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Wanted for treason...

Burned by his agency and running for his life, CIA Paramilitary Operator JP Blackmon is determined to clear his name. He tracks down his former partner, but when JP discovers the man is dead, he must turn to the only person who can help. His partner's vulnerable widow.

Drowning in lies...

Abby Price never wanted anything but a safe home to raise her son with the man she loved. But her husband was hiding secrets. Secrets that branded him a traitor and got him killed. Now the CIA is watching Abby's every move and she's sure they're hiding proof that would clear her son's father. So when a stranger shows up swearing he's her husband's partner and asking for her help to find the truth, she agrees to risk everything.

A love neither can deny...

As JP and Abby race for answers, they must elude killers...and try to ignore a passionate attraction neither wants to face. Because JP has secrets of his own, and Abby will never allow herself to be betrayed by a man again. But in the end, it's only by trusting each other that they can make it out alive.

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Evonne Hutton says

An attention grabbing story that will keep you riveted!

Great characters and well written

Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says

4.5 Stars

In the Arms of a Stranger was an edge-of-your-seat romance, full of action and emotion, that I could not put down!

JP Blackmon has been on the run for the last year. Injured and at the end of his rope he is determined to get answers from the one who betrayed him and their country, his old partner. He arrives at his partners house only to find out that he has been dead for a year, but his partner's widow has been expecting him...

Abby Price has questions of her own about her husbands death and JP is the only clue that he left her to find them. Instead of answers though, Abby finds more questions and a deadly attraction to a man that holds more secrets than her husband ever did.

These two embark on dangerous journey for answers with an unknown adversary on their heels willing to kill to keep them from finding the truth. In the Arms of a Stranger was full of riveting intrigue, relentless suspense and scorching romance. A real page-turner! The tension in this book was off the chain; what with the plot's whodunit and the chemistry just sizzling between Abby and JP. They fight their attraction of course, JP not knowing where his life is going to lead one moment to the next and Abby not being able to trust him, and them both suffering through a bout of guilt over Abby's husband.

Virginia Kelly has created characters with plenty of depth, a plot that constantly moved and captivated, with writing that places you right in the middle of the story. Whether it be in the middle of a bull's pen, searching a dark house, or in a cabin in the middle of the woods. In the Arms of a Stranger is a top notch romantic suspense that I recommend! Now I need to go back and read Dancing in the Dark, a novella featuring JP's sister, Janey!

Autumn says

I received this book via ebook discovery to give an honest review.

So I didn't realize this book was number 2 in this series. Though it did seem to be considered a stand alone I did feel as though I was missing somethings. JP is going to clear his name yet he wonders about his buddy Wade and why he would frame him. Yet, what he uncovers is something far more. It seems that Wade is a

person you could trust because he knew how to keep a secret as he kept his life from Abby very much under wraps. When JP and Abby come together to find the things that Wade kept secret we watch a relationship bloom between the two and though JP remembers Wade's rules he can't seem to stop himself from falling in love. Abby is a very strong willed woman who knew not to ask questions about her late husband's job yet all that will be thrown out the window when she will help JP.

I liked how these two characters really tried to fight the attraction they had to each other yet in the end it seems it didn't work. I did like this author's writing style and I will be checking out the first book to see if it has anything to do with this one.

Elene Wood says

A new author for me so I was not sure what to expect. We jump straight into the action with a car crash on a stormy night and the meeting of our hero JP and heroine Abby. The action is so full on from the outset that I found myself going back to the list of other books in the series to see if I had missed something by not reading an earlier book. This frustrated me a little but I decided to persevere. I was so glad I did. I quickly found myself riveted and read the entire book in a day.

The characters were strong and the balance between suspense and romance really worked well. Based on this book I would definitely seek out this author again.

I received this book free from eBook Discovery. I have voluntarily reviewed the book and this is my honest review.

Linda says

JP Blackmon was armed and dangerous. And was on the run from the government. JP and Wade Price had the same government jobs. Wade was JP's mentor. They trained together in the army. Trusted each other and were very loyal and dedicated to their jobs to each other and to their country. JP received messages from his sources and came back to where Wade had told him. His home where his wife, Abbey lived and his little boy, Cole. Abbey would know why JP came back and she would help him if needed. Because Abbey's husband Wade Price was dead now. And Abbey needed help too to put all the pieces together. This is a very suspenseful story that will keep you guessing what's going to happen next. Unbelievable engaging characters. A page turner from the first paragraph to the last page!! Romance, yes and A lot of twists and turns around every corner with deceit and lies. You will wonder who can be trusted? Fantastic read, loved it. My first book I read by Virginia Kelly. You are on my radar now. Thank You. I received this book for free from Ebook Discovery. I volunteered to review it and this is my honest review.

♥Rachel♥ says

4.5 Stars

In the Arms of a Stranger is romantic suspense at its finest. The writing is tightly paced keeping you on the edge of your seat, and eagerly clicking through the pages. I was glued to my Kindle for several hours straight loving every minute! Add in a romance with just the right amount of tension and build-up and I was a happy girl!

Abby Price is left hungering for answers after her husband's murder. She's hurt by the secrets Wade kept from her about his work and his life, and now she's being hounded by his CIA boss who implies he died while up to no good. Abby wants to clear his name so her young son Cole can remember his father with pride. This is when JP Blackmon, a dark and mysterious (and yes, handsome!) stranger tumbles into her life. Will she finally get the answers she's been looking for?

JP has been on the run for the last year, framed by someone unknown after a mission gone wrong. He's shocked to find out Wade Price, his CIA partner was killed. Now the only key to clearing his name is Wade's widow, Abby. She wants answers too, but he's afraid to hurt her further with the truth. And using Abby sets her up as a target for the dangerous men that are after him. Even worse is the attraction he feels for Abby which couldn't come at a more inconvenient time.

The mystery behind Wade's death and JP's frame-up was engrossing and kept me hooked trying to figure out what would happen next. I had my suspicions at who was behind it, and that's an important component to writing a good mystery: making the reader feel part of the solving by giving little hints here and there. Twists and action packed turns kept the tension high, making this an addictive read.

Abby was a heroine anyone would admire. Not a whiny or illogical bone in her body. She was a good mother, strong woman, and full of determination. My heart went out to Abby for the betrayal she felt knowing Wade kept so many things hidden. It was nice that she had JP to lean on! *wink, wink* I wouldn't mind leaning on those strong arms myself. You did see the cover, right? O_O JP was capable, caring, and maybe a little overprotective. Just what want in my male heroes!

He was very focused. It was the way he did everything. One hundred percent. And when he brought all that male intensity to bear on her, she was helpless to resist.

The intensity of the situation just lends itself to a juicy romance. The simmering attraction was right at the surface for Abby and JP. Heated glances, and stolen kisses amp up the anticipation making the payoff oh-so-sweet when these two finally give in! This was more than just physical attraction, though, with both yearning for more of a connection:

He'd never wanted anything like he wanted this woman. What was laughable was that it wasn't about wanting sex. He'd had sex before without any deeper feelings. This was different. No, he wanted what Abby promised. Home. Hearth. Family. Stability.

sigh

Romantic suspense is one of my all time favorite types of reads. I love the adrenaline rush that the danger, action and mystery bring. In the Arms of a Stranger checks all those boxes while delivering an intense and delicious romance as well! This was my first novel by Virginia Kelly, but it won't be my last. There's a novella in this series that I'm eager to get my hands on: Dancing in the Dark which centers on JP's sister, Janey, getting a second chance at romance.

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Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says

I got a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange of an honest review

Hello JP Blackmon!

Besides the irresistible cover, *In the Arms of a Stranger* was a thrilling romantic suspense that I have been craving for a while. I think it's been a couple of months since I have had my fix and since most of you know I love to read just about anything - there are times where I always crave for a specific genre types once in a while more.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. When everything goes wrong and JP is suddenly found as a marked man by his own country, he travels to find the only man that can fix what had gone wrong. Too bad in his journey he discovers that his only best friend that would know anything about what is going on - is already dead and has left behind a lovely widow and a son.

Abby Price has suddenly come to a conclusion that she might have never really known her husband. She sort of knew what he worked as but as his boss and a few other people keep showing up looking for answers - she is suddenly found herself trapped in a web of lies looking for her own way out.

Fascinating story! thrilling and entertaining. Kept me guessing and looking for clues until the very end as JP and Abby set out to find the truth and danger follows them around every corner. JP is unable to deny the attraction that keeps growing between Abby and him until flames are hot and hard to ignore.

I enjoyed the romance in this one and Abby's struggle with not only facing some ugly truth about her husband, but also the fact that she finds herself alive again but with the wrong kind of man. But she was a strong woman and even a stronger mother. I really did like her character and it was hard not to feel for everything that she had going wrong for her.

Virginia Kelly really knows how to tell a wonderful suspenseful but romantic story and I am looking forward to more from this author!

Bj says

An Entertaining, Romantic Suspense that Will Keep You Guessing!

IN THE ARMS OF A STRANGER is an entertaining, romantic suspense that will keep you guessing about the characters' past and how it will shape their futures. Well written, with plenty of sexual tension and even, at times, comical elements, *IN THE ARMS OF A STRANGER* is a delightful read.

Abby Price, a young widow and mother of a four-year-old son, is determined to find out who her husband, Wade Price, had really been. Following his death, Abby learned that her husband, whom she had known for seven years, had been living a double life as a spy and may have gone rogue. Then one rainy night, Abby meets Wade's partner, JP Blackmon.

Abby, determined to finally learn the truth about her ex-husband's life, seeks out JP and tries to convince him to take her along in his quest to find the truth. Abby, however, doesn't know how much she should trust JP, who is apparently running from his own troubles.

Throughout the twists and turns that Abby and JP take to unravel the truth, the sexual tension and romantic connection builds. But can Abby ever really trust JP, who is so much like her ex-husband? Can JP ever let himself be with his ex-partner's and mentor's wife? Even if JP does believe that Wade may have double crossed him, doesn't Abby deserve so much more?

IN THE ARMS OF A STRANGER exemplifies how important trust is in every relationship and makes you question whether, at times, we may turn a blind eye to things we don't want to see, especially when it involves our loved ones. Moreover, Ms. Kelly does a great job of writing a story that proves that strong attractions, irrespective of common sense, sometimes can't be denied.

A truly enjoyable read, I recommend IN THE ARMS OF A STRANGER, to anyone who enjoys a good romantic suspense novel!

Source: Official Review written by me and originally published in The Romance Reviews (TRR). See <http://www.theromancereviews.com/view...>

Jonetta says

Originally posted at The Book Nympho

Quick Summary

CIA operative JP Blackmon is wounded, on the run and has finally made his way to his former partner's (Wade Price) home to confront him, to get him to clear his name. What he finds is his widow, Abby, who in the moment needs his help pretty desperately. She also wants answers that only he can provide so they, for now, have a tenuous partnership.

The mystery

JP doesn't know if Wade set him up or was also a victim of a horrible treason perpetrated on both of them. Abby wants answers and doesn't know if she ever really knew her husband. As the search for JP intensifies, it's impossible to know who to trust and how to follow Wade's trail of clues. Abby's pretty sharp and isn't aware of what she may know that's helpful. JP is a highly trained operative who can take care of himself but can't solve this without her.

The romance

You expect in this genre for things to heat up more quickly given the heightened state of excitement and adrenalin flow. JP and Abby are no exception and both really fight their attraction, he because his lifestyle is pretty problematic and she because he's virtually a stranger who hasn't earned her trust...yet. But, spending days on end together on constant alert seems to kill all of those concerns. Yes, it was a short time but these two really got to know each other. I liked how their relationship developed.

The bottom line

The story was pretty well balance between the romance and suspense with a tiny nod to the love story.

Abby's son was also very charming and added to the plot. The tension ebbed and flowed but when it was up, it got my blood boiling. It's a very good story with an exciting mystery and strong romance. I was able to figure out the villains early on but there were a hosts of surprises that kept things interesting. I'll be reading more by Kelly as she spins a good tale.

Janeiowa says

Ms Kelly has written an exciting romantic suspense about a black ops sniper trying to clear his name and his partner's wife. This was one I had a very hard time putting down. The characters drew me into their quest for the people who were framing her dead husband and his partner. The suspense built throughout the story, keeping me both worrying about what was coming and yet anxious to see the next development/revelation.

Ms Kelly is an author I'll be looking forward to reading again and again.

Margaret Watkins says

An exciting, fast paced, romantic suspense, this book takes the reader on a roller coaster ride from the opening page right up to the end. JP knows that he has been betrayed and all indications point to the person he trusted most. Wanting answers leads him to Abby, his partner's widow, who also wants answers. They are faced with the same questions and need to find the truth. However, that quest leads them into more danger than either anticipated. This story is well written with heart thumping suspense and an undeniable attraction between the hero and heroine. There is an excellent plot with clues that lead the unlikely pair across the country in their race to find the truth. Although this novel is part of a series, it is nevertheless a standalone and comes to a most satisfactory conclusion. I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily post this review. This is my honest review.

Dianne says

Like your Heroes HOT and your Heroines Gutsy? Virginia Kelly is celebrating the release of TAKE A CHANCE ON ME with a fabulous Giveaway

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Patty says

This was a great suspense action/adventure story with a touch of romance. Both JP and Abby were interesting characters on their own. Together they created a completely different dynamic. The whole idea that Wade hid part of his work and life from Abby only to have it revealed in such dire circumstances was very thought provoking. The chase across the country that JP and Abby undertook to figure out Wades cryptic clues also was very compelling. I found that I just could 't put this novel down until I reached the end. I particularly liked the closure that the epilogue provided. I received this book for free from eBook

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Irene S says

Abby has been waiting a year for JP, her husband's former partner. Abby wants to get answers on her husband's death. JP is on the run and is afraid that Abby's husband framed him. I received a free copy of this book from eBook Discovery. This is my honest and voluntarily given review. This is a very good romantic suspense. Abby is determined to prove her husband a hero for her son's sake. Abby is a well-developed character. Abby wants to find the answers to her husband's secrets. JP is very protective of Abby and her son. JP wants to keep her safe from the danger and the secrets, but Abby is very determined and persistent. As they search for answers, they draw closer together. The romance and the story are believable. I really enjoyed reading this book.

Beth says

Abby Price's husband worked for the government. She knew that, but she never had any idea what his life entailed until the day he died. His death is shrouded in suspicion. When his old partner JP Blackmon comes crashing into Abby's life she sees an opportunity to clear her husband's name and prove him the hero she knows he is.

The more Abby discovers about her husband the more she realizes she never knew him at all.

With every day the attraction between JP and Abby grows but how could she ever trust another man with all that was left unsaid in her marriage of 7 years.

This is a high velocity, government conspiracy black ops romance. The characters are running for their lives and it's a race against the clock to uncover secrets from a man that didn't let any of his secrets slip...and if they don't they and the ones they love die. I love the black ops romance books, *In the Arms of a Stranger* was a sensational action packed, suspense filled, romance...a perfect read for me.

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