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Dane

I'm silent. I'm trained. I'm lethal.

My hand skimming down your thigh, my gaze a weapon—I know more ways to kill you than please you.

But you're not paying for my aim. You're paying for my control. Bringing you a breath away from ecstasy, watching you beg as I hold back your release, I'll show you exactly what you've been missing. Your hunger is my currency and five thousand is my price. I only have one rule—no repeats, because I'm not for keeps. I'm for sale.

One slow grind and I'll give you exactly what you paid for.

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Julie says

Wow! Just loved Grind.

Dane is a one time only stud, he's a hard killer who's serious about his work and he never changes his mind about a woman, he'll use you once for a ton of money then your done, goodbye. He finds his life interrupted though when he returns home to find one of Vegas' girls waiting, that does not make him happy.

Irina has escaped from an abusive relationship, a relationship that she knew was wrong, that had humiliated her and finally broke her. Dane can see she needs help, but can he prove to her his worth and gain Irina's trust to keep her safe and ultimately coax her into his bed.

Holy Hotness! Dane is a seriously hot, alpha, male who's Dangerous with a capital D. He also turns out to be very caring, sensitive and protective too, Irina's couldn't have been in better hands. The story has a dark plot line, which is gripping and very hard to put down once started. A very well written thriller, I thoroughly enjoyed it and I highly recommend it!

Jaime Ryter says

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I had no idea what to expect with Grind, but Sybil Bartel did it again! She has such a way of drawing you into the story and keeping you engaged throughout. I thought Dane Marek would be a hard character to write, but she developed him nicely and even more so with Irina.

I loved this series and can't wait for more!

Lisa Mandina says

Just not my type of story. Not bad, just not one I would read with so many other things I want to read.

Jamielee says

DNF @ 39%

So I LOVED Book #1. Book #2 was pretty good but Book #3 was a miss for me.

Dane was always the silent deadly damaged Alpha which I normally love but the book kept having him putting down Vega which was the Hero in Book #1. Vega is my favorite Escort/Hero of the series. So every time Dane puts Vega down I am a little offended on behalf of Vega.

I wasn't a fan of Irina when she had her cameo in Book #1 so when she became the Leading Lady in Book #3 it made me **sigh** - so her entire story/background just doesn't really interest me. And the fact she has been sleeping with Vega for 3 years... just a little too messy for my taste.

I **DO** plan on reading the spin off series: The Uncompromising which is 6 books based on the Military Men from this series who have had cameos. I am really excited to hear about these bad ass military men!

Jody says

Readers will find themselves on a roller coaster ride of emotions with this erotically-charged tale teeming with suspense as two bruised souls find comfort, acceptance, and a place to call home in each other's arms. It's a tale that's atmospheric, a tale that shows readers the depravity of some men's souls, but ultimately gives us hope. On a whole it's a tale that kept me on the edge of my seat from start to finish and leaves me wanting more as there's lots of intrigue left to explore.

Irina was once naive to the ways of the world until a chance meeting introduced her to the devil. A promise of wealth and ease soon took Irina down a dark path she never planned on, a path teeming with degradation that had her closing off her heart and soul. For five long years she allowed herself to be controlled, to have every aspect of her life dictated by a vile man who traffics in using and abusing women. One night though the degradation goes too far and has her running for her life right into the shelter of a man just as dangerous as who she's running from. The promises Dane makes are tempting and with one soft touch he reawakens her heart. Feelings long buried rise to the surface and have her thinking of the future instead of being haunted by the past. But with her new life in jeopardy Dane must ride to the rescue once again if they have any hope for HEA in a romance that races to a heart pounding conclusion. Irina's clearly lost at the start of the story, beaten down both physically and emotionally, which makes it difficult to warm up to her. To protect herself she erected a harsh and stoic facade that Dane slowly brought down through his care and compassion. Being with Dane gave her a glimpse of unconditional support and that affection can be given without expectation. It's moments like that, ones where she showed a bit of uncertainty in her concept of love, that made it easier to connect to her. She'd experienced the worst life had to offer and seeing her finally rise above it had me cheering for her.

Dane Marek's a delicious hero! A former Marine who once killed for God and Country, now kills for wealth. It makes for a lonely life though, one where he just goes through the motions, finding no comfort or anything worth dying for. Meeting Irina changes his life irrevocably and gives him a glimpse of something worth fighting for. Seeing another just as bruised by life as he brings out all his protective instincts and with each word and deed he builds her back up from the hell her Russian master put her through. There's a combustible connection that pushes both of them to their limits. Not since his ex-wife left him has he felt the need to find comfort with another woman, but with Irina he finds acceptance for all the dark deeds he's done and a warm place to call home after years of coldness. Dane's a bit rough around the edges early on but caring for Irina brings out a soft side. His words are erotic at times, full of dirty talk, but at other times he whispers all sorts of sweet words that brought a tear to my eye. He was always a loner, with only his dog Hunter to count on, but when it comes to Irina's safety he doesn't hesitate in calling in his friends as they wage war against the Russian mob. From start to finish Dane's an unforgettable hero who took many lives but with Irina he saved her and set her on a path of independence. On a whole he's sexy and snarky and I'm still dreaming about him.

This was a fast-paced and atmospheric romance teeming with sexual tension and erotically-charged encounters. From the moment they met Dane and Irina scorched up the pages in numerous, almost too many at times, erotic interludes that brought out moments of dominance from Dane. Though their relationship evolved from insta-love it quickly took an intense turn where they'd sacrifice all for each other. Dane and Irina are an unforgettable couple bound through their painful pasts who find a glimpse of heaven in each

other's arms. Helping this couple reach their HEA is a cast of secondary characters, former military men who are strong and supportive when they need each other most, whose mysterious histories I long to learn more about as each is more delicious than the last! Ultimately, this was a dark and gritty tale touching on the darkness of men's souls, but which gives reader's hope through the connection between Dane and Irina and it held me captive from the first page to the last!

Elizabeth (Liz) says

4.5

Nikki says

OhMyGod! How is possible that these alpha crazed books always rock my world but then somehow the next one is always do much more. I never think they could be topped, but she does it every stinkin time. Alpha, hot, and hellacrazy men drive me crazy. And Dane, Oh. My. Gawd. He just stole the freaking cake and ran with it. These kind of men always break me. I mean hot, sexy, alpha, rugged, deadly, and all together an amazing guy wrapped up in one package, um, yes please!

The way he was with Irina set my heart to melting. This man knows his way around a woman, head, heart, body, All! This one can definitely be read as a stand-alone, but after reading this one, I'll guarantee you'll want to read all of these books.

This book might not be like the others but if you're a fan of sex, alpha, military, badash's you'll love it just the same. It may have a dark side but it shows the light and all the reasoning why. Give this one a go!!

Cindi says

Hands down my favorite in the series. You don't have to read the first two books but I highly suggest that you do. The first one I loved. The second one I was iffy about. This one? Just... wow.

I can't express how much I loved this book. Had I read it in 2017 when it was published it definitely would've been right up there with my favorite books of the year. Dane is just so amazing. Once he sets his sights on Irina she's all that matters. He has his rough side but he also has the sweet and caring side. Oh, he tries to always be a bad ass but the reader (and Irina) can see straight through him. He even has a sense of humor that comes out a lot. Irina surprised me. I was iffy about reading the book because I was seriously convinced I'd despise her after seeing her in Thrust. She turned out to be much more than I expected – in a good way.

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Jae says

I so wanted to 5-star this one. But the fact that they had unprotected sex just merely hours after meeting each other just threw me off.

I know that this was supposed to be a very dirty kinda romance but the ungloved loving between strangers, NO. I don't need *that* kind of edge in my life.

April says

Great Book!!!

Loren says

Very mature content with intense sexual situations and violence. The third installment in the Thrust series features Dane. As is the case with the previous books, he is ex-marine, hot and deadly, and a high-priced male escort. There's nothing subtle about Dane, and his filthy mouth alone might turn you on. As a \$5,000 per client escort, he has one unbending rule – no repeats. One time only means no strings, just the way he wants it. He wants his privacy and solitude, just him and his dog, Hunter. When he's asked to do a favor and take in a client for 24 hours, Dane reluctantly agrees. Then he sees the stunning, twenty-something year old, blue-eyed blonde in his kitchen. and something changes.

Irina is submissive, abused, and now on the run and hiding out from her arms dealing, Russian Mafia husband, Viktor.

As I read the pages of their meeting, other than the obvious, Dane's attraction to Irina didn't make sense to me, and I was disappointed. I like Dane's character, despite his harshness, but didn't like his match up with Irina. As a result, I didn't enjoy this story as much as the others because of Irina's character. However, that won't stop me from reading any other books to come because I like the interaction and individual stories of the lead male characters in this series as well as in the Uncompromising cross-over series.

Bella' says

Si olvido la cuestión de tiempo, porque caray, todo de un día a otro y luego solo una semana más... Como sea, me gustó la historia porque fue diferente en cuestión de la protagonista.

Claire says

This review originally appeared on BrizzleLass Books.

Phew! Someone get me a cold shower! Sybil Bartel is definitely a writer I am learning to love, and how can I not when she writes these hot alpha males who are beasts in bed, and have no apologies for the things they

do out of bed. Cripes, for a girl that has a weakness for bad boys these books are pretty much perfect.

In *Grind* we take a closer look at Dane, we've briefly met him in the previous books but when he stalks onto the page in *Grind* we know he means business. He's a cold-blooded killer, an assassin and it runs through his every pore. His connection to the other guys being he occasionally takes an escorting client, one night only, no repeats, not ever. Using the sex as a release after his other jobs. Sexy right?

When he returns home early and Irina is in his house, left there by Alex after she left her Arms Dealer Husband Viktor, Dane is far from amused, but she definitely has something he likes. He's a dominant man and she's a submissive, but a submissive who has been badly mistreated and conditioned.

This book was far more romantic suspense than the previous. There is a lot of violence in this book but still plenty of the sex that makes Sybil Bartel's books so good. I loved how Dane never changed who he was at the core, he stayed a dark and strong personality, but he fell in love and risked everything to make sure Irina found safety, even if she didn't want him. He was so damn sexy, his appeal fell off the page.

Irina initially appears as weak and broken but as the book progresses you see just how strong she is and how much she is willing to risk to protect other people. She is a beautiful and strong person and all you want is for her to see it in herself.

I absolutely fell in love with these characters, this was a brutal story, but the characters have so much strength and their discovery of love is hard but worth it.

Sending a huge thanks to Sybil Bartel and Xpresso Book Tours for the eARC so that I could honestly review this book.

Claudia González says

No me encantó. quizás tenía altas expectativas por los dos anteriores, pero la verdad este no fue mi favorito. Dane es demasiado críptico para mi gusto, no logré meterme en su vida y por ende sus acciones me parecían sin fundamento. es entretenido, si, pero nada memorable.

Melanie A. says

Gah!! So good! It's now official, I'm Sybil Bartel's #1 fan-girl. This was pure trashy dominant alpha awesomeness - it hit all of my buttons and checked all of my boxes!

We first met Irina in *Thrust*, book 1. She was the the client who had left her husband that Alex couldn't wait to get rid of. The story picks up where Dane comes home early and is on the phone with Alex, wanting to know who's in his house. I loved the cross over portions between the books, they were really well done, and I'd always wondered what happened to Irina - and now I know. She turned out to be so much more than she'd ever told Alex. Her whole life was one dark, twisted story that Dane unravels piece by piece as he falls in love with her.

Like *Thrust*, this one takes place over a very short period of time. It's jam-packed with action, emotion, and

smut of the super-hot, dark(ish), dominant variety. And while perhaps Irina's self-doubt and Dane's refusal to give her any real 'hope' are dragged out a bit too far, I can't say enough good things about this book, which at its heart is a love story.

His thumb brushed at my tears and his expression turned serious. "You okay?"

No. But for the first time in five years, I started to feel like I would be.

Loved it!!
