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Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

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"She'd entered the danger zone where trust and insecurity battled for ownership of her mind."

I absolutely love romantic suspense. In fact, it's one of the very first genres I read and one that got me completely hooked onto reading. There was absolutely no question of me NOT reading this book when I saw it was romantic suspense so of course, I gobbled it up in one sitting. While this book was certainly an attention-grabber, I felt like it was lacking...intensity. You know, the kind that makes you want to clutch your heart or makes you *agonize* over a character's decisions.

Mind you, I could barely put it down. It held me enough to read it straight on, but it wasn't a book where the story and characters stayed with me.

So what's this book about, hmm? I think I'll let Lacey do the honors.

"I am totally pissed off. I have a headache from hell. My business was robbed. My dad's been missing for four days and no one can find him. And now, you're here. What the hell else can go wrong?"

In other words, Lacey's life in a nutshell. She is on her way to meet her father, Bill, and his girlfriend Mona, expecting an engagement but instead, receives the word that her father is missing. Caleb Mansfield, her father's former protégée, shows up in town to help find him. The catch here is that Caleb is her former lover and *the heartbreaker*, which makes Lacey feel even more annoyed and hurt. Yep, lots of water under the bridge. *ruh-roh*

*"You knew I'd fallen for you. I thought we had something special, something real. He said no and you stood there and watched it happen. You **let** it happen. That's a fact. Lie to me again and I'm out of here."*

"I didn't challenge him because I'm the one who asked him to do it."

"Nice. If that's what you do to people you're crazy about, I feel sorry for your enemies."

Despite her trepidation and fears of insecurity, Lacey realizes that she needs Caleb, needs his help and support. For all the wrongs and misunderstandings between them, their love for Bill overshadowed their personal feelings. Time was running out, and it wasn't on their side.

"I didn't want him to be involved, you know. But I'm running out of options. I'm losing my dad, Caleb. I can feel it."

The suspense aspect was decent. Around 20% or so, one of the perpetrators is revealed so it was all the matter of whether or not Lacey and Caleb could find her dad. I did enjoy the multiple POVs, not just of Lacey or Caleb, but the ones with the 'bad guys' and the detectives. Gives the book a full accounting of the events as they unfold and really adds depth to the plot.

The ending was a bit rushed, but it didn't derail me from enjoying the story.

4 STARS!!!

Emily Hemmer says

Full disclosure, I know this author - but only a little bit and not enough to sway my review of Dangerous Ally. From the first sentence, it was clear that Michelle Grey is an excellent writer. Her characters and dialog are top-notch. The story begins with suspense and keeps you on the edge of your seat (or chapter) all the way to the end. I found her level of detail a welcome surprise, as many romance novels fall short in that area, and even better, she didn't bog the reader down with useless facts or filler. Her main characters, Lacey and Caleb, have fantastic chemistry and things get pretty HOT between them on more than one occasion. Let me just say that I'm grateful to Ms. Grey for her very steamy scenes – you won't be disappointed there!

If you're looking for a good romantic suspense when you're curled up in front of the fire, or anywhere for that matter, I'm happy to recommend this book to you. I look forward to reading Michelle's next book this summer.

Derna says

I received an ARC in exchange for honest review

"You were made to see and believe in the good in people. That's part of who you are, but sometimes our greatest strength is also our greatest weakness. Believing in others, trusting others, can open you up for heartache."

When Lacey Jordan father goes missing, she is reunite with her former lover Caleb Mansfield the person who broke her heart six years ago, and someone she doesn't want to see, and doesn't trust. As much as she hates to admit she soon realises that Caleb maybe the only person who can really help her find her father.

Lacey was feisty, and independent not afraid to say what she is thinking. She would do anything it took to save her father even risking her own life. Caleb was strong-minded, and caring he would do whatever it took to get Lacey to see that she could trust him again and help her find her father.

Dangerous Ally was romantic suspense novel that I read in one sitting. The suspense aspect of the storyline and it's twist and turns definitely kept me guessing as to what was going to happen next. The romance aspect had me smiling many times.

I liked Lacey, and Caleb even though they did frustrate me a few times with their choices. They definitely had plenty of chemistry, and you could see that they were still very much attracted to each other. Their relationship wasn't always plain sailing. Lacey and quite rightly is suspicious of Caleb actions because of the history that they share

The story is mainly told from the POV of Lacey and Caleb; however, you get the POV of a few other characters, which was interesting sometimes this doesn't work as it can get confusing, but I liked it as it gave you an insight into what the detectives and the people responsible for Lacey's father disappearance were thinking.

Overall Dangerous Alley was an enjoyable read from the start. It was the first book I have read by Michelle

Grey, and I will be checking out her other books. If you like books with some suspense, mystery, sexiness, romance and lets not forget second chance love then I would add this one to you TBR list.

Marisa Shor says

4.5 star!! FANTASTIC READ!! Full review is up on the blog! <http://illbereading.blogspot.com/2013...>

Brianna C says

"How long until temporary insanity wasn't considered temporary?"

This was definitely a pleasant surprise. I enjoy mystery/suspenseful type stories and this is one of the first (that I remember) that included romance. I'm weary of suspenseful/mystery type books because I don't want to figure it out right away. This did not have that problem! I was certainly surprised when it was revealed on who was involved. It had a good balance of the mystery along with the romance.

Lacey was a good leading lady. She was pretty normal and definitely had a good head on her shoulder. It was a bit annoying how much back and forth on her feelings she went through, but considering the circumstances it was definitely understandable. I liked Caleb. He never wavered on his feelings, nor did he really seem shady or to be a liar. He really seemed to be there for Lacey and was helpful in figuring out what happened to her father.

"The two most important men in her life had, within moments, broken her heart."

The main thing that bothered me was how quickly one of the bad guys was revealed. I can see why it happened as it did add to the story, but I was worried I would be able to guess pretty early what had happened. I thought I had it figured out a couple of times, but was wrong both times. That's a sign of a good mystery in my eyes! I will definitely be keeping my eye out for more by this author.

This review and more on my blog Listful Booking.

Kay Richards says

Title: Dangerous Ally
Author: Michelle Grey
Star rating: 5 stars

When Lacey is invited to a special dinner at her fathers house, there's only one problem... her father is nowhere to be found.

With her fathers recent scientific discovery being close to reality, people would quite happily Kill for it! Finding out her dad has been Kidnapped turns her whole world upside down. With the chances of finding her dad alive narrowing by the day, Lacey is hoping that someone will have some information that will lead to

her father. Caleb Mansfield, her former lover and the keeper of her fathers big discovery, shows up to help only to be questioned as to whether he is working with Lacey or against her. He needs to gain the trust that he broke all those years ago. Can they succeed or will time run out?

I devoured this book in one sitting and cannot get it out of my head. I absolutely love it!! Lacey is everything I would want in a heroine, fiesty, Brave and fiercely independent. And Caleb, wow! Who wouldn't want this caring and intelligent hunk of a man working with them! This debut novel of Michelle Grey's is one hot & steamy must read!

Ms Grey has done an amazing job writing this story! The book is well thought out, the story flows nicely, the characters are believable and above all its edited to near perfection!! You won't be disappointed!

Kay Richards

<3 Seductive Romance Reviews <3

Diana Day-Admire says

I loved the story

Ms Grey is a talented writer. What I like most about her books is that she has so much going on. Super sub plots, interesting characters and always a mystery that keeps me turning pages. Not certain of the last in this series I hope it's Sam's story if not, I would love to read that one. But will probably read anything from this writer.

Hillary says

*I received a free copy of this book in a Goodreads **First Reads** giveaway.*

Well, that was surprising. I actually enjoyed this book. It's surprising because of that cover. I don't really know why I entered the giveaway for this book because I typically stray away from covers like this, but I'm glad I entered and won. This book *just* missed a 4 star review. There were too many errors and omissions, but they, thankfully, didn't distract from the flow of the book. For the most part, the errors were things like having an "s" missing from something or not finishing out the quotation marks around speech. That's one reason why I had to dock points. Proofread. Proofread. Proofread. I can't say that enough. The other reason that I had to dock points is because this book could have used someone to tighten up the story a little bit. Don't get me wrong -- the story was good. This book just felt unnecessarily lengthy and there were a lot of interactions that just didn't really matter to the plot.

Let's talk about that cover. It's your typical "check your brain in at the door" cover. Not only do I feel uncomfortable reading books with covers like this in public, but, if I hadn't won this book, I would have never bought it. That's an absolute SHAME because this book is WAY better than all of those assumptions that I had upon first seeing the cover. Yes, there are a couple of multiple-page sex scenes in this book, but they're not so over-the-top that I felt like I was reading some erotic novel. Far from that. The sex scenes didn't really seem to fit for this book. I realize that the book centers around Lacey and Caleb's romance, but the semi-descriptive sex scenes were unnecessary. Leave a little bit to the imagination. Looking at the cover, however, you're probably *thinking* that this is going to be a super cheesy romance with lots of sex scenes. Wrong. I could think of so many things that would suit the cover of this book so much better than that

random guy. I didn't even imagine Caleb looking anything remotely like that guy on the cover, by the way. How about just a dark photo of the run-down, abandoned house that Bill was trapped in? Or what about something having to do with flowers because Lacey co-owned a flower shop? Here's a rough idea: A vase with some gorgeous flowers on a black background and a single dying flower drooping out of the vase. There are so many possibilities. I just don't get why authors and designers decide to go the route of slapping some eye candy on the cover of a book. The cover matters.

I would categorize this book as "romantic suspense." It had a little bit of everything, which was nice. Though the plot was formulaic, it kept me interested because I cared about Lacey and Caleb. I didn't so much care about the other characters, however. All of the other characters were kind of one dimensional, which was a bummer. I really wanted to know more about Lacey's father. Actually finding him at the end was kind of anticlimactic for me because 1) I knew it was going to happen and 2) I didn't really care that much about him. Perhaps the reader would have cared more had they gotten to know Bill through flashbacks from Lacey's memories. I don't know. I'm not a writer. I just felt like there was something missing in terms of character development with some of the other characters. The big reveal of the main kidnapper never came as a shock because I felt like I never got to know him. He was just some guy and it wasn't a big deal, though it was certainly a big deal for both Lacey and Caleb. I wanted to feel shocked with them, but I couldn't.

I'm very glad that both Caleb and Lacey came off as "real" people. A lot of times, authors will make their main characters so absolutely perfect that they just don't seem real. A reader can't connect with an absolutely perfect, flaw-free character. Just as a bit of an aside, one thing that bothered me was the fact that Caleb "growled" a lot. I get what the author was going for, but every single time I read that, I pictured a dog when Caleb "growled" while saying something. I get that the author was trying to make him sexy and whatever, but it was used way too many times throughout the book.

It was an interesting and entertaining ride following Caleb and Lacey around. While their relationship was pretty cheesy at times, it was, for the most part, genuine. It felt real and it was cute (although Lacey really needed to stop over-thinking everything). I smiled, I sighed, I grinned. The ending never felt rushed either, which was satisfying! This book took me a while to finish, but that's not because I couldn't get into it. I just had some other stuff going on over the past couple of weeks that kept me from reading in large chunks. I really wish I could have given a rating of more than 3 stars, but I just couldn't for the above mentioned flaws. Despite the minor flaws, this book is definitely worth reading!

Amy says

3 1/2 star read! The mystery was what made this a page turner!

When Lacey Jordan arrived at her father's home for a regular dinner evening, she expected him to announce his engagement to the woman in his life, Mona Nicholson. The last thing she expected was to discover Bill Jordan was missing. He'd simply vanished and no one had a clue as to where or why.

Caleb Mansfield had thought he'd actually take some time off when his boss, Roger Cantwell, ordered him to relax. He hadn't expected to find himself mixed up in a search for his old friend, mentor, and father of the woman he let get away. It was possible that he held the key to why Bill Jordan was missing but he, just as Lacey and the police, hadn't a clue as to who was behind it.

So, the mystery deepens. Lacey worries, Mona frets, and Caleb attempts to make sense of everything, including his feelings for Lacey, and her undeniably cold shoulder attitude. Insisting on staying around to sort out the many possible suspects, Caleb appoints himself Lacey's round the clock protector. Of course,

he's also hoping to wear down her resolve and get her to trust him. Just as she had, once upon a time, one summer long ago when they were in love.

DANGEROUS ALLY by Michelle Grey is a delightful second chance romance infused with a mystery that will keep you guessing all the way, right up to the reveal of the bad guy behind it all. The mystery starts slow, which isn't always a bad thing, but soon begins to simmer as more suspects begin to surface. Michelle handles the mystery part of this story so well that my mind had nearly everyone named as the culprit, at least once.

Her characters are charming, sneaky, downright despicable, and believable in all the ways that matter. The only problem I had was that she had developed a secondary story that at first I thought was important but once the connection to the main mystery was severed, I felt it was no longer needed. Too much time was taken up with this aspect of the book and began to feel like filler. I would like to have seen more action pertaining to the mystery and the constant danger that Lacey and Caleb were in rather than drawing my attention away with something that could've been wrapped up in less time.

Overall, DANGEROUS ALLY by Michelle Grey was a great read minus the secondary story. I highly recommend reading this edge of the seat, mind-teasing mystery built around a second chance romance that will keep you captivated and cheering them on. I'm looking forward to Michelle's next book with eager anticipation – there's a teaser for her new one at the end that will definitely hook you.

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Anna-marie says

I read this for Round Table Book Reviews

This is the story of Lacy Jordan. She helps run a florist & gift shop, with her best friend Paige. Her father Bill Jordan is a top rate scientist.

When Jordan goes to her father's for dinner one night, in the hope that he will announce his engagement to Mona, she is devastated to find that he has disappeared. As the hours go by Lacy has to come to terms with the fact that maybe it is her father's research that is behind it.

Help arrives in the form of Caleb Mansfield. A man that Lacy hoped she would never see again, after their brief relationship years ago left her heart broken. Together they embark of a journey to discover who is behind her Father's kidnap & their real feelings for each other.

I enjoyed this book. It was a little slow at the beginning, but it did pick up the pace & was a real guessing game as to who was the main man behind it all.

There was a lot of sexual chemistry between Lacy & Caleb, but they didn't quite gel right for me. The other characters worked well.

This is still worth read.

Marilou George says

This debut novel by Michelle Grey is a well-developed combination of romance and suspense that will capture you from the start and keep you engaged throughout.

Lacey is going to her father's house for dinner and when she arrives he is nowhere to be found. She is mildly

concerned at first but as the evening goes on and there is no word from him she phones the police to report him missing. As she waits for information from the police she intercepts a phone call from Caleb Mansfield on her father's phone. Caleb, who is very close to Lacey's father is extremely concerned about his disappearance and drops everything to come and help her.

Lacey and Caleb have a history together and Lacey is concerned about trusting him to help her without becoming emotionally involved. She is determined to keep her distance and concentrate on finding her father but their chemistry is too strong to be denied.

Lacey is a strong character who is independent, energetic and a loving and compassionate woman. Caleb is a very intelligent and caring person and his devotion to finding Lacey's father combined with the realization that he is in love with Lacey has him doing whatever he can to make her trust him again. The dynamic between these two characters is ever present throughout the story.

All the characters in the story are presented with great detail and contribute to the suspense and drama in a tremendous way.

A very endearing part of the story is when Lacey becomes involved in the adoption process with Sam, her employee, and the support and encouragement she provides this troubled teen when she has nowhere to turn.

This story is written in a manner that enables you to feel the tension and anxiety of the characters. The story is fast paced and the dialogue between the characters is realistic and relatable. I recommend this book to readers who enjoy a great mystery combined with a compassionate and moving love story.

Christine says

I read Unspoken Bonds first and loved it enough to get this book right away.

I knew this was Michelle Grey's first book so I was expecting it to be less polished than Unspoken Bonds, some how more of a 'promising first effort'. I was wrong. Dangerous Ally had me from the start and never let go.

This book had a high sense of suspense to it. While there were misleads and hints, I was not totally sure who the 'bad guy' was until near the reveal (he was in my top 2). The characters were well developed and the side story lines were equally engaging. I hope that we see some of them in the future, if not in key roles, then at least mentioned in passing.

Lacey comes home to find her father missing. No sign of a struggle, no ransom note and no reason for him to leave. She is in her own right a strong woman with her own business and strength of character. If she has a fault, it's too much compassion.

Caleb is our hero. He's a powerful man with a kick-ass brain. He's a business super hero. His mentor, Lacey's father Bill entrusted him with some top secret information just before he goes missing.

Caleb and Lacey have history. Neither thinks they should get back together, but as with any good romance, they are drawn to each other, spend time in denial, and well, it's a romance. I won't print a spoiler but figure it out for yourself!

Well worth the read. More than just a 'good first book', this is a good book.

Yawatta Hosby says

I loved this 38 chapter book. It opened up with the mystery: where is Lacey's dad? He's missing from dinner and so is Spencer (her soon to be step-brother). Since he doesn't like the man dating his mom, did Spencer kidnap him? Or did it have to do with BioTech? I liked that there was no clear cut answer right away—that upped the ante.

Lacey misses her dad and is nervous about the waiting game she has to play while the cops investigate. I couldn't even imagine if a loved one went missing. Not knowing if they're alive or dead. Not being offered a ransom to possibly get them back. In Chicago, Caleb hears about his career idol's disappearance, so travels to Manhattan, Kansas to help out. I loved his and Lacey's dynamic. They used to date six years ago; he broke her heart when he left, thinking it was for the best. The tension was interesting to read. She had to learn to trust Caleb again. I rooted for them to get back together (I'm a sucker for romance and second chances).

My favorite scenes: 1) Lacey helping Sam with the adoption process 2) the kidnappers holding Bill hostage 3) when Caleb first arrives to help 4) when Caleb asks Lacey what's wrong in the hotel room

All throughout the book, I tried guessing who the culprit could be. The ending was awesome because I never expected that person. It was a cool reveal. The story was a fast read. The author was great with dialogue. I was invested in the characters' dilemmas because the conversations were realistic and their body language helped paint the full picture.

I RECOMMEND this book to read.

Stefanie Kral says

Check out my other reviews at:

<http://mommyslatenightbookup.blogspot...>

Dangerous Ally
by Michelle Grey
4 Stars

I was given this book to read for a honest review. This book was def a slow start for me. But, once it picked up it def kept my attention.

The story begins with Lacey heading to her dad's house. Her father's house is empty except for his cell phone. Which is odd because they're suppose to have dinner there with her dad's girlfriend Mona. When her dad doesn't show up it's obvious he's been kidnapped.

The next day her dad's cell phone ring's and it's Caleb Mansfield. Lacey's ex-boyfriend & close friend of her father's. Her dad sent him the finished files of his work. Caleb learns that Bill Jordan is missing and gets on the 1st flight to help Lacey find her father.

The last thing Lacey wants is Caleb back in her life. He broke her heart years ago. Last thing Lacey wants or needs is the sexy Caleb back in her life. Unfortunately, she realizes rather quickly that Caleb knows more about her father's work than she does. Lacey agrees to let Caleb help her without letting him get too close.

Caleb realizes how much he loves Lacey. He also knows that he hurt Lacey very badly. Lacey doesn't trust him. And, he doesn't blame her. But, he'll do ANYTHING to win her trust & her back!!!

Lacey and Caleb learn quickly that her father's kidnapping is because of his work. And, that Lacey is at risk too. Caleb vows not to leave her side until her father is found & the kidnappers are behind bars. Lacey is definitely not liking the idea of Caleb being around 24/7.

We see as the story goes that there are a lot of people that work with Bill & Caleb that could be the kidnappers. But, you'll see that one by one every person you thought it could be.... Isn't. You'll also see Lacey at the worst, most scariest time in her life still staying strong. She starts helping Sam. Her employee at her store. Sam is pregnant and is scared. Lacey helps her weigh her options on having & raising her baby. Or finding a good family and giving her baby up for adoption.

What I really liked about this story was Caleb and Lacey's relationship. I loved how they still loved each other after all these years. And, no matter how hard Lacey fought the feelings for Caleb. Deep down she loved him. She just didn't trust him. But, she definitely keeps telling herself that she needs to learn to trust him. I really loved how caring and protective Caleb is of Lacey and everybody else he cares about. He gave Lacey all the help in the world that she needed. With giving her the space she needed to learn to trust him again.

I really wish the story with Sam would have had an actual ending. I felt like it was left open and not finished. For me, it really didn't have that much suspense to the story. It was more of a love story. But, it was a good story with a great ending. Michelle Grey's next book looks great as well.

"You were made to see and believe in the good in people. That's part of who you are, but sometimes our greatest strength is also our greatest weakness. Believing in others, trusting others, can open you up for heartache."

"It's the waiting I hate the most. I just want something to happen. Something we can act on."

"Pretty simple really. I thought we were in love. I was wrong. I thought we were going to spend our lives together. Wrong again. He left and that was it."

Atalia • FMR Book Grind says

Received a copy in exchange for an honest review

Rating: 3.5

"You were made to see and believe in the good in people. That's part of who you are, but sometimes our greatest strength is also our greatest weakness. Believing in others, trusting others, can open you up for heartache." -Bill, Lacey's dad

This book had such a great combination of romance and suspense. As I read the book, I thought I knew exactly who was behind the kidnapping and everything that happened. But boy was I wrong! I love it when books navigate you a certain way to then flip the story a different direction and leave you open mouthed and

wide eyed. My favorite parts in the book were definitely the interactions between Lacey and Caleb. It was fun getting to see them rekindle their love and how each event only brought them closer together.

Lacey: I loved how caring and generous she is. Despite being faced with tragedy, she was able to put what she was going through aside and was there for those who needed her. Throughout the book we see her character develop from a woman who was struggling to even decide what she really wanted to do in life into a woman who knew what she wanted and was determined to get it at all costs. Her love and commitment to others made me like her even more.

Caleb: I loved learning about his past and how he became the man he is. Just like Lacey, he's such a caring guy who works countless hours to provide for his siblings. As a result of working 24/7, he distant himself from those he loves including Lacey. Everything he did was to protect those he loves, such as leaving Lacey all those years ago. He felt that she deserved more than what he would be able to provide for her at the time. What also made me love this guy was how loyal and protective he is of those closest to him.

Overall I really enjoyed this wonderful debut novel. I am so excited for Rachel's book. I'm so glad she's getting a book; from what we read about her in this book she totally deserves one. From the excerpt I read of it, I can tell it will be just as great as this one. Can't wait to get my hands on it!
