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Midnight Fire Details

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Bev says

I'm nervous to read this. One thing I love about LMR's books is that once the hero sees his girl he is all in. As in ALL IN. No sleeping around, no walking away, no man-whoring. Do I want to read this and burst my LMR bubble? Hmmmmmm not too sure.

I eventually caved and read this and my thoughts

Midnight Fire picks up where Midnight Secrets ended and you're thrown right into the middle of an ongoing story, so it's essential that Midnight Secrets is read prior to this one.

I was prepared to dislike Jack after reading a few reviews - in his youth he was a total slut and left Summer heartbroken after a brief fling in college. I HATED what he did to her, sleeping with her for a week then moving on to her room mate right. In. Front. Of. Her!! That really pissed me off. BUT he was a kid in college - you know the one have a dick, find it works and set off to wear it out. Yes, he chewed her up and spat her out but they were youngsters, both (more so Jack) had a heck of a lot of growing up to do. He took their week together as just that, nothing serious, nothing permanent, he made her no promises - he banged her and moved on. So, the question for the ages - do I hold that against him? Is he not allowed to make a mistake? Of course he is so I got over myself and am glad I did, I ended up liking this.

Years later he has suffered the loss of virtually his entire family in the most horrific way (this is explained in more depth in Midnight Secrets). This loss, and his years in the CIA left him a changed and hardened man. And at this point is where LMR turns things around. Once Jack reconnected with Summer he was all in. As in ALL IN, just like I have come to expect from LMR.

Summer is such a strong, but sweet heroine. She pulled no punches and let him know exactly what he had done to her, and I love how he owned it. No excuses, no denial. I also loved his character growth. This is what saved him as a character for me.

"You broke my heart," she said finally.

There it was, Jack had been expecting it. He met her gaze directly. "I know I did."

They stared at each other and Summer broke the link. Jack wasn't going to back down, make excuses. He'd behaved badly. He HAD broken her heart. He didn't have any excuse other than he'd been a dick. He'd been a kid. Okay, technically a man. Definitely of age. But considering what he had been through since then, he'd been like a careless child who'd had fun with a toy but tossed it away when a newer, shinier toy came along. He'd deeply regretted it and if she wanted to scream at him, hit him, he and no objections. He deserved it."

Whilst I enjoyed the book I felt let down by the rushed and abrupt ending with an epilogue that was so far from an epilogue it left me frustrated. LMR took her time in building up their reconnection and new relationship and just when we're getting to the good stuff it ended. I know LMR is not known for fulfilling epilogues but on this occasion a good one and a slower ending was really necessary. I'm assuming the story arc will continue with another book in the series because the resolution offered in Midnight Fire wasn't enough, and I felt kinda cheated.

3.75 I need a better ending stars

Janet Robel says

Reading this so soon after the previous book made this even more enjoyable. This is Jack's story and it's so good. We get some glimpses of Jack in the third book but now we get his full story. Summer Redding is just the woman to tame him. There's a nice blend of suspense and romance here.

Vintage says

Another in the Men of Midnight series. Same scenario with a bright career woman helped out by the over-protective alpha hero as the fight for justice and the American way. Lather, rinse, repeat.

In this one we have the manwhore Jack who broke Summer's heart in college years ago by going to bed with her wherein she falls in love only to have him hooking up with her roommate one week later. Ouch! It's about fifteen years later, and he feels really bad about it.

Current times she's a hot political science blogger, and he's ex-CIA. A few of the other characters pop up from the series but not as much as I would like.

In the nick of time, the Midnight crew save the US from treasonous Americans and the Chinese.

Did I buy Jack's admission of love and need for Summer? Eh, why not. At least she confronts him on his BS.

Kiki, I think you had better stay away from this one. (view spoiler)

Farah says

No, No, No and No Okay it's no secret that I love the midnight books and that I hunt down every single Lisa Marie Rice book because of her delicious alpha heroes so what was that?

Yeah I get that the hero changed and all and that was in his younger years bla bla bla .. I get it but that's not what I expect from a midnight book nor is it what I want. Some change is good but a hero that cheated before and has that kind of character is a major turn off and no amount of justifications would make me like him .. no I want him beating at his chest screaming you're mine and being completely, totally and madly in love with the heroine and I'm not ashamed to admit it *okay maybe a little* so yeah obviously I wasn't a fan of the hero and that ruined this book for me.

That aside the plot got a little too creepy with the gas/spray weapon thing and I found it a little unbelievable that it was even detected. Hopefully the next midnight book will not disappoint.

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

When Jack found Summer again, he wasn't letting her go like he did as a stupid young college boy. It took Summer a little to see that Jack had changed and for the better. When they got together, they were amazing and hot and sweet.

The story is a continuation of what happened in his sister Isabel's book. The stuff that happened if it was real life would have me hiding under my bed. I wanted to turn my kindle off because it was messing with me. Great story with lots of suspense, action, romance, and all the crew from the previous books. I hope there's one more planned for Nick.

Beth (YA Books Central) says

Tiffany's Review:

Wow!!! Probably should not have been reading this on the anniversary of 9/11. I already question half the "news" and all the articles I read on social media. This book made me realize how scary our world could actually be!

Behind the plot of high ranking government leaders being corrupt the reader finds a pretty amazing love story. Summer never really had a family and Jack grew up in a loving home with great parents. When Summer and Jack's paths crossed in college she quickly fell in love with her childhood friend. Jack, however, didn't let himself fall in love and left Summer with a broken heart.

Now they find themselves together after 15 years have past....and now they are fighting for their lives!!! Can Summer trust Jack now?! Will they be able to find the proof they need to survive?!

MelissaB says

Overall, not a great read. The romance was so bland, it was missing the sexual tension and passion I am used to from this author. The hero in particular was disappointing, normally her heroes are 100% head over heels for the heroine as soon as they meet them. Instead, he humped and dumped her when she was a virgin college freshman, then thinks she is decent when he meets her again - I just didn't see him having an intense attraction to her, she seemed more convenient which is not what I want in a LMR book.

Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

Blog Review: <http://www.sweptawaybyromance.com/201...>

4 Stars!!

Midnight Fire picks up where Midnight Secrets ends with Jack Delvaux alive and well. We met Jack briefly in Midnight Secrets, as Isabel's brother, who was thought killed in the "*Washington Massacre*". Jack Delvaux "died" in the Washington Massacre, the massacre that took the lives of over 700 people, including all of Jack's family with the exception of his sister Isabel.

In reality, Jack has been living as a homeless person, trying to find out who was behind the massacre and why. During a political funeral Jack is seen by Summer, who runs a very successful blog that exposes political corruption. Summer was smitten with the golden boy of the Delvaux family as a young girl, and fiercely loved him as a young adult, until he broke her heart and disappeared. Now she is aware that Jack is alive and clearly into something that she is determined to uncover.

Soon Jack and Summer are working together with the rest of the Midnight team, and (FBI Agent) Nick, to uncover another planned attack on America from traitors within an American Government agency. Once again we get some suspense, action, and steamy love scenes.

I was a bit dismayed with the ending, it seemed to just.....end. I would have liked a couple of the story lines to be a bit more wrapped up, perhaps we'll hear more in future books?!

Regardless, I will read these books as long as Lisa Marie Rice continues to write them. I *love* this series and hopefully we'll get more stories.....I really, really need FBI Agent Nick's book (soon!!)....*PLEASE!!!*

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MBR says

Summer Redding is the owner of the political blog/webzine called Area 8. With both her parents dead and being an only child, Summer leads an almost solitary existence. No men that entered into her life since her non-relationship with Jack Delvaux, who was killed in a terrorist attack that had rocked Washington DC, had ever measured up to her expectations. That is exactly who she runs into at a funeral that she would rather not have attended.

For the past six months, Jack had gone underground, disappeared by hiding in plain sight, all for one reason. To bring the perpetrators of the Washington Massacre to justice. Not your usual run of the mill variety of terrorists that mostly hail from Arabic origins. But homegrown and bred terrorists, possibly within the organization that he had dedicated a huge percent of his adult life to serving, i.e. the Central Intelligence Agency.

When Jack and Summer's paths cross, Jack has no other choice but to come clean. Summer would have thought that given how things had ended with them previously, she would be immune to the tougher & much harder version of the golden boy she had fallen for so hard, years back. What Jack feels for Summer takes him by surprise as well. The feeling of being at home with Summer is one that is foreign to him, but one he realizes that is fates way of giving him a chance to work things out this time around.

When the bad guys come calling for Summer, all bets are off and once again the men from the previous books in the Midnight and Men of Midnight series get together to hunt and root out the bad guys before the fate of the entire country ends up at the mercy of the enemy that wants America to fall. And fall hard.

Midnight Fire is a book that holds the remnants & whispers of the Lisa Marie Rice that I used to know and love. There is a strong alpha hero of course. And then there's the good sex; this time around on an airplane!

The only thing that perhaps was different was the heroine Summer, who was feisty in her own little ways. Not the usually demure type of heroine that Lisa Marie Rice is famous for. For one thing Summer is strong and independent, but that doesn't mean she is stupid enough to walk into disaster. One thing that stood out for me in this story was how Jack leveled with Summer when danger came calling, how he had just told her how things stood rather than ordering her to stay put. That spoke to me on a level that I wouldn't have thought possible, but there it was.

Summer and Jack are both likable characters, but I wouldn't say that there was anything extraordinary about them that touched me except for the fact that they both have the zeal to do what's right, no matter the consequences. What I miss most from the Lisa Marie Rice novels that I used to love is the sizzling and at times scorching variety of sexual tension that exists between her characters. And Lisa Marie Rice is an author that delivers spectacularly on that. The uber protectiveness that comes along with the sexy, drop-you-down-to-your-knees variety of heroes that graced her novels. The ultra feminine & yet strong in the ways that count heroines who enter your heart right from the get go. Through it all, Lisa Marie Rice was an author that delivered on the suspense aspect as well, though one might not have the hardest time figuring out the bad guys in her novels. All that somehow seems to have changed with the recent novels that have been published and I for one mourn the loss of it all.

Recommended for those who love novels by Lisa Marie Rice. For those that love a strong hero and an equally determined heroine.

Rating = 3.5/5

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Shari Kay says

[were the terrorist supplied for 20 years or 2 months? (hide spoiler)]

Kathleen says

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Story Rating ~ 4 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heat Level ~ 3 Stars

Action Level ~ 3 Stars

Ending ~ 3 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 3.5 Stars

Midnight Fire was a good read for me. I can honestly say that the story line kept me interested the whole way through.

For me what LMR shined through with in this book was the characters.

I LOVED Jack. He's changed a lot over the years and is not the golden boy of his past. He is big, handsome and battle worn. Over the course of this book he proves himself in many ways.

Summer was an amazing heroine, she has an awful backstory that tugged on my heartstrings but despite that, she managed to pull herself up and she now owns a successful political blog/webzine called Area 8 that blows the whistle on political wrongdoers.

Jack was very intense and he had every right to be. His whole family except his sister Isabel and 100's of others were gunned down and then blown up in a hotel where his father was planning to announce that he will be running for president . Jack was presumed dead along with his family but was saved by a phone call from his boss. Since then he has been deep undercover trying to get find out who is responsible for this deadly massacre. This all happens in book 3, *Midnight Secrets*.

Summer was devastated when she found out that Jack and his family were dead. As a child Summer had visited the Delvauxe's house and she loved being around a true family who treated her like one of their own. Later on while she was at college she met up with Jack and they dated for all of a week. He was her first lover and she fell hard and fast for Jack thinking he was the one. Things did not work out for them because Jack was a man whore and dumped her for her roommate completely breaking her heart.

The story starts out at the funeral of Hector Blake, one of the villains from *Midnight Secrets*. Summer was leaving the funeral when she happened to see a homeless man. Once she got a good look, she knew that he was none other than Jack Delvauxe. She tries to reach him but he managed to slip away.

Jack is worried that Summer will spill the beans that he is still alive. He ends up sneaking into her apartment and waits until she arrives to try and stop her from letting anyone know that he is alive. His mission would be ruined and he'd be a dead man.

These two end up joining forces to find out who these traitors are. I loved reading how they went about getting the information needed to bring these men down.

Of course many characters from this series join in the hunt too. I really enjoyed getting glimpses of them again. Each one has a certain abilities that help track the bad guys down.

I have to say that I was a bit disappointed with the villains in this one. What they had planned was VERY interesting and to tell the truth it was quite scary. For me I did not learn enough about these men, what made them tick and why.

We did not get a whole lot of love/sex scenes in this one, which under the circumstances I could understand why. The ones we got were VERY well done and sensual. I could feel how Jack was falling hard for Summer at the same time, I could feel Summer's worries that Jack would break her heart again.

In the end we get some good action but it was done WAY too fast for my tastes. I was wanting and expecting a whole lot more than what was offered. I do have to add that it did indeed end happy for Summer and Jack.

Special Note: This is NOT a Standalone, you MUST read *Midnight Secrets* first.

I recieved an ARC from Netgally in exchange for an honest review

100sweet says

Lisa Marie Rice is the author that made me start reading romance and fall in love with alpha male Hs. My first book by this author was Midnight Run. Unfortunately, I have seen a dramatic decrease in the quality of her books. The characters and story just aren't cutting it anymore. They have become stale. This book was no exception.

From the beginning I had a huge issue with the story. The H and h knew each other when they were teens. The H was a huge manwhore and slept with the h for 1 week. He took her virginity and after a week shows up to her dorm room to take out her roommate. That was how the h realized that the H had dumped her. He didn't even bother to break up with her!! And the donkey h never got over him!! This makes me so mad. Using a person, taking her virginity, and then quickly discarding her is the epitome of vile. I hate a pathetic h and this one infuriated me. She was too hung up on this a-hole. The H went through a big transformation and was no longer the fast and loose playboy. But this didn't stop me from not liking him. He wore piss covered clothes to stay hidden as a homeless man. I could not get over this bc when he took it off he would not shower. This was gross bc he did make out with the h. The h was so selfish, all she cared about was getting a scoop so she could win the Pulitzer. This was brought up over and over and over again.

The H never sought out the h or think out her after the breakup. The only reason he even spoke to her again was to keep her from sharing any info on the conspiracy that was unfolding. Plus, he was really turned on bc he was near her and even admitted it was bc he was without women for a long time. She was just a convenient body that was around. Then he quickly turns around and wants to marry her. Where did that come from!?!? It was so abrupt and random.

And then there is Felicity. Super annoying Felicity, who we had to hear over, and over, and over again about her brilliance. Every person mentions 10x about how smart she is. I hate this character. I did not like Felicity on Arrow before but I absolutely loathe her now.

The ending was so sudden, I was shocked. The whole book was a lengthy unfolding of this huge plan and it ended in 3 pages. This book was a let down. I really hope Ms. Rice's books improve.

Auntee says

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dead man walking.

Jack...

Summer...

Let me first warn you that this book is a continuation of a story from the previous book, *Midnight Secrets*. If you haven't read that one yet, please read it before this one. Will you be hopelessly lost if you don't? Probably not, but this story will have much more of an impact if you read *Midnight Secrets* first.

This book is about 31-33(?) year-old (I'll get to that later) Summer Redding and 34-36(?) year-old Jack Delvaux. ***Stop reading this review NOW if you don't want to read any spoilers--some of which were already revealed in the book blurb.***

Anyhow, Summer and Jack have known each other since she was 12 years old and she briefly lived with her aunt who was then married to Hector Blake (the bad guy from *Midnight Secrets*). Hector lived next door to the Delvaux's, the Kennedy-esque family who were gunned down in the Washington Massacre 6 months ago (not sure of the timeline). Gauky Summer spent a lot of time with the happy, loving Delvaux family (her own deceased parents were pitiful globe trotting hippie junkies) and of course she developed quite a crush on the charismatic, handsome, 3-years-her-senior Jack. When Summer was a pretty 18 year-old freshman in college, she spent one blissful week with the suddenly-aware-of her Jack, who took her virginity *and* her heart, but then moved on to greener pastures (her roommate!). (Jack was a big man slut at the time).

Summer moved on, developed a highly successful career as a political blogger, and Jack moved on (and grew and changed tremendously) when he joined the CIA. Summer had a few relationships--nothing serious--because she was never going to let her heart be broken again. Ever.

Then she finds out that Jack is *alive*! He *didn't* die in the Massacre with the rest of his family like everyone thinks. But he's living off the grid--why? And boy is there a story to tell regarding the Massacre...but Jack must remain 'dead' until he, and now Summer, can prove what they suspect. Homegrown terrorists in cahoots with another world power out to destroy the US? But time is running out. Both Jack (if he shows his face) and Summer have huge targets on their backs. Can Jack protect Summer from the bad guys who want her eliminated before she can break the story? Can Jack convince Summer that he is a changed man who has grown up and lost his man-slut ways and knows there's only one woman for him--Summer? Can Summer learn to trust Jack and open her heart again? Can Jack and Summer, and the *Midnight* guys (yay!) save the USA?

I definitely enjoyed LMR's latest--it had me hooked by the first chapter. I liked, respected, admired and felt sorry for Summer (what a crappy childhood!), and I couldn't blame her for not trusting Jack at first. Jack was a randy asshat in college, but I guess years in the CIA straightened him out. But how could he convince her he wasn't the same guy? I loved how their relationship developed--it seemed honest and believable, and yeah, it did turn *hot*!

I also loved the suspense aspect of the story. It was easy to follow and shockingly believable and *scary*. I think something like this could really happen. It had me thinking...

There were only two things that had me a little miffed...

This was probably an editing error but it still took me out of the story a bit and I have a thing about

establishing the ages of the characters. Summer first meets Jack when she's 12 and he's 15. So he's 3 years older than her. He beds her in college when she's 18. That means he's 21. When he reappears it's mentioned that 15 years have passed. That would make her 33 and him 36. But when Summer sees him he's described this way: *Cheekbones hard and chiseled, the skin hollowed out under them. He looked older than his thirty-four years, like he'd been a prisoner of war in a far off land.* That's because he's really 36!)

I know, that's nit-picking, but it annoys me.

The other is in regard to the ending. I was all revved up, really enjoying the suspense part of the story and the build up to the conclusion about stopping the bad guys. But it seems like it was over too fast and wrapped up too quickly. I guess I wanted a little more. It almost seemed like the author was over the word count and had to tidy up things fast. Sigh. And even though there was an epilogue I felt the same way about it. I've noticed that LMR's epilogues are not her forte. Oh well, I guess I can live with it since I enjoyed the other 95% of the book!

Not sure where she can go from here with the Midnight books (maybe a story about FBI agent Nick?) but I'm up for a few more! A solid 4 stars.

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

DNF - full review to come after publication

Emmeline (The Book Herald) says

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"They say that every cell in you body is renewed every seven years. I'm not that person, twice removed."

Let's jump straight into the plot!

*Summer Redding is a blogger-extraordinaire,
known for her tenacity and hate of political injustice,
Summer is determined to uncover the sneaky business of the CIA and why, oh, why are they
covering up the drowning of her ex- uncle by marriage: Hector Blake.
What she didn't factor in was encountering the gaze of a homeless man who suspiciously looks
like the ex-love-of-her-life.
Summer is Gobsmacked.
it can't possibly be.
Jack Delvaux is supposed to be dead, How could he survive the massacre that terminated all of
his family? she even cried at his funeral.
One moment the homeless guy was there and the next he's not.
Summer knows one thing for sure...she'll find him.
...but she may die trying.*

This book was really good.

Romantic suspense has been my thing lately and this one was awesome! I actually did that taboo thing where i didn't realise it was the 4th book and just jumped straight into it.

To be perfectly honest, it didn't actually spoil or confuse me, so this can be read as a standalone!

Okayyyy, So this book is adult and there's a fair bit of language in here, and sexual situations too but it all fits in the adult genre as some parts can be descriptive.

These characters were amazing, the plot seriously complex (as in- Ms. Rice...i blame you if the terrorist attacks that you imagined actually occurs, you thought of that so well and I shudder at the possibilities!)

Summer is actually a female protagonist that didn't give me a headache. I mean, she's not kick butt but she's mentally strong and mentally sharp too. Her intelligence really shone through. Yes, she was a bit silly at times but she always redeems herself.

Jack...is a stud! At first I really didn't like him. I hate the idea of a guy who likes to sleep around and breaks girls' hearts.

"...Jack was like a sun god, too magnificent to stay with a lonely freshman."

...and so he slept with her roommate and two other girls. *sigh*

but I have to say! He definitely changed in the book and became a guy who was totally swoon- worthy afterwards. I just love how Rice portrayed Jack growing up into his own man.

Don't be fooled this is a romance so while there is a lot going on in terms of plots and intrigues, there is also a focus on the romantic aspect of the characters.

My only beef in this book was that the end felt rushed. I mean we literally agonize over the situation the entire book and then when all finally comes to fruition, it's like BAM! the end.

I had a moment where i stared at my tablet, blinking and thinking...is that it? but oh well!

Rice can definitely write a good story and now I'm curious of first 3 books!

Side note- A thing that made me laugh was the references to Doctor who, Hunger Games and Game of thrones. The author fan-girled in the her own book! hehe respect.

Stay wonderful!

-The Book Herald.

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