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She makes me crazy. Turns my world upside down. I don't know if I'm coming or going.

"I, ah, don't do long term. Okay?"

"Slow down, the only thing I'm proposing is a nice meal and a glass of wine."

"Riiight. Followed by bed."

"I'm willing to put out as long as you respect me in the morning."

"Maybe I'll just insist on an expensive dinner and leave you hanging."

"Oh honey, it won't be."

Andrew Quinn

A few years back, my gorgeous client captured the world's attention when her billionaire husband died and left her penniless. Refusing charity, she's fired me more times than I can count but I don't give a d@mn. I'm keeping her safe.

Sienna

My ex was a cheap, conniving SOB with ties to the mob. So, when I mistakenly capture his very-alive voice on a recording, I know I'm in deep sh*t. Mr. Sexy-Suit offers his services for free but if something sounds too good to be true... I sure as h3ll won't go down that road again.

Note: Steaming hot scenes, no cheating, and HEA guaranteed.

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Judy says

This is a great story about Andrew and Sierra and how they meet and interact the first time is just funny and sets the pace for their relationship, professionally and more if Andy gets his way! Andy is one very hot sexy successful investor and lawyer. He is asked by his brother, CJ's wife early one morning to help a woman out who needs a lawyer. Andy finds himself in an ER room with none other than Sierra Giles who is publicly known for marrying a wealthy man who died a couple years ago and left her penniless. Sierra has just rebuilt her life and finds herself in the ER with a sexy man and offers to have sex with him. She doesn't know how she ended up in this situation but Andy does what he's best at, gets her out of legal trouble. Andy is known trying to figure out what happened to Sierra and whose is behind it and along the way he becomes very protective of her and knows he wants more with Sierra. Andy offers to help pro bono but Sierra does not believe his services are for free, she hires and fires Andy several times and it's a joy to read their banter. When some unexplained events occur does the person responsible for Sierra's legal troubles and the threats to her life become known. Andy takes Sierra to his small hometown to protect her and things get more complicated and issues come up for them both as a couple. Once the truth comes out who is behind Sierra's problems she is able to move on. Andy protects Sierra and even ends up taking a bullet in the process. Sierra finds a new way of life down south and starts to grow on her own. What happens between Andy and Sierra is a bit heartbreaking. Can Andy figure out a way to be happy with Sierra and get her to forgive him? I loved catching up with many of the characters from previous stories. I hope to read Jack's story next! I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

AYA Alminiana says

Like talking to your best friend!

“Will you take me back?”

“Take you back, no...”

My heart drops.

“Why ***** not?”

“Because I never let you go.”

That exchange between Andy and Sienna was what convinced me into looking forward to reading the rest of Stella Marie Alden's books. At first I was confused, as her style of writing was not something I usually encounter—characters narrating their antics in a somewhat casual manner, but then I got it—Andy and Sienna were like our friends intimately describing to us how their day went, from the tiniest of details.

Another point I loved about the book is that it was a lighthearted read even with the drama going on between Andy and Sienna.

Andy was recruited by his brother to help out Sienna, the former wife of a man who had ties to a crime family. On the run they found themselves getting close to one another but were too wary to voice out their feelings amidst the uncertainties of their future. Love, eventually, knocks them both in the head.

Over all? I'd definitely add Stella Marie Alden to my list of authors to follow!

Judy Johnson says

The thing I loved most about this book is that it is a standalone, so no previous background is necessary to get into the book. Super hot and steamy combined with a great story and well developed characters and what you have here is a book that you just don't want to put down. My first suggestion is to find a private place, get a fan and some water, make sure you won't be interrupted and start reading this well told story starring Andy and Sienna! Tons of chemistry and suspense as the story takes directions that you initially don't think of, a little bit tear jerk in places, this story of a lawyer doing a pro bono job for a singer with a dangerous past does not disappoint! No spoilers here, just get this book and read it and the other thing I can unequivocally say is this book will have you looking for more of Stella's books if you haven't read any before this!

Natalia says

Check out my review on my blog, Reality Jumper Reviews.

3.5 stars.

Disclaimer: I received an early copy of this, from the author, for a review. This free copy in no way sways my opinions about the story.

Oh dear, where do I begin?

In My Custody was my first book by Stella Marie Alden. Side note, I do not remember how I came across an ARC copy of this story aside from the email I received about it! Either way, I love getting advanced copies, and I love being able to expand my reading preferences through ARC copies from authors I have never read from before.

Unfortunately, I was not a huge fan of the writing. But let me get to that a little later.

Starting with what I loved, look at the cover, and you might understand. The cover is gorgeous. And the font? Perfection! Then onto the blurb. It sounded kind of interesting. Like many others, I enjoy reading a good-ole happily-ever-after romance. I thought, why not? I shall answer the email for a copy!

When I received the ARC, I was so excited. I had been in a little bit of a slump, and this small story was something I hoped would pull me out of it. Sadly, it didn't. But it did not drag on like the book that initially put me in the slump, so I was grateful for that!

Initially, I loved Andrew Quinn. A do-good lawyer who does not occasionally mind helping out with pro-bono cases. Andrew's brother contacts him on the brother's wife's asking: a female singer was in a major car accident, and she hoped Andrew could help out (this is a little simplified because the request originally came from a woman Andrew helped that asked the brother's wife to call him. Seeing as how that sounds like a mouthful, I thought I would try and simplify it a little! ish). My main annoyance with Andrew? Constant insta-horniness whenever it came to Sienna. Bleh. However, that could be because I don't find it exciting or

attractive. You might be more interested though, dear Reader!

Sienna was annoying all-around. Sienna is the lead singer of a band, which is cool! Though there were the occasional times where I enjoyed her character, she just seemed like a weird ditz and was all over the place. I could not like her as much as I tried, unfortunately.

Don't get me wrong. I liked the idea of the story, possibly not-dead husband, and murder conspiracy, but I do not believe the execution was as good as it could have been.

Maybe it's just me, though! You might love it more than I did. Give it a shot and check out *In My Custody* by Stella Marie Alden. If you do, let me know what you thought of it.

Sorry, this is a bit shorter than usual, but I do not have much to say about this one.

Until we meet again, Readers!

Emma says

This is an exciting read. It is fast paced and keeps you interested from page one. The main characters, Sienna and Andy, are adorable. Sienna is an independent, talented singer who grew up under difficult circumstances. She is a widow at the beginning of the book and at the end as an unmarried woman, who is in love with Andy. Andy is a successful lawyer with OCD. He is so handsome he should be on the cover of GQ. Andy has done well for himself in investing his money. He can now offer his legal services Pro Bono. This book is a murder, mystery, suspenseful and full of emotion. We follow the trail of Sienna who was referred to Andy as a client. He took her case only to find it turned into a life or death situation for Sienna. Sienna found out long ago her deceased husband was involved with the mafia. But she is puzzled why they are after her now. Also, who would want her dead? A very good read. I received an Advanced Readers Copy of this book and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Christine Wilmot says

I read this book as a ARC. This is my first time doing so and I sat for 6 hours reading it. It had me hook line and sinker. It's a stand alone novel but it is also part of a series. The love you feel between Andy and Sienna can be felt through the pages. At times I want to throttle Andy for the way he acts but you understand his personality. And Sienna, your heart goes out to her. He has moments of weakness and but she is strong to, she can take care of herself.

Sydney Hopke says

Get a call to go to the hospital and help someone. You go and there she is, one touch and you know she's the one. First though you have to get her to listen to you, keep her safe and not put your foot in your mouth. You wake up in the hospital remembering things that can't be so and a really hot guy claiming to be your lawyer and won't go away. Now you need him, in many ways but denying it all the way. What a fun (giggles were had), suspenseful, and full of heat story! No books need to be read before this one and you get that HEA the

author promises. Make time to read because you won't want to put this down once you start!

Linda Walters says

This book had good main characters, although I have to say in the beginning I began to wonder about Sienna. She was kind of a ditz at times and I wasn't sure I was going to like her all that much. More than once I thought I just wanted to shake her. How many chances is she going to take with her life? Common sense? I wasn't sure how much of that she had. But she also had some charming moments too.

Andrew, was kind of a surprise. He wasn't perfect, he had a few flaws but he was good at his job. That is he is good at it when he gets his client, Sienna to listen. Their first meeting was really different and had so humor to it even though she was in serious trouble. And is Andrew the stuffed suit that on the outside he seems to appear to be? No, I don't think so.

It had some good secondary people in this book who are involved in the danger that was in the story. There was a few unexpected twists towards the end of the book.

While I can't say this was a favorite book, it did enjoy it. I did give it 3.5 Stars by including that in the title. I voluntarily read an Advanced Reader's Copy of this book.

Christina Rybka says

I absolutely love Andy and Sienna story. Andy is a lawyer and his brother calls him to help a damsel in distress. Sienna is a hot mess who has problems like an dead ex husband who might be haunting her from the grave. They have instant chemistry. The supporting characters are awesome love these people. Great book.

Annie Fitzgerald says

Wonderful read about finding love in the worst circumstances and finding a way of trusting that love to get you through, especially after being burned by a man who said they loved you before.

Becky Claxon says

Andrew Quinn is an attorney in New York City. He has made money for him and is pro football player brother. He has made so much money he does a lot of pro bono work. Early one morning he gets a call to go to the hospital to help Sienna Giles. She is a struggling singer who was made famous when her rich husband died in a plane crash and the police tried to blame Sienna who received no money from his death. She was in a one car accident and is found to have drugs and a high alcohol level. She doesn't remember anything. Andrew protects her.

This book is good with mystery, suspense, betrayal, and love. Someone is trying to kill Sienna, and Andrew and a bodyguard are with her to protect her. I don't want to give away any of the story, but there are many people affecting the outcome of Sienna. I strongly encourage you to read the book. I voluntarily read an Advanced Reader's Copy of this book.

AnneKR says

Sienna Giles, having been in a car accident, is in the hospital facing a possible arrest due to drugs in her system. She is somewhat known to the public, as she is the widow to the famous, wealthy Peter Olafson, who died in a plane explosion and left her without a dime. When she wakes up in her hospital room, she has no recollection of what happened. Attorney Andrew Quinn is sitting at her bedside, as a favor from his brother CJ to represent her. He is immediately attracted to her but knows he can't do anything since she is his client. Sienna knows something doesn't feel right, so she tries to uncover what has happened to her. Pretty soon Andy gets caught up with Sienna stumbling on the fact her husband never died and is now after her, knowing she has incriminating evidence against him. Andy and his friend Jack are now on the run to protect Sienna until they have the evidence in their hands to turn over to the police.

Action, mystery, great banter between the H and h, hot and steamy scenes – this book pretty much has everything. Sienna is a strong, independent woman who has always taken care of herself. Andrew is a neat freak and doesn't know anything about relationships, which explains why he is always upsetting Sienna with the things he says and does. This was a great, page-turner book, trying to figure out what's going to happen next. Looking forward to reading the next one!

I voluntarily read an advanced reader's copy.

Nikki May says

This book was what I thought would be an easy straight forward and quick read, don't get me wrong it was a quick read but it wasn't empty. It was full of action, angst, insta love, turmoil and ever the present mistakes and anger.

Sienna as we got to know her she seemed like a little bit of a ditz at first, until she started standing up to Andy, then I started to see her fire and feist I like that in a character it makes them more believable and stronger than the normal typical damsel in distress and it makes them a lot more relatable as a person.

Andy was a typical lawyer or rather he was introduced as that and as we progressed through the story you realised he spent so much time on his job that he seemed to lose the charm on the ladies and often said the wrong thing or just didn't think of what he was saying before he said it, a bit like most men really ;)

The plot of this book was good, it created some good tension, horror and plenty of lust filled sex scenes which were described in plenty of detail.

Overall I enjoyed this book, I wouldn't say it was the best book I've read but it wasn't the worst either, it's not a book I would read again but it's a good short read that could help you out of your reading slump.

Carma says

In My Custody by Stella Marie Alden follows the story of Andrew Quinn (CJ's brother, lawyer used by

Grayson, Lilac, Slate etc from previous novels). It is a standalone story and you really don't need background but if you've read other novels by Ms. Alden then the peeks at characters past is a nice stroll down memory lane.

Andrew Quinn is a lawyer, a damn good lawyer. When he gets a call to help a woman in trouble he can't help but help. Lilac wouldn't steer him down the wrong path. When he meets this former celebrity, his life definitely starts down a new path.

Sierra Giles can't remember how she ended up in the hospital but man these painkillers are helping not care too much. In walks the hottest man she has seen for a while and she may have just proposition him for sex, but again no pain no gain. She has been through a rough couple years after her husband was killed in a plane crash and left her penniless and homeless. This guy would be a good distraction for sure.

Andy and Sierra have to figure out what happened to her and who is responsible for it. And they are running out of time. With a few suspects in Sierra's life already it may be someone they least expect.

Nice cameo appearances by CJ, Mel, Jack and Lilac. Slate is mentioned and Grayson, we also meet Sam Spade, Sierra's half brother. I received a copy of *In My Custody* without expectation for review, any and all opinions expressed are my own. 4 stars for Andy and Sierra, bring on Jack's book next!!!

Joyce Black says

Great read! This novel connects with some of Ms. Alden's previous works. She has done this so well, that even if you have not read any of her other books, where the characters overlap in her current novel, the current read still stands on its' own merit. Excellent reading! A pleasure to have used my time in partaking of this novel. There are all sorts of elements covered in this story: murder, mayhem, mystery, intrigue, drama, adventure and last but not least, smoking hot romance. This reader cannot wait for the pleasure of reading another of Stella Marie Alden's work.

I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this novel and I am leaving an honest and unbiased review. I have no affiliation to this author.
