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Marine First Sergeant Logan “Cowboy” Reese was rescued hours before he would’ve met the same fate as his five murdered teammates in Afghanistan. Returning to the US and civilian life hadn’t been part of his plans at this stage of his career, but dealing with PTSD forced his hand. However, an unexpected job offer with Trident Security, a private firm in Tampa, has him finding a purpose in life again, but will his flashbacks destroy a promising future altogether?

Officer Dakota Swift has worked hard to prove she belongs on Tampa PD with the big boys and has been trying to get assigned to the Special Operations Division. A local, serial killer, targeting submissives in the BDSM lifestyle, gives her the opportunity to get her feet wet in undercover work. She’s assigned to the joint task force between TPD, the FBI, and Trident Security, but can she survive her attraction to her new partner, Logan?

The operatives of Trident Security have a keen interest of catching the “Kink Killer” as the heads of the company also own a BDSM club, The Covenant. Until his identity is discovered, no woman in the lifestyle community is safe. With the body count rising, will the killer be caught before someone from The Covenant becomes the next victim?

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Janine - The World Was Hers for the Reading says

Samantha A Cole's A Dead Man's Pulse is the first novel in her new Omega team series, a spin-off from The Trident Security Series and the sexy six-pack!

Ian and Devon Sawyer are putting the finishing touches on their new "Omega" team so they can expand their current caseload. When they offer Logan Reese a job as part of the new team, it gives the former marine a reason to hope that he once again can have a purpose in life, as he really hasn't been living since being rescued just hours before he was murdered by insurgents in Afghanistan, a fate the rest of his teammates suffered.

Dakota Swift is an officer of the Tampa Bay Police Department. She has a spotless service record, but can't seem to get assigned to the Special Operations Division. When a joint task force between the police, FBI and Trident Security is formed to hunt down the Kink Killer, a serial killer targeting submissive women in the area, Dakota is given an opportunity to be part of the undercover teams casing the local BDSM clubs. Knowing this is the career opportunity that may finally get her noticed she readily agrees. What she didn't count on was her attraction to her new partner, Logan Reese.

As the body count continues to climb as more submissives are tortured and killed, the team must do everything they can to track down and find the Kink Killer before someone from their BDSM club the Covenant falls victim to the madman.

Samantha A. Cole did an amazing job in creating a new cast of characters for the Omega Team that can stand on their own to headline the new series, but also fit in with the original Trident Team members that readers know and love. While this book could be read as a standalone, reading the prior series is recommended as readers have been tracking clues to the Kink Killer's identity for quite some time now.

Logan's background is truly heart-breaking. No person should have to endure the things that he did for his country. Samantha did a masterful job of portraying the daily issues someone with severe PTSD deals with, from survivor's guilt, to flashbacks triggered by unexpected sounds or smells and more. I love that a chance encounter with someone unexpected at Arlington National Cemetery profoundly affects Logan's outlook on life.

Dakota, while a sexual submissive, is a bad-ass police officer. She is a great mix of strength, intelligence, caring and sass and ends up being the perfect match to Logan in every way, as both partners on the task force as well as in a relationship. Their relationship is pure magic.

As for the Kink Killer, Samantha keeps readers guessing right until the end about both the chances of survival for the latest victim and well as the killer's identity. The plot is action packed and comes to a very satisfying conclusion for fans and readers of Samantha's work.

A Dead Man's Pulse was a highly anticipated read for me, and it delivered on every level, including a heat level that I've come to know and love throughout Samantha A. Cole's books. 5 stars from a very excited reader glad to see the Omega Team off to a successful start!

Joanne says

oh my!!!

wow what a fantastic read. I'm a huge fan of this series so this book has been eagerly anticipated.

Logan Reese 'Cowboy' has survived an horrific time as a POW narrowly missing being tortured to death, unlike his teammates who weren't so lucky, Cowboy was rescued but suffers from severe PTSD.

His life changes when the Sawyer brothers offer him a job at Trident Security. Omega team is being formed and Logan's an important part of the team, especially as the Kink Killer is still at large. Enter Dakota Swift TPD police officer, she's fighting to get into SOD. She's offered the chance to help catch this killer. so they go undercover to draw him out.

Fireworks spark once they meet and of course the drama and intrigue continues. What happens next will keep you on your toes the whole way through from start to finish. Our beloved cast of characters make an appearance and keep you entertained.

This is a must read book for all TS fans.

Allena says

ARC provided for honest review

5 Star WOW Don't think just buy

A heartfelt look at the toll PTSD has on a person's life and the road to recovery. Everything about this book was great; flow, character dynamic and storyline. This book had a little of everything suspense, emotional ups and downs, sensuality between H/h and the characters we have all come to love.

Logan "Cowboy" Reese is a deadman with a pulse and his new job with Trident Security is a lifeline he is grabbing onto with both hands. Mix in a new job, a new town and a serial killer and you get one hell of a great read.

Dakota Swift is still trying to prove herself to her co-workers and father. She wants to work undercover and keeps getting turned down and her frustration is mounting. When a chance to join the task force looking for the Kink Killer presents itself she jumps at the chance.

After Logan and Dakota become partners on the task force things heat up both on and off the job. The killer is upping his game and Logan is fighting for his sanity while Dakota is fighting to prove herself.

Kristine (A Cozy Booknook) says

My jaw is on the floor and tears are streaming down my face. This book pulled at my heartstrings, made me anxious, and have me on the edge of my seat. I look forward to reading more in this series.

I received a copy of this book from the author, my review has been voluntarily submitted.

Rhonda says

For those who are fans of Samantha's, this book has been long waited for. We finally find out who the Kink Killer is!

First though, lets get to the story. I hurt so bad for Logan. Being a prisoner of war and hearing and watching his buddies get tortured and then murdered would break anyone. And it almost did break Logan. Enter Ian Sawyer! He sees something in Logan and wants him on his team to catch the Kink Killer. After agreeing to Ian's terms, Logan is paired up with Dakota, a police officer who is also a submissive. Time becomes of the essence as another submissive goes missing. Fighting their attraction for each other, when they fall, they fall hard. Misunderstandings, drama, mystery add to the danger and when the killer sets his sights on Dakota, it's an all out push to figure this out. When the missing submissive shows up, having escaped with her life, but in a coma, the team waits to see if she knows anything. Will they find out who is killing submissives? Will Logan be able to save Dakota from the killers grasp? I cried, laughed, got pissed off and was basically blown away with this story. It's a keeper and one I will read over and over!!

Kelle Braun says

Clues as to whom the Kink Killer are spread throughout her Trident Series and into her Trident/Omega Series Crossover book Mountain Of Evil, and FINALLY we find out who it is! A Dead Man's Pulse would be an okay starting point for those who haven't read Samantha A Cole's other works, but it is definitely best enjoyed if you begin with Leather & Lace, Trident Security Series Book 1.

The Trident & Omega Team's family gets slightly larger through the introduction of two engaging characters, Logan Reese and Dakota Swift. The chemistry between these two is perfect and it quickly becomes apparent that they're practically soul mates!

Be forewarned though this story does have some moments that will most likely be difficult to read through, but these are necessary insights into Logan's character.

Rebecca Austin says

First Sergeant Logan "Cowboy" Reese has seen his fair share of torture from when he was imprisoned in Afghanistan as a marine. When he gets out he is approached by Ian Sawyer to join Trident Security as part of their Omega Team. Logan doubts his ability but agrees to give it a chance. Soon he finds himself working to bring down a serial killer who is after ladies who frequent BDSM clubs.

Dakota Swift works for the Tampa Bay Police Department, following in her father's footsteps and is frustrated in her inability to get promoted no matter how successful she is. When she is asked to join in a task force to help bring down the Kink Killer she jumps at the chance.

When Dakota and Logan find themselves working together they can't deny their attraction and soon their relationship progresses along with the case. But the killer seems to be one step ahead and when Dakota

catches the killer's attention will they be able to solve the case in time?

This is another excellent book written by the author surrounding Trident Security. Although this book is an off-shoot of the original series I highly advise reading it in order to understand more about what has happened with the killer in the past.

Logan was an awesome character as I liked how he had a lot of issues from being imprisoned and that it was completely acceptable for him to seek help to work through it all. I think that is one thing that I love so much about this author is that she completely understands the need to make things such as counselling acceptable and required! I also really liked that he didn't know much at all about BDSM and had to follow Dakota's lead when working on the case.

I definitely understood Dakota's frustration at her lack of promotions and when everything was revealed to her about why everything made sense. With her new boss things will definitely improve for her. Not much was said about Dakota's involvement in the BDSM clubs after Shane and her relationship with Logan was definitely not all that. I liked that she was strong and she never quit fighting.

There were many moments of laughter and this was another extremely well written book. I was totally surprised at who the killer was but knowing the author not surprised at all that she managed to find someone that makes total sense.

Such a great series and I can't wait to see what comes next!

Reviewed for KFA

Pam says

Samantha Cole has the ability to combine elements of military and police special operations and private investigation with BDSM romance and pull off an intriguing mix of mystery, thriller, and romance all while holding the reader riveted and enthralled. A Dead Man's Pulse is the first full-length novel in Ms. Cole's The Omega Team series, a spin-off series from her original Trident Security series. While each of the books and novellas in both series can be read as standalone books, I really do recommend that you start with the first book in the Trident Security series (Leather & Lace) and read them all in order. That way you won't miss any of the backstories or the character development which is so integral to the entire series. It will also give a significant amount of background and character development for this particular novel.

Logan "Cowboy" Reese is a former Marine Corps Forces Special Operation Command (MARSOC) Raider who served in Afghanistan and was a POW. He's literally been through hell and survived but it was far from easy. With everything that's happened and what he's still dealing with, he's beyond shocked and surprised when Ian "Boss-Man" Sawyer invites him to join the Omega Team of Trident Security. After a lot of soul searching and self-doubt on his part, he finally accepts. He's got a lot of issues and isn't sure he'll fit in but he'll give it his best shot. Dakota Swift is a member of the Tampa Police Department (TPD). She's been trying to transfer from the Patrol Division to the Special Ops Division (SOD) for what seems like forever. She has an outstanding record with commendations and awards. But every time an opening occurs, she's not even considered. She's never known why and has almost given up. But the new captain of SOD calls her in to meet on a very special ongoing case involving not just the TPD but the FBI and Trident Security as well. As she gets the details of the case, she's knows she's the perfect fit and jumps at the chance to participate.

Part of the operation is for Dakota and her new temporary partner to go undercover as a D/s couple in one of the local BDSM clubs. Fortunately, Dakota is already a member of the lifestyle and is well-acquainted with what it will take to pull this off. But when she learns she's partnered with Logan, things have a very rocky start. Logan knows nearly nothing about BDSM and has to learn from the ground up. The operation they're part of isn't just dangerous. It's deadly. Can Logan overcome his past to become a convincing Dom? Will the contentious beginning of the partnership between Dakota and Logan derail the mission before it ever gets off the ground? There's a learning curve for Logan that could put both in extreme danger. The twists, turns, totally unexpected revelations, and potential romance for more than a single couple are a complete roller coaster ride of emotions of all types. All of Ms. Cole's fans who've read the Trident Security books and the prequel novella to the Omega Team series (Mountain of Evil) have been waiting for this book. It's full of tension, anticipation, and fraught with danger, breathtaking and death-defying moments, as well as BDSM erotic romance that will take your breath away.

One final note. This is an ADULT book. It contains some violence, explicit language, and BDSM-themed sexual scenes. If you don't enjoy this genre, think hard before buying any book you know you won't enjoy. There are book synopses and reviews available on Goodreads and all booksellers' websites. **USE THESE RESOURCES. DON'T LEAVE A NEGATIVE REVIEW WHEN YOU KNOW YOU WON'T ENJOY THE BOOK. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE AUTHOR!** She works extremely hard to provide a quality work product. If you know you'll object to the book's subject matter before you buy it, you're doing yourself and the author an extreme disservice.

I give A Dead Man's Pulse my highest recommendation without reservation. Thank you, Samantha Cole, for once again giving us such a wonderful book that shows your hard work, your mastery of the genre, and your extreme writing talent! Kudos for such a remarkable book! Thanks for reading my review and happy reading!

Amy says

A Dead Mans Pulse (Trident Omega Team Book 1)
Samantha Cole
5 stars

So first and foremost it makes me giddy to see book 1. This means we are on a journey of more to come. Second bringing awareness to PTSD and prisoners of war -- hell yes. Third a new pup named Fubar -- damn right. Brilliant name choice by the way.

The title is a sad yet real description of a man who survived while his brothers didn't. War is a bastard. Its the devil wrapped in a nice bow with a one way ticket to hell (and that's my description from having a husband who served 22 years in SO). Logan Cowboy Reese is a man looking to suppress those demons. A Trident in hand might just help him slay the beast.

Dakota Swift is still trying to prove herself to her co-workers and father. A chance to join the elite forces to catch a killer is the perfect way to do this. Throwing herself undercover is the only way to go to show that she can and will get the sick f**k who is murdering the ladies from the clubs.

Things will explode along the way with many fighting to stay alive. Enjoy the ride, embrace the moments that are reality and turn to page one. We cant say much more because the details are not only alluring but

heart pounding to say the least. Nothing needs to be compromised or given away in the review.

Don't miss the original series from Samantha. You don't need to read it to understand what is going on in this release but missing them is like missing cake on your birthday friends! Thank you for the ARC and the chance to read. LOVE THIS ONE. Review to post to Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets.

Elizabeth says

What happens when a killer is terrorizing the community that the Sexy-6-pack loves to play in? Samantha Cole has dropped hints throughout her Trident Series and her spin-off on the Omega team but now we find out just who it is but not before we meet Logan, a Marine who survived when his team didn't and lives with it every day. His first assignment is to partner up with the sassy and snarky Tampa PD officer. Yes, familiar faces (and abs) show up. Yes there is some pantymeltingohmygodyouneedacoldshower chemistry that just goes hand in hand with whip training, a dog named Fubar, a psycho, and a man who deserves to know he is a hero. Get your tissues, be prepared to laugh, cry, and sigh. Once again Samantha keeps you on the edge. Time to fall down that rabbit hole.

Linda says

Samantha Cole continues the wonderful Trident Security legacy with our first Omega team story and our hunky pow veteran Logan "Cowboy" Reese.

Could you start as a new reader at this point, well yes Ms Cole always does a fabulous job of given character bios and back story, with that said why would you want to miss one bit of this series?

My recommendation if you are new Go back to book one "Leather and Lace"; and enjoy all these hunky Dom's!

Logan is a new member to Trident's Omega Team, one who Ian Sawyer has been waiting to join the team till his separation of service, but on Logan's last mission with the Raiders he and his team are captured and tortured and Logan having witnessed the majority of his team, including his best freind tortured , whipped and murdered viciously is suffering From PTSD.

Logan has been avoiding signing his Trident contract, which basically causes Ian to show up in Washington and push a face to face and last ditch effort to secure Logan for the team and Ian's word will be the start of multiple driving forces to help him on his way back from the dead.

"You survived, Marine, when your teammates didn't. Had the situation been reversed, and you were dead, while one of them came home, would you want them sulking on your grave, or would you tell them to man the fuck up? There's so much good you could be doing on my team. But if having your own fucking pity party for the rest of your life is what you want to do, so be it."

With that said Ian issues an ultimatum, meet him in two hours and sign on the dotted line or consider the position offer revoked.

"His buddies were gone, but he had the opportunity to continue the fight in their honor. He imagined they would be telling him to man the fuck up, just as Sawyer had, instead of rolling over and waiting for the day he would take his last breath. Up until now, he'd just been a dead man with a pulse; it was time to change that."

Needless to say, our "Cowboy" makes the right decision, which leads him to Tampa and Trident's campus and home of the Sawyer brothers elite BDSM club "The Covenant" and smack in the middle of working an

operation to capture the "kink killer"; a serial killer with a passion for torturing to death submissives from multiple Tampa area clubs.

The operation to catch the killer finds him paired with Dakota Swift a Tampa Pd officer who has applied multiple times for the special-ops division, but finally gets her chance after being denied several times when they need her for this op. They need someone familiar with the BDSM world, a submissive. However Dakota takes extensive measures to hide that she is a submissive from work and her family so the fact that the new Captain of special ops knows is disturbing, until he outs himself.

Dakota is paired with Logan, who is going to play her Dom and having to take lessons to pull it off; these two have an instant chemistry that has Logan embracing and enjoying the BDSM world, and every day with Dakota is another day he relishes, even if it is time spent stealing out BDSM clubs and observing suspects trying to catch this killer before he racks up another victim.

I could go on and on, but I will not spoil anymore of the story. Want to know if they catch the killer? Want to know if Logan keeps getting better? Want to know if these two go this separate way? Do they finally catch the Kink Killer or will we have to wait for yet another book. Pick up this fabulous read and find out! Arc copy supplied by Ms Cole in exchange for an honest review!

Lee-anna Dunk says

Wow

I absolutely loved this book by Samantha A Cole. It had me so intrigued I could hardly put the book down. Well obviously as I've just finished it and it's 3am lol.

Logan and Dakota's story was heartbreaking. My god reading what Logan went through as a POW. Broke my heart and I could never in my life imagine what hell our service men and women go through while fighting for our country overseas.

But this book was great I was shocked to find out who the murderer was. Like seriously didn't see that coming at all.

But I loved this series I've read every book and I hope there is more. Tiny needs a book I think. Lol.

But seriously this series is awesome. I love Samantha's knowledge of law enforcement and Marines/army. As well as what to expect and how to treat PTSD. And as well as knowledge on guns and therapy dogs. I highly recommend this book series. It's so hot it sizzles right off the page.

2kasmom says

This is the start of the Trident Security Omega Team series. It is advised to first read the Trident Security series in order to avoid spoilers. If not, this book can be read as a standalone novel.

Logan AKA Cowboy is immediately attracted to Dakota. She is not impressed with him when they first meet, as he assumes she needs his help - but she can take care of herself. He meets her again later and the sparks fly all over the room. Now he just hopes he can impress her enough that she gives him a chance.

Dakota is a police officer who is always trying to prove herself in a man's world. With all the odds stacked against her, she wishes for greater things. When it turns out a killer has her in his sights, she is going to need all the help she can get.

Amazing and riveting conclusion of the mystery killer from many books before in the previous series. Introducing the new Omega Team series, where the members are new and very hot. This story has so much heat and such a compelling mystery, the pages nearly singe the reader.

***This early copy was given in exchange for an honest review.

Debbie Hanson says

A Dead Man's Pulse

Trident Security Omega Team book 1

Samantha A Cole

Author review

????? thank God Stars.

This is it... This is the one with all the answers. If you haven't read and followed the Trident story, where the hell have you been? Stop reading this review right now and go one click Leather & Lace (book 1) if you have been on the Trident roller-coaster welcome to that heart dropping moment when you think you have it sussed, but nope not before BOOM the kink killer is outed!

Along with the Kink killer terrorising and murdering submissives, we welcome another to the Trident fold. Marine Fist Sargent Logan (Cowboy) Reece has been discharged and returns into civilian life suffering severe PTSD. As a prisoner in Afghanistan, Logan struggles with day to day life, memories and nightmares plague his days and nights. So when he is offered a role in the Omega team from Trident Security, Logan discovers that he might just have a future. Sawyer and Devon have the push and the know how to attempt to control his past while looking forward to the future.

Officer Dakota Swift, has constantly had to prove herself, as a child of the police force, her father forever pits her down, and the force itself is a huge wall that constantly blocks her. As a closet submissive, Dakota uses her dominant side on the job, but enjoys what BDSM can give her. With the opportunity to join the Feds to catch the Kink Killer, as a submissive with a Dominant – Dakota will need to be in her feet. Logan (Cowboy) Reece is about to push her buttons, but as always in Samantha's books it is hot, steaming, sexual and full of character.

Together Logan will face his past using Dom training, and a stunning gorgeous who has his male bits waking up in a way they haven't in a very long time. With a torturous past, it is that fear that he will use to find a solution. With that solution will bring a relationship that he didn't see coming but cannot avoid, and doesn't want to avoid. Logan sees Dakota as his submissive in the club, in his mind and forever in his life. This woman has become his saviour, one he's not letting go again. But will the Kink Killer take away another person from Logan's life? Or will he be able to save the women from the man I didn't see coming.

In an incredibly well written script Samantha has put much thought and study into the solution. I have followed all of her stories, yet this one really struck me. I loved it, thanks Samantha.

Misty M says

Gripping suspense!

Finally, the conclusion to the kink killer! I think Samantha is an amazing suspense writer, she kept me guessing and on the edge of my seat until the very end! Incredibly complex storyline, twisting and turning with an always amazing cast of characters.

Absolutely loved the faithful portrayal of Cowboy, and all he endured and continues to suffer with PTSD. Dakota was a strong, independent woman unashamed of being submissive. The character of Charlie really got to me, for being so adorable and for what he meant to Logan.

The only thing that bothered me was the relationship between Logan and Dakota, I didn't expect it to be the main storyline but it felt more like an afterthought. They took such a backseat to the background, overall story arc, and other characters (all of which were amazing) that when their relationship was portrayed, it felt rushed.

It's probably just my own feeling, as Samantha is a brilliant author and still one of my favorites.
