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## **A job only a SEAL could do**

After feeling the heat in Honduras cleaning up a terrorist training camp, Duff Callaway is ready for some serious chilling in Cancun. Fun in the sun becomes a perilous rescue mission when the navy SEAL saves his beautiful diving partner from an underwater attack. Except Natalie Layne wasn't chosen at random.

Setting herself up as bait is the only way Natalie can find her abducted sister. But all her survival training can't prepare the former SOS agent for the irresistible stranger she has to trust with her life. Giving up isn't an option. Neither is giving into the powerful desire smoldering between them...

**Plus a bonus short story by USA TODAY bestselling author Delores Fossen**

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## **From Reader Review Navy SEAL Survival: What Happens on the Ranch bonus story for online ebook**

### **Deana Dick says**

Natalie has just received news that her little sister has gone missing while on vacation in Cancun. When Natalie arrives she discovers that the Mexican Authorities have stopped looking for her. Why have they suddenly discontinued the search? Are they hiding something? Natalie has a secret weapon with her . She is a former Stealth Operations Specislist and has brought a partner with her to help in the search.

Duff and his buddies are in Cancun for a much needed break . They are Navy Seals and all they have on their mind is sun, relaxing and fun. But things change when Natalie is almost kidnapped while on a diving excursion. Duff is her partner in the diving excursion and suspects something is not right. Before you know it, the Seals have teamed up with Natalie to find her missing sister and solve the mystery of young women disappearing in the beautiful vacation spot.

The author has written a sizzling story which heats up as Duff and Natalie are drawn to each other. The scenes are very tasteful and written with intrigue and powerful characters. Who can be trusted in this heart stopping story? Can the Seals save another woman before they fall victim to a disappearance? This exciting new series is one that readers will want to read as the twists and turns keep you guessing. The action is fast paced and is packed with a storyline that explodes on the pages. Be sure to read the bonus short story at the end of the book. Overall I liked the book and will look forward to the next book in the series. It promises to be a captivating series with dynamic characters.

I received a copy of this book from The GoodReads Free Giveaway Program for an honest review.

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### **Renee Sturgill says**

This is my first time reading a book by this author and I gotta say will Not be my last one. Navy Seal Survivor is the first story in Seal Of My Own Series.

This story follows SOS (Stealth Operations Specialists) Natalie Layne who is in Cancun trying to find her sister who was abducted while scuba diving with her sorority sisters. she meets Dutton "Duff" Calloway who is a Navy Seal on vacation with the rest of his team and together they search for her sister and any other girls that was abducted as well.

This fast paced story kept me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't stop until I finished. Natalie and Duff's chemistry and attraction for one another just builds and in the end they have to decide if they want to find out where it will lead. I

The other men that is apart of the Seal Team where secondary characters in this one but they each get their own story!

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### **Lexee Toste says**

This story was great!!! I absolutely loved it!! The characters are awesome and drew me in from the beginning. Natalie's sister has disappeared while on vacation in Cancun and she goes looking for her knowing that something has gone wrong. She calls her old boss and gets some help. Duff is on vacation in Cancun with 4 of his teammates. He is drawn to Natalie and knows that something is up, just not what yet. He doesn't let the fact that is lying bother him, he just wants to earn her trust so that she will tell him. This allows him to be near when trouble comes for Natalie as well. Her sister has been kidnapped and they are after blondes.

The story is written really well and flows smooth. I fell in love with Duff and Natalie from the beginning. I loved the way that they interacted with each other and how the relationship developed. There was no huge problem with who Natalie was or the fact that she was undercover looking for her sister and lied because Duff knew something was going on and that she wasn't telling him the truth. Her reasons for doing it were ones that he could understand and so didn't have an issue. He just wanted to protect her and not have her get hurt. There is plenty of action in this story to keep your attention and keep you guessing on who is part of the sex trafficking ring. The sex is fairly explicit. It added to the story for me because of the way that it was done and written into the story. I really enjoyed this and can't wait for more. I loved the secondary characters, especially the ones on Duff's team and would love to get their stories.

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### **Paula Legate says**

I really enjoyed this book. It had a team of Navy Seal's, and a heroine that would take on anyone to save her sister. Natalie had been a operative for a covert agency until her parents were killed. She found another job, when she became the guardian of her younger sister. Her sister went on vacation, and she got a call saying her sister was missing in Mexico. Natalie was ready to play bait, to find out who took her sister. She called up a friend that she had worked with at the agency, and he was willing to do anything to help her bring her sister home alive.

Duff and his team mates were on vacation. Duff, and Natalie hit it off right away. Duff and his team mates needed a vacation, but they all stepped up to help Natalie find her sister.

I loved the action, and the suspense throughout the story. Great book, that I will be adding to my list of favorite's.

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### **Carey Sabala says**

Ready for some smexiness on vacation? This book embodies all that we love about the romantic suspense genre. It's got a kick-ass heroine, uber alpha sexy male, non-stop action, sizzling heat and it's all set in a tropical paradise. What more can you ask for? It's well written and was a total page turner. Grab your favorite mixed drink, kick back in a lounge chair on the sand and buckle in for a wild ride.....\*well if you don't fall out of the chair drunk first\*

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### **Susan says**

Very good book with lots of action and a good bit of heat. Duff and his three SEAL teammates are in Cancun taking some well deserved vacation time. He doesn't expect to get caught up in rescuing several young women from human traffickers.

Natalie was an operative for a covert agency until her parents were killed in an accident and she became guardian of her younger sister. Now her sister has disappeared while on vacation with friends in Cancun and Natalie is determined to find her. With the help of her former boss, Natalie sets herself up as bait to be taken by the same people.

Duff and Natalie meet in the bar as she makes herself visible as a target. They are attracted to each other, but Natalie is intent on her mission and suppresses her interest in Duff. The next day they are dive partners when she is attacked and Duff comes to her rescue. Natalie is furious that her plan has been disrupted, and Duff confused that she mad about being rescued. Once he gets the truth out of her, Duff offers to help, with his teammates backing him up. The tension increases as another woman is nearly taken and Natalie and Duff ramp up their watchfulness. When Natalie and her new friend Kylie are taken during a tour of some ruins, it's up to Duff and friends to rescue them. This was really exciting and intense as we get both Natalie's point of view as she tries to figure out how to save them and Duff's, as the team and Natalie's coworker endeavor to get to them before it was too late. The final confrontation was fantastic with an interesting twist regarding one of the people there. I'll be interested to see if he shows up in another book. This story was wrapped up well, but there are still some unanswered questions.

I liked the development of the relationship between Duff and Natalie. There is heat between them, but also the realization that this isn't the time for distractions. Duff's protectiveness kicks in first, with the attack on Natalie, but his interest is further piqued when he finds out what she's up to. I liked the way that he appreciated her abilities and didn't try to override her plans. Natalie is somewhat distrustful at first, but that quickly goes away. I liked seeing them getting to know each other between the bursts of search activity. The ending has a feeling of realism as, rather than declaring unending love after just a few days, they acknowledge that there is something between them that has potential and that they want to explore it. I also like that each accepts the other's devotion to their job and its importance to them, as it bodes well for their future.

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### **Nicki says**

I liked the main story as well as the short story. The Navy SEALs always add to any story they are in. This one is set in an exotic location which allows for walks on the beach and ruins. The whole idea of selling women is one I personally find distasteful. This author clearly agrees. The story has some romance and fun mixed into the intrigue. I found myself absorbed in the story but wanted to close my eyes when the invasion took place. Right there says it was a good one!

The short story was one we can all relate to, the one that got away. Every woman I know has someone in the past that they wonder what would have been. This short story takes a look at one couple revisiting the past. It was a cute story and the big brothers were a bit overbearing which added interest.

I did receive this book in a GoodReads first read giveaway. Thanks so much for the opportunity to read this book!

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### **Jo-Ann Fitzgerald says**

Good plot, great characters and it did keep you guessing. I liked how the heroine kept up with the hero. Usually you don't get such a strong heroine and there is a lot of action.

The others in the group sound like a huge handful and would keep me laughing.

Great start to the series.

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### **Sheri Jesse says**

This was a nice easy read. What happens when a Navy Seal meets a former SOS agent - sparks fly. Natalie is in Cancun looking for her sister who has disappeared while Duff is there on vacation. Natalie is a strong woman on a mission. Even though she is interested in Duff she's focused on finding her sister. While hanging around with her sister's friends, several more abductions are attempted. Duff and his fellow SEALs stop the abductions for awhile but Natalie and another girl are kidnapped. It's Duff, et al to the rescue. I was surprised by the person behind the kidnappings and how the rescues were handled. Overall I'm glad I read the book.

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### **ButtonsMom2003 says**

Natalie is a former Stealth Operations Specialist (SOS) but she left the group to take care of her younger sister when their parents died. Melody is now in college and she disappeared while on a diving excursion in Cancun. The Mexican authorities assume she died in the ocean and have stopped looking for her. Natalie is convinced that she was abducted and contacted her former boss for help in mounting a search and rescue mission.

Dutton (Duff) Calloway and his buddies are Navy SEALS on a well-deserved vacation. The last thing they expect to be doing is helping a beautiful women look for her sister. Duff is captivated by Natalie when they first meet and he wants to get to know her better but he is also puzzled by her strange behavior. When Natalie is almost kidnapped on a diving excursion, just like the one Melody was on, Duff manages to save her. When Natalie is furious with Duff for saving her she decides to confess all and confide in him.

This story kept me glued to my ereader until I finished it. There is a nice amount of sexy time and lots of suspense and action. Elle James does a perfect job of describing the events that unfold during this story. We are introduced to a great bunch of Navy SEALS and I'm sure she has stories planned for at least some of them. While this is the start to a new series it is also a standalone read with a happy for now (HFN). I hope we get to see a little more of Natalie and Duff in some of the upcoming books.

\*\*\*\*\*Reviewed for Xtreme-Delusions\*\*\*\*\*

I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Eva Millien says**

Duff Callaway is ready for some serious chilling in Cancun but his fun in the sun soon becomes a rescue mission when his beautiful diving partner is attacked in this exciting romantic suspense.

Natalie is determined to find her abducted sister even if that means setting herself up as bait and the readers are pulled into the intrigue and excitement as Natalie is unprepared for the irresistible stranger that she has to trust with her life. The chemistry is a sizzling stinger missile that has landed on target and has Natalie and Duff giving into a powerful desire and the reader can feel all of the heat and the emotions that flow from the pages as the couple struggle with their growing attraction while dealing with bad guys. The characters are strong, compelling and grab the reader's attention while the fast paced and smooth flowing plot thrills readers with lots of suspense, excitement and romance.

When Natalie learns of sister's disappearance, she immediately calls in her contacts and sets off for Cancun and the action and intrigue is non-stop from there and adrenaline is sure to get the blood pumping when the bad guys immediately try to snatch up Natalie too has hands full not knowing who she can trust and Duff trying to figure out just what Natalie's holding back. The scenes are well written and full of great detail which makes it easy to picture the scenes as they are happening which of course allows the reader to become completely engrossed in the story while some unexpected twist keep everyone guessing.

The setting for the story is a bit of a bonus because readers get a taste of a great vacation spot and for me when you add in sexy SEALs and a story where the good guys fight bad guys and I was a goner, no way could I put the book down until I had read every last page and I can't wait to read Sawyer's story. Oh and by the way, readers get another bonus in the captivating, well written, fast paced and smooth flowing story by Delores Fossen that gets the adrenaline pumping and the heat flowing, so back, relax and enjoy.

4 1/2 STARS

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### **Lynn Brooks says**

4 1/2 STARS!

Sexy SEAL's on vacation, rescuing damsels in distress!

Duff Calloway and three of his SEAL team members have a couple of weeks down time and have decided to spend it vacationing in Cancun, Mexico. Shortly after they arrive, they run into Natalie.

Natalie Layne just arrived in Cancun to try to find her sister. She disappeared while scuba diving a couple of days earlier and hasn't been seen since. Duff and his buddies happen to be on a scuba excursion with Natalie when she's setting herself up as bait hoping to be taken where her sister is being held and set in to help her.

Will they be able to find her sister before anyone else is taken?

\*\* Received free in exchange for an honest review \*\*

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### **Deb Diem says**

Navy SEAL Survival by Elle James is a fantastic read. Ms James has given us a well written (as always) book. Natalie and Duff's story is packed with suspense, action and sizzle. The characters in Navy SEAL Survival are what make this such a great read, they are awesome. I enjoyed this book from start to finish and look forward to reading more from the talented Elle James in the future. Navy SEAL Survival is book 1 of the SEAL of My Own Series but can be read as a standalone. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger. As a bonus this book also includes What Happens On The Ranch, a short story by Delores Fossen.

I won a copy of this book from Goodreads.

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### **Jo says**

#### **Navy SEAL Survival with bonus short story by Elle James**

I really enjoyed the story line of this book as well as the tropical setting. I also loved the characters. Natalie is strong, independent, and determined to find her sister. Duff is a SEAL that happens to get involved when he decides to pursue Natalie. The book had plenty to keep me engaged, several action scenes as well as one short sex scene. Overall, a very enjoyable book.

#### **What Happens on the Ranch by Delores Fossen**

This was an excellent book that left me wanting to read more of the McCord series. It was great to see Heath and Anna get their HEA. The ending was very sweet. I loved the locket idea (though I'm wondering what word was on the cat head). Overall, a cute, quick read. Very enjoyable.

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### **Dísir says**

An easy but formulaic read where things go according to script - from 'action' to 'cut' - but that is pretty much what I've come to expect of Harlequin category suspense books. The exotic location and the scuba bits were the highlights of the story and there's a clear set-up for characters to get their own stories told in the coming sequels. I was simply neutral with the pairing, and again, left simply unsurprised with the level of attraction that seems to be a living thing - a dizzying, overwhelming force between an instant-lust couple. This isn't the most exciting roller-coaster ride, but at least it's lighthearted entertainment enough to while a lazy afternoon.

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