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Ian Gamble has a past he'd rather forget—which is exactly what he's doing at The Crooked Angel Bar and Grill when the place catches fire. Between his active duty in the Marines and his experience as a firefighter, his instincts get him and hot, headstrong bar manager, Kennedy Matthews, to safety. But those same instincts kick into high gear when the fire is ruled an arson, and he discovers Kennedy's got secrets of her own.

The only thing that matters more to Kennedy than her bar is her brother. When she finds out he's in over his head with a dangerous arsonist, she'll do anything to keep him safe—even if it means teaming up with Gamble, who's too sharp-eyed and hard-bodied for his own good. With every step, their attraction flares hotter and the risks grow more dangerous. Can Gamble and Kennedy face their fears—and their secrets—to catch a terrifying enemy? Or will they go down in flames?

## **Down Deep Details**

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## Bec\_BookMagicReviews says

Ian Gamble wishes he could forget his past. Too bad a night of drinking at the Crooked Angel Bar won't make that happen. However, it's just lucky that he's at the bar when a fire breaks out and he manages to get Kennedy Matthews, the bar's manager out without any problems. Yet, when the investigation is ruled arson, Ian pushes Kennedy to tell him what she's hiding, especially since he knows she's holding something back to do with the investigation. But when he learns the truth, Ian wonders whether he'll be able to protect Kennedy from what's to come because her brother is in way over his head or will they lose their shot at happy ever after because an arsonist will do anything to put a stop to the people trying to take him down?

What do readers get when Ms. Kincaid pens a story encompassing a strong hero tortured by his past and a resilient and feisty heroine determined to do everything she can to help her brother; highly entertaining dialogue that -- at times -- kept this reader on the edge-of-her-seat; and a fast-paced plot that drew this reader in from the very beginning and made it impossible to put this book down? Well, the answer is an utterly satisfying and mesmerizing read where this couple's chemistry is off-the-charts and their scorching romance does their chemistry justice.

As for the dialogue, it was intense due to the main characters back stories and everything they go through on their journey to happy ever after, as Ian has survivor's guilt due to his time as a marine while Kennedy feels she's let her brother down. Will the pair be able to help her brother? Will Kennedy be able to help Ian heal from his past? Moreover, I loved both the main characters. They were incredible and have such a great support team in the secondary characters who will do anything to take down someone determined to cause so much destruction.

With the heroine, she really impressed me with the way she stands up to Ian when he thinks he knows what's best for her. Certainly, her it's-my-way-or-I-go-it-alone attitude and her determination to help her brother makes things interesting and cause plenty of tension since Ian doesn't like how trusting Kennedy is of her brother. Yet, what I liked most of all about the heroine is the way she helps Ian to work through his past. Things happen for a reason and what happened wasn't his fault. While the hero, he's been through so much in his past and I couldn't help but sympathize with him, as his parents weren't the best of parents and it's understandable why he joined to the marines as a way to escape. However, everything that's happened in his past has made him the resilient and remarkable man he is. I also liked how determined he was to protect Kennedy, even though she's really good at protecting herself.

Overall, this story was a fantastic read, as too, are the other books of this series. As for the ending, it had me worried for the main characters and was a total shock because of what happens, but I loved how things worked out for Ian and Kennedy as they're so good together and for each other. Deep Down by Kimberly Kincaid will appeal to fans of authors Jennifer Bernard, Kate Meader, Shannon Stacey and Jennifer Blackwood, but in my opinion it's a must read just like the first three books of the series are.

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## Reading In Pajamas says

Blog Tour, Review & Excerpt: DOWN DEEP: Station Seventeen by Kimberly Kincaid

<https://wp.me/p3d0RZ-aN9>

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Genre: Romantic Suspense

Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated 5 Stars

I truly enjoyed this pulse-pumping romantic suspense. Gamble and Kennedy were both people I could relate to, even if the danger swirling around them was not – but that's what makes it fun. Kennedy is a tough woman with a tender heart, and ghosts from Gamble's past give him the perfect depth to make theirs a good match. The smoking hot romance was not forced and progressed nicely through all the dangerous twists and turns. Making it an exciting, sexy read. I can't wait for the next installment.

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## Eileen says

WOW!! I do mean WOW!! I LOVED, LOVED, LOVED this book!!! Kimberly Kincaid once again burns up the pages with Down Deep, the fourth book in her Station Seventeen series.

Ian Gamble wants nothing but to forget his past while at The Crooked Angel Bar and Grill when the place catches fire. With his experience as a firefighter and while in the Marines, his instincts get him and hot, headstrong bar manager, Kennedy Matthews, to safety. But those same feelings rev up when the fire is ruled an arson. Kennedy brother means the world to her and she knows he is involved and in over his head with this arsonist. She will do anything to keep him safe, which is how she ends up teaming up with the sharp-eyed and hard-bodied Gamble.

The more time Gamble and Kennedy spend together, the more attracted they become to each other. Their chemistry sizzles and Ms. Kincaid is incredible in her descriptions of the sexy time shared between these

two. As the passion between Gamble and Kennedy flares hotter and hotter, from attraction to all out sizzle, they need to be careful as they try to outwit and locate this dangerous arsonist who grows more dangerous.

I totally loved reading this book. Ms. Kincaid did a fantastic job creating her characters, making them realistic, keeping the story interesting, making me forget the world around me and not letting me go until I turned the last page, wanting more. Ms. Kincaid kept this reader mesmerized with the need to see how Kennedy and Gamble would find and capture this guy and whether or not her brother would survive the torture the arsonist had in store for him. I highly recommend this book to other readers and I for one look forward to the next book in this series.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

I was totally entranced with Down Deep. Ian and Kennedy were two unbelievably strong, independent people with problems and secrets of their own. But, in the end, they found that they were a lot stronger together and that their pasts may have made them who they are today but didn't define them.

Ian was wonderful. Moody, broody and sexy as hell. He lived with a past that haunted him. He hid it well except for once a year when tequila was his best friend. But, this year is different. Kennedy is watching him, seeing through him and asking questions he can't or won't answer. And, he can't keep his eyes off of her or his mind off of what it would be like to hold her, make love to her. Just as things are heating up, something happens that makes Kennedy pull away from him. She has a secret and, he's nothing if not persistent, he will find it out and will be by her side through it all.

Loyal, loving, hard, strong ... Kennedy is one hell of a woman. She isn't ashamed of where she came from but doesn't broadcast it. She isn't afraid of hard work. She's always taken responsibility for herself and her family. When she left, she swore that it would be for good. Unfortunately, it's time to go back ... she'll do whatever it takes to help her brother get out of the situation that he's gotten himself into.

As the sparks grow hotter between Ian and Kennedy, they can't help but to feed the flames. Working together to find the arsonist, they find themselves falling fast and hard and each fighting it in their own way. Until the arsonist finds them first. Then, there's no denying the feelings.

I loved the way Kimberly Kincaid brought Ian and Kennedy together. I loved the snark. I loved the seriousness. I loved how the mystery intertwined with the romance but didn't take over. Even when you wouldn't expect to feel the heat between these two, it was there. Down Deep was a beautifully written, intriguing story with sexy, strong characters that you cannot help but fall in love with.

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### **Book Lover says**

Ian Gamble is Engine 17's lieutenant and a former marine. He likes control, order and abides by the rules. He is intense, focused, and caring. His bond is tight with his firefighter family but he still keeps a little distance. And from the cover model, a total hottie!

Kennedy had a rough childhood but has pulled herself up to a better life, going to college, getting her own place and working a job she likes. She attempted to bring her younger brother, whom she raised, with her, but he refused. As time has gone by, they grew further and further apart.

When an arsonist lights up the dumpster behind the bar Kennedy works at, she and Ian become entangled in investigating it. As clues begin to point to her brother, Kennedy is adamant in her belief he didn't have anything to do with it.

During their investigation, the chemistry between the two starts skyrocketing. Ian is still reeling from losing several of his military friends and Kennedy continues to struggle to keep her life going the direction she wants it to go. Both are strong, likeable characters.

The author does a great job of mixing suspense and romance, and holds your attention for the duration of the story. I look forward to the next book in the series.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by NetGalley and the author.

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## **Dísir says**

To say that 'Down Deep' has got 'lasting power' makes it rather cringeworthy without the other kinds of innuendos that will probably come up here given the genre that I'm reviewing. Yet I've put book down and taken it up numerous times not because of boredom (but because of other things calling) and never once did I feel that it was difficult to get back into the flow of the story.

It's easy and exciting enough to follow, the rather slow burn and build-up aside. But then, Kimberly Kincaid's 'Station Seventeen' series has not really disappointed me from its inception, through the pairings of first responders with the law-enforcement people that have become par for the course.

Kincaid effortlessly weaves the community of the firefighters into the suspense and action in Station Seventeen—each book builds subtly and slowly on an arc about arson but they work just as well as a standalone—and while it isn't an unusual take on firefighting romances, it's Kincaid's vivid and engaging writing that always makes her stories stand out. Both Ian and Kennedy were good protagonists to follow as well; I loved the latter's fierce protectiveness of her wayward brother above all, her tenacious hold on never giving up on him, along with the take-no-shit attitude with Gamble when he tries to ghost her away.

I did however, struggle with Kennedy/Ian's connection going beyond lust and need in the heat of the moment, finely-tuned as it was because of the circumstances that pushed them together. I got that they cared about each other, liked each other even, but the transition to love felt tenuous nonetheless, more so when their brand of love seemed to be defined as a heart-to-heart talk combined with stratospheric sex. The rushed conclusion (that was strangely more telling than showing) and the rather odd fade-to-black climax scene threw me off as well, along with some strings that seemed to be left hanging by the end of the story.

So while not everything worked out for me like clockwork, 'Down Deep' was still a pretty good take on the

kind of suspense that revolves around arson and firefighting—there're just too few of these around—and I'm infinitely grateful that Kincaid fills this gap with this series.

\*ARC by the author via Netgalley

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## **Romance Schmomance (Malia) says**

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Oh wow, what a read this one turned out to be. This was a first read from Kimberly Kincaid and it definitely won't be my last! *Down Deep* has totally rekindled my love for romance with a bit of suspense in them. There's nothing like getting your heart rate going as you go from page to page, waiting to see what happens next.

It has been so long since I've had a read like this in my hand. Not only do we get the growing story between Ian and Kennedy, but also the hunt for the psycho and sick arsonist trying to keep the whole town blazing. And those two elements is what truly had me hooked in *Down Deep*. Being the true romantic that I am, I was hoping to see more of that. Even though there was a few ever so steamy scenes between the two of them, trying to take down the arsonist was the forefront of this story.

With Ian's military background and the understanding of loss, he has some mental wounds that he hasn't quite healed yet. And it's his drive as a firefighter to make sure all of his guys come out when they storm a fire blazing building. To never have to relive a moment like that again. With his constant need to protect everything and everyone he cares about, I loved that he didn't treat Kennedy like a damsel in distress. Her experience of growing up in the rough part of town, she is more than capable of handling herself.

*Down Deep* was such a page-turner, it's pretty easy to consume in just one sitting. There's always something happening and it intrigues you to keep reading until the end. Even though I yearn for more of the relationship development, it was still a solid read! This definitely won't be the last time I read from this author.

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## **A.BookNerd.Bookseller&Bibliophile.Blog says**

Ian is an ex Marine that is now a Lieutenant at the local Fire Department (Station Seventeen). Kennedy is the local bar owner from the wrong side of the tracks.

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Reviewed by: Heather S.

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### **P.e. lolo says**

Ian Gamble is a firefighter, but once a year he decides to drink more than he should to honor the friends he lost when he was on a mission with the Marines. Thinking that the night is over he decides to help Kennedy Matthews who manages the bar and is tough women. They have also been flirting a little, but each of them is not wanting to start anything. Getting ready to leave Ian smells fire and gets Kennedy out. Once outside and waiting for the fire department to arrive, Ian notices that Kennedy is acting strange. That is because she has recognized one of the people driving away from the car that looks like started the fire. What begins as a simple fire turns into both of them finding about each other's past, not that either one really wants to give up any information. They also come across a guy who is looking to do more than just burn buildings, but also kill people. When her brother is injured by this guy he decides to help the police and what you have now is a mystery with a love story thrown together. It is done okay and the characters are strong enough to keep the story flowing along. Overall a good book. I received this book from Netgalley.com I gave it 4 stars. Follow us at [www.1rad-readerreviews.com](http://www.1rad-readerreviews.com)

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### **Jaymy M. says**

A fiery suspenseful read, Kimberly Kincaid scorches the pages with Kennedy and Gamble's story.

This shows the ties that bind and just how easily combustible they can become when twisted just so.

You get the full gambit of emotions on a ride that starts with his annual observance of the day he was the only member of his team to left after a watch while deployed and Not getting the whole marriage thing.

Things shoot upward when a patron of Kennedy's bar gets a little overly aggressive the further into his cup he gets. Her years growing up on the rough side of town kick in and she quickly shows him he's about as tough as his hipster pants.

But not before Gamble witnesses it just as he's readying to walk home. He sticks around just in case and she puts him to work helping close up. Just when they get revved up in the pantry, the dumpster behind the building blows and puts them and the bar in jeopardy.

When Kennedy's little brother turns up the next morning after a year or so of silence, the ride ratchets up the next windy incline. Seems little brother know something... about the fire but isn't talking. Always his protector, big sister bear jumps in, sure there's more to it; defending him to Gamble.



They plummet down again, only to rocket to the next plateau, working together to find out more before Gamble turns him in to the cops. They ply a lady selling tricks with a bit of cash to help locate lil bro. That's downright funny.

Turns out. Xander has gotten himself mixed up with a serial arsonist, who threatens his life if he tries to back out of the plan to torch some building as part of a job. But the artistry of the flame and path of destruction consume him, what are a few casualties here and there. That just feeds his desires for more sooner.

This rollercoaster of suspense peaks as the arsonist's plan and need to claim past conflagrations become known, and the race is on to stop him before anyone else gets hurt or killed.

These characters learn to trust and lean on one another, and themselves. They overcome their past and learn to live not just today but to look forward to the future.

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### **Bette Hansen says**

Once again Kimberly Kincaid has brought us a story from Station Seventeen filled with heat, heart, and passion. In this fourth book in the series we get the story of Ian Gamble and Kennedy Mathews. As with all the books you can read this one standalone but do yourself a favor and read this entire series. There is a wonderful twist of romance and suspense that will keep you turning page after page.

Gamble is a firefighter at Station Seventeen who is looking for one night to drown his sorrows and memories. All of that comes to an end when a fire breaks out at the bar Kennedy Mathews manages and

Gamble is currently occupying. Gamble gets them out safely but the real trouble starts when the fire is determined to be the work of an arson and Kennedy is not being as truthful as she should be. Caught in the middle Gamble works with arson investigators and Kennedy to get to the truth about what happened that night all while fighting the attraction that is smoldering between him and Kennedy. Can they get to the truth without getting burned?

I highly recommend this one.

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### **Monique says**

Ian Gamble had every intention of getting royally drunk, as he did every year on that particular day. And he was well on his way to oblivion – and home – when coming out of the bathroom, he heard a commotion. He had spent a good part of his evening lusting after the bartender, the luscious Kennedy Matthews, who was being harassed by a customer. He knew Kennedy was no wilting flower, but he did not expect her to handle the customer all by herself! And Gamble's lust – and other things – rose even higher. Kennedy had also been eyeing Gamble all evening, and after her ordeal in the bar, things were about to get steamy, when Gamble smelled smoke ...

Once again, Kimberly Kincaid has written a carefully plotted romantic suspense, and as always her vivid descriptions of fire and firefighting had my stomach in knots. Kennedy and Gamble are both very engaging and complex characters, and I loved reading their backstories. Kennedy's brother Xander is at the heart of the intrigue; he's a pretty wonderful character himself, although it seemed to me as if he were eighteen instead of twenty three, this compounded by how Kennedy treated him. The arson plot has been an ongoing on, but it's not necessary to have read the previous books to understand what's going on. *DOWN DEEP* features a most fascinating villain, and it was enlightening and scary to peek inside the mind of an arsonist; that horrible man nearly stole the show, and this is what you need to make a compelling suspense novel.

Apart from an overuse of "yeah" in the narrative, and to some extent in the snappy dialogues, the writing is smooth, dynamic – dare I say explosive! – as Ms. Kincaid gets all the tension across without missing a beat. Gamble, a man of action, but also a man of few words, and sometimes this sort of character can come across as a bit flat, but the author worked her way around it beautifully: Gamble is an active listener, and it makes all the difference in the world. Kennedy is a tough cookie, but never comes across as abrasive or defensive. The romance progresses organically, and as quick as it happens, I believed in it: both Kennedy and Gamble are straightforward, passionate people who don't beat around the bush. And wasn't that refreshing! Now, this is something I seldom do, but I give Ms. Kincaid bonus points for not having an obvious trope, and for Kennedy behaving like a rational human being when she could have done the stupid thing (and also for not being the damsel in distress!).

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

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### **Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says**

I'm a sucker for well-written suspense, the kind that keeps you turning the pages while afraid of what those

pages will hold, and that is the best thing about DEEP DOWN. Ms. Kincaid wrote a villain who really is the stuff of nightmares and knowing that he would get his is poor comfort when the scope of terror he could unleash before getting his comeuppance is so limitless. The fast pace of the action and the tense suspense make every minute of reading this book so worth it!

The synopsis of the book is detailed enough to give a reader a very good idea of what to expect in the romance department, so I'm just going to stick with my impressions of Ian and Kennedy. Unfortunately, I was not a huge fan of these two characters. Ian takes 'stiff upper lip' to a whole other level that was not very attractive to me and Kennedy's prickly exterior had the same effect on me. Both of them were too closed off from everyone and it made the speed and potential longevity of their romantic involvement unconvincing, beyond the flash of lust/passion.

Kennedy's determination to go it all alone by herself and her protectiveness of her brother, while sort of admirable, was also foolish and could have had worse results than it did, so not in my pro column.

Kennedy's brother was actually my favorite character (hard not to root for the underdog) and I liked that he choose to be grown up and take responsibility, but I was unable to connect with the main characters and the abrupt ending of the story also threw a damper on my final rating. I hope there is another installment where we can catch up with and get the ending we need.

Disclaimer: I voluntarily reviewed a copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely mine.

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