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Ian Taggart and the whole McKay-Taggart Security team return in Love and Let Die.

A Tragic Love Story

Charlotte Dennis's mission was clear: distract and misdirect CIA operative Ian Taggart by any means necessary. If she failed, she would never see her sister again. With her training, it should have been simple, but after one night in Ian's arms, she knew that saving her sister would mean losing the man of her dreams. Ian was tracking a terrorist when he met the beautiful American daughter of a Russian mobster. His instincts told him Charlotte was trouble, but his body craved her like a drug and his heart would not be denied. She took his ring and his collar. For once he was truly happy. But as he closed in on his target, her betrayal cost him his mission while her sacrifice saved his life. As she died in his arms, Ian vowed he would never love again.

A Dangerous Reunion

For six years, Charlotte has thought of nothing but returning to her husband, her Master. Working in the shadows, she has devoted herself to earning a chance to reclaim her place in Ian's life. But forgiveness isn't a part of Ian's vocabulary.

Nothing is more important to Ian Taggart than his new mission. But the information he needs is firmly in the hands of the woman who betrayed him. To catch his most dangerous prey, Ian will have to let Charlotte back into his life. As the hunt takes them to some of the world's most exotic locations, the danger grows and their passion reignites.

Will Ian forgive his wayward submissive...or lose her again?

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A??ela W. says

I loved this book I was finally glad to get to Ian this book was great. I loved that Charlie was able to prove her love to Ian and that he let her. For five years, Charlotte has thought of nothing but returning to her husband. Ian thought that he lost his wife that no one knew about five years ago until she showed up on his door running because her uncle is trying to kill her and her sister who uses her computer to make people's lives hell. Ian doesn't have it in his heart to forgive and forget. But Charlie and her sister Chelsea had info on the one person that he wanted to kill the most Eli Nelson. This book had a lot of action and hot sex as well as emotions from Ian with everyone being surprised by how Ian was with Charlie and how she stood up to him and for others and when she dragged the girl out of the club by hair for talking sh*t about her and the other women. I also felt sorry for Chelsea she didn't want her sister to be happy because she was unhappy and she was doing a lot of things behind her back and she was being hunted for it. I have been waiting for awhile to read the story of Ian and I am so glad that I was not disappointed with this story. We got on a realistic roller coaster of a relationship, realistic in that I can understand why both of them do what they do, every time. Thank goodness for good friends and family who help them through, because I don't think Ian or Charlotte could have made it without those awesome friends. We get to catch up with all the characters from previous books. And the cliff hanger was killer.

Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

Really, I love everything Lexi Blake does, and this was no exception. It was one of those books I felt like I'd been waiting forever for. Since the first time we met him in Sean's book, I've wanted Ian's story. Ian is an awesome character - and Charlotte was his perfect foil - without a doubt. I love them together. She was seriously kick ass. I think she is my favorite hero if this series so far.

My one tiny complaint was, I wish we had gotten more in the way of flash backs to the beginning of their relationship. I would have enjoyed seeing more of the "head over heels in love" Ian. I understood why he resisted her for so long after she came back - but because of that, we got very little time to bask in their HEA.

I also cannot express how excited I am that this isn't the end of the series. I'm already chomping at the bit for the next book. British spy /Dom. Doesn't get more yummy than that.

? Sammy ?? says

Loved it! I've always had a thing for Ian and he did not disappoint me in this book♥ I also loved Charlotte's take no shit, feisty attitude :) Lexi Blake writes fantastic romantic suspense novels!

Ang (Sizzling Pages) says

Ian...the Alpha Dom and master of the dungeon. I can already hear the whispering sounds of his flogger hitting bare flesh. Can you feel it? Are you craving to read about his giant cock? Can you hear the loud beat of "Guns n Roses" pumping through the sound system as he bends her over and fucks her in the ass in the pussy and her sweet pink lips?I can...I know you can too ;)

Ian, you sexy viking. It took you a while to get your shit together, but I knew you'd pull through. There were times I wanted to take your whip and tan your ass with it. You can be a nasty SOB and over analyze EVERYTHING. Yeah, I don't blame you for having trust issues, but dude, should have counted your blessing and opened your eyes sooner.

As usual, Adam and Jake's antics are hysterical. Sean is still overprotected about his knives (welcome back to the business, little tag). Liam was low key and Alex was the supportive voice of reason.

Char.....you were too nice to Ian, you should have given him a tongue lashing (pun intended) and stuck up for yourself a bit more. Was over the moon happy when you took that bitch out ;)

and....the saga will continue with Damon Knight!!

Kristie says

Gah! More, more, more! Please, I want more.

I love this series. Agents, ex-agents, assassins, good guys, bad guys, and a little bit of D/s action. With each of these books a bigger plot is revealed, leaving me wanting more. More, faster. More often. Just more. All of the men of this series are wonderful, and their women are amazing. I actually like all of them, which is something strange.

Ian finally getting his was something I had been waiting for for since book one. There were times when I questioned him and Charlie, but in the end I think it went the right direction. I would have liked to have been in Ian's head a bit more, just to understand when he changed his mind. Other than that... good stuff.

I'm excited for Damon's book, but please, please, please tell me that Simon gets his own book. I have to say, I think he's turned into my favorite character.

Laura Johnson says

Solid 4 stars????????! Definitely my favorite from this series. There's plenty of action, suspense, danger, passion and the dialogue had me laughing here and there. Looking forward to read the next one.

Sabrina says

?Listened to the audio for a re-read?

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AUDIO REVIEW: I liked going back and experiencing this couple again. The narrator was a little too intense for me and made things very dramatic , which I wasn't a big fan of, but I got used to and was able to enjoy the story.

~ Cariad ~ says

4 stars and a deep sigh from me

It's hard to say why some books work and others don't, but for me this one just didn't hit the mark.

I wanted more passion and alone time and less of the back story I think. The mix just wasn't quite right, I wanted to be on the edge of my seat, but instead was tempted to scan pages.

Ian waited too long to admit his feelings and Charlie could have done a lot more crawling (on her knees) to win him over faster. The sex scenes were good but nothing new and nothing that stands out other than the anal.

I will read the next one - especially as it's Damon Knight and set (somewhat) in England.
With a bit of luck he'll bump into Jesse Ward!

Oh and just to close the chapter on Miss Blake "forgetting" to send the early copy to Tara as she said she would below - did she forget? Who knows, even her PA didn't say. This copy was bought! Thanks!

PREREVIEW...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, I'M GETTING AN ARC OF IAN'S STORY !!!
... AND IT IS A FUCKING 5 - TRUST ME!

MY ETERNAL THANKS GO TO LEXI BLAKE AND ALSO MY AMAZING FRIEND TARA
(SIZZLING PAGES) FOR ASKING LEXI TO MAKE HER FRIEND'S DAY!...

SHE EXPLAINED THAT I WOULD SWIM THE ATLANTIC POND AND BE TARA'S SLAVE BITCH
FOR A MONTH!! - WHAT A MATE!

I LOVE HER SOOOO MUCH I'D SHAG HER LOVELY HUBBIE SO THAT SHE CAN READ IN
PEACE! CAN'T SAY FAIRER THAN THAT? ! LOL LOVE U T!

Sandi - Protester of Goofreads says

Lexi Blake posted on Facebook & Twitter the following;

If anyone wonders why I tend to stay away from Goodreads - I already have a 3.5 rating for Love and Let Die. I haven't finished it yet so I'm unsure why it already has a mediocre rating. Maybe they know something

I don't....

She's right, my account for the book showed 'read' with a rating! WTF

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 stars

He'd been a different man with Charlotte, a softer man, a man who might have had a future.

If there was one thing she'd learned in her lifetime, it was that the world was a game. She would win or she would die.

When I read the first book in the Masters and Mercenaries book, I knew, I just knew that I had to, I needed, I had to have Ian's book.

I'm pretty sure I got to a point where all I had to do was think of Ian's name and my mind was all

So needless to say, my anticipation and my hopes have gotten quite high in 5 books' span. I don't remember the last time I pre-ordered a book and then spent hours staring at my Kindle willing it to come in. Did this book meet my expectations?

Not quite...

IAN

The bigger they are, the bigger they fall. That's kind of the idea I had built up in my mind for Ian. He was always so cynical with love with all his friends. I was waiting for a woman to come in to knock him on his ass. So when 5 years later his dead wife shows up at his office, he gets thrown for a bit of a loop.

Charlie

I absolutely loved Charlie's personality from the last book. She was spunky, tough, and kick-ass. I just knew that she was going to be even better in her own book. She had been through so much in her life and at the hands of her father. And when she was forced to betray Ian five years ago in order to save herself and her sister, she has spent those years apart trying to atone for her actions.

A girl had to have a hobby. Hers just happened to be causing chaos for some of the world's worst terrorists and criminals. It was fun.

She made plenty of sacrifices, and even stood in front of a bullet for a member of Ian's team in the previous book. All in hopes for earning the right to be back in his life.

When Ian is force to work with Charlotte since she holds the key information he needs in order to finally get

to the rogue agent responsible so much of his past turmoil, he finds it hard to fight his attraction to her. Even though he should hate her for what she did to him, he can't help but still feel the pull between them.

He was going to kill her. He was going to wrap his hands around her pretty throat and squeeze. Except the minute he had the vision of killing his back-from-the-dead wife, she was suddenly naked and he wasn't thinking about throttling her anymore. Maybe he could fuck her to death. That would be a better way to go.

The one thing that I have loved in Lexi Blake's books in the past was the super steamy love scenes. You could just feel the burning passion between the couples when you read it. I couldn't seem to get the same thing here. The sex scenes between Ian and Charlie read almost mechanical to me at times. Like insert slot B into slot A, moan, breath, *insert dirty words here*, rinse and repeat. It took Ian pretty much the entire book to finally open up some. So maybe that was what was missing for me? I'm not even sure. Then again, this also might have been the case of my high expectations just being too high? Who knows. What I do know that is that in all the build up to Ian's book, it didn't quite meet my expectations in that.

I really liked Charlie. The way that she fought for her sister, and then fought her way back to Ian melted my heart. She took on so much abuse, and she took it all from Ian too, in order to make up for her mistakes. She was understanding, and sweet, yet at the same time maintained a lot of her strength.

The other thing that I found lacking was the romance. At times I found that the romance took a backseat to the suspense. Don't get me wrong, the story was action packed and entertaining. I guess I just wanted something...more. I was even able to look past a few details that irked the Russian in me. A few stereo types here and there, and the name Dusan Denisovitch. (Dusan? Not a Russian name. At least none I've ever heard.) But I suppose that's just me being picky.

There is a HEA at the end, but a hell of a cliffhanger introduction into the next book. I was really hoping to get Simon's book next, but looks like we will be getting a different sexy Brit, Damon Knight.

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Michelle says

4.5 stars

I binged the first four books in this series and I knew I couldn't stop until I read Ian's story. Ian is quite rough around the edges and a grumpy pants but I could never say that to his face because it would be a really bad idea. I love that Ian and Charlotte had a second chance. They have both been through so much that they really needed their own HEA.

The sex scenes in this book and in most of them are a bit rough and dirty. Knowing who the characters are I am not surprised but just wanted to mention it.

I had to see the end of Eli Nelson and I couldn't take a break from this series until that happened (or I think it is the end of Eli Nelson...he could be alive for all we know). Once he started coming after these characters,

this family, I had to see him end.

This book was really intense and I had a couple of heart attacks along the way but it was worth it. Lots of action, betrayal, love, friendship, family and determination to see the villain in the ground. Oh it was good.

I have really loved being on this entire adventure with these characters and I am excited to read Damon's story soon. I will be taking a break but not for too long.

Sherri Hayes says

This is the fifth book in Lexi Blake's Masters and Mercenaries series and so far it's one of my favorites. For me, this one ranks right up there with the first book in the series, which happens to feature Ian's little brother, Sean.

I knew when we first met Ian in book one that whoever his lady ended up being she was going to have to be tough. Ian needed a strong woman and he got it in Charlie.

What can I say about this book? I loved Ian and Charlie. I loved them separately, but I especially loved them together. They brought out the best in the other person. Sean tells his brother at one point that Charlie is Ian's match and he is one hundred percent correct. She's the right amount of sweet and tough and exactly perfect for Ian.

This is a great series, but I wouldn't recommend reading them out of order since there are elements that carry over from previous books.

Lindsay says

I was really excited to read this book. It sounded really good.

I loved Ian but instantly disliked Charlotte. But when things got better with her, I started hating her sister.

The best part of this book was the buddy read with Linda. :)

Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

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This is the book I was waiting for since I started reading the Masters & Mercenaries series. That Ian thought that his wife was dead, only to find out that Charlotte was alive and betrayed him five years ago promised we'd get a good dose of angst. And Lordy did we!

Ian has always been one of the most edgy characters in this series. He is a sarcastic bastard, an asshole extraordinaire, so I was hoping for somebody who would be able to smooth out those edges. Charlotte is the perfect heroine for him - she has sass, knows when to stand up to him and when to back down. She is very aware that what she did five years ago hurt her husband deeply. She does everything to earn back his love and her place in his life, even if it means taking Ian's righteous anger.

"You chose everyone but me. I'll fix this. I'll save you. Choose me, Charlie. Choose us. Trust me. Give me the option of being your hero."

Charlotte's trust was everything to Ian and that she didn't give it to him, that she didn't trust him to protect her is still a knife in his gut. He is furious and I totally get that...but held on to his fury just to be stubborn and that annoyed me a little.

While it was obvious that Ian would never be a tame pussycat it took a little too long for him to come around but when he fell, he fell hard. Once he realized that Charlie would do almost everything to mend the deep crack between them he started to open up to her. Looking past his douchebaggery behavior you could see that Ian was a good man who loved his friends and family deeply.

"I don't have mood swings. I just hate everything."

What I really liked about this was that I understood both sides of this story. Both of them had a reason to act the way they did. There is also a lot of explosive chemistry between Charlie and Ian - I knew from the beginning that Ian would be one dirty f*cker and boy was he ever.

Love and Let Die concludes the Eli Nelson - story arc. The whole plot from the first installment to this one was suspenseful and action-packed, leaving me sometimes breathless and on the edge of my seat. The James Bond-themed titles give you an idea what you're getting into - spy games, secrets, lies, intrigue and undercover missions.

It seems that this series is getting better with each book. Next up is Damon Knight, whose story I'm salivating for. He seems sophisticated and typical British so it'll be fun to see him getting down and DIRTY.

Shayna says

I can't get enough of the Masters and Mercenaries Series! Love and Let Die is Lexi Blake at her best! She writes erotic romantic suspense like no other, and I am always extremely excited when she has something new for us! Intense, heart pounding, and erotically fulfilling, I could not put this book down. Ian Taggart is one of my favorite Doms out there in fantasy land and his story is one of the best.

"You chose everyone but me. I'll fix this. I'll save you. Choose me, Charlie. Choose us. Trust me. Give me the option of being your hero."

Ian Taggart is a stubborn son of a bitch, but he is Charlie's son of a bitch, and she plans on winning him back no matter what. He can push her away, and make nothing of their sexual encounters, but she knows deep down in that gorgeous hunk of a man, lies the man who stole her heart years ago. Charlotte had her reasons for doing what she did, and breaking this Dom's heart to pieces. The only thing she can do is not make the same mistake twice. She will choose him, she will let him protect her, even if it means losing everything she worked so hard for, including her sister. Master Ian Taggart protects what's his, even if it's his stubborn little subbie that has been brought back to life to just mess with his head. He WILL NOT let her in his heart again. He would not survive it this time around. He will protect her and then walk away....but the Dom in him has other plans for his bratty sub.

"I'm yours. Only yours, Charlie. Everything I am. Everything I have. Everything I will be. All yours. Past. Present. Future. I'll give them to you."

I have been in love with Ian Taggart ever since this series started. He was always there in the background leading his team with a broken soul, and you can't help but care for the guy. The best Doms are big, strong, and protective, but they also have a teddy bear side (no matter what they say *winks*) It's a side that is tender, loving; and no matter how stubborn or bratty the submissive gets he will always take care of her. Ian is one of those Doms, and Charlie is the submissive...and together they complete each other, love each other, and gives what the other needs. It's beautiful, refreshing, and incredibly sensual.

Reading Lexi Blake's books is like watching a sexy, action packed, emotional movie, and you can't take your eyes off of it. You will experience heart clenching, gut wrenching, and soul-shaking emotions that will keep your eyes glued to every page. Explosive, suspenseful, erotically charged, Love and Let Die is a MUST READ and I can't wait to see what's up next for these characters that I consider family!

*ARC provided by the author
