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**The second in the Alpha Ops novella series that features an alpha Navy SEAL and the librarian who brings him to his knees.**

Jack Powell never planned on leaving the Navy, but his final mission as a SEAL left him with a tremor and a bad case of nerves. He's home, taking some college classes and trying to figure out what comes next when he meets Erin Kent, a divorced college librarian with an adventurous bucket list and a mission to get her ex-husband's voice out of her head. Jack guides Erin through skydiving and buying the motorcycle of her dreams, blithely accepting Erin's promise that their relationship is purely temporary. But when Jack gets the chance to go back into the shadowy world of security contracting, can he convince Erin to break her word and join him on the adventure of a lifetime?

## The SEAL's Rebel Librarian Details

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## From Reader Review The SEAL's Rebel Librarian for online ebook

**Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says**

### 3.75 Stars

I knew this was gonna be a go-to series for me when I first read The SEAL's Secret Lover. Anne Calhoun is a fantastically talented author that can pack in so much development for both her characters and their story in just a few short pages and also make it incredibly steamy. I typically have a hard time forming connections with characters in under 100 pages, but I don't have this issue here. The characters are highly developed, their stories truly jump out at you, and I fall hard for each new couple that's introduced.

Jack is Rose's brother that was first introduced in the previous book. He's a Navy SEAL that's on leave due to a bad hand tremor. He's taking some courses at college and seeing a therapist for PTSD while trying to figure out what comes next. In college he meets Erin Kent, a librarian and recent divorce, that's trying to get in touch with the wild and reckless woman she wants to be. Through sky diving and teaching her to ride a motorcycle, Erin and Jack bond, and it soon begins to turn into something much more than scratching an itch they both had.

I enjoyed this book even more than the last one. I adore the realistic endings that Anne does. They're super satisfying but without the extra cheese of being too much. I also loved that we continue to follow the couple from the last book and see where they're now at.

If you're looking for a well developed short and steamy read, you really can't go wrong with this series. Each book is a standalone, but I recommend reading in order for the full impact.

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**Claire Robinson says**

3.5 - "With you I'm not ordinary." Stars!

I am really enjoying the novellas in this series. The author is new to me, and she hasn't disappointed with the characters, story-lines or more importantly the sexy-times so far.

Onto the next!

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**Tanja ~ KT Book Reviews says**

Quickly becoming one of the top series I have read so far this year, the second book in the Alpha Ops series, The Seal' Rebel Librarian, has just out-shinned its predecessor, The Seal's Secret Lover. These novellas are

short yet packed with amazing storylines and well written characters. You feel welcomed and a part of this world within moments of beginning each read.

Jack Powell is battling PTSD. He has found solace and comfort within the walls of a college library. It is within these dimly lit walls that he has taken notice of a certain librarian.

Erin Kent, librarian and divorcé, has created a bucket list of sorts. She wants to experience all the things she has desired to do all her life. Erin feels now is the time to make these changes and rally on. Life is moving forward and she's not getting any younger.

Erin and Jack are exactly what each other needs at the best possible time. Fun, sexy, and an extraordinary ride!

I am loving this little series.  
"Be extraordinary. With me."

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### **Caz Malpas says**

4 SEALING IT WITH A KISS STARS!

A Navy Seal and a Librarian..... No need to say anymore I had to read it. A great little book to read in between angsty and dark reads. Plenty of smouldering sex and the odd knee trembler too! Loved it!

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### **Ivy Deluca says**

The second book by Ms. Calhoun that I've read and really enjoyed. It's a novella packed with really good character development and excellent chemistry between Erin and Jack. Ms. Calhoun has a talent for really setting the scene and allowing her characters to reveal themselves through their dialogue. When I got to the end of it, I wanted more and was genuinely surprised that the timeframe for their relationship is so condensed. That's the mark of a good writer. Honestly, I would have rated even higher if the ending hadn't felt rushed. Definitely recommend.

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## Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Sexy with a heavy dose of Ohmigod, yes, please! The SEAL's Rebel Librarian was a naughty little treat as Emily--who is a librarian (yay!)--decides it's time to go a little crazy and do all the things she wasn't allowed to try during her stifling marriage. Sky diving and motorcycle buying topping that list. A sexy temporary fling with a younger man? Hell yeah that's getting added to her list of things to do now too!

The hero

So many lickable things. So. Many. I loved Jack. He's all alpha male and full of sexy charm! He's also dealing with some PTSD from his days as a SEAL and is in therapy. A very interesting combo for the hero seeing both sides of him and dealing with his body/mind not always being rock solid like he's used to.

The heroine

She's a librarian!!! I really enjoyed Emily. I loved seeing her taking some risks and grabbing control of her life. Doing all those things she's wanted to do but not hadn't been allowed to do during her marriage. She's fun and sexy and sweet.

"May I try on your coat?"

He stared up at her. "What?"

"When I buy that bike, I'll need protective gear," she said. "That one looks nice and warm."

A bit bewildered, he shouldered out of the coat and handed it to her.

"Oof," she said, and wandered out of sight, presumably in search of a mirror. Her voice was muffled, distant when she spoke again. "It's heavy."

"It would weigh less in your size. It's good for fall and spring riding," he said absently, falling back on details, specifics, on being helpful. He picked up his whiskey and tossed it back. "Get lightweight leathers for the summer, but loose enough to layer thermals under...neath..."

His voice trailed off, because she was standing in the doorway, wearing thigh-high seamed stockings and his coat, her hair a tousled wreck around her face. The coat all but swallowed her up, but she hadn't zipped the front, so he could see the pale lace of her bra and panties, mostly hidden by the heavy drape of leather and sheepskin.

"Oh," he said, somewhat stupidly. "Damn."

"I like it," she said. "Very warm. What do you think?"

The hookup

These two were seriously hot. They have a delicious zing between them from their very first meet at her library and they don't waste much time hitting the sheets or, well, counter in this case. lol Hot, heavy and explosive. These two don't hold anything back and good lord it was fabulous. Dirty and passionate. Gah yes! Just the right amount of curl your toes goodness.

The fun

It was a good time with these two. The sexy bits...obviously. Because seriously NOMS! But everything else too. Bike shopping, riding, maybe jumping out of a perfectly good plane. Their adventures together were fun and endearing.

The serious

Even though there was a lot of heat and light hearted moments there was a lot of depth to these two and I liked that there were some serious elements included as well--her with her damaged confidence and trust and him dealing with his PTSD. I thought his being in therapy was an amazing thing to add into the storyline. There's such a stigma on getting help and I loved that it was included. It was nice to see that other side to the fun loving sexy elements.

The so-so

I had two kinda sorta issues. I didn't love some added in drama towards the end and thought the L word was brandied about way too soon but I still liked the romance side of things so...okay. And then there was the editing. It could very well have been fixed before final copy but I didn't hear back from the publisher so I'm judging based on what I read and there were some consistency things that were very distracting. Him parking the car then taking off his helmet and swinging his leg over his bike. Ems. Yeah.

Overall, hot damn and can I have another, please? lol I'm loving this novella series from Calhoun.

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## **Lady Heather says**

5 "*I changed my mind*" stars!

Damn! This author can write erotica!

What a nice, short, hotter-than-hell read!

Erin Kent is a librarian at Lancaster College's Clarke Library.

She's had dreams and goals that she always wanted to fulfill.

Unfortunately, she was in a marriage where she felt stifled and suffocated.

Her husband didn't support her wants, but rather cast doubt and offered criticism to every idea she voiced.

Erin has been divorced for over 6 months now, and she's made a list.

Her list consists of things she's wanted to do and is now able to do because there is nothing stopping her.

This is her list:

1) buy a motorcycle

- 2) go skydiving
- 3) date

Jack Powell is a former Navy SEAL who is attending Lancaster College taking a psychology course. Jack got out of the teams because the last mission he was on left him with PTSD.

He's getting counseling and trying to get himself mentally and physically ready to take a job in Turkey working for a Security company.

Jack meets Erin at the library while looking for resources to write a paper on PTSD, and right away there's immediate attraction and chemistry between the two.

This story is about Erin letting her "*true, wild-uninhibited*" self out with Jack, and Jack learning to trust his body again and fulfilling Erin's desires.

Amazing read!  
I can't wait to meet the rest of this characters in this new series!

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### **Vicki says**

I liked this one a crumb more than the first in the series. The characters were completely believable to me and I liked how they both knew what they wanted. Jack didn't try to hide his issues, instead he was working on them and although Erin was hesitant, she did what she set out to do. Loved the ending.

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### **Kim Bailey says**

#### **3.5 Stars**

A sweet and sexy, light read that had me smiling from start to finish.

This was my first time reading this author. Honestly, the title really caught my attention - rebel librarian?

Who can pass that up? This book did live up to the title in some ways. It certainly had it's share of adrenaline junkie moments. And, while the librarian was just learning to be a rebel, I admired her courage and determination to step outside of her comfort zone.

There were a few things that seemed a bit forced and perhaps a tad cliché ... but I had no problem overlooking those. This was a nice quick read that delivered with a decent storyline and a cute set of characters that managed to keep my interest right 'til the end.

Not sure if I'll be searching out more to read from this author right away ... but definitely an option for future reads.

*\*A complimentary copy was received from the publisher via Netgalley.*

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### ♥Rachel♥ says

Erin Kent may look prim, proper and professional as a librarian in Lancaster's College Clarke Library, but underneath all that is a free spirit. Her thirst for new experiences and daring was stifled by her ex-husband until she couldn't take it anymore. Now, finally, after her divorce has been final for six months, Erin is getting to her daredevil to-do list. Buy and ride a motorcycle, skydive, and date are part of her list and she's about to check off several things when Jack Powell comes into her life.

Jack Powell resigned from the SEAL's after the last mission left him with PTSD. Sleepless nights, jumpiness, and a tremor make it impossible for him to take on security work as a civilian either so he's taking a few psyche classes at the local college and attending therapy. Jack never dreams Erin, the seemingly buttoned-up librarian has a naughty streak, or that helping her fulfill her to-do list will be the best therapy for him.

At first Jack Powell is an adventure Erin can't help but take, but soon their steamy nights and fun filled days mean more to her. Erin is worried that her heart has become involved, but she doesn't realize things are serious for Jack, too. They have some short time of miscommunication, but thankfully, probably in part because this is a novella, it doesn't last long.

This is the second in Ms. Calhoun's Alpha Ops series and once again her vivid writing, relatable characters and sizzling romance make this novella stand out and above other short stories.

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### Jennifer says

ARC received for review

3.75 stars

This one was slightly better than the first. It was nice to finally meet Jack after hearing so much about him in Keenan and Rose's HEA. Erin is recently divorced and working on a list of things to do that her ex didn't

approve of. Jack helps her out with it and while doing so they fall in love. Great story with insta-lust and sex. We hear about Jack and Keenan's friend Hawthorne who we will get to know more of in the next book.

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## Baba says

**4 steamy stars. Review posted February 15, 2016**

*"You can call me your motorcycle purchase advisor. I can tell you I'm not enrolled as a degree-seeking student at Lancaster College, that I'm just taking a couple of classes. But that doesn't suit a woman who just walked into a Ducati dealership with her eye on a Monster and straight up told the salesman to fuck off when he tried to talk her into a Rebel. Which, for the record, only pussies and girls ride. You're neither."*

*Her lips parted in surprise. Then her chin lifted. "You're right," she said. "Do you want to get a coffee?"*

*He leaned toward her. "Do you think coffee will keep us out of trouble?"*

*"No," she said, then turned her face so her lips were inches from his ear. "My place. In or out?"*

Hooking up is pretty damn sexy!

Recently divorced Erin has a bucket list. She wants to buy a badass motorcycle, go skydiving and start dating again. I have one of those so-called bucket lists too.

For the last two weeks I've been living off on air and sexy thoughts (and lost enough weight in order to wear my tight clothes again). I'm even wearing my badass heels again and it feels extraordinarily good to be a bit egotistical because it's "me time". My kids can take care of themselves for a while. Um...it's not as bad as it sounds. \*cough\*

I'm honing my skills at talking dirty. Every. Day. And I'm getting fucking amazing at it because the guy is mighty impressed. Thank you Anne Calhoun and Nina Lane.

#ReadingEroticRomanceBooksForThePersonalWin.

I'm feeling so bloody chipper at the moment and I'm so bloody busy flirting the hell out of said guy that I don't really see the point in investing a lot of time reviewing books these days.

Oh...maybe let me say this: Yeah, the title isn't among my favorites. But. (1) "Older" librarian heroine meets (2) younger former Navy SEAL hero, (3) hooks up, has (4) amazing sex, (5) sizzling chemistry and top everything off with a (5) believable and (6) solid storyline...et voilà!

#(1)Win(2)Win(3)Win(4)Win(5)Win(6)Win

Hooking up? I think I should do it more often.

It was teasing torture, the slow rhythm of his hips, the way his lips glanced off hers, the promise of his tongue and deeper kisses always there but never given. Each time she dipped forward, his hand tightened in her hair, making her scalp sting. The final time she did it, she didn't stop, kissed him through the pain until he groaned and cupped her head to hold her close and take her mouth, hot and deep, until she twisted away to lick and bite her way along his rough jaw.

She let her head fall forward, then opened her eyes. Her hair was stuck to her cheeks and lips, partially obscuring her vision, but she could see the dark red flush on his cheekbones, spreading across his chest. "Don't move," she whispered.  
"No problem," he said, his gaze roaming from her mouth to her body, shadowed by the enveloping coat. "If I move, it'll be all over."

If you liked *The SEAL's Secret Lover*, then pick up this second novella because it's better. A quick, fun, well-written and super steamy novella with a very nice dose of depth. As always, I love me some toe-curling Anne Calhoun smexiness. YUM.

Recommended read.

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### **RachelW (BamaGal) says**

Put that old-fashioned sounding book title out of your head right now; this was a sexy little number that left me fanning my face. I think I liked this better than the first book. Anne Calhoun can do more with a short story format than just about anyone I know.

Erin wants to take a walk on the wild side after her divorce; and ex-SEAL Jack is more than happy to show her the way. Great little story; sweet and steamy sexy at the same time...and I loved the ending. Fantastic read, and I can't wait for more in this new series by AC!!

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### **Mo says**

Another quick read from this author. Hero with some sort of PTSD. Librarian!

She is divorced and wants to start living her life a bit more ... ride a motorcycle, sky-dive. You get the drift.

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But under her prim and proper clothes ...

Not bad, if you want a quick, hot read.

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## **Giedre says**

**3.5/5**

*Asked a librarian out for a drink and got turned down.  
lol too smart for the likes of you*

Ha. That drink somehow turned into motorcycle shopping and skydiving, among other things. Anyway, I thought this was a stronger novella than the the first one. Anne Calhoun has a golden touch when it comes to breathing life into her characters. That said, I wish this was longer, because these characters had more story in them. That's the only reason I'm not rating this higher.

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