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Agent Lucia Rizzo has spent her entire career with a singular objective—become the very best the CIA has to offer. Now, that goal—and a career-making promotion—is within reach. There’s just one last mission standing in her way: uncover the traitor within the SEALs and recruit sexy-as-hell SEAL, Gabe Wilcox. For Lucia, it should be an easy assignment, but Gabe turns the tables and recruits her for a far more clandestine—and pleasurable—operation.

The last thing Gabe Wilcox wants or needs on his base is some nosy CIA agent looking to make a name for herself. But the fact she’s smart, willful and too sexy to ignore makes the intrusion easier to manage. Add in she’s 100% off limits only makes her harder to resist.

When truths become lies, trust becomes dangerous and intimacy the deadliest risk of all.

A Covert Affair is a standalone romantic suspense novel.

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## From Reader Review A Covert Affair: A SEAL Romance Novel for online ebook

~Kristin~ says

### 4.5 Stars

I absolutely loved this book!!

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### Megan says

Special gifts can make you valuable. But when there are people who would use those abilities for their own gain with little thought to the holder of that gift it should become clear that there needs to be a change. Except things aren't always that simple. Lucia is unique, fierce, and committed. She's also very tired. When her next assignment is received it dangles the possible rewards that would mean the promotion she has worked so hard for, a little breather from her constant travels, and the change she so desperately yearns for. But only if she's successful. Her mission is to find a mole and recruit a SEAL to her agency. If only things were that simple. Standing in her way is a mole that doesn't want to be revealed, two SEAL teams full of individual secrets, a one-night-stand from over a decade ago with a seriously bad attitude, and one super hot SEAL that makes her think that maybe there's more to life than back-to-back missions and attempting to break through the glass ceiling.

I really loved Lucia. Not only her ability, but the wisdom she used to wield it was impressive. She tempers her gift with understanding, seeking out facts, and tenacity. She's very good at her job. The ability to handle herself and emotionally rely on her friend back home make me even more impressed. If she were really the hard-ass that can see only herself and what needs to be done to advance her career she wouldn't be so torn between her head and her heart throughout this mission. Her vulnerability is there too showing that she's still human even if she has the SEAL-sized cojones of the men she's currently working with. And with the way she thinks quickly in the heat of the moment too? She's ballsy, smart, sexy, competent, funny, and even a little soft for the right people. From the beginning she was this great and I was wonderfully surprised that she continued to grow throughout the story. There were moments where she got distracted and became confused about what she should do, lost sight of all the players she should be paying attention to, and overwhelmed by the secrets and pressures of the job, but despite all that she came out on top, still fighting for herself and the person she grew to love.

Gabe was all man right from the beginning. I liked him right from the start. Tired of all the things that come easily to him and stressed with family situations, he's at the precipice of change. But what will tip him over the edge, what will set him on the course for his own forever? That's currently unknown. Only after he meets Lucia does he feel something immense is going to happen if he has the courage to reach for it and the tenacity to encourage her do the same. The care and concern he had for her was sweet, his ability to understand her gave him insight when she was emotionally vulnerable. He really cared for her and it showed in virtually everything he did. Despite the misunderstandings in the beginning and the one high-intensity moment of confrontation, his commitment to her was awesome. He also found a vulnerability within himself that was two-fold. By ignoring the pain and frustration from his home life he was keeping himself from being all-in emotionally with Lucia. Through his softening and gravitating toward Lucia he was able to confront his feelings regarding his parents. Once he made peace with both things he found his center. And when she was threatened, his world almost fell apart. His reliance on friends and his team gave him the

strength to fight for her and get her back.

Lucia and Gabe were honestly such a great couple. They provided a balance for one another's ambitions and hearts. They could encourage each other and truly understand what their jobs entailed, something that neither ever believed was possible. Not to mention the passion...seriously hot together. As for the story itself, I thought it flowed pretty well. The progression was steady until it all came to a head. There were a couple bits that were far more dramatic than I could have expected. I enjoyed getting to know a few of the SEALs beyond Tony and Gabe. And despite Tony's history with Lucia I liked how he eventually came around, that he sorted some things out for himself. This is a standalone story but I sure wouldn't mind finding out about the woman that trips Tony's world off its womanizing axis.

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### **Kathy Rouchelle says**

This is a wonderfully written book with an exciting storyline that would have you turning page after page to see what happens next and just who the bad guy is. I had a little problem with the story dragging a bit in places, but overall it was a great read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I loved that the female character was so strong and didn't really need to have a man protect her, even if the man was as hot as sin Navy Seal and he definitely wanted to protect her. But she is CIA after-all and she is perfectly capable of taking care of herself. She also has a special talent that makes her job with the CIA even more important...to them! Nothing like a strong woman meeting up with an equally strong man to make a story POP! Filled with intrigue, action, laughter, heat and suspense this book has it all.

The characters were written well and each complex in their own way, with secrets yet to be told...however they will be told. There are so many interesting secondary characters in this book and we get to delve a little further into each of them as Lucia's investigation moves further. But it is Lucia and Gabe that there the lead couple in this book and as I said before, Lucia is a strong, beautiful, woman who is smart, sassy and gives as good as she gets. Love her! Gabe is the Seal who is assigned to be her escort on the base and is as good as they get. He's strong, hot, handsome and dominate, although that only works in the bedroom with Lucia. He is also the one that the CIA wants Lucia to bring into the agency, but he doesn't know that yet. The attraction between the two is instant, but Lucia has a rule about mixing business with pleasure, one that Gabe thinks is a stupid rule. But the angst is simmering so close below the surface with these two and the banter not only between the two of them, but between Tony (Gabe's best friend and Lucia's one night stand from years ago...yea, that is interesting too.) and Gabe is funny and sometimes tense. But together, the three of them have a job to do and that is to find the mole amongst the SEALs. It is not easy, because at this point, everyone is suspect, even Tony.

This book will have you trying to guess who is the traitor and changing your mind every step of the way. You think you know, but the suspicions keep changing and you doubt your first choice, second choice and maybe even your third choice. It really is a great story and one that I am sure you would enjoy. I do recommend this book.

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### **Kennedy Mitchell says**

Well I wrote it so yeah I think it deserves 5 stars....it would be quite concerning if I gave it anything less.

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## **Beyond The Covers Blog says**

Lucia Rizzo is one of the CIA's top agents. She has a special talent of reading people's body language and thoughts. Her stateside mission is to go undercover to uncover a mole within the S.E.A.L.S., water mammals. She will be working alongside a previous obsessed one night stand and his best friend. She despises men that suggest how she made it to the top or sexual comments they make, especially if they value their jewels.

Tony aka Flakes has a traitor in his platoon. He is determined to find out who the mole is and is furious that Lucia has been assigned to help. He warns his best friend that she is an addiction and uses men then throws them away. What secrets is he hiding?

Gabe is blown away when he meets the feisty, sassy mouth Lucia. Independent, tough and a temper!

Evil lurks in the shadows as Lucia gets closer to revealing who the mole is which puts her in danger more than once.

The banter and the jealousy between these two alpha males is hilarious and Lucia's smart mouth is just what they need to balance out. At 47% I was laughing in tears. A good ten minutes before I could recover to finish reading this marvelous book.

Kennedy L. Mitchell has written an incredible romantic mystery with a touch of humour. Everyone is a suspect. You will fall in love with the characters. I would definitely recommend Covert Affair.

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## **Tracey \*Steamyreads\* says**

If you like your heroines to be a badass and your hero to be smokin hot, then this is the perfect story for you.

Lucia Rizzo is one on the CIA's top agents. She has a special ability of reading people's body language and thoughts. Due to this ability she assign a mission to go undercover within the S.E.A.L's and fish out their mole.

Enter, Sr. Officer Gabe Wilcox, one of the seals assign to assist Lucia's investigation.

Throughout the investigation Lucia has battle her attraction to Gabe. It certainly doesn't help that his best friend was a one-night stand from 10 years ago, and Tony carries a grudge.

I thoroughly enjoyed the suspense in the story, the ups and downs help to build the tension. I must admit that I kind of had an idea of who the mole was, but this certainly didn't take anything away from the story. It was interesting to see where the author took the characters.

I think one of the reason I enjoyed this story, was the Lucia's character. Kennedy was able to write about a strong beautiful woman who is coming out on top in a male lead industry. Lucia attended West Point, she was in the Army and is now a leading agent in the CIA. Although she comes across as a badass, Kennedy has been able to make Lucia a relatable character. I adored Lucia.

Of course, Gabe wasn't a difficult character to fall in love with as well. He is my current book boyfriend, but then most often hot Navy Seals are always on that list. He has the perfect mix of alpha-ness and sweetness. Doesn't harm that he has a sense of humour and is there for Lucia from the moment they meet each other.

I have to confess, I kind of liked Tony, Gabe's best friend. Although he started off as a huge a-hole, towards the end of the book he redeemed himself. The reactions with Lucia and even Gabe offered us plenty of humour.

Kennedy L. Mitchell was written an incredible romantic story with just the right amount of humour and suspense. Be sure to check out this story, it's a recommend of this blog.

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### **Dana Hoffman says**

I loved everything about this book!! Everything!! It really had just enough amount of mystery, suspense, steaminess and love all around.

CIA Agent Lucia Rizzo is so bada\$!! She is driven to succeed in everything she does. The next step in her career is a big promotion, and the only thing in her way is one last mission as a field agent. She needs to find a mole who's selling info on a SEAL team, as well as recruit the leader of another SEAL team.

And that brings us to Officer Gabriel Wilcox. I just loved him. He loved his job, loved the rush it brought and lived for his missions. Until Lucia walks into his life and turns it all upside down.

There was a lot happening in this book, but I really loved it all. I loved Lucia on her undercover spying missions when she was trying to figure out who was the traitor by following the team members around and getting a surprise or two in the process. I also loved the banter between Gabe and his best friend.

All in all, this is a great read and you won't regret reading it :)

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### **Tara says**

I think I'm in a bit of a book slump as nothing much is exciting me right now. I liked this book but I didn't love it. The characters had insta lust and were touching each other within the first hour they met. I liked both the h and the H and generally didn't have any issue with either. The h had a pretty strong character and the H wasn't an a-hole type which was a bit refreshing. The mystery of the mole was not a mystery, the author pretty much gave it away as soon as the character was introduced. After the h was touted as an expert in her area and talked up so much it was annoying that she didn't see who it was as it was obvious. 3.5

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### **Sassy Southern says**

Lucia Rizzo is a CIA agent who is going undercover to discover the identity of a mole who is sabotaging missions of a SEAL team. The team that is being sabotaged is headed up by someone Lucia had a brief relationship with in the past, Tony Hackenbreg.

Gabe Wilcox is a Navy SEAL and Tony's best friend. The moment he meets Lucia he is instantly attracted to her and knows he needs to help her discover who the mole is. He aids her in her undercover position as a journalist writing on SEALS.

As Lucia gets closer to discovering who the mole is will she learn other secrets? Will Lucia discover the

truth in time and succeed in her mission? Can she also find time to discover love and see what she has been missing before it's too late?

This was a great mystery/romance that had me gripped from the moment the book began to the last page. I loved Lucia's character as she was tough and ready to do whatever she could to succeed in her mission and discover who the mole is. I love that she narrowed it down and then dug deeper to see what certain SEALs were hiding. I loved the varying degrees of what the men were hiding and there were quite a few big surprises.

Gabe was awesome and I loved how bossy he could be in certain instances! He was so torn between how he felt about Lucia and then letting other people, like Tony, mess with his mind that almost caused him to lose what he had several times.

The twists and turns were great and I managed to figure out things before they were revealed but I was not disappointed in the least as I loved how it all went down. I was so mad at Jeremy for some of the things he said, especially near the end of the book.

Such a great read and I look forward to more from this author!!- By Rebecca

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### **Noel says**

This book, is honestly not really what I was expecting. Though I'm not really sure what I was expecting. I loved all of the undercover business. And how she just got right in there and it was just one of her things to figure all these people out. And it really didn't take her long at all for what she needed to do. She is so good at what she does, but really you are kind of kept guessing at what it is that she really is doing.

The writing in this book is honestly just wonderful and for how in-depth it is its really easy to go with the flow and follow along with. I really enjoyed both characters sides and POVs.

The book is serious a lot, but the wit is amazing. The way it comes out is just hilarious and you totally are not expecting it to be as funny as it is. But I adored the side jokes and jabs that were taken!

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### **A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says**

I love a good military story from time to time and this one did not disappoint! The story flowed nicely and pulled me in immediately!

Lucia is a strong, independent woman working for the CIA with unique and special gifts; which means she can take care of herself. She's sent into a SEAL platoon to find out who is ambushing missions. Gabe, the hot, overprotective SEAL can't deny or shut down his attraction to this woman that was sent to help find the traitor.

I really liked Lucia and how she was written as a strong and independent woman. Often in military romance stories, it's a hero going in to save the heroine. That is not the case with this story and I was truly excited about that. It was a great blend of suspense and sexy with just the right amount of humor thrown into the mix. There is a great balance between all these elements.

The prologue still had me a little confused with how it fitted into the story as a whole, but overall it was a good read! This is my first read by Kennedy Mitchell and it will not be my last.

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## Michelle Simpson says

Lucia is a force to be reckoned with and can certainly handle herself, some say she can read minds and this makes her an asset while working for the CIA . She has been on many of missions and never mixes business with pleasure. The latest mission could get her right to the top with a promised promotion if she succeeds in catching the mole that is working for the seals, information is being leaked and putting lives at risk, her other mission is to convince Gabe to leave the seals and join the CIA. Both missions are not an easy quest, especially when her past is there to make her job even harder and then there is Gabe.....

Gabe is loyal to the SEALs, it's his life and he will do anything to protect them all. He is just as keen to find who the mole is and didn't expect the CIA member to be a hot looking woman who can certainly pack a punch ! Lucia puts a spin on his life completely, no one has ever affected him this way, his best friend Tony was right, she is a drug and Gabe has become an addict.

They need to find the mole and quickly before anyone else's life is put at risk. The team have been narrowed down and just when Lucia thinks she has him things turn into a s\*\*t storm !

Who is it, who can they trust and what secrets are about to be pulled out of the dark?!?

I absolutely loved Lucia and Gabe, their connection was instant and their chemistry is HOT HOT HOT. Hot alpha seal and a feisty, strong woman mixed in with danger and suspense, what more could you want. This was brilliantly written and 100% my kind of book. I love finding new authors and I will definitely be looking for more from Kennedy Mitchell.

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## Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says

Sexy, suspenseful and full of surprises...

If there is a line for a new book by this author you know I will be in it! This military suspense romance was a departure from her previous books but included all the drama, humour and sexiness I craved... If you are a lover of hot military men, a windy who-dun-it and scorching romance then you have found the right place!

Lucia is all about the career, focused from a young age, knowing that the CIA was the brass ring. This assignment was the one. The one that was going to see her reach the next rung in her climb within the organization and she could almost taste success.

***“Pretty sure I didn’t ask. This is my op not yours. You’re just around for some eye candy, sweetheart.”***

While she could have been all about the job, in reality, she was human and could be blind-sided like anyone. And Gabe came right out of left field...

***“To be with a guy who I’m not scared will topple over if I hang on them like a koala...”*** (Dating goals, sister!)

Gabe was skilled and smart in his chosen military field, feeling he was right where he needed, and wanted, to be. He was going to help Lucia find their mole but didn’t realize she was going to pose the most danger...

Bahahahaha:

*“You cook, you know your way around a firearm, you read fucking minds, is there anything you don’t do Luce?”*

*“Yeah, anal.”*

Luce was a hot head despite her cool façade and Gabe had emotional depths he hadn’t even realized himself! Together, they were a powerhouse that made me smile and laugh through old baggage, hidden agendas and a threat that was not going away. I need to read this story again as I wait impatiently for the next read by this ‘hidden gem’ author!

“5 Hot Water Mammal Stars\*”

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## **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

### **~WRITING - PLOT - PACE~**

So color me impressed because this book was all kinds of fantastic. It probably would have been a 5-Star book if it hadn't been SO long. My interest started to wane at about 60% in. That said, I kept plugging on and it started to pick up again around 80%. The writing was fantastic though. The pace was a bit up and down. I am chalking that up to it being a bit too long. I think the author could have tightened up the story a bit. The plot was super engaging and probably one of the best examples of romantic suspense done right. The story is told from both Lucia's and Gabe's POV (my preference always). Last, it was all wrapped up in a very satisfactory ending.

### **~HERO~**

GABE...What can I say about Gabe? I ADORED him. He was pretty much a perfect book boyfriend. A smokin' hot Navy Seal. A player (but it's not thrown in your face). He was alpha. He was sweet. He was funny. He was a great friend. He was an excellent leader. He was all about Lucia from the moment he meets her. I have nothing bad to say about his character.

### **~HEROINE~**

LUCIA...I'll be honest, I usually struggle with heroines like Lucia. She attended West Point. She was in the army. She is now a CIA agent. She was tough. She was strong. She was feisty. She was bada\$\$\$. But somehow this author managed to also make her very likable. Very relatable. Even vulnerable. I simply adored her character as well.

### **~SECONDARY CHARACTERS~**

This book had some great secondary characters in it. My favorite by FAR was Tony (Flakes). He was such a

douche especially in the beginning, but man the banter between him and Lucia and him and Gabe made me laugh my a\$\$ off at times. I wasn't sure I wanted to read a book featuring him (he pretty much cheats on his wife all the time) but the author redeemed him by the end and now I am looking forward to seeing him fall in love (hopefully he is getting a book). I also really liked Luce's friend Brook and there were a few of the guys on the Seal team I wouldn't mind reading more about.

**~HEAT LEVEL~**

Medium. The sex scenes were suitably hot and fairly plentiful. This couple also had excellent on-page chemistry.

**~ANGST LEVEL~**

Highish... I found this angsty mainly because Lucia is keeping a secret from Gabe and I spent the entire book waiting for the truth to come out and the other shoe to drop. When it did finally drop I was impressed by how the author handled the situation. I was expecting the usual cliché reaction by the hero and that isn't what we get. There is a smidge of OW drama. Toni tries to cause issues between Gabe and Luce and invites some women to join them at a bar. One of them hangs off Gabe all night. He isn't really interested but stays and ends up dropping the two women and Toni off later in the night (the three being drunk). The heroine sees this because Toni sets it up. She isn't overly bothered by it and it happens before they officially begin a relationship. I wasn't bothered by it in the least because we get Gabe's thoughts. There is also a bit of OM drama in the form of Tony. Lucia and he slept together once ten years prior, and she ghosted him. He is a bit bitter about this for a while.

**~IN THE END~**

I pretty much LOVED this book. Like I mentioned had it been a little shorter I would have given it 5-Stars. That said, the writing was fantastic. The plot was well developed. The characters were intriguing and very likable. There were twist and turns that kept me guessing right up until the end, and I appreciated the author didn't go down the usual overdone route with the secret revelation. Therefore yours truly is going to give this one two HUGE thumbs up and I will undoubtedly be keeping my eyes peeled for the next book in the series.

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**Julia Red Hatter Book Blog says**

Covert Affair has danger and romance around every corner. Not sure how they made it so jam packed with mystery and romance, but it worked so well together. One moment I'm stumped trying to figure out what these SEALS are hiding and the next I'd get lovey heart eyes when Gabe enters the room. Lucia is the "mind reader" of the CIA. She reads people so well and loved her job. Her next mission is to find a mole in a Navy SEALS group. Between a bitter ex, steaming chemistry, and working out who is a mole we are left with an amazing romantic suspense.

Lucia is a complete bad ass. Gabe is a bad ass. Together they are almost too much. One thing I love about Gabe is he helps Lucia see that she isn't just a CIA agent, she's a woman too. I loved them both so hard. The

mystery side of this has me guessing who the bad guy was early on, yet had me second guessing myself throughout her investigation. The romance side is everything any one loves about romance. Sweet, sexy, hot, romantic. Gabe is every girls dream man, and Lucia fits him perfectly.

Covert Affairs was incredible. The writing has you guessing everything while also leaving you hot. The banter was funny. Lucia is a bad ass with a quick wit. Everything about this book will make you fall in love with romantic suspense all over again!

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