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It was supposed to be a sexy calendar shoot to raise money for K-9 service dogs. Photographer Georgie Flynn never expected to break all her personal rules and jump into bed with one of the hunky men posing. And after their steamy night together, she certainly never expected to see him again...despite their powerful connection.

When she's targeted by a stalker and possible bomber, Georgie finds that her gorgeous one-night stand is the only one who can help.

Brad Lawson, an FBI operative, and his K-9 bomb sniffing partner are assigned to protect the pretty photographer--and this time, he's determined to keep things professional. He just didn't count on their explosive connection rekindling. But with a deadly threat on the horizon, will he be able to keep his body's demands in check and complete his mission?

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From Reader Review Necessary Force for online ebook

Anita says

Wonderful novella written as an introduction to the series. This could have easily been a full length novel with very little extra work. The plot was unique and the attraction and romance hot.

Georgie is a free lance photo journalist who has gotten herself caught up in a domestic terrorism bomb plot. Brad is an FBI K-9 agent who is supposed to protect her and find the bomb. What he also finds is true love.

Katrina says

3.5*

Quick fun read with enough drama to make it interesting. The main characters are intelligent , the action is fast paced, and who can resist a Golden Lab ? Me like, will read more.

Claire says

Pretty short, a little hard to believe that Georgie and Brad have a HEA rather than a HFN. I did guess the bomber as soon as he was introduced. Needed more of Zander (the dog)!

Christa says

Brad Lawson and Georgie Flynn are the likable main characters in this short novella. Georgie is a photographer doing a photo shoot for a calendar on K-9 service dogs, and Brad Lawson is the sexy FBI operative who shares an amazing night with her after his photo session. These two don't expect to see one another again, but when Georgia is stalked by a possible bomber, Brad is the one who can protect and help her.

Though very short, I enjoyed this one. I liked the characters and their romance, the suspenseful storyline, and the tie to the K-9's that the series brings. Thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for providing an ARC in return for an honest review.

Dakota says

cute, short and quick but had potential
will try book 1

Cocktails and Books says

The premise of the book is what enticed me to pick it up but after finishing it; I was left with more concerns than enjoyment. Well, first off, the names in the synopsis are different from the names in the book. I hope this is fixed soon because it's only going to mislead readers. Secondly, I don't think the book title works for the book. After reading it, the title just doesn't fit for me. I know what you're thinking, these are superficial issues and you'd be right. That's not what really bothered me about the novella.

The main issue I have is that this romantic suspense just had suspense. Granted, I absolutely enjoyed the suspense. It was exciting and kept me engaged in the story, but I found the romantic aspect of the book...lacking. Because of the length of the novella, there is not much room for a romance to grow. And it's not really a romance, it's two people having sex and thinking it feels like more, but nothing ever develops. The page time that the hero and heroine shared was mainly in regards to the suspense and not the romance. The sex scenes were pretty glossed over as well.

I know this is the beginning of a series but I would have loved for this story to have been written as a full length novel. There was so much promise and so much room to expand on the story and when it wasn't, I ultimately felt cheated. But I did appreciate that the author didn't wrap up the romance with confessions of love or a happily ever after which did leave room for growth in future books. I just wish some of that growth would have happened in this book to make the chemistry between the couple believable.

I think it's a great start to what's going to be an engaging romantic suspense series. I just hope that there is an equal balance of romance and intrigue.

Reviewed by Elizabeth for Cocktails and Books

Eva says

Brad And Zander

I enjoyed reading this book. I couldn't put it down. Everytime I tried to put it down and go to sleep I get back up read so more. I kept telling myself to read one more chapter. I really appreciate you writing about K-9's because I am a dog lover. I will be buying another "Necessary Force" book. Again thanks and keep writing.

Jonel Boyko says

Fan-frickin-tastic! That's all I've got to say right now. Just fan-frickin-tastic. I absolutely loved this novella. I can't say that I read this in a single sitting because I started reading it over breakfast and then had to go to work, but I definitely couldn't stop thinking about it all day.

Ayres is a very descriptive author. Everything is laid out creatively, yet plainly for the audience allowing them full access to the story. The story itself was riveting and very suspenseful. She develops a complex plot in a rather brief look at the world in her upcoming series. Her characters were completely unique. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know both main characters. Watching them struggle against their attraction to each other while trying to do what's right was quite inspiring. Ayres combines the best of many worlds to create this perfectly unforgettable story.

This was a great intro to a series that I'm not going to be able to resist. I can't wait to read the next!

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Aly says

Georgie's weekend is all booked with beefcakes. As a photojournalist, she don't usually take pictures of hunky men for a calendar, but she accepted, as a favor to her friend. She'll also goes against her personal rules to never sleep with a client, but there's something about the hot firefighter that she just couldn't resist. After that, they both made it clear it can't go further than that.

Two months later, Georgie's life suddenly become like in an action movie when her house is burglarized and FBI's agents begin to ask her questions that seem to be more and more accusatory. And when her one-night stand appear on her doorstep with a beautiful Labrador retriever after they call for the explosives detection team, the young woman wonder what else did he lie about if he wasn't honest about his name and his job.

I liked the heroine's believable reaction when she learned the truth about Brad. She's a smart woman and she took a little time before trusting him again. You can guess who is the villain the first moment he enter the scene and the whole thing seemed a little far-fetched but I put it on the story being only 100 pages. The same thing could be said for the romance who was not as well developed as I wanted. But the author never lost my attention from start to finish.

I read the six other books in the series before picking this novella, so I can tell you that the rest of the series is worth reading. You will follow the adventures of K-9 officers and handlers. Dogs, action and romance, what else can you ask for ?

Judy says

When I saw this cover on Netgalley, I couldn't resist it. Totally due to that hot blonde on the cover, you know the one giving you that soulful stare. When I saw it was about a K-9 unit, I had to request it. I have been a fan of K-9 teams since Tom Hanks and James Belushi were upstaged by their 4 legged companions. Although I wish that the dog, Zander had a larger part in the book, I can understand it is a novella and therefore his role was limited.

This book opened with Georgia Flynn, up and coming photojournalist, waking up after a night of mutual seduction with a man whom she believes is a K-9 officer with the fire department. Georgie had gone to do a charity shoot for a friend. All day long Georgie had been taking pictures of hard bodied men and their K-9 companions and been able to be professional. That is until Philip Dexter arrived; then she nearly lost her composure. When he talked her into dinner and she invited him home, she figured that would be the end of it since they were both incredibly busy people, both concentrating fiercely on their careers. That is until two months later when Georgie came home to find her house broken into and items missing. It wasn't long before the FBI showed up and insisted on bringing in a bomb sniffing unit to check her apartment that she realizes that Philip wasn't exactly who he said he was. Instead she is introduced to Brad Lawson, and that's when her life begins to flip upside down.

This was a decent novella and introduction to a new series. Two characters who have mutual attraction and former relationship, put into a stressful situation that speeds their connection and trust of one another.

Overcoming their rocky start and working around the professional parameters set by him being FBI and her official protector. I do wish that Zander had a larger role, but there is only so much that can be done in a novella. I look forward to reading the next full length book, Irresistible Force, in the series. I gave this 3 stars.

Claire Robinson says

3 - **Man and dog. A powerful combination.** Stars.

Necessary Force is the introductory novella in the K-9 Rescue series, for the most part pretty enjoyable, with a strong independent heroine in Photographer - Georgie Flynn, and a sexy-hot alpha FBI agent in Brad Lawson, with his dog Zander, he is pretty irresistible!

After meeting originally on a photo shoot, and ending up in bed together, Georgie never expected to run into Brad again, especially after he told her his name was Philip Dexter and that he was a Fireman. After being exposed to a possible stalker as well as being suspected of possibly being involved in terrorist activity Georgie comes face-to-face with Brad (Philip) again in his actual line of work as a K-9 Service Dog Handler, needless to say she doesn't take that fact he omitted the truth from her too well.

"Take your doubtful integrity and go be loyal and brave somewhere else."

As I said this is a quick novella and where some parts felt overly and unnecessarily expanded, others that felt important didn't seem to offer enough. Nevertheless, I spent an enjoyable hour with this couple, although it wasn't too difficult to work out who the stalker/terrorist was, and I have to say their motives and subsequent total lack of a real explanation are what lost this book a star for me...

I am looking forward to the next book in the K-9 Rescue series - Irresistible Force, which is due for release 26th August 2014.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, in exchange for the above honest review.

Glenda Bettin says

was okay, will see how the next book is

Rowena says

A great introduction into this series. Very fast read and the story didn't suffer at all considering the length. If anything, I'm more excited to start this series. Fans of romantic suspense will enjoy this one, I'm sure.

Jonetta says

Originally posted at The Book Nympho.com

Georgie Flynn is a photojournalist who gets caught up in an FBI investigation, looking for a bomber they think is connected to her. They're not sure if she's a willing accomplice or being unwittingly manipulated. Brad Lawson is the K-9 bomb technician assigned to watch her, who happened to be her one-night stand weeks before.

This story had a great start and managed to develop a solid story in just a few pages. The romance smoked from the onset but suffered a bit at the end because of its brevity. But, the ending held promise and the novella set up the series perfectly. Isn't that what a novella is supposed to do?

Oh, and let's not forget Zander, the bomb-sniffing canine. His relationship with His handler was touching, which helped me forgive Brad's duplicity. I love having a pooch be front and center in a story and am excited about what's next in this series.

(I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review)

Sarah says

3.5 stars

Necessary Force is a prequel novella that introduces readers to **D.D. Ayres'** new K-9 Rescue series. As a fan of romantic suspense and an animal lover of course this series immediately caught my attention & I couldn't resist requesting a review copy on Netgalley.

Photographer Georgie first meets Brad when he is one of the models posing for the photos she is taking for a charity calender. After an incredibly hot one night stand she never expected to see him again and it isn't until several months later when their paths cross. Unfortunately they only meet again because Georgie is being targeted by a stalker and when they do meet she realises that everything he told her before was a lie. Now he's supposed to be protecting her but Georgie isn't sure whether she can trust him.

I think the main reason I didn't love this novella as much as I expected to was because of the lies that Brad had told when he first met Georgie. I didn't really think he had a plausible excuse for those lies and that made it hard for me to forgive him. Obviously in a novella the romance has to move fairly quickly but because I wasn't impressed with the way Brad had behaved I found it harder to accept that Georgie forgave him so quickly and was willing to jump into bed with him. I just think that if they'd had a simple one night stand with no awkward drama then I would have found it easier to believe that they could fall in love later down the line when they met again. That would have meant the story could have had a stronger focus on the suspense side of the story rather than the awkwardness between the two of them. The suspense side was a little on the lacking side because it was pretty obvious for a long time who the stalker was.

It isn't all bad though and there are a lot of things I liked about the story. The writing is good, the sex scenes were hot and I did like both of the characters (if I ignored Brad's lies!). I think the problems with the lack of suspense and the rushed feeling romance will probably be significantly reduced in the next book which is a full length novel so will allow the author to expand on the elements that were missing slightly here. In spite of the problems **Necessary Force** is a quick and enjoyable read and it has definitely caught my interest

enough to make me want to pick up **Irresistible Force**.
