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Ayda

I hear him.

His deep voice and rumbling laugh. The bang of the headboard slamming the wall and fake screams from yet another woman. Derek is a pile of muscle and ink, a bad boy fantasy only a few layers of wood and plaster away. It's all I expect or want him to be.

Until that irresistible voice begins talking to me.

Dare

I hear her.

The clicking of her fingers on a keyboard, her music or TV playing in the background. Her musical laugh and soft cries of pleasure, accompanied by a low, steady buzz. Ayda is a good girl who keeps to herself, and I have no business pursuing her, but I'm not a man known for doing the right thing.

I'm an ex-con. I'm a criminal.

And I want her.

This is book two in the In Safe Hands Series and can be read as a standalone.

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## **Dare Details**

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## From Reader Review Dare for online ebook

### Jen~KU Book Reviews says

Sometimes stalking the blog page for new to me authors pays off!!

I grabbed DARE by S.M. Shade after I posted it on Friday, and I devoured it in a day. Don't you love when that happens?!!!

Where to start. This is my first book by SM and it was fantastic!

We meet Derrick AKA DARE, ex-con, criminal with a heart of gold. Before you go all batty and say "are you crazy?", seriously, he is like a walking, talking contradiction. And so extremely delicious.

Ayda is hiding from the world. With a horrific incident behind her, she doesn't know how to move forward.

Dare and Ayda are neighbors and share a wall where she hears everything... all his sexcapades, wall banging, uh yeah all that!

They begin to "hang out" and get to know each other.

A relationship develops, but with their pasts and his career, can there really be a future?!

The chemistry between these two was off the charts. I loved these characters hard and I especially loved watching Ayda grow and spread her wings.

With lots of twists and turns, I couldn't put it down.

The secondary characters blended so well and I can't wait for Justus's story.

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### LettyT says

This book was incredible. Dare is the typical Alpha male and protector to those he loves and those that need protection from abusers. He once beat someone so severely it left him paralyzed. So what could a man have done to deserve such harm? He molested Dare's sister, Leah (we read about her in book four, Tucker). Dare is sent to prison for three years for committing such a violent crime.

When he gets out and back into his own apartment, he is curious about his quiet neighbor. When he meets her there's an instant connection. However, Ayda has her own issues to deal with. Once, a budding ballerina set to go on to a prestigious dance school, she's suddenly attacked with acid and partially deformed. Now, she lives a lonely life with just one friend and broken ties with her family. Just as Dare and Ayda are getting what appears to be a happily ever after more tragedy strikes.

This book is full of so much action packed scenes you never want to put it down. It will leave you on the edge of your seat from the first page until the last.

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### **Michele McMullen says**

Dare and Ayda ...such an unlikely couple !

Dare is quite the ladies man...he seems to never be at a loss for female companionship but no one has peaked his interest in a very long time ....until now.

Ayda is a homebody , quiet , keeps to herself and can hear everything her dirty neighbor Dare is doing through the bedroom wall. It may irritate her but is also makes her start to wonder what being with a man like that entails .

The two begin a crazy friendship through the wall that leads to so much more than they could have expected ! I loved watching each of them grow due to the being with one another.

Great story!!

~~Michele McMullen ~~

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### **Clau says**

La principal razón por la que leí Dare, es que su protagonista es un Hacker, y tengo una obsesión poco saludable por todo lo relativo con los hackers. Estoy trabajando para superar mi fascinación por el tema (es mentira).

De todas maneras, la historia de Dare y Ayda es cualquier cosa menos convencional. Por un lado, tienes a Ayda, una mujer que ha pasado por más dramas de lo que pueda ser creíble. Todo ello la ha llevado a una vida de aislamiento, en la que sólo existe su trabajo y su amor por el baile.

Por el otro lado, está Dare. Estuvo preso tres años, por golpear a su tío que abusó sexualmente de su hermana (no es spoiler, porque lo dicen en el prólogo). Trabaja en una organización, In Safe Hands, en la que utiliza sus habilidades para sacar de circulación a depravados sexuales. Todo muy ilegal, por cierto. De hecho, una parte muy grande de mí es escéptica sobre cómo puede ser útil su organización, porque la policía no puede usar la información que no ha sido obtenida por medios legítimos (aquí sale todo mi lado de alumna de derecho de tercer año).

Como sea, Ayda y Dare son vecinos. Escuchan literalmente todo el uno del otro, porque aparentemente la constructora ocupó cortinas en lugar de paredes. Tienen conversaciones sobre The Walking Dead y otras cosas así de intrascendentes, a través de la pared. Muy normal eso.

En fin. Es un libro corto, pero la autora logra perfilar bien el romance entre estos dos. Tiene su buena dosis de drama, que de repente le quita credibilidad. Es entretenido, y mantiene la atención del lector.

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### **tania says**

#### **Wow oh wow**

This book is amazing I loved it, I didn't want too put it down I read in in a few hours,

I love ayda name it is beautiful, to go with a beautiful lady how she got though an acid attract that left her badly scared and not wanting to be around may people to ending up with dare and being unconditionally loved by him.

Dare is amazing the way he looks out for Ayda and not letting Amy one hurt her again and when the guy who attacked came to hurt Ayda again he was there to look after her and beat him up.

Such a romantic book full lots of love from dare

Thanks for amazing story can't wait to read more from you in the future

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### **BookSmacked says**

Well SHIT !!!!!!

I am completely in love with this book.

This book has me feeling stabby from page fucking two as the men of the ISH (In Safe Hands) organisation deal with some criminals in their own way.

The men of the In Safe Hands series are hot as fuck and this story will have you chest tight and Dare holy crap, the man is so criminally sexy he should be illegal !!! I actually had to stop reading and take a god damn shower I was completely hot and bothered. Dare is a hot alpha male and such a fucking sweetheart at the same time.

The banter back and forth between Ayda as they talked to each between the walls of their shared apartment is so damn cute and will make you excited to see what will happen when they meet face to face. This story is about seeing the beauty that is skin deep so heartwarming and will make your heart flutter. There is some drama of course along the way and you will be shouting out loud at certain points in this book.

Another fantastic read in this series and I need more of these books. I can't wait for the rest.

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### **Terri Handschumacher says**

Dare's character was one that I found myself falling in love with. Ayda is someone that you just can't help but feel for. There are funny moments between these two that just adds to their chemistry. The supporting characters are ones that add to the dynamic. I hated for this one to end, but, I know they will return in the others in this series.

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### **Romance Readers Retreat says**

Dare is the second book in the ISH series. Although this could be read as a standalone, I'd recommend

reading book #1 (Landon) first.

This series is also connected to the Striking Back series, which is also definitely worth reading.

I really enjoyed this book. Dare is a great character and the traits that we love in him, run through the other male characters in this series. They're strong, loyal and protective with definite alpha qualities.

Ayda is a great character too. Having had the course of her life altered, she's content but doesn't really know what she's missing until it comes calling.

There are more than a few twists and turns in this book, that'll be sure to keep you hook, and more than one character you'll love to loath.

It's well written and the sub-characters are intriguing too. I'm dying to find out just what Justus' story is and I look forward to more in this series.

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### **? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says**

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

I was really excited to start *Dare* as the premise seemed sexy and exciting - the bad boy neighbor next door and the wounded, good girl who brought him to his knees.

I really liked the sexy banter between both Dare and Ayda and how it began between the walls of their apartment. I also really connected with the need of both of the characters to look out for their friends and loved ones.

I did have some issues with the story, though. Dare's level of commitment and his feelings for Ayda seemed to come out of left-field. While Ayda remained guarded, due to her past experiences, Dare - on the other hand - seemed to act out of character. Based on his behavior prior to meeting Ayda, the way his feelings developed and intensified so quickly did not seem very believable.

Furthermore, the level of obsession the villain had for Ayda also seemed like it came out of nowhere. There were no clues giving that it was building to this - it was almost blindsiding in a way that I really didn't connect with.

All in all this was an enjoyable read. While this story is a standalone, it is the second book in the series so it was great seeing the other characters in the series without feeling lost. ~ Ratula, 3 stars

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## **Laura says**

### **LOVING This Series!!**

One of the many things I love about this series is that the men don't sound as if they're written by a woman. Ever notice in some books the hero sounds so girly, so overly mushy? I hate that. But Dare and Landon and Justus and the rest of the guys talk like dudes. I even occasionally cringe at their crudeness, but that's part of what rings so true about them.

Dare is a terrific hero. Love how, once he truly cares about Ayda, he's all in. Even when the thing standing in the way of their happy ever after is her, he bulldozes through all the obstacles in his usual charming way.

Ayda displays that magical balance between strong and delicate that makes for a multifaceted character and a compelling story. I'm looking forward to updates on her in subsequent books in the series. I think she's going to continue to surprise me.

The Tucker story line is a terrific subplot too. And all the bonus points for the random Friends reference.

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## **Kerry Fletcher says**

Book 2!!

I'm loving how each couple have something unique about them!

Up now is Dare!

After being in Prison for 3 years Dare came out and started work with In Safe Hands with his friends. He looks after his sister who's now gone off to college and lives in an apartment by himself conducting most of ISH business from there. He definitely lives the single life with an endless stream of one night stands passing through. Because of his job he doesn't do relationships.

Ayda pretty much isolates herself. She has one friend and lives a solitary life on her own in her apartment. The only thing she really goes out for is to dance. She does this after hours so no one sees her. She feels content with her life having accepted that this is how it will always be.

Dare and Ayda hear each others lives through the adjoining apartment wall. Dare starts talking to her. Although not wanting to Ayda talks back. They start a friendship through the wall and they go from here.

This series is so easy to read I'm getting through them like a box of chocolates = Devoured!!

My heart went out to Ayda. That poor girl has been through so much already and when her past catches up once again I'm so happy she had Dare to look out for her. She deserves so much happiness that when she got it i was close to tears for her.

Even though on paper Dare is a bad boy ex-con you should absolutely stay away from, i still fell in love him. He was so perfect for Ayda. Strong and protective but also soft, kind and loving. He had some alpha bossing about to do with Ayda to bring her out of herself but it was definitely worth it!

There were some hot sexy times throughout, oooooooohhh i love when the male lead is built like a brick \*\*\*\*house is makes for some smoking scenes!

Once again there's a darker theme underneath which i absolutely love. The writing is captivating and easily understood. You can pick one of these up and start reading and before you know it the end is in sight and half the day has gone.

Its fab getting to know all the other characters along the way to and i'm really looking forward to Justus the once who's never serious up next.

Highly recommend this series fab, fun and sometimes a touch of dark reads.

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### **Sheridan says**

Omg I'm loving the ISH guys!

They have me swooning every which way and i can't get enough!

This story brings us Dare and Ayda.

I love that the start of an amazing relationship is through a wall.

They can hear everything the other is doing and this starts the development of sexy banter between the two through the wall!

I love Dare and how he finally decides enough is enough and takes finally meeting her in his own hands.

Ayda is reluctant to officially meet Dare because her body bares the damages of a tragic incident that she feels will turn him away.

Bring in holy hotness of an Alpha and melting words to save the day!!!

Their relationship is dampened when her past comes back to bite her in the butt, but Dare makes sure they get what's coming...

Their chemistry is fantastic once again this author knows how to make characters sizzle!!!

Loved this story!

Onto Justus and Sadie.... ooo it's going to be so good!

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### **Ruby says**

I loved this book. How Dare and Ayda met was so simple but funny. Who really thinks of their neighbors like that. With them being able to hear everything you do. I feel for Ayda. She had a difficult life. Tragedy usually tears a person down, not only physically but mentally as well. Although she continued to live, she wasn't really living. Just going thru the motions. Until Dare started chiseling through her walls.

Punished for standing up for what's right, Dare turned his anger for good. Taking care of those who couldn't do so themselves. But life was missing something. A lippy beauty that hides in the shadows helps bring light into his life. But the road to happiness is never easy. There is always those who thrive in bringing you

down. But revenge has a way of visiting those who think they are untouchable.

Loved. Loved this book!! I do hope that Justus will get a book next!!

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### **Red Cheeks Reads says**

Dare is the second standalone in the In Safe Hands series by S.M. Shade and is my current favorite of the series. Dare and Ayda are strangers and neighbors. They share a wall in an apartment complex and can easily hear each other through the wall causing for some fun yet tense moments. These are my favorite moments early on in the book.

***'This woman has me by the balls, and worse, I have no desire to escape.'***

Ayda has been through hell and it has turned her into a recluse who lets no one near her. Dare is determined to break down her walls and bring her into the light. I loved this story line. I found them to be sweet while still sexy. I swooned over Dare and the force at which he pursues Ayda.

The one thing I will say is that the first few chapters of the story felt very rushed to me but once I got into the meat of the story I was not only hooked but eager for more. I loved Dare and his complete love and acceptance for Ayda. Dare was a quick, excited and enjoyable read that I would recommend to any alpha male lover.

~miranda

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