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**The SEALs left me ruthless and hard ... in more ways than one.**

If you're looking for a bodyguard, I'm the best there is. And no, I don't sleep with clients—at least not while I'm on the clock.

Only one girl ever got more than a night out of me. Only one girl ever mattered. *Makayla Pierson.*

But she got away from me. She slipped through my fingers when I wasn't looking, leaving me with nothing but regret..

So when I'm offered a job as her bodyguard, how can I refuse?

I can't stop thinking about having her again, taking her like I used to, and wondering if she still twirls her hair around her finger when she's embarrassed... Her cheeks turning that beautiful shade of pink.

This job requires 24/7 surveillance, I need to be on guard at all times.

Even if I have to stand outside the door while she showers.

*Even if I want nothing more than to take a fistful of her hair and...*

F\*\*k. She'd be safer if I walked away. But I let her go once before and I'm never making that mistake again.

Protector is a full-length standalone romance with no cheating, no cliffhangers, and a guaranteed HEA.

## Protector Details

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## From Reader Review Protector for online ebook

### GimmeAllTheWerdssss says

2 Not feeling the love stars

Pro

1- The heroine moved on and was with other guys after the hero left her.

Con

1 -I never really connected with either character

2 - The Hero left the heroine TWICE

3 - The Hero never looked for the heroine after returning from war (the first time he left her). He lived in the same town as her but never looked her up or pursued her. The only reason they reconnected is because she unknowingly hired him as her bodyguard.

4 - The second time he left he hired someone to replace him and disappeared (yes, this time he was looking out for her by trying to track down the people who were trying to kill her...but he still LEFT HER AGAIN and didn't have plans to come back!!). She saw him a few weeks later at an event when he was the bodyguard for another actress.

5 - IMO the Hero never chased or pursued a relationship with the heroine. Twice she threw herself at him and he rejected her. Then he left for the second time - without a goodbye - and took a job protecting an actress that he let rub up on him and hit on him right in front of the heroine. Had the heroine not confronted him I don't believe that they would have come back together again.

6 - Pathetic bad guys. These have to be the worst bad guys I have ever read. The Hero would look at them or hit them a few times and they would just give up all the info.

7 - Weak heroine when it comes to the Hero. HE LEFT HER TWICE and she was all like "I want to hate him but I just can't....blah blah blah" Plus regardless of his "reasons" he never apologized.

8 - Me and the writing never really jived.

**Overall**

**Pass**

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### Taina says

This is a second chance romance with a twist, but it still is so good. I have a soft spot for these... we love each other madly then we're apart for years then we get thrown back together, romances. It was just so good with added action, betrayal, regret and steamy scenes. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced review copy of this book.

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### Scrap says

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book

Jesse has seen a lot of dark and damaging things while on deployment, He is damaged but was hurting badly even before he enlisted, He lost both parents on the 9/11 attack and then lost the one and only woman her could ever love, Makayla. On his first deployment he realized that he would never be good enough for her so he lied and told her he found someone else.

Makayla will never forget her first love Jesse, she really has never gotten over him, 10 years later and she has made something of herself, she is an actress on a famous tv program about Stalkers, the bad part is that now there is a movement of actual stalkers, they have kidnapped and murdered some famous people and now seem to be after Makayla, how this story plays out is absolutely awesome, it will surprise you and it will bring you to tears as well. I LOVED that Jesse and Makayla get a second chance at true love.

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### **Miranda Whore says**

YES!

This is a great read. Drew me in from the start and kept me wrapped up in the characters. I didn't want to put the book down. Lots of action and sexy...sexy smutty goodness.

I loved the relationship between the H and h. They are perfect for each other even if they try to deny it. Swoon worthy with all the feels.

Four stars and four wet panties! A must read.

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### **Carmen says**

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy for the author. Gosh...what can I say about this book?! I would consider this book a romantic suspense. Jesse is a tough, broody alpha with a traumatic past. He experiences flashbacks throughout the book from his time at war in Afghanistan. I like how the author weaves in PTSD into the story and how it affects his daily life. Makayla is a smart, sassy, and independent heroine with real women curves. Based on their past history, Makayla has a hard time trusting and accepting Jesse. Their chemistry is off the charts, and their love for each other is undeniable. However, neither one of them really wants to admit that to the other--which leaves room for plenty of miscommunication. In summary, this book was SUPER HOT and full of ANGST. The only complaint that I have is that there was so much angst and not enough sexy times!!!

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### **Paula Phillips says**

I had just finished reading Single Dad Next Door and noticed that the book said I was only halfway through and I thought that was odd until I discovered it contained a second story - Protector. In Protector, we meet former Military man Jesse who is still head over heels in love with his high school girlfriend. Jesse though broke it off with her while he was stationed overseas. Ten years later, he is back home and working as a Private bodyguard in a Security Firm. He is the best of the best and worth every penny. He has been hired to protect TV celebrity, Makayla. Makayla happens to be the girl he loves and the one who he broke her heart ten years ago. Can Makayla forgive Jesse or will she want someone else protecting her? What happens though when danger strikes, and it looks like someone has put a hit on Makayla, someone she thought she could trust and loved? Can Jesse save her this time around or will this be another missed love opportunity?

Can Jesse prove to Makayla that he never meant to hurt her and has always loved her? In Protector, there is also a couple of scenes with guys in goat masks. This reminded me of the harpies in Game of Thrones. Protector is a perfect read if you love hot guys, military, suspense and second chance romances.

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### **April says**

This was a good second chance love story. The pair were high school sweethearts. He left for the military and then broke her heart. Jump ahead 10 years, she is a big star and he is a personal bodyguard. He is the best out there and when she needs protection, he is hired. When they first see each other, it's instant heat and tension.

This was a good story with suspense and more. She was being stalked but it isn't what you think. I feel for her, afraid to get her heart broke again. When she read his journal and got inside his head, I about broke.

I voluntarily received a copy for my honest review.

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### **Steffi De Ceuster ♥ says**

So I read this because it was included in "Single dad next door" By Penelope Bloom.

This was a dark ride. First I read a review, with spoilers. I love to do that because that way I find things that are important for me, it doesn't really spoil anything for me. And in that review I found so much things that I thought oh no. But I'm glad I gave it a chance. Jesse go's off to war and when he returns he doesn't return to Mykala, but that's something I understood, because it's all explained in the book and his journal. He didn't come back as the man he once was, but he's harder (no pun intended) then before.

The story was a bit over the top and it left me with a bit more questions.. Like who are the masked men really? Is the other one alive too or just that one? But overall I enjoyed it! If it wasn't included in the other book and I would came across the blurb I would still buy it, because the blurb is intriguing.

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### **Jackie D says**

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Jesse and Makayla high school loves, thought forever was the future for them, Jesse went away to become a Navy SEAL, brutally broke it off with her and hasn't seen her in 10 years, now he has been pushed back into her life as her personal protection, or as she calls it her bodyguard when the TV show she is working on is causing stalkers to come out of the woodwork, trouble is the stalkers want them both, Jesse will have to work out the turmoil of leaving her and why to protect them both can he do it and can she forgive him?

Love this book, full of alpha male hotness, with his overbearing protectiveness, emotional heart wrenching moments, a stubborn funny women, lots of sexiness, excellent plot twists fast paced read and a killer HEA, This is one of those books I will be reading over and over again! Love Penelope Bloom!

I voluntarily read a reader's copy of this book

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## **Dolores says**

I received this book for free to give My True and Honest Review

Omg this is one Hell'v'a HOT and on your toes with your heart in your chest, wondering will Jesse be able to protect Kykala & himself from the Men who are after not just her but also him after he comes back into her life to PROTECT her 10 yrs after he LEFT her to sign up after the death of his parents and breaks her heart and destroys her when he lies and tells her, he's leaving her for another.

So in this fantastic book we see how these two will be able to keep professional as Jesse protects starlet Mykala as her 'Bodyguard' which she needs after someone is after her to kill her, then Jesse finds that someone else wants him dead but it is all mixed into together.

So come and Find out who wants them dead and why. Will they be able to survive unscathed.

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## **Julie Jefferies says**

Mikayla has only ever loved one man, but he stole her heart and broke it, and she has never really trusted another man in the last ten years. Now an actress, she has been threatened by a stalker and decides to hire the best there is. Jesse hasn't been the same since he went to war, he left the love of his life and had to do things he can never forget. Jesse decided the best he could do is become a Personal Protector after watching his men die, Jesse is positive that he can never be good enough for Mikayla, even if she could forgive him.

When he is assigned Mikayla as a client the chemistry and anger is instant. But as the stalkers become more threatening, both of them are hurt by who has betrayed them as they fight to survive.

I absolutely loved this book, the rawness of Jesse's guilt from his lies and the death of people he knew was beautifully portrayed. Mikayla's anger and hurt was also beautifully written. A great story, and definitely worth the read.

I received a free copy of this book and chose to VOLUNTARILY review it. My review is completely honest, and a non-incentivized review.

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## **Erin McCoy says**

This book is much, much better than the previous Penelope Bloom novel I read, 'Single Dad Next Door'. Going by Amazon release dates, there looks to be about a year between the two which could account for the more mature and smooth writing style in 'Protector'. I took a chance on reading this one because the description sounded good and it was included as bonus content behind the digital copy of 'Single Dad' I downloaded from Kindle Unlimited. I was expecting to drop the book by the end of the first chapter, but was pleasantly surprised, and very glad I took the risk. After my first exposure to Ms Bloom, I was positive I would be avoiding any more of her books, however, after 'Protector,' I will actually look for some of her other, more recent, writings.

I found the characters to be well developed with quite a bit of background story to tell their history. It did not feel rushed, and the romance was well timed with the H and h having plenty of time to come together, even if we discount their previous relationship.

Overall, a more well-written novel this time around. Still an overdone and inappropriate use of the facial expression 'smirk', but even this has been improved over previous work.

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### **Peggy says**

A second story included in the Single Dad next door so I needed to read this book also, this one is a second chance story with a little bad ass story in it. Seal Jessy leaves his girlfriend Makayla behind to protect her but instead of telling the truth he tells her a story about another girl he met overseas. After doing his duty he turns into security.

Makayla a young actress is approached by a masked man who treated to kill her. She needs protection now a wants the best bodyguard money can buy, if only she thought about it more carefully, because nothing prepared her to see that her bodyguard is the only man she couldn't forget her ex Jessy.

And who's behind all the treats to both of them?

A good story, enjoyable and steamy parts.

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### **Connie says**

Laugh out loud good! Jesse told Makayla a lie and then left her to go overseas and fight in the war against terrorism. She is so angry at how he just threw her away. But now he's back home feeling guilty about how he treated her and guilty about watching his men/platoon die. Then they go pick up his dog and Makayla discovers he missed her so much, he named his dog after her. Too funny! But what they don't realize is that there are people who want them dead for different reasons and Jesse and Makayla are quickly running out of places to hide.

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### **Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says**

Jesse Slade never thought he'd hurt the girl he loves but that's exactly what he did. Ten years later, alot has changed not just for Jesse but for Makayla Pierson too. Makayla has never gotten over Jesse but then he walks back into her life when she's threatened. Jesse thinks he's too damaged to have relationship with Makayla. Which is the complete opposite of what Makayla thinks. A face from Jesse's past is causing problems and threatening Makayla. Can Jesse protect Makayla? Will Makayla resolve her feelings for Jesse? Your answers await you in Protector.

This second chance romance packs a wallop in heat and passion. The story and characters are raw, real, honest, flawed, wild, complex, mysterious, intriguing, and hopeful. I look forward to more from this author in the future.

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