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Sophia Dallas has recently been discharged from the Army after suffering at the hands of the enemy. On her journey to healing, she has finally started to live her life, but the past never really stays in the past.

Nathan Slade, a former FBI agent, now owns his own P.I business, has taken on a case that could make or break him. In all the chaos, he meets the love of his life.

What happens when the man Nathan's hunting also happens to be a man on the hunt himself - only his target happens to be the love of Nathan's life?

Lives will be lost, leaving pain and suffering in the wake of destruction while Nathan and Sophia learn the hard way that the future is never promised – especially theirs

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From Reader Review Deadly Hunt for online ebook

Maya says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

Wow, I'm really surprised by how good this book turned out to be. I, as per usual nowadays, went into reading it completely blank. I think that's my new way of reading books. If the cover fits... Anyway, this is a solid four star read, that's for sure. The plot has such great dynamic and flow, we get to see throughout the whole book what happened in the past and how that still affects each of Sophia team member that was back then kidnapped and tortured. She has such an amazing family and team that supports her all the way, even when demons from the past threaten to undo all the good that has happened to her since she got back from the mission. Deadly Hunt is therefore a very appropriate book title. I think the book has a great mix of romance and action/mystery.

As far as the characters go, I liked the main ones the best. Nathan can be an alpha and very possessive and protective but at the same time he cares very deeply. To Sophia he's such a teddy bear, it was so cute to read his POV and all the feelings he has for her. This book has its hilarious moments and both POVs, Nathan and Sophia's, make that possible. As for Sophia, she's one tough cookie! I for sure wouldn't mess with her, you never know when you'd get your nose broken. She's very loyal and an amazing friend that you can rely on and that comes to life when one of her friends finally tells her why she's so changed now. There were characters that I liked more and some I simply couldn't even stand. From being fake to being just a horrible person. Anyhow, I think I liked Sophia's family the most and I wonder if we'll get their stories, too. I would definitely read them. :)

Safety:(view spoiler)

Roksana says

I tried not to be harsh because this is a debut novel of this author, but, I must stress the complete weirdness and weirdness going on in this book!

My first dislike was the telling instead showing....I felt disconnected from the story and from the characters and the lack of depth was evident.

Secondly, the lack of emotional connection was making it even harder to read...I was telling myself that this is debut novel and it may get better as I go along, but it did not, I felt nothing for the characters, I was completely disconnected.

Third, I was liking the hero at the beginning, he was an alpha male, jealous, possessive over the heroine and fell hard over heels upon just one look at her, and I know it was all insta-love, lust, but I still liked his reaction. he was very protective and caring, but he said something very unattractive....basically describing

her best assets and I was not sworn by it:

"Oh yeah and what are my best assets?" She says with a smile and I laugh. "Your tits and ass." She giggles at my answer.

Yeah, because this is what you want to hear at your first date? That's your ass and tits that matter, but not your personality? That was just unpleasant and then this happened:

They had a fight and he called her "a bitch"

.. "Obviously you're jealous, otherwise you wouldn't be acting like a crazy fucking bitch right now."

Sorry, but that was low, she was pregnant at the time and her emotions were all over the place, but that did not justify him calling her that...I stopped liking him at that point. Yes, he realizes his error of judgment and apologized after and was sorry, but he was already gone for me!

The last thing that bothered me at large, was the constant reference to sex..I mean everyone was making some sexual remarks in the conversations...when all the friends were talking, it was all around sex, even the parents of the Hero were constantly in sex mode....seriously how bizarre is the fact when the Hero visited his parents and the father was slapping his wife's ass?

"Hey old man, how you been?" He pretends to be hurt, putting his hand by his heart. "Old man? I'll have you know I've still got it, just ask your mother." Dad says and I think I might throw up in my mouth. "Hey Kitty, come here honey." He calls for my mom. Oh God I need a fucking drink. "Yes, sweetie what's wrong?" Mom says as she enters the room he smirks at me. "Tell your son, I'm not old, tell him about last night." He says as he slaps her on her ass, I'm gagging. Dinner runs smoothly for a change, except dad groping mom every chance he gets, the dirty fucker.

How weird is that? then the friend (the manwhore) of the Hero came for dinner and said something so inappropriate in front of the Hero's parents?

"So are you going to come out with us this weekend Brody? I need to get laid." He has a big smile on his face as he asks my brother.

See, it's all about sex in this book! Also I did not like the constant "swearing at everyone..friends calling each other bitch and Fuck you..this was not a pleasant experience for me!

2OCC Reviews says

There are certain books that stay with you once you have finished reading them. This is one of those books that is written so well and has such a great story that it stays with you days after reading it. I was entranced from the first page and was sitting on the edge of my seat throughout the book waiting to see what happens

next. The plot of the story was fantastic and had me laughing and crying throughout it. You were able to see the heartbreak, grief and pain that the main character was experiencing in the first few Chapters, causing me to ugly cry numerous times. However, there were some funny moments as well and it was funny to read these moments from both characters point of view. Throughout the story there were many twists that I was not expecting and I loved the way that the plot was not predictable.

The characters were simply amazing and I loved all of them straight away. The main female character Sophia is a strong and independent woman that's suffered a lot of hardship in her life. Sophia doesn't let anyone tell her what to do and has some of the best dialogue with other characters in the story. I love the way that she sticks up for herself and the way she sticks up for the ones she loves. The male main character Nathan was a hot alpha male that I enjoyed reading about so much. I enjoyed reading the way that he protected and loves Sophia. Nathan is the type of character that makes you swoon and wish that he were real. I loved the chemistry between these two characters and there are some serious hot and steamy moments between the two characters.

You can see the effort and emotions that was put into this story. There was a great amount of detail put into the book and this made it really easy to create a picture of what is happening in your head. There was a lot of suspense in this story and I was not expecting some of the twists that happened in the story. This is a testament to the great writing of the author and their ability to write a great romantic suspense story. I cannot wait to read the next book in the series. Deadly Hunt was an incredible debut novel and I cannot wait to read more by K.L. Humphreys.

Wendy Porter says

Wow what can I say. This book had me gripped from the start. A fantastic story of Sophia a strong female character and all the trauma she's been through. When Nathan meets her it's love at first sight with lots crossed wires white lies and more. This is a amazingly well written book and all the descriptions and characters feel so real. This is a must read book I would highly recommend to others. I so can't wait to read more from this author.

Emma Johnston says

I was given this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This is K.L Humphrey's debut novel and when I began reading this book it felt like she had been writing for years. The storyline was strong and had me hooked from page one. The emotions she conveyed through her words had me crying and also laughing in different places.

Sophia had an abusive early childhood until she met the Dallas'. She joined the army as a way of dealing with her grief. She is a strong independent woman who proves time and time again that she doesn't need a man in her life other than her dad and brothers. Nathan is a former FBI agent who now runs a PI firm, and as soon as he meets Sophia it is literally love at first sight. Their relationship progresses fast but they have their ups and downs. Wires are crossed, white lies are told but in the end everything comes out and they are a team.

We get flashbacks of Sophia's traumatic early childhood and also from when she met her new family. Also flashbacks in relation to her beloved best friend John "Smithy" Smith. The first few chapters were so descriptive and intense that it had me excited to read more. I also loved the secondary characters in this book. Winter was particularly a favourite of mine, more so at the end than at the beginning. I was hoping throughout that she would get her own book and its now looking like she will.

I think this book was definitely a 5 star read, especially for a debut novel. I also think that with the extensive amount of characters we are introduced to, there are definite possibilities for more books from this amazing author.

Reviewed on behalf of Ever Growing Book Obsession blog

Jessica says

I'm not sure how a review I wrote will ever do this book justice. I want to rave about how much I loved it, how much it made me feel, how much it had me on the seat of my pants and kept me hooked from the very first page. Nothing I say will ever do this book justice. This is a book that you have to experience to get the full range of emotions.

Sophia and Nathan were such strong characters without adding in the amazing plot. We get a strong heroine that despite her past can stand in her own two feet without needing a man, but adding in Nathan, the way he is, the way he acts, just complemented the toughness of Sophia. Nathan totally steals your heart and never lets it go. I have to admit I am kinda jealous that my husband isn't more like Nathan ;)

The plot is one that keeps your brain thinking thru out the whole book. Wondering what's going to happen, who is behind everything and if you can really trust your heart. The way these two fell in love knocked me for a loop, because it was believable in so many ways!

With a great group of secondary characters, you can't help but sit on nails waiting for the next book to come out so we can see them all again!

I was thrown for more than one loop while reading this and that is what I need with a book. I can almost always figure out the end game but the way this author was able to write this story, write this love, had me mesmerized. She is going to be an author we all watch out for. I feel like this review will never add up to this book, but it has me flustered it was so good!

Overall I couldn't think of one thing that I would chance! You can feel everything the author put into this book that has you sweating, crying and angry all at the same time. I can't wait to see how she will top this book in the future. This was an amazing first book!

5 holy crap Did that really happen Stars!

Bloggers From Down Under says

** Provided on behalf of the author for an honest review **

** Review written by Kylie from Bloggers From Down Under **

Sophia is being tortured. The pain and suffering she is enduring is nothing short of horrific. She's watched her best friend murdered in front of her eyes, he's laying motionless in the corner. Day after day they come back to try to break her. But Sophia is strong and there is no way in hell she's going to let this bastard win. She will never forget his face or his voice, and it will haunt her in the days, months and years to come. This is Afghanistan. This is the U.S Army. This is Sophia's story.

On her return to US soil, to the family she left behind, and to her two closest friends, it's good to have her back. Damaged and somewhat withdrawn, but back home none the less.

What she returns to is her two girlfriends at war with each other. Just as Sophia is not willing to talk about what she went through, neither are Winter and Maddie. Sophia has no idea what has happened between the two of them, but expects it must be something big, and as much as she would love to get to the bottom of their problems, she has troubles of her own.

On a rare night out, she meets Nathan and both their worlds are about to be turned upside down and all of it won't be good.

The man who is front and centre of all Sophia's nightmares is in the US and he only has one thing on his mind.....to finish the job he started in Afghanistan.

Not everyone will survive.

Friends will become bitter enemies.

Confidants will become rivals.

Betrayal.

Fear.

Suspicions.

In a fast paced read, the lives of Sophia and all she comes into contact with will be put on the line.

Even though it was a little hard to get into, I'm glad I stuck with this book, and wasn't disappointed with the outcome. An entertaining read.

4/5

Amanda Gillespie Shock N Awe Book Blog says

I enjoyed this book. I liked that Nathan wasn't looking for a one-night stand but for a real relationship. I loved the many personalities from the abusive egg donor to the loving mother and devoted father and brothers to the friends with serious issues to the bitchy boyfriend's sister.

I would almost swear Sophia's was bipolar. There is a massive case of insta-love, especially on Nathan's side but it works.

Jo Lawless says

I am going to tell you right from the start, my one Huge Problem with this Debut by KL Humphreys: SHE

MADE ME UGLY CRY PUBLIC! I tried to stop it...I tried to put it down and wipe the tears away but I had to know what happened so I found myself picking it back up and yep there they went again. So, Note to self....only Read a KL Humphreys book when I am in a safe place where no one can see me cry. It's probably also a good thing to be in a nice, safe, private place when you experience the chemistry between Sophia and Nathan for the first time because Dayum! It was HAWT! Ms. Humphreys definitely pulled me into this couple and their connection to one another. Rumor has it, there is a sequel in the works and I can't wait. There are a couple of characters in particular (no I can't tell you who nosy rosies...it would spoil some things in this book for you) that I can't wait to revisit and check up on. Well done KL Humphreys on an awesome notice to the book world that you have arrived and are only going to climb higher.

Ashley says

Did I read the same book as everyone else? I tried to love it. Really I did. I would have taken even liking it, but I just can't figure out why this book is getting these ratings. The story was told to me, instead of being shown. I don't want to read a whole book of someone telling me what's happening. I want to watch how it unfolds. Also, the writing itself was extremely lacking. There was no imagination whatsoever. I won't say I'll never read another book by this author, but her writing would have to improve tremendously for me to consider it.

Ember Rain says

This book was phenominal!!!! I loved the writing style being in alternate P.O.V.'s. This story is centered around a girl name Sophia who goes through a rough childhood, and joins the military where she endures unspeakable tortures, and also has several other characters who go through different tragic life experiences and terrorists. This book is jam packed full of suspense, action, and mystery. Along with all the action going on there is also a sweet love story with a story of unbreakable bonds, and friendships, and losses. The author was thorough in detail and really made this an amazing read I will be recommending to all my book friends. I give this book a solid 5 star well deserved rating! Great work by K.L. Humphreys!!!!

Brandi says

4.5 Stars

Wow! I'm not sure what else I can say. This book was impressive for a debut. I had a hard time putting this down and if real life hadn't gotten in the way, I wouldn't have.

This story is about a girl. A girl who was abused. A girl who was neglected. A girl who was given the chance at a better life. Without writing a super spoiler-y review, I'm going to say that she did succeed at that better life. She joined the army, made some amazing friends, and then left the army for reasons I will not discuss here as it is a huge plot point.

Nathan is the man of this story, despite there being plenty of men. Nathan is the guy who spots Soph at the club. He is the guy who stakes his claim. He is the guy who gets the girl. Nathan runs a security/bodyguard/private investigative business. Once an FBI agent, he realized he'd rather be doing

anything else, but wanted to remain in the field of intelligence.

Circumstances being crazy, these two manage to get together. That's not to say that there are outside forces driving them apart--or trying to--but they do get together. Soph's past keeps kicking her ass, but Nathan is there to help piece it all together.

Now. As for "side characters", this story has quite a few, but they each bring their own game to the table. Scott and Connor are my favorites. Scott is Sophia's brother and he is one of the coolest guys in this book. He is loyal--probably to a fault--and always has Soph's best interest in mind. Oh, he also works for Nathan, but Nathan didn't realize Soph was his sister until after the fact.

Connor. Ha! That man needs to up his game! Couldn't he see it wasn't right?! I'm placing bets on who the girl will be in the end, but this man is crazy. And a moron. I can say that because Sophia says it. ;-)

All in all, this book has the drama. Lots of drama. Bad shit keeps happening, but they keep on going. They never back down and I love that about each and every character. They all fight and they fight hard. Despite all the bad shit, there is so much good too. Soph is such a giving character. She wants what is best for everyone. She fights the battles of others. I'd be willing to bet she and Scott get that from their mother.

Read this book. It has suspense, killing, bombing, adoption, rape, torture, sex, craziness, friendships, bitchy siblings, dumb siblings, cops, agents, sassy women, ridiculous men, and fun.

This book really does have it all and I can't wait to see where else KL Humphreys takes us. I'm sure it's going to be one hell of a ride and I can't wait to get on it!

Can I put in a request? I need Scott's book and Connor's book. Like, yesterday. Thanks!

Pegan Knight says

This is not normally the type of book I would read. I was a military wife for 8 yrs and even though my husband was USAF and never saw anything like that as he was support not combat, I have had a few family that have been in the Army and Marines, so this was very much not an easy read for me as it hits way to close to home in some aspects. With that being said, I read the book anyway and I'm glad that I did.

This story really hit close to home on many levels...I was never abandoned by my mom like Sophia was...but I know what abuse is like as I'm a Domestic Violence survivor. Knowing that Sophia still managed to grow up and live the life she wanted is amazing and speaks to the way she was raised and the people that raised her.

The story moved a bit fast so I think some details were left out, and I think a bit more research into American military would have been avantageous, but otherwise it was really a great read.

I don't want to go too much more in depth as I feel it would reveal too much of the story and that would just be no fun!!

I look forward to reading more from this author provided it isn't military based, that is just a bit too hard for me.

LettyT says

This book took me by complete surprise! I didn't know what to expect and boy did I get more than I could ever hope in a great book! Sophia is a tough as nails former military woman. She grew up in a terrible home, having a terrible childhood. Nathan is the man who plans on breaking down that tough exterior. He's what every man should be. He's warm, loving, kind but also a true man when it comes to taking care of what he needs to take care of. Even though Sophia is more than capable of taking care of herself, Nathan helps her grow as a person, as a woman.

Without giving away too much, this is a great story from the first page to the last.

Ria - Reading Is Our Satisfaction says

EXCEPTIONAL STORY FROM A DEBUT AUTHOR

I just don't know how to start this review....I had no idea what this book was about and I am so pleased that I went in blind. I was absolutely BRILLIANT. I cannot find enough superlatives to describe how much I enjoyed this book. KL Humphreys' writing style was so easy to read, it just flowed beautifully from page to page and scene to scene. All of her characters were strong, whether you liked them or not. I simply could not put this book down.

The lead female, Sophia Dallas, was such an enigmatic woman. She was an absolute gun. Raised by an abusive mother, until she was 5 years old, Sophia had a start in life that no person should ever have to experience. KL tells the reader about Sophia's early childhood through flashbacks - what a brilliant way of portraying a story. The pain and anguish that I felt for this young child was extreme. Her rescue from this life came in the form of the Dallas family, who eventually adopted her - the flashbacks show how scared she was and how their love changed her outlook on life.

Time in the Army did not change this young woman, if anything it made her stronger and more determined to live life as she wanted to not as others wanted her to. The pain and suffering she experienced, during her time of being kidnapped and tortured has a lasting effect on her and the rest of the members of her Army team. Sophia Dallas is one woman I would not want to cross or come across in a darkened alley.

But her life inexplicably changes when she meets Nathan Slade. The one man who will stand up to her but who will also love her with all of his heart - even though she is unable to tell him a lot of her past in regards to the Army.

The male lead, Nathan Slade, is one man I would love to wrap my arms around. Yes, he is alpha to the core, he is handsome, protective, forthright, but he is also tender and loving when it comes to Sophia. He is a former FBI Agent, who now runs his own PI business (P.I.G.S.) along with several close friends. He is a born leader.

He is different around Sophia. As the boys all say "he's Pussywhipped!". The man sure knows how to open his mouth without thinking, and this gets him into trouble on many occasions with Sophia, but he always

realises what he's done and apologizes for it. Sophia captured his heart the minute he saw her arse but especially when he saw her face!

Alongside these two main leads, we have the 'extras': Connor, Scott, Luke, Sarge, Maddie, Hailey, Winter, Steven (Sophia's Father) and several others. These 'extras' are just as strong as the two leads, and I believe that this is what made the story for me.

There is betrayal in this story, from someone who you least expect. But it is the intrigue, mystery, suspense and interconnection that provides all of the highlights. Like I said earlier a BRILLIANT debut novel by KL. I cannot wait until the next one in the series is ready to be read.

Definitely FIVE STARS from this very happy reader.
