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John “Tex” Keegan thought his Clearwater vacation would be nothing but smooth sailing, cocktails, and baby making with his wife, Melody. But not even a week into his belated honeymoon, the past hurtles to the present to haunt him. And, the ghosts won’t let go. Tex is taken back in time to a dark place, a time before he lost his leg, and before he became a Navy Seal. A time when a young Beauty suffered on his watch. And she wasn’t alone. There were others. So many needless victims on his watch.

Katarina Marino has moved on with her life. Orphaned, a ward of the state, kidnapped, a sex slave, and preyed upon by a serial killer, she has been to hell and back. Though she survived it all, her past may threaten her future once more.

SEAL of Protection by Susan Stoker meets The Bounty Hunters by MJ Nightingale. What will happen when these two worlds collide? Retired Navy Seal, and former FBI agent Tex Keegan will come across his first case, the case that soured him on the slow wheels of justice, and tortured him for over a decade, making him the man he has become. Living through it again is something he never wanted to do.

Susan Stoker’s Kindle World Special Forces: Operation Alpha presents Protecting Beauty, and a Bounty Hunters Novella.

## Protecting Beauty Details

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## From Reader Review Protecting Beauty for online ebook

### ?Tonya? says

Being a Susan Stoker fan, I was so happy to find out her heroes were entwined in these Kindle World stories.

John "Tex" Keegan was the hero from Susan Stoker's "Saving Melody". He was a former navy seal who had lost his leg in combat. He had a cameo in just about every Susan Stoker book. Amazing character. I was so excited to see this story focused on him and Melody.

Catarina was a woman who John had once saved years before when he was FBI. He felt so much guilt for the amount of time it took them to save her that it changed the course of his life.

A chance encounter while vacationing with his wife, Melody, allowed Tex to get the closure he needed for so long.

This was a really great story but I felt like I was missing a lot of info. MJ Nightingale's Marino Brothers series set the stage for this short story. Although this story focused on mainly on Tex and Catarina, it was a spin off of book 4 in that series. The first part of the book was A LOT of backstory bringing us up to speed. Then there was a really sweet and emotional part that saved the book for me. The last part of the book had a lot of the Marino family in it, which I knew nothing about. I felt lost when they were mentioning names of characters I had no knowledge of.

There was however a sweet little epilogue for Tex and Melody so that pleased me. It was great to visit one of my favorite couples. This was a completely safe read with absolutely no cheating or ow/om drama.

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### Charlene says

I enjoyed this longer glimpse into Tex and Melody.

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### Melenia says

I loved this book! I almost cried!

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### AYA Alminiana says

#### I'm a fan!

Discovering MJ Nightingale was by far the highlight of my search for best new author. The fact that she did justice to Tex, one of my favorite characters, will definitely make it easy for me to follow her books.

The best part of the story? Chapter 10. It gutted me. I cried for Tex, I felt proud of him, and I cheered to see him finally happy.

Follow MJ Nightingale, folks, you won't regret it!

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### **Marie Wright says**

Thank you for writing in Susan Stoker's Special Forces. Found a new favourite author. Must read.

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### **Cherlyn says**

#### **Wonderful!!**

I loved how just one person can give you HOPE!!!

I would recommend this to anyone who likes a follow up with certain characters.

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### **Gary Truman says**

#### **Tex His Past Life Before The Navy Seals**

MJ Nightingal in my opinion you have done Susan Stoker fans proud. Tex Keegan and Melody are on vacation in Florida when Tex's past life comes to the front. This past life is the reason he joined the Navy and Seals Ted on his 2nd tour in Iraq had his leg amputated after an IED explosion. He has been haunted that he was unable to save the children and older ones from the sex slave trade. Especially Catrina (CAT) who really haunted Tex now his mission was to make sure CAT is happy. Have a box of Tissues ready for the ending of this outstanding story. MJ Nightingale this story means a lot to me I am a below the knee amputee caused by Agent Orange in Vietnam. I truly loved this story and have purchased book 1 Beautiful Bounty a Marino Brothers series and plan on reading all 4. And I Believe you did Susan Proud

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### **Alayna says**

Loved it

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### **Denice says**

#### **Beautiful**

I love the book, so beautifully done. I could not put it down. To have a story about Tex and what he did before becoming a SEAL, it was great but not only that, it was how it brought others together. Thank you a beautiful read.

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### **Jara Beaubien says**

John "Tex" Keegan believed his vacation would be nothing but smooth sailing and being with his wife Melody.

However things never go as one plans or wants, Tex is confronted with his past and memories when a young woman Beauty suffered on his watch and there had been nothing he could do.

Katarina Marino was that woman, and much has happened to her, but now she is happy and her life is fulfilled.

It's a story well worth reading, it has characters one grew to love in other stories and brings new one to the story.

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### **Merle says**

Very good story of the Kindle Worlds Special Forces group. "Tex" Keegan is now the saving grace for a group of SEALs and their families, keeping them safe wherever they are. He is haunted by the fact that there was a time when he failed to save, or so he thinks. Tex and his wife Melody have gone on a vacation alone, leaving their daughter and their dog with friends.

While tying their rented boat up at a slip in Clearwater, they notice a woman doing yoga exercises on a balcony of a beautiful house nearby. Tex is shocked that he recognizes the woman. She is Cat, a woman who as a child was kidnapped and sold into slavery by a brutal group. As an FBI agent, Tex was tasked to listen in on the conversations in the rooms of the children - both boys and girls - who were used as sex slaves there.

Tex was unable to work as quickly as he wanted to end this hell for the children, and it made him leave the Bureau and enlist in the Navy to become a SEAL. Even these years later and knowing that the children and many others were rescued, does not assuage his feelings of guilt - it wasn't fast enough.

When he sees Cat, beautiful, pregnant and clearly in love with the man in the house, Tex still feels guilty. Here is where Nightingale does such a good job portraying how well Tex and Mel understand each other, and how much this bothers Tex. Mel also sees that Cat is a survivor. She undertakes a mission of her own to make Tex see how much he did for that young girl and all the others. The solution that they all arrive at is beautiful.

This one actually brought tears to my eyes. It also made me look for the Marino Brothers stories by the author!

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### **Marion Scutts says**

Wow anyone who has read susan customer's rescue teams books must read this. This book gives you an in-depth look at Tex. Great tear dropping book. Loved it.

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## **Myst says**

All the background on the Marino Brothers is thrown at you is disconcerting. Loved how they helped Tex.

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## **Heather K says**

### **Totally Enjoyable**

This book did a great job of tying up Tex's story, and giving a view of the future. It's not easy for an author to use characters from another author , but this was well done.

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## **Kellynj says**

### **WOW**

Heartwarming, heartbreaking and overall a beautiful addition to the Susan Stoker universe - and proving once again, Tex knows EVERYONE!

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