struggles with knowing her career is over and flying is only thing she's ever wanted to do. Fort Lewis is where training is done for the Little Bird, Black Hawk and Chinook. Kendall Clark (get it Lois and Clark ?) is a civilian Black Hawk engineer and training instructor. Turns out he's had a thing for Lois for a while but never acted on it until now. This sweet man manages to give Lois back her life in more ways than one..

Sealed With Passion by Anne Elizabeth- After a FUBAR mission Jonah Melo commander insisted the entire team take time off. He decides he is going to check up on how his buddy's house was coming along that is being built by the Wounded Warrior Housing Project. What he wasn't expecting to see was Alisha Winters who is also a good friend of his buddy and wife who was the maid of honor in their wedding and who Jonah slept with that night. Now 5 years later and she cant stand the sight of him. But after some time alone together these two realize that since that night no one else has compared and once they clear up the misunderstanding of why Jonah left years ago these two decide time is too short to waste...

Home Fire Inferno (Burn, baby, burn) by Suzanne Brockmann – How many Seals does it take to deliver a baby?? When Jenn Gillman and Eden Zanella break down on the side of the road and 8 month pregnant Jenn's water breaks we soon find out how many Seals it takes to get to them. Lots of familiar faces lend a hand in getting to Jenn and Eden. Been a while since I've read a Troubleshooter book but I certainly remembered all the guys and their spouses I missed the humor that Suzanne always has in her books.

D.C. says

Oh this was great. So many intriguing, and romantic stories all packed into one book put me in heaven.

Favorites of the anthology written by: Julie Ann Walker, Lea Griffith, ML Buchman, and Suzanne

Brockman.

The focus of the stories surround difficulties each military member had to face while at the same time, love or things happening to those they love coming under some sort of conflict or threat. I loved how each author delivered the problem and wrapped up the conflict with minimal time. While I'm normally a lover of novels and/or longer books, these stories definitely kept me reading.

The charity link is also something very dear to my heart, so I'd like to give a big Hoorah to all authors for donating their time to delivering great stories!

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Autry's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Hot as Hell- Julie Ann Walker

Harper Searcy has been actively avoiding Michael "Mad Dog" Wainwright for some time now. They heated up the sheets and Harper closed off all contact in hopes of avoiding heartbreak. Harper is on constant repeat in Mad Dog's head, so much so his fellow Marines are taking jabs at him for it. Harper and Michael had some serious chemistry; it was easy to see how they would be together as a couple. I loved the banter between Marines and how Harper and Michael couldn't wait to push past the one-and-done motto.

In Plain Sight-Catherine Mann

Stacy has been trying to out run her past; it's a terrifying past that if it catches up to her, could become deadly. Unbeknownst to her, when she calls for help the person who answers her is the same own her broke her heart years ago. Gavin has returned home, a changed man. His physical limitations tell him to let go of Stacy, but he can't, the pull between the two is so magnetic. I felt so much sorrow in this novella for what their relationship could have been years ago, young love so strong that it held on for years.... through emotional/physical abuse, failed marriages and a broken soldier. In Plain Sight is an intense novella, very well written.

Torn- Kate Serine

Joe and Sadie, could be your next door neighbors, proving wars are not always fought on battle fields or in foreign countries but right on your doorstep. This was a great friends to lovers story with an edge. When Sadie starts to receive bloody flowers and dead animals appear in mailboxes, Joe decides to take his job to another level. Sheriff by day, and personal protector/lover by night Joe finds out how much he's willing to give to protect Sadie. Riddled with scars he realizes nothing would cut as deep as losing Sadie.

War Games- Lea Griffith

Who breaks out a person from the disciplinary section of Ft. Leavenworth? Vivi does, and she does it so well. Action packed from the first paragraph, Lea Griffith keeps you on your toes with Vivi and Rook. There is a big list of characters in this novella and at times it could be hard to follow, however nothing distracts Rook from protecting Vivi after she gets him out and on a level playing field. She kept her promise to her dying brother by helping Rook and risked losing her heart to him as well.

Beauty and the Marine- Tina Wainscott

Griff is a down-to-earth, back woods, mud loving man, battling scars after returning from war. . Kristy is an model, who has a stalker that wants nothing more than to take Kristy's beauty from her. Griff's background has left him with many scars, both physically and emotionally. The sparks this couple sent off could light up the sky, the shy awkwardness that couples have early in relationships was absolutely spot on between Kristy

and Griff. I liked how Tina made the couple struggle to find the faith of believing in their selves and risking it all to become a couple.

A Night Stalkers Romance- M.L. Buchman

Lois Lang meets her match in Kendall Clark, and boy does he know how to push her past her limits. Unsure of life's path, Lois is struggling to piece together her life after becoming an amputee; she never planned to be medically discharged from her post. Clark is a life force all in his own, becoming friends then lovers, pushing Lois to bare her scars and providing her with strength to fly once again. This novella was the first one to have the warrior be female and an amputee; it was a great to see another side to these stories. Clark and Lois clearly have their work cut out for them and will battle for years but wouldn't have anyone else beside them for years to come.

Sealed with Passion- Anne Elizabeth

To say Jonah and Alisha send up sparks would be an understatement, it's more like a fireworks stand blew up. One-night years ago the couple set the bar for every relationship after and each came up short. Jonah is determined to find the reasons Alisha said the things she did and prove them wrong. They are left together to help finish a former teammates house, funded through the Wounded Warrior Project. The couple quickly works to finish their communication errors and finish the house just in time for the house warming party. This novella was written very well, it had great dialogue between characters and brought attention to a well deserved foundation; however I felt a little torn over Jonah and Alisha's actions. I thought it could have been "carried out" in a better place.

Home Fire Inferno-Suzanne Brockmann

Can you imagine going into labor, while stuck in a broken down car along side a back road?! That's exactly what happened to Jenn and her best friend Eden. A quick trip to help a friend turned into an unforgettable tale. Home Fire Inferno is filled with humor, babies and a SEAL team who is family in every way that counts. Suzanne did a great job adding a wide cast of characters and weaving them together to make a happily-ever-after. Each one adding depth to the story, this was a great way to end the Way of the Warrior.

Way of the Warrior is worth every penny, not only are you getting 8 novellas written by great authors, you are supporting The Wounded Warrior Project. These novellas propel you through lives that have been changed dramatically by wars. The authors address what could be the tip of the iceberg for military members returning home, being sideline by injuries or forced to leave the only career they've known. The reader can expect to feel anything from sorrow and anger to joy and pure happiness in each story. I would recommend this to anyone who loves a military romance with strong characters who work to overcome barriers in order to regain their lives.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Tanya says

This is an anthology of novellas all belonging to other series, though some of the novellas are 0.5 of the series, so the very start. Others are pretty far into the series. All could stand alone, but most are better read with some familiarity of the series they belong to. Overall, I give the anthology 4 stars with detailed reviews of each story below. One of the best compilation books I have ever read though as there truly wasn't any story in there I didn't enjoy.

Hot as Hell (Deep Six 0.5) by Julie Walker - 4 stars - Michael from the SEAL team and Harper working at the Pakistan Embassy have one night before he leaves on a mission (the mission actually being described in

one of her other series!). He wants more and texts her while gone, but she puts him off, fearing falling for a soldier as her dad was one too, leaving his family behind time and time again. Then the embassy is attacked, and he comes to the rescue. They work it out with a HEA.

In Plain Sight (Elite Force 4.5) by Catherine Mann - 3 stars It was very short but good. Gavin and Stacy met each other in a group home in foster care. They were together from age 16 until 19, when he left to join pararescue. She stayed behind, marrying an abusive man, and now is threatened by him again. Gavin is back in town, blind now, but determined to protect her.

Torn by Kate SeRine - Protect and Serve 0.5 - 3 stars Joe is injured by an IED and is headed home at the start of the story. He is returning to his friend Sadie. They grew up together and have always been friends, though each wanted more, reluctant to risk what they had to try for more. Now, he is back, but she has a stalker loose. Of course, he comes forward to stay with her and protect her, leading to them finally admitting their true feelings. This is the start of a series that will showcase Joe (book 0.5) and his brothers, all law enforcement. It felt it was a little bland given the dramatic plot, but gave it 3 stars. It's hard to pack a punch with a novella after all. I would definitely read more of the series.

War Games by Lea Griffith - Endgame Ops 0.5 - 5 stars Wow! I'm blown away by this one, and it's just a novella! It starts with a bang or rather an escape and doesn't let up the whole thing. We are introduced to the origin of the Endgame Ops crew and the layers upon layers of lies and spies involved in the little tiny bit we know. Rook starts out in prison, framed for the deaths of his Delta Force team. Vivi is our heroine, a geeky cyber spy with the CIA, whose brother was a friend of Rook. That brother sends her to aid him in clearing his name, not realizing all that it was going to entail, a full series of books as a matter of fact. Rook and Vivi start their romance, and this series starts out. I'm stalking the first full length book, of course.

Beauty and the Marine by Tina Waincott - Justiss Alliance 3.5 - 3 stars Kristy is a model with a stalker for over 2 years (!!), and nobody seems to be able to catch him. She has called in the Justiss Alliance. They set up a [wildly improbable] scenario using a hunting preserve owned by Griff and his family. Griff is a veteran with scars on his face and body. Because of negative reactions, he has kept himself hidden on the preserve, but he can't avoid meeting and helping Kristy. It's a romance, so you get the rest. It was sweet but just wildly improbable in the setup. The writing was good.

NSDQ by M.L. Buchman - The Night Stalkers 6.6 - 4 stars - This is my first book by this author but won't be my last. At first I was a bit overwhelmed by flight technical details well beyond my nonpilot knowledge, but the story and characters drew me in quickly. Lois is a rescue pilot who is downed and suffers injury. She is recovering but at a loss with changes to her circumstances. Kendall is a civilian trainer who has been her acquaintance for 2 years but nothing more, not due to lack of feelings though. They meet again during her recovery, and a romance starts. For a novella, it is a great story filled with details and decent characterization, keeping realism without sacrificing romance. I will definitely look into more in this series.

SEALed with Passion by Anne - West Coast Navy SEALs 3.5 - 3 stars Jonah and Alisha hooked up at a friend's wedding a few years prior, but left each other due to a dumb misunderstanding. They are brought together again working on a Wounded Warrior housing project for the same friends, and work out their misunderstanding. It was okay, but the conflict was pretty simplistic. Writing was good, 3 stars.

Home Fire Inferno by Suzanne Brockmann - Troubleshooters 17.5 - 4 stars This probably would have been 5 stars had I been up to date on my Troubleshooters series reading. As whole lot of the crew was involved in the emergency delivery of Dan and Jenn's baby. I knew some of the characters from the books, but there were a lot I didn't know since I am several books behind this novella in the series. Nonetheless, it was a good read, very cute, and packed a lot of personality in short pages. Fans of the Troubleshooters series will definitely like it.

Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

First, I must say that you are listening to a very biased reviewer. In case you didn't know, my co-blogger and I are military wives. We have a very up close and personal connection to the men and women in uniform. Therefore anytime we can help or facilitate our armed forces we step up, stand up, and commit. It's what we are programmed to do.

So needless to say, that when I saw a book by Suzanne Brockmann and then found out that all author and publisher proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project, I was IMMEDIATELY on board.

All eight stories center on people in uniform and a love connection. Some are warm, fun, and sexy. Others are heartbreaking, gritty and gripping. War isn't easy. The warrior has to be emotionally strong while being physically strong as well, and as for the loved ones at home? Well that kind of strength is unexplainable.

If you haven't read some of these authors before it's a great way to discover the writing style and flow. If you have, it's a real treat for the fans. Way of the Warrior is an excellent collection of romance in uniform and a phenomenal way to gather attention for an extraordinary cause www.woundedwarriorproject.org

5 Always faithful always vigilant stars!

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Heather / Obsessed With Myself says

I am honored to be able to review this anthology. I am a huge supporter of the WWP – it's incredibly close to my heart as my husband is a former Marine and I've seen firsthand some of the struggles members of the military face. Even if they don't have physical scars, many hold emotional scars that are equally as difficult to overcome. In addition to the really really hot uniform, military men can be incredibly organized, loyal to a fault, and hot as fuck. This anthology highlights 8 stories of love, honor, commitment, and passion. There's some seriously hot military men in there....

Let's highlight a couple of my favorites, shall we?

Hot as Hell by Julie Ann Walker

While Harper attempts to escape the terrorists that have invaded the embassy where she's working, she only hopes that Michael has returned from his mission in time to find her. When they find themselves stuck in the

panic room, Michael forces Harper to face her fears of getting involved with him. I loved when they put their cards on the table – and I loved it more when he took her on the table. This was the perfect opener to a great anthology!

Elite Ops by Catherine Mann

Dangerous ex-husband? CHECK. Hot as hell former love returns? DOUBLE CHECK. Suspense AND hot sex? HELL YES. You're in now, right? Ohhh you should be. This is a sweet story laced with danger about a returning first love. Sweet heat jumped between Stacy and Gavin fanning the flames for their rekindled romance. LOVED IT.

Beauty and the Marine by Tina Wainscott

While this is another protection based story with a crazy stalker, Tina makes it light, funny & emotional. Griff & Kristy are an unlikely pair, but when the two of them connect in an effort to lure Kristy's stalker, there's nothing that can keep them apart. I put two hearts next to this one in my notes, which basically means I melted while reading it. It doesn't hurt that the leading man is a Marine...

Phew....reading this book had me giving my husband The Eyes and I was thisclose to making him put on an old uniform to fulfill all of the fantasies I had trotting around my head. Great stories and a great cause – this is a WIN WIN. Pre-order this baby now!

[I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review]

This review looks prettier on my blog: <http://obsessedwithmyshelf.com/2015/0...>

Sunny says

ARC Review

Way of the Warrior is an anthology by some of the most popular authors in the romantic suspense/military genre. You will find stories from Suzanne Brockmann, Julie Ann Walker, Catherine Mann, Tina Wainscott, Anne Elizabeth, M.L. Buchman, Kate SeRine, and Lea Griffith. Each story either features a character or is about a wounded war veteran. What strikes me most about these stories is the way in which each author chronicles each warrior's attempts at normalcy. What happens to them in combat is extraordinary. Their sacrifice is extraordinary. Now, they come back and have to start a journey back to normal. Of course, because it is the romantic suspense genre, there is a bad guy to overcome but they find different ways to achieve that. However, in what is still true in the genre, they accomplish with a incredible sense of honor, protectiveness, and love. Wonderful reading.

Thank you to the publisher, authors, and Netgalley for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for a free and honest review.
