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A strapping bodyguard and a mysterious beauty on the run cross paths and tempt danger in Cozumel...

For Nasir, former Special Ops military man and bodyguard, his new job seems like an easy-money gig: trail a Russian mobster's runaway wife in Mexico, enjoy the sun, observe, and report. Just one rule: don't get too close. But it's all Naz can do not to watch the alluring dancer's every move. A closer look is irresistible—especially when she's in trouble.

Evalina escaped to the island getaway to live an untraceable life—as far away from the past as she can get. But Eva can't ignore the dark, muscled stud who rescues her from a drug gang. He says he's an ex-cop on vacation. When providence throws them together time and again, Eva thinks it's all a beautiful coincidence. Now she's giving in to a strange new sensation: trust.

But Naz has a mission to accomplish and a secret to keep. Eva has her share of secrets, too. And as the heat flares between them, Naz knows that trust could become the most dangerous impulse of all.

Part one of a three part series.

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From Reader Review Dangerous Beauty for online ebook

Pamela Lilley says

I loved the synopsis for this story, it's everything I love in a story. Ex military man hired to follow a runaway wife, becomes slightly obsessed and then discovers that everything is not as it seems. After swearing to protect her it appears that there are still a few more twists to the story. Wonderful writing and characters and a whole load of chemistry between Nasir and Eva.

Action romance with a huge cliffie, I was not upset by this as I had been pre warned, but as anyone who knows me knows. I am not a fan of waiting, I'm much too impatient. I was however left a little heartbroken at the possibility of what is going to happen next. Watch this space. I was provided with an advanced copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley. This is my honest review.

Helena#bookdreamer says

Another well written, melt your heart novel by Geissinger who's quickly becoming one of my favorite authors in this genre. Naz and Eva are an incredible couple. From the moment they meet in México their chemistry is off the charts. Her quick wit matches his lazy sarcastic comebacks. She's smart, badass and beautiful. A perfect match to an ex marine who spends his life saving people and finds love again in an unexpected place. Although he hides a big secret from her his loyalty and affection never falters and he does not give in to his desires until she knows the truth. Gotta love this guy.

This is such a sweet romance with some difficult subject matters since Eva is running away from an abusive ex who would do anything to get her back. The only thing that held this from being a five star is the cliffhanger in the end. I saw no need for it with the ending of this book. They professed their love what more is there.

Thank you Netgalley for providing this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Lorna says

RTC

Carol says

4 stars. *****major cliffhanger alert*****

This starts off with such a sexy, island romance sort of vibe to it, even if Naz is on an undercover assignment to keep tabs on Eva for her supposed husband (not in fact true) . I am really loving it.

Then the story proceeds to get progressively more suspenseful and even a little dark- it is intriguing and the chemistry is electric! Loving it even more.

So many secrets and intrigue. As the intensity ramps up and the story unfolds I am glued to my kindle and then "what the hell" happened, it is over. Much cursing and one major cliffhanger later all I can hope is that

the next installment of this ?duet will be very soon....
I really cannot wait!!!!

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.
Not a standalone.

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

"I know better than to let business get personal. But this woman. Goddamn. She's a unicorn. The whole enchilada. I didn't think women like her existed outside the movies.

I'm a big J.T. Geissinger fan, she's proven herself over and over to me. So, when I see her name, it's a no-brainer. Yes. Yes. Yes. No need to even read a synopsis. Which explains how I ended up in the middle of a romantic suspense story that ends on a cliffhanger. But, even if I had known, it would still have been a hell yes!

Naz is just basking in the sun and collecting an easy paycheck. Why not enjoy all the benefits of an island getaway while spying on a beautiful woman, right? He never expected to make contact with her, he was just supposed to watch her from afar and report back. Well, you know how the best laid plans go... *they don't*. When Naz witnesses her in trouble, he can't do anything other than rescue her. And once he does that, he cannot return to his invisible state. And once he talks to her, he wants her even more than he did before. But, she's not on the menu, she's forbidden fruit and he can't have a taste.

Evalina has been hiding for months. She's paranoid and lonely, but she's free. She's been doing a good job of taking care of herself but when she runs into danger she welcomes the intervention of the sexy stranger. She's very wary, but she can't help but feel safe in his presence.

The deeper I got into this story, the more intrigued I became. The chemistry between Naz & Eva is electric, but he knows she's married so he fights it. They are both keeping secrets and the suspense is excruciatingly intense right up until the final page. My heart was about to pound out of my chest and I kept sliding my finger to turn the next page in my Kindle, just in case the story would magically continue the next time I tried. I'm so excited to get my hands on the next installment in this story. My mind is liable to explode if I have to wait too long. The line forms here...

J.T. Geissinger says

SNEAK PEEK

She takes a sip from her glass, then licks her lips. "Mmm. Ginger?"

"Ginger beer," I say, nodding.

"Even better." She takes another sip, then sighs, looking out at the sea.

In profile, she's so lovely.

Beyond merely pretty, she's luminous in a natural, unstudied way. Her face is bare and her hair is long and wavy, the ends curling in the humidity, untamed. She wears the simplest of clothes—old jeans and an untucked man's white dress shirt rolled up at the sleeves over a shell-pink camisole—but she exudes femininity and raw sex appeal.

She doesn't try to draw attention to her looks in any way, but she moves like a poem and smiles like a sphinx, and draws eyes to her like moths to a flame.

Because beauty will be noticed.

All around us, people are noticing her. Stealing glances. Sending covetous looks. Even some of the women look like they'd like to lick her from head to toe.

How did she think she could hide?

She glances over and catches me staring. "What?"

"I was just thinking how hideous you are," I say solemnly. "It's tragic, really. Must be awful, walking around with that face, scaring children. I feel sorry for you. Is there a charity I could contribute to in your name? The Quasimodo Society? The Elephant Man Foundation? I feel moved to help."

She blinks, the picture of innocence. "That's so strange! I was just thinking the same thing about you!"

"Excuse me, but I'm extraordinarily handsome. Just ask me."

She's laughing again, which is becoming one of my favorite things. "You're demented."

"I think you mean dashing."

"More like disfigured. You're frighteningly large. Do you suffer from gigantism?"

A grin spreads slowly across my face. "Only in certain areas, sweetheart." I set my drink on my crotch, send her a meaningful look, then turn my gaze to the stars.

She laughs for a long time, with helpless abandon. I feel the strangest urge to leap to my feet, pound my chest, and let rip a crazy Tarzan yodeling yell.

The waitress arrives with our shrimp. "Here you go, guys." She hands an overflowing plastic basket to Eva. To me she gives two small plates and paper napkins, then she turns her attention back to Eva. "How're you liking your Dark and Stormy, Thelma? Tasty, isn't it?"

Eva freezes for a moment, then forces a smile. "Yes. It's really good. Thanks, Maria."

"Great! Let me know when you're ready for another!" The waitress leaves.

There's a pause in the music as the jukebox inside changes songs. Eva stares at the basket of shrimp in her hands with intense focus, as if she's wishing she could disappear inside it.

"You gonna hog all the food, or can I have some?" I offer one of the plates, but I'm really offering her a chance to let the moment pass. I already knew she went by a different name, but I still can't figure out why she told me her real one.

She turns to look at me, and all the laughter from moments before has vanished from her eyes. The firelight dancing over her face shows how pale she's suddenly become.

"Eva's my middle name—"

"You don't owe me any explanations," I say, holding her gaze. Then I smile. "My real name is actually Wilbur."

"Wilbur? No. You're lying."

"Yes, I am." I sigh dramatically. "It's Dudley. But don't tell anyone—I'm embarrassed." I grab the basket, shake a few fried shrimp out onto a plate, then hand it to her with a couple of napkins. "Get 'em while they're hot. Nothing worse than cold killer shrimp. Okay, maybe reheated french fries, but not much else."

There's a fine tremor in Eva's hand as she takes the plate from me. I ditch the other plate on the sand and start to eat from the basket with my fingers, settling back into my chair. "Mmm. Delish. I don't think I'll let you have any more. You should really be watching your figure. Another few pounds and you'll be recruited by the circus."

After a long moment of silence, Eva says quietly, "You're a very nice man."

"Nice?" I retch. "Christ, stab me in the heart, why don't you?"

From the corner of my eye, I see her tentative smile.

"I mean, virile, I'll grant you. Charming, obviously. And breath-stealingly sexy goes without saying."

"Breath stealing? Have you been reading romance novels again?"

Without an ounce of sarcasm, I say, "Twilight's my favorite. Edward's so swoony, don't you think?"

"Oh sure. All that glittering white skin and an overpowering urge to drink your blood. What's not to love?"

"And the age difference isn't creepy at all," I insist, popping another shrimp into my mouth. "So he's like a hundred and she's not even old enough to vote? Love conquers everything!"

"Definitely. Just ask Romeo and Juliet."

"Maybe if Romeo had been a hundred-year-old vampire, things would've turned out differently."

"Yeah, Shakespeare really screwed that up. Too bad he's dead, or we could send him a strongly worded letter about how dumb he is."

We grin at each other. I say, "Totally," and hold out the basket of shrimp.

"I thought I was supposed to be on a diet," she teases.

"Well, big asses are in fashion right now, so . . ."

She pretends to be offended. "After everything we've been through, did you really just tell me I have a big ass?"

“Sweetheart, your ass is so huge it should have its own zip code. Eat up.”

She’s trying hard not to laugh as she takes the basket from me, and I have that feeling again, the one where I want to jump up and beat my chest. Making her smile is addictive. It gives me a hard, heady rush, like I’ve snorted cocaine.

I barely remember this feeling. Only once before in my life have I ever—

Get away from her. Now.

Cold like a slap in the face washes over me. This isn’t just stupid, what I’m doing. What I’m feeling, sitting next to her, soaking up her glow.

This is dangerous.

This is wrong.

“Are you okay?”

She’s watching me, taking in the expression on my face with those beautiful eyes, noting the sudden tension in my body. That’s dangerous, too, because it means she’s as attuned to me as I am to her . . . and the last thing either of us needs is for this feeling to be mutual.

“I just remembered I’m late. I have to go.” I stand abruptly, grabbing my shoes from beside the lounge chair and shaking out the sand.

“Go? Now? Where?” Confused, Eva looks around, then up at me, standing over her with my shoes in my hand, getting ready to bolt like a crazy person.

“I have an appointment.” I edge away, avoiding her searching eyes. “I’ll square up our tab on the way out. See you around.”

I turn and walk away before she can utter another word. I pay the tab at the bar, then get out of there as fast as I can.

After two blocks, I turn back.

I find a dark spot between two parked campers down the road from the bar and wait in the shadows until I see her emerge, about twenty minutes later. Then I follow at a distance, watching to make sure she gets back to her apartment safely.

Once she’s inside with the door locked and the curtains drawn, I breathe easier. But there’s still a strange tightness in my chest. Tightness that doesn’t leave, even after she’s turned off all the lights.

Even after the first faint gray wash of dawn creeps over the horizon.

Even after I’m back in my own bed, staring at the ceiling as a new day begins.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

Nikki Van Horn says

Another awesome book.

Eva is so strong and brave. What she went through for several years and survived it and was able to escape is brave. She is beautiful in and out no matter what she went through. Her ex boyfriend is a evil and dangerous man. Can she hide from him forever? She meets Naz and she feels comfortable around him and wants him to be her friend. Her feelings for him grows stronger each time they are around one another.

Naz is a protector and works for special ops. He is hired on to watch her and make sure he doesn't lose her. They start doing things together and his feelings are growing stronger. He learns things about what his employer has done to her. He wants to protect her instead of keep an eye on her. But will she still have those feelings for him when she finds out the truth? They have to get away. Will she go with him? Would she want his protection or think he is leading her back into the arms of the enemy?

I just love this book. Naz and Eva are amazing for one another. They are funny and romantic. Highly recommend this book and can't wait for the next book. J.T Geissinger you have done it again. Absolutely amazing.

Sarah says

Dangerous Beauty was an excellent start to a new series by J.T. Geissinger. Be forewarned though there is a major cliffhanger on this one I was completely blindsided by. I can't believe the author is making me wait! Ahhhh!

This story was intense right from the start and bam before I knew it, I was left gasping wondering where the rest of the story was. Nooo! Be prepared for a whirlwind of emotions; laughter, sadness, fear, excitement, and heat rolled off the pages.

Overall this was an outstanding start to a new series and I cannot wait for the next installment.

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

Another great book by Ms. Geissinger. This is a stand alone, but Connor and Tabby from Wicked Sexy make lots of appearances since they're Naz's boss. And Naz you might remember from the Bad Habit series as Barney.

Naz is a protector even when he just has Eva under surveillance as part of his job. When they finally meet is already halfway in love with her. Drama and bad guys ensue, and she finds out the whole story. Everything's going good and the BAM...&*%\$#@\$^# cliffy.....

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

Gah!!! That ending is a killer! This is a three part series and yes, it ends on a huge cliffhanger but it's so worth it! I will be pouncing on book 2 when it comes out because book one was intense and left me wanting so much more.

Before things got really serious, we get to see Naz and Eva get to know each other in a way that I loved. They bantered back and forth and threw friendly insults at each other that had me laughing out loud. The creativity in their insults were hilarious.

Eva was refreshing because she wasn't shy about asking for what she wanted. You learn she has a horrible past she is running from and she's decided it was time to take her life back. Instead of cowering, she committed to really live. That wreaked havoc on Naz because he was suppose to just keep an eye on her at a distance.

If you've read the Bad Habits series, you will know that Naz is Barney, Nico's bodyguard. He has moved on and hired on by Connor and Tabby's security firm. Connor and Tabby are from the Wicked Games series and are in this book quite a bit. Their parts really added to my overall enjoyment of this book.

I'm going to leave it here cause I hate to spoil anything. I loved Naz and Eva and will be anxiously waiting for book 2.

Bookgasms Book Blog says

I have come to love Nasir "Barney" Mansouri from the Bad Habit series and was so excited to see him get his own book and story. Fans of this author's Wicked Games series will recognize Tabby and Connor, Nasir's boss. I enjoyed this story and its intensity and especially loved Nas and Eva's fiery chemistry!

Forced to go undercover to investigate the disappearance of a ruthless billionaire's wife, Naz has no idea what he is in for when Eva is not the spoiled and pampered princess he was expecting. When secrets unravel and a hidden danger comes to light, it is up to Naz to keep Eva safe and keep the truth from breaking them apart.

I really enjoyed this story as it was intense at times. But one major drawback I saw was that it felt like the

author used humor in a lot of instances where its use took away from the emotional impact of the story. It was somewhat distracting and a little disruptive when in the midst of an emotional/pivotal scene, the hero and heroine would crack jokes to lighten the mood. If it was sporadic, it would be welcome and a mood lightener, but in this case it was a constant occurrence throughout the book. As a result, while I enjoyed this book, at times I searched for more of a connection between them. Overall this was a good story with a crazy ending! 4 stars! ~Ratula

Book Lover says

This is a CLIFFHANGER! The first in a 3 book series. I am almost diabolically opposed to serial cliffhangers because IMHO very few authors do this well. The total length of the series ends up being equivalent to the pages of one book or the story gets frustratingly, boringly, painfully dragged out. Normally I cross check book descriptions, but since I had read previous books by this author and enjoyed them, and they were NOT cliffhangers, I requested this book without my usual due diligence. The NetGalley blurb does NOT say it is a cliffhanger, Goodreads does. Lessoned learned.

Nasir Mansouri, is ex Special Forces, ex law enforcement, currently working private security for high profile clientele. He is hired to shadow Evalina, whom he believes to be a spoiled, runaway wife.

Evalina Ivanova spent 7 years with an abusive, narcissistic, Russian Mafia connected elitist. She tried running away but was always found and taken back. She thinks she has finally succeeded in getting away this time. She has managed to isolate herself on a small island, works a job she enjoys and lives a quiet life.

A chance encounter, where Nasir saves her life, leads to more interaction than either expected. As they discover more about each other, Nasir learns the truth of her situation.

With his background, I find it difficult to believe his instincts weren't screaming over so many things. Yes, love, lust, infatuation can be distracting, but I would think training becomes second nature after a while. And the last scene? No way could it have happened IRL. None. My mind is already wondering how this is going to continue for 2 more books.

Having said all this, it is an enjoyable read. I'll just have to decide when the next one comes out if I'm invested enough to continue.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by NetGalley and the publisher.

Shayna says

litljen says

*** I received an advanced copy and chose to review it ***

** 100% spoiler-free review **

* 5 heartstopping stars *

J.T. Geissinger once again proves why she belongs on everyone's must-read list with her latest story Dangerous Beauty. While the story reads as a standalone, it is interconnected with two of her other 5-star series (Bad Habit and Wicked Games) so fans will be especially thrilled to see several beloved characters appear. But if you haven't read the other stories, have no fear! Because Nassir (Barney from the Bad Habit books), the main character is starting a new job, we see his first interactions with the Wicked Sexy characters (Connor and Tabby!!!) so it reads as if they are first being introduced, making a smooth transition for new readers. Geissinger is known for creating worlds that are unique and exciting. Her unparalleled storytelling bridges both of the aforementioned series into one amazing world that will blow readers away.

Geissinger's characters are always strong and independent and those in Dangerous Beauty are no exception. Nassir, aka Naz is intense. He's ex-military and this creates an air of mystery around him. He's protective, dangerous, addictive, romantic and deliciously sexy. I loved his dark, dry sense of humor---it was befitting for this enigmatic man. Eva is strong, independent, beautiful and a true survivor. She harbors a dark, horrific past that has shaped who she is. Together, Naz and Eva share a connection that is both fun yet dangerous. Their witty banter is perfectly delivered. I found myself laughing out loud one moment and sitting on the edge of my seat with utter anticipation the next. Geissinger builds their relationship veeeerrrrryyyy slowly until readers are left gasping at the major cliffhanger that is dropped at the end. This one I didn't see coming and initially I was ready to throw my Kindle, but am so glad that Geissinger wrote it that way because Naz and Eva have so much story left to be told! Knowing the author, the cliffhanger will be well worth the wait as the payoff will be sublime.

Dangerous Beauty is a thrilling, exciting and sexy. Geissinger delivered in spades with this fabulous story! 5 stars!
