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Sexy-as-sin Police Chief Mike Flannery knows the new arrival to Hopewell Springs is trouble. She has a smoking-hot body and a quick wit...and he'll be damned if that's not a turn-on. But this former NYPD cop and small-town heartthrob has been burned before, and there's no way he'll let that happen again.

New York City Detective Cassie Yates is on the run. A six-month undercover sting in a sleazy bar seemed like a textbook arrest—but now there's a hit out on her. Armed with fake ID, her K-9 companion, and a police-issued SUV, she flees to a quiet upstate town where she trades her badge and gun for a spatula, finally finding peace in the dream she tossed aside to follow her family into law enforcement.

There's no denying the fire and ice between them. But as the hired assassin closes in, Mike's past comes roaring back and secrets are revealed in an explosion destined to tear them apart—if not destroy them.

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Beth says

Cassie has followed in her family's footsteps becoming a detective but she's always dreamed of becoming a chef. When a small town dinner's chef quits, she takes up the mantle and impresses the tough as nails boss. This gives Cassie the perfect opportunity to fly under the radar you see...Cassie is a NYC undercover detective and is in a self-imposed "witness protection". While on the job, she is a witness to criminal actions that have painted a big target on her head. Worst thing is someone in her precinct has ratted her out, so she isn't sure who she can trust other than her brother and partner. When Cassie stumbles into the cooking position, she takes matters into her own hands and finds this sleepy little town the perfect place to hide out in.

Cassie never anticipating falling for the town's police chief, nor did she think they'd welcome her as one of their own. Guilt ridden by having to keep her true identity a secret, Cassie struggles with new friendships and the highly combustible reaction she has to Mike Flannery.

Burnout is a well written romantic suspense that is wonderfully paced to keep you guessing. The story is slow growing with a strong but thoughtfully conceived relationship between the main characters.

What seemed to really capture my attention was the secondary characters, leaving me to believe O'Fallen has much more to come. My first read from O'Fallen but it won't be my last.

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My Rating: 4 stars

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3.5 STARS!

Burnout is the first installment in the NYPD Blue & Gold series by Tee O'Fallon; and my first book from this author.

I have to confess I didn't read the blurb. The cover was what made me one-click it. I know, I know but have you seen those abs? Sorry but at the end of the day I'm just a horny girl. LOL.

After 6 months working as an undercover sting in a bar, Cassie was hoping for a smooth arrest—but now there's a hit out on her.

What do you do when you have a hired assassin trying to chop you up in pieces? You run! So armed with a fake ID and her K-9 companion Cassie leaves NY behind. On the run, she finds a quite upstate town where not only she feels safe but also has the chance to trade her badge and gun for a spatula, finally doing what she always wanted to do. Cook.

And is there where she meets sexy-as-sin Police Chief Mike Flannery who from the moment he met her knew she would be trouble. Not only for him but for his beloved town. Mike has been burned before, so there's no way he lets smoking-hot Cassie with her quick wit to burn him again. But that doesn't mean he couldn't has her, right? One night will be enough. Or that's what he thought.

There's no denying the sizzling chemistry between them. But as they explore their feelings for each other, the hired assassin closes in and with him secrets are revealed. Secrets that will have the power to tear them apart.

I love a good romantic suspense and I did enjoy this one. The heroine was not my favorite, though. I considered that some of her actions were childish. I didn't feel her. So that made me rest some brownie points to the story.

Bottom line, **Burnout** is a well written story with the perfect balance of suspense and romance, add steam to the mix and you get a highly entreating read.

Laura says

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I enjoyed this book. Both Mike and Cassie are relateable characters and while there was an element of suspense, there was also a great story of 2 people getting to know one another that was well written and enjoyable to read.

The pacing was strong, the characters well written and consistent and the supporting characters were also fun and added to the story.

Romance Readers Retreat says

The story itself I won't rehash to much. Cassie Yates has been undercover for a while in a sleazy nightclub.

When the operation is done and dusted and cassie decides to take off for a break, it seems a hit gets put on her head. Cassie ends up in the town of Hopewell Springs where she meets the town cop Mike Flannery. Mike was unlucky in love before and was used so he has vowed never to love again, well until he meets Cassie but with secrets in the air and things going wrong in town can he walk away?

You know when they say being able to write a book and do it well on a your debut is a talent? Well this author for me has smashed it because I couldn't put this down. Burnout is Tee O'Fallons debut book it's written in third person which normally puts me off but this has been done effortlessly.

I loved this book it kept me drawn in and I didn't want to put it down. The lead characters were strong and easy to like and the side characters played a good enough part to invest in them and to want to know more. The writing flowed well and I would never have been able to tell this was a first for this author if I hadn't looked her up. There was a few hot scenes in this book that were very well written and not cringeworthy at all and I definitely think this is an author to watch out for as I certainly will be reading more as she writes it. This is definitely one for your tbr.

Nikki says

Ahhh, another favorite book that I just couldn't get enough of!! I absolutely adored Cassie and Mike's story, simply amazing. Cops are my ALL time favorite and this one might just hit my top 5 cop book ever!! I was on the edge the whole time wondering what would happen next.

Cassie is such a strong willed detective but she realizes she hasn't been happy for a while, even though she loves the cop job. But now might be her big break into her real dreams... If there ever were a perfect time for an escape this is it. Maybe she didn't have a choice and her life was in danger, but it came at the right time.

Mike's world changed years ago, but I'm might just start changing again. Will his past happen all over again? Or is this woman really the one person in the world to CRaCK Mike back into the man he really is? you'll have to read to find out. I promise you'll love every minute of it.

Recommended to anyone who enjoys a suspense filled with loving and caring characters.

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Heather andrews says

I like when men will do anything for their women, "when she stood on her tiptoes again and touched her lips to his, Mike knew he would forgive her anything." When asleep Cassie can't be held accountable for her actions, "he slid his arm around her shoulder and pressed her head to his chest. She sighed in her sleep and rested her hand on his crotch." I liked this book, I really loved Mike.

Elizabeth Neal says

The stuff has hit the fan. I repeat, the stuff has hit the fan. That's pretty much all Cassie needed to know before she hit the road to keep herself safe. Cassie, a deep-cover cop, has just finished a six month long undercover assignment as a bartender inside a club featuring underage girls. Yeah, I'm thinking there's not

enough brain bleach in the world to remove those memories from her brain, not to mention everything those poor girls had to endure. But her part is over and Cassie is contemplating being done with the cop life as a whole. She can't stop wishing that she'd followed her dream and put her culinary degree to use, instead of following the family tradition. When Cassie learns there's a hit out on her, while she's understandably anxious, she also knows this could be her only chance to go for what she's always wanted.

During the journey with her trusty dog, and former K-9 cop, Raven, Cassie makes a food stop and it seems fate has some changes in store for Cassie and the sexy man that made her brain stop functioning.

Mike, Hopewell Springs' police chief, stops in for coffee on his way out of town for a week's training and finds so much more. Too bad she's only passing through...or is she? When the restaurant's ill-tempered chef creates a scene, leading to his unemployment, Cassie can't just sit there, letting any delays and/or upset customers happen, knowing she can help.

When Mike returns home, he's pleased to see Cassie again, yet unsure what to make of her chilly reception upon seeing him in uniform. What happened to the woman that openly flirted with him and checked him out? While Cassie makes him feel, and want, things he hasn't since being burned years ago, his instincts are also telling him that she's hiding something. These two sides are creating a battle within him.

For Cassie's part, not only does she need to remain in hiding, and is worried about the trouble tracking her down and creating problems for the town, but she's also vowed to never date a cop again.

Can Mike let the pain and mistakes of his past go and take the risk on a true relationship with Cassie? Can Cassie see that Mike isn't like the other men she's dated and give him an honest chance? Who is really after Cassie? What happens when the danger comes looking for Cassie? Can Mike help keep her safe? How will Mike feel when he finds out the truth about who Cassie is? Will he understand why she couldn't tell him and forgive her? Or will he chalk it up as history repeating itself? Will he lose her before he can make that decision? Will Mike and Cassie get a HEA?

One-click now to find out. I was hooked upon reading this blurb and it did not disappoint. I love that Cassie is strong enough to take care of herself, yet eventually opens up and let's Mike in. As for Mike, you can see the echoes of his past still haunt him, but he's willing to take a chance on the one woman that reaches into him and sees his heart. I highly recommend you give this book a chance. The premise, characters, mystery, and romance are a great combination. I am so happy to know that this is the start of a new series as I can't wait to read about Cassie's brothers, Gray, Nick, and Jess, and her partner, Dom, as they each fall in love with the one for them. I also can't help but hope that Mike's sister gets a story as well. (Not naming her as I don't want to give anything away.) Also, it seems this is the writer's first novel. *mouth drops in surprise* Well done, Ms. O'Fallon. Well done. Now to patiently, well I'll strive for patience at least (does that count? LOL), wait for the next one. *props chin on fist*

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Kim Vanravenswaay says

What does it take to cause a cop to burnout? Well Cassie finds out the hard way that she needs to make a change in careers soon or she might not live to see another day. Where as when Mike's burnout happens he chooses to change locations instead. Both have secrets that are better kept under wraps, but secrets have a way of coming out at the worst times. If you like detective stories or cop stories then Burnout will be a new

favorite.

Elaine says

This is a great start to a new series. The heroine in this story is Detective Cassie Yates and, after six months working undercover, she's now trying to stay off the radar to stop the hit man who is after her succeeding in killing her. She's opted not to go to a safe house, is using an assumed identity and has driving off into the unknown. Well, that was the plan! En route she stopped for food in a small town and ended up getting a job working there as the Chef! She'd always enjoyed preparing and serving delicious food and this is an opportunity she grabbed.

The hero is Police Chief Mike Flannery. He is immediately attracted to this feisty new arrival to Hopewell Springs but also recognises that there's something she's hiding. As the temperature outside the kitchen heats up between them, the assassin and other dangers also add to the mix creating a delicious, action packed recipe that is cooked to perfection!

This is an enthralling read packed with surprises, is a well paced suspense and a real page turner. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this to anyone who enjoys romantic suspense with a touch of steam. I will definitely be on the look out for more books in this series!

Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley, too, for letting me read this in exchange for my honest review.

Bette Hansen says

I loved this one! It's a great romance with a great suspense element to it. Mike and Cassie were great characters and I enjoyed how their relationship developed slowly throughout the story. The attraction was there but the build up took a bit which was a nice change from all the insta-love I've read lately.

Cassie Yates has been working an undercover assignment for 6 months. Now that the job is done she finds out there is a hit out on her so she falls off the grid and hides out in Hopewell Springs. While there not only does she make some great friends she also gets to work as a cook. A job she's been longing to do. Oh and she also meets the very delectable Mike Flannery. Local chief of police and one heck of a hottie. Mike also use to be a NYPD detective but after having his heart broken he left the city and is happy in his little town. One look at Cassie and he knows she's trouble with a capital T. As time goes on and the attraction flares to life these two are in for a wild ride. That is until the past arrives in town!!

A great read and one I highly recommend.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

This is my first Tee O'Fallon book, and whoa, it most definitely will not be my last. Wickedly suspenseful, with a simmering chemistry between two lovable leads, *Burnout* proved to be edge-of-your-seat fun mixed

with small-town-romance charm.

I love a small-town book, truly. I love the camaraderie between characters, that ‘everyone knows everyone’ feel that makes you feel closer, more involved and invested in the lives of these fictional people. And *Burnout* had that. The secondary characters were interesting and quirky. Rose and Jimmy, in particular, were a heart-happy pair, and made me smile on more than one occasion.

Actually, this entire book made me smile a few times. Mike, the sexy Police Chief, and Cassie, the on-the-run NYPD Detective made a great couple. Their attraction was palpable, and their heat factor was HIGH. HOT really doesn’t begin to cover what these two had going on. The pacing, the flow of the relationship really worked for me, and although it might have been a little too fast in terms of timeline, it didn’t *feel* that way reading it. It feel slow, sensual and just about perfect.

The central mystery of this story—the reason Cassie is on the run in the first place—was well-handled, if a little obvious. At least, to me. I had it figured out pretty quick-smart, although I still found the ups-and-downs to be very engaging and very tense. This one read realistic in a lot of ways, was well-written by someone with knowledge on her side, and that made it all the better.

Was Burnout perfect? No. But it WAS immensely enjoyable. I’m excited to see that this is the first in a new series, because I definitely want to revisit these characters, this town (hopefully), and get some more wicked suspense from Ms. O’Fallon. ~ Beth, 4 stars

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Yummy and not just the diner food!

This was my first book by this author and I really enjoyed the sexy, snappy leads as well as the warm, supportive secondary characters. Two police officers—one a chief and another a detective—would have lots in common, right? Probably, if there were no secrets between them...

Cassie Yates has been made a target so she takes the opportunity to put her undercover life in the city behind her and concentrate on her first love—cooking. Stumbling into a job in a sleepy small town fits the job nicely. Now, if the chief of police would only stop being so darn handsome. And nosy. And distrustful. And Mike Flannery was all that and a bag of chips...

**“Definitely don’t know her. I’d remember an ass that great.”**

**“The man was as deep and seductive as velvety chocolate mousse.”**

I’m not usually a fan of stories where the foundation is based on lies or unnecessary secrets. This story was all about the secrets but totally worked as Cassie hated the lies as much as I did. They were necessary, though, and even with Mike, and her newfound home and career being everything she wanted, she had to see it through. Knowing that the axe could fall at any time meant everything that happened—every conversation, every scene—took on a deeper meaning. Who wouldn’t cherish the moment when the next could see it all gone?

From steamy scenes to moments of heroism, there are quirky characters, furry friends and culinary delights to make this love story a great pick up on a rainy afternoon. Loved it! ~ Diane, 4 stars



## **Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says**

The abs on that cover are the first thing that caught my eye but the blurb was very enticing and anyone that knows me knows that I can't pass up any romantic suspense book. Well, it was worth it because BURNOUT is exciting and steamy, well-written and a great debut for Ms. O'Fallon.

Undercover NYPD Police Detective Cassie Yates is at the point where she's rethinking her current job path and the news that a hit has been taken out on her is one more item in the con column, but until the person who ordered the hit is arrested, she has to lay low. Getting out of Dodge leads her to a temporary gig as a chef in a small town and the very sexy Chief of Police Mike Flannery.

As hot as he is, Mike has the women falling over themselves to catch his eye, but he has never felt the need to take any of them up on their offers, until Cassie gets to town. The attraction is very obvious and while they both have a reason for not acting on it, they can only hold out for so long before they start burning up the sheets, but with Cassie's huge secret between them and the danger following her, a relationship between them may be doomed even before it starts.

I have been looking forward to reading this book since I first saw the cover and I'm glad I got a chance to. Mike and Cassie are really likable characters, dealing with issues that anyone can relate to (well, except the whole murder for hire thing with Cassie) and I really enjoyed watching them figure out things between them.

The suspense and story as a whole while well-paced were on the slow side, building up to the climax piece by piece, but I enjoyed the way the author injected humorous dialogue and enjoyable secondary characters into it to make it even more engaging. As a reader, I always want more from an author whose work I enjoy, so I'm hoping that we'll get stories for at least three other characters that were introduced in the book.

If you enjoy romantic suspense or love close-knit small town romances, then make sure to read BURNOUT.

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## **Jennifer says**

Dom and Daisy met in the 2nd book in the series as the best friends of Gray and Alex respectively, and they had a steamy one night affair before Dom ducked out in the middle of the night. They have seen each other a couple of times, but Daisy refuses to get involved with him again...okay, that doesn't last, of course!

The threat from the Pyramid syndicate is heating up, and Dom goes undercover to try and take them down. This involves getting 'fired' from the detective job he has worked so hard for by appearing to be drunk on the job and stealing Oxycontin from the evidence room. His main target Jack is a former Delta soldier that Dom had served with, and he is stunned to find Jack working as a delivery driver for Daisy's flower shop.

That ramps up the danger, and leads to the ultimate conclusion...but I'll leave that part for you to find out!

While I liked Dom's willingness to do whatever he needs to in order to take down the bad guys (and as a pharmacy professional, I particularly appreciated the Oxycontin reference), he's kind of a jerk. He lost the only other woman he ever cared about in Afghanistan, and he doesn't want to take a chance on love again.

There are definitely things about their relationship that I liked, but it's not as strong (to me) as Gray and Alex or Mike and Cassie's from the previous books. The smexy parts were hot, but I think I actually liked the suspense storyline more than the romance, which is kind of weird probably!

I would definitely recommend the series for those who haven't read it previously, because Tee's law enforcement background brings a realism that a lot of other books don't have. While I have to admit this one was my least favorite in the series, I still enjoyed the read! Thanks to Netgalley and Entangled for the ARC!

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## Coral says

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 4/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 5/5

Based on the plot, the book is more of a contemporary romance with suspense elements than a straight romantic suspense. So, we get to see the main characters Cassie & Mike fall in love at their own pace. I like how the suspense part of the story blends in seamlessly and kept simple.

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## Lana ❀❀Dirty Girl Romance❀❀ says

### 3 Stars

Who read this book because they were totally lured in by a hot cover?

What? Have you *seen* those abs? I'm weak, mkay! But I digress...

I love a good romantic suspense, and aside from the extremely hot cover, I was really intrigued by the blurb here. A tough as nails NYC detective meets small town Police Chief that's running from a painful past of his own? Yes please!

The sparks between these two were instant, but it was a slow burn, which I also appreciated. Cassie may be a cop herself but her aversion to dating other cops makes Mike both suspicious and intrigued. He doesn't know where the beautiful newcomer came from or what secrets she's hiding, but he knows that there's a whole lot more to the story that meets the eye.

Cassie is burned out by her job and her quiet reprieve in the small upstate town is just what she needs. Now if only she can figure out who put the hit out on her after what they all assumed was a successful undercover sting. It doesn't take her long to figure out that Mike is unlike most cops she knows and she can't deny the sizzling chemistry between them. She wants to come clean and tell him everything, but can she trust him.

Mike has a history of his own that causes him to mistrust. If anything, this is actually the one thing that

ultimately brought my rating down. I didn't understand his extreme reaction to the situation with him and Cassie. While I get that he was betrayed in the worst ways in his past, the situations weren't as remotely similar as he was treating them to be. It was over the top and an exercise in frustration waiting for him to finally get his head out of his past and actually see reason. A little too long for my tastes, actually.

Burnout was a well paced suspense plot with just enough romance and steam weaved into it to make it a highly entreating read. There were two secondary characters introduced that I'd love a book for, so I'm hoping this will actually be a series. Tee O'Fallon is a new to me author, but she's definitely one to watch out for and I'd gladly read any of her future releases.

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