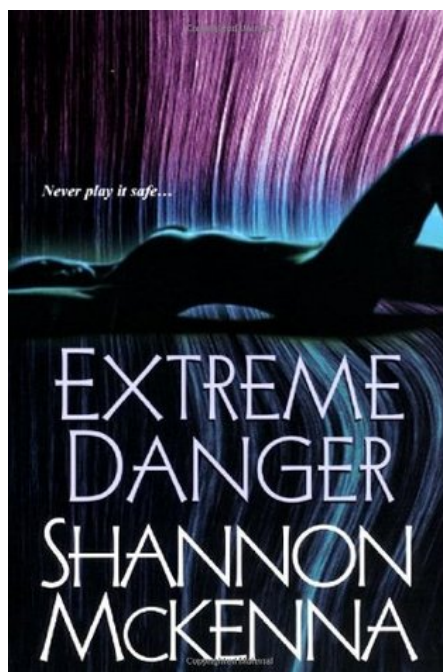




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Enter the seductive world of Shannon McKenna, where passion and suspense are intertwined, and love is the riskiest venture of all . . .

ON THE EDGE

Nobody's home at the millionaire's estate on remote Frakes Island. And nobody seems to be watching. Becca Cantrell dives in for an illicit midnight skinnydip--and gets hauled out by a towering, hard-muscled guy with burning dark eyes. He seems to be in charge. Good. The man is the embodiment of her most intense fantasies. And she's up for risky thrills . . .

Nick Ward can't tell her that he's spying on a vicious Russian crime boss. Becca could be his worst enemy: an assassin sent to kill him, a call girl sent to distract him, or the worst scenario of all--a clueless innocent. Anyway he looks at it, she's trouble: beautiful, bare, dripping-wet trouble. The kind he can't resist.

She's not scared. After one taste of his hot mouth, Becca soon discovers just how fearless she can be. She'll need it, too--because things are about to explode on Frakes Island, launching Becca and Nick into danger they could never have imagined--and a passion that could destroy them both.

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jenjn79 says

I had a really hard time getting into this book. Usually I enjoy McKenna's stories, but this one just didn't grab me for whatever reason. It could have been the way the book began, with the super nasty Zhoglo plying his evil, or maybe it was Nick's over-the-top "I am MAN, hear me roar" attitude. I'm a fan of dominant alpha males, but every so often while reading this book I kept thinking that McKenna may have trying too hard to push Nick's super macho image. Whatever it was about the book, I just kept putting the it down every few chapters to go do something else. Once I got to about halfway through, it wasn't as bad, but the first half took me forever to finish. So yeah, not one of my favorites by McKenna, but I won't say it downright sucked.

Jane Stewart says

Wow. Another winner in sex, fear and suspense. I love this author.

During much of the reading of this book, I felt scared. The villian Zhoglo was evil. The things he threatened to do and actually did were horrendous. He was into rape, torture, murder and kidnapping children and young adults, who were imprisoned to be used later for organs to transplant. He would kidnap children, siblings and spouses of people as a way of blackmailing those people into doing what he wanted.

True to McKenna's form there were a lot of graphic, erotic sex scenes. I loved the characters. Tam had a wild and surprising role toward the end. She has had minor but important roles in other McKenna books as well. I had only one complaint which I will decribe below, but it wasn't enough for me to bring down the 5 star rating.

CAUTION SPOILER:

Becca lied to Nick about something toward the end which caused a big problem. I saw no reason for her to lie. It was out of character for her to do this, and I didn't like it. This lie annoyed me. It was a weak plot point. I wish the author had used a different method to create the problem. But, in spite of this weakness, I still loved the book.

Sexual language: strong. Number of sex scenes: eighteen. Setting: current day U.S. Copyright: 2008. Genre: romantic suspense thriller.

For a list of my reviews of other Shannon McKenna books, see my 5 star review of "Ultimate Weapon" posted 11/15/08.

Lauren says

Extreme Danger

3.5 Stars

Nick and Becca's romance is very engaging (up until the moment he behaves like an asshat). Becca is another of Shannon McKenna's naive yet strong willed heroines who have no problem coping with the alpha male heroes. Nick has an excessive amount of testosterone but manages to come across as endearing despite

his overbearing attitude and terrible deductive skills.

While McKenna is skilled at writing truly despicable villains (Zhogolo is up there with the worst of the worst), the storyline revolving around human trafficking for the purpose of illegal organ harvesting is exceedingly far fetched and the climax and resolution are rushed. Moreover, there is an overabundance of sex scenes that overshadow both the characterization and the plot, which would have been better served with fewer orgasms and more action scenes.

Despite its problems, this is a fun series and I look forward to the next book in which cold and calculating Tamara apparently meets her match.

Roksana says

This book is my least favourite from the other books in the series...

There was just something very sleazy about Nick the Hero....he constantly had sex on his mind and I am not saying it was wrong of him to wanting to have sex with the heroine, I like my Hero being the sexual aggressor, I like to feel the chemistry between them and that physical connection is so strong they just cannot resist each other and I got that from Nick and Beccy, but, I did not like the way their sexual attraction was played out! There were many instances where Nick was callous to the extreme with his verbal wordings...like saying:

*you were the best f***...*
or

you were the best lay

All that was said in after sex with Beccy and I cringed each time I heard these words! He could just leave her cold and emotionless after sleeping with her like she was some disposable glove you throw away after use!

I just could not shake this feeling of Becca being used by him each time they would have sex..I don't know I just could not warm up to his persona after hearing him saying these nasty words too often for my comfort zone! Becca was very likeable heroine up to the point when she allows him to just use her...I wish she would just slant her door in his face much sooner! I also did not like that in one moment we were reading about the mafia plot and kidnapped girls horrendous ordeals and the next moment was reading about the blowing orgasms of the protagonists, very uncomfortable and inappropriate timing!

And another fact that just frozen me out was his sexual past brought in your face! I mean what the author was thinking of bringing that up? it did not swoon me over that's for sure, so why even putting these details there? Do I really want to know how fantastic sex life this guy had and he likes to touch the women down there? That completely ruined the book for me!

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

This is one of the most intense suspense books I've ever read!
The bad guy is horrible!

The romance is awesome, hot and extremely un-mushy!

The suspense... Jesus! Uber exciting, intense, edge-of-the-seat reading material.

I can't recommend this enough! Wow!!

Miss Kim says

Extreme Danger presents us with Nick Ward's story. He's Conner McCloud's ex Fed partner. Nick had a role in Conner's book and he was kind of jerk, and I didn't think much about him. He is a serious bad ass, as all the men are in this series, with a horrible past. Aside from his own rough childhood, he cannot get over his last case. He was in deep cover when his Russian partner, Sergei, was murdered. Sergei's' young children were taken and held for who knows what atrocious crimes.

He's no longer with the FBI, and cannot get this case out of his head, so he's going to try to find the children and bring down this Ukrainian mob. These are some serious bad guys, here. Nick is on security detail at a mansion while waiting for the men to show up. Becca is vacationing at the house next door and was told she could use the pool at the neighbor's house since the man is never man. She doesn't know Nick is there. She strolls up naked and drunk in the middle of the night to use the pool and Nick doesn't know if she has been sent to kill him or if she is really just an innocent.

The experience Becca is put through at the hands of the mob is really scary. So as not to blow Nick's cover, he tells them she is the cook for them. However, they feel she is there to service them in whatever fashion they wish. Nick is trying to protect her and cover, not to mention his own life.

True to McKenna form, the sex scenes are plentiful and *hot*. *Nick is an alpha but I never got mad at him like some of the other McClouds. He is so likeable and wanting love so badly that I just fell for him. Oh, did mention he's got a perfect body with long hair and tattoos?*

I'm so engrossed in this series; I cannot wait to get my hands on the next one even though it is Tamara's story. She is a villain in the first two books and was surprised to find she'd changed into one of the McCloud's closest allies. I was disappointed there was no mention of Kev McCloud in this book. Hoping for an up date in the next one!

Auntie says

When I heard that this book would be about Seattle FBI agent Nick Ward, a relatively minor character in the previous McCloud Brothers books, I wasn't sure what to expect. To me he just seemed like an arrogant jerk, and I was curious what kind of story the author would come up with for him. Well, I was not disappointed! Shannon McKenna gave Nick a fully fleshed out backstory (including a heartbreaking childhood) that explained why he acted the way that he did. And while he still acted like an arrogant jerk sometimes, he was a vulnerable, *lovable*, arrogant jerk, afraid of being hurt and disappointing others. And Ms. McKenna paired him with the perfect heroine: bold, loving, understanding, and gutsy Becca Cattrell.

Basically, the plot is that Nick, no longer working for the FBI, is working on his own trying to infiltrate the organization of notorious, vile Russian mobster Vadim Zhoglo. Nick wants to avenge the death of Sergei, a Russian undercover agent who was working with him on a case, and who Zhoglo had brutally tortured and killed. Sergei has a young 12 year old daughter, Sveti, who was also abducted by Zhoglo, but for what

purpose--was it child slavery, or something even more sinister? Nick vows to avenge Sergei's death, find Sveti, and reunite her with her mother.

Becca, an events coordinator at a local hotel, has an embarrassing breakup with her fiancée, and retreats to a friend's house on a secluded Seattle island to lick her wounds. She's told that she can use the neighbor's pool, and it's when she decides to take a midnight skinnydip that she runs into Nick.

Nick has managed to infiltrate Zhoglo's organization, working security at his island retreat. He spots Becca trespassing, and it's lust at first sight (for both of them!) When Zhoglo arrives the next day, finding Becca there, he assumes Nick brought her there for his (Zhoglo's) sexual pleasure. Nick has to think fast and bring Becca in to his plan, or risk blowing his cover. But can he protect her from Zhoglo, who clearly wants to use her for his own enjoyment, without getting them both killed?

Nick and Becca spend the rest of the time on the run from Zhoglo and his henchmen, while stumbling upon the real reason why Sveti and other children have been abducted. This subject matter involving the children is upsetting and sometimes gruesome, but it plays a key part in Nick and Becca's budding relationship.

Once again the McCloud brothers, spouses, and friends make appearances. There's a big wedding scene where everyone appears (including Tamara). Also, there are some suspenseful scenes at the climax where everyone is involved trying to save the children from a terrible fate that awaits them.

I loved this story--it was a one day read for me--I simply could not put it down! Nick and Becca sizzle as a couple; the love scenes are frequent, hot, and memorable (especially a hot tub scene!) Of course. Nick almost blows it with Becca at the end, showing a real lack of faith in the relationship. Nick is a typical McKenna hero: alpha, aggressive, arrogant, but also sweetly vulnerable. Becca was a good match for him: sexy, brave, and takes no guff. The suspense was intense, the villains disgusting. McKenna gets better and better with each book--this one was 5 stars all the way!

Cara Ellison says

Extreme Danger by Shannon McKenna is a trainwreck of a book. It is dripping with crazysauce.

I like Shannon McKenna's books. I'm always a little embarrassed that I like them because they are so over the top, but I'm completely unable to defend having this book in my library.

Becca Cattrell is a typical McKenna heroine. She's thirty and nearly virgin. Sort of goofy and clueless. Says "um" a lot (I will get to this in a minute.)

After her fiancé is caught Tiger Woodsing her with a hussy who was giving him a blowjob in the car, she decides she's going to start being more adventurous. She starts by skinny dipping in a neighbor's pool. Nick Ward, some sort of ex-commando, is watching the place for some mysterious people. He doesn't know they are Ukrainian mafia. Or as McKenna spells it: mafiya.

Nick sees Becca swimming – naked – in the pool and thinks she’s an assassin. He ends up feeling her up, then fingering her to a mind-blowing orgasm, before he crassly says, “Blow me. Let’s see if you’re any good.” This triggers poor Becca’s horrible pathology about blowjobs, seeing as her fiancé got one and well... Becca flees, naked, like a scared virgin.

I will pause here and expound on this virgin fascination a bit. The woman is thirty years old and through-out the novel, McKenna does her best to make Becca virginal. For instance:

This is a text exchange. Becca writes:

Got virginal lingerie 2 go with glasses...

And Nick writes back:

cannot fucking wait.

Even her language is juvenile. She says “um” a lot, like here when she asks if Nick “um, likes that” (meaning blowjobs).

This virgin obsession just a weird tic that modern writers have, and McKenna is particularly guilty of it. I do not pretend to understand this, but it is particularly egregious in this book.

Nick is described as someone who just seems flat out gross to me. He’s tall and muscular, is covered in tattoos, has long greasy hair, a gnarly beard. He’s wearing a black singlet, and black utility pants that are cut off to the knees. If this doesn’t sound like a douche to you, I don’t know what will. Yet Becca thinks he’s the hottest thing she’s ever seen, which just goes to show you that even airheads need love.

Next day, Becca returns, clothed this time, because she forgot her glasses when she was skinny-dipping. She arrives just as the mafiya thugs arrive, and Nick quickly covers by saying she is there to cook for them.

This sounds outlandish but up until this point, this is straight up typical McKenna. I didn’t bat an eye. Until... the mafiya thugs decide they want to fuck Becca. Nick tries to talk them out of it, saying she is just there to cook for them. The mafiya thugs decide that they’ll be satisfied just watching Nick fuck her on the video screens. Nick takes her upstairs and they pretend to fuck up against the wall. Then Becca falls down beside the bed, and he starts to help her up, and she ends up guiding his penis into her.

Of course, like all of McKenna’s heroes, he is hung like a baseball bat. He is so insanely large that no woman can possibly fuck him without having at least two orgasms to make her super-slick and soft. Yet Becca takes it, though she must be in pain. And of course, she has another otherworldly orgasm. While mafiya thugs are downstairs. Threatening to rape and kill her. This is the least sexy circumstance I can think of, but whatever. That’s not the worst thing that happens in this book.

Back downstairs, the mafiya thugs make Becca serve dinner in just a shirt, which shows both her tits and her muff. Gratuitous nudity is pretty common in McKenna’s books but this is just absurd.

Nick kills four of the thugs and then escapes with Becca. Now the primary thug, Zhoglo, is after them. Why don’t they go to the police? Who knows.

Nick comes to Becca’s place and demands sex for saving her life. I quote: “Are you going to give me what you owe me or are you going to dick around?” Great guy, no?

Here's a clue for the gentlemen: this doesn't work. It will get you kneed in the balls. Unless you happen to score a major babe like Becca who has no self esteem whatsoever.

Nick and Becca are crazily attracted, and end up having sex numerous times, even though Nick is always a classic douche and is surly and rude to her after they have sex, followed by him storming out. Becca keeps taking him back because she's retarded.

In addition to being a douchey greaseball, Nick is always on the verge of tears. Who knows why. He's always just so overwhelmed with Becca's femininity. Later, they compare bad backgrounds and he comes off sounding like a douchey greaseball crybaby.

Furthermore, McKenna, who expends lavish details on the acts of sex, rather coyly implies buttsecks, but doesn't have the courage of her convictions to just spell it out. She writes at one point that Becca's "posterior" was sore, and so were her sex organs.

What?

None of these really explain why I'm so disgusted with the book. I think I'm just trying to avoid the real issue. Here goes.

The mafiya thug basically kills children for their organs. Okay, pretty evil, but McKenna also throws a couple of child rape scenes in with the action – and then switches to Becca and Nick's sex.

It is like eating fish for breakfast. Culturally wrong. When Nelson Demille wrote *The General's Daughter*, about the rape and murder of a female Army captain, he intentionally left out sex scenes between his two protagonists because he understood that most people, when confronted with rape, are not all excited to go get boned.

McKenna, tone deaf to this, has a fourteen year old girl in a whore house, then switches, four pages later, to Nick lapping at Becca's clit and bringing her to another shivering, juicy orgasm.

It's nauseating, and somehow the virginal stuff and the rape stuff... it really bothers me.

In the end, Nick misunderstands something and thinks that Becca is actually a mafiya thug. He chains her up in a warehouse and goes off to save the children. Of course, he realizes his mistake, and goes back to save her but the real mafiya thugs have kidnapped her. His heroic rescue is marred only by a bullet in the lung.

Of course he doesn't die. Six weeks later, he shows up at Becca's place of work, takes her into her office, and fucks her. The fact that he thought she was a mafiya assassin is forgiven. After he ejaculates, he asks her to marry him again (he asked previously – you know, before he thought she was a mafiya assassin) and she says yes.

Because she's retarded.

Zeek says

To get away from the fallout of her fiance's ugly betrayal, Becca Cattrell takes up her boss's offer of a secluded vacation spot- only to find herself in the middle of a deadly game of cat and mouse.

Nick Ward has no idea who the naked babe is dipping in his pool but he knows she shouldn't be there. Initially thinking she's a gift from the scumbag he's trying to kill, he soon realizes she's at the wrong place, wrong time and scares her off. But when she returns to get something she left behind- at the worst possible time, the game changes and now he must blow his cover in order to get her out.

Now the Russian mafiyosa boss Nick is after has set his sight on Becca and will stop at nothing to get her- and the man who betrayed him.

In the midst of all the danger the heat between Nick and Becca intensifies and it doesn't let up- even when Nick knows he should let her go. But the game has gotten bigger and the only way out is to stick together until he gets his man.

The plot starts off as typical romantic suspense-altho the H/h's interactions and initial situation was anything but typical. It gets even deeper when Becca's family gets sucked into the badness. The bad guys are over the top evil but that's ok with me because I like a baddie I can really hate- and you are gonna hate these guys.

Nick Ward is one tough number. His life has made him hard but naturally Becca brings out the softness- and when he finally gives in to his desire for her, he burns up the pages. Becca is sweet and yes I loved her too. She's all feminine and likes her comfort, but she also had the strength to raise her siblings when her parents died. She feels damn real and that's something I always like about Mckenna's characters. She makes it easy to *get* them

Like most of Mckenna's Mccloud Brother's series this is one hot number. Startling steamy scenes interposed with tense romantic suspense and you get a page turner that ranks right up there with some of my favorites in the genre.

Mckenna's heroes are demanding and sometimes mean but they always get their man- and their HEA. I love 'em.

Even as a re-read, a good way to while away a rainy day.

4.5 out of 5 from me!

Jill says

Wow, wow, wow!! This book was awesome. The bad guy was scary as hell(does it get worse than organ thestealing little children?) He was the devil himself, my heart was in my chest whenever he was in a scene. Nick, my my my, he is such a wonderful Alpha male character, cold, damaged, horrible past but with a huge protective instinct and a feeling of responsibility, like he has to fix the world. I loved him. Becca and him together were an explosive, passionate pair. Sex scenes were amazing !!! Anyway I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I advise you all go read it. Great romantic thriller!

~V~ says

Wow!!...i think it was last summer that i started reading this series and they were such intense books that i had decided to give myself a break and come back to the rest...i am NOT remembering incorrectly when i

say these are intense, both sexually and storyline wise...holy cow!! They really are such enjoyable books though..talk about getting you worked up in every way possible!!

In this 5th book of the series we finally get Nick's story..he was featured in the 2nd through 4th books...he was one of Conrad McCloud's former colleagues in the FBI. Talk about a piece of work! I would say that he could definitely challenge Seth Mackey, from the 1st book, for the position of over the top, pig headed, pushy alpha male! Sadly, he became that way over time because of all the "hard knocks" he'd endured but STILL...he was lucky that he stumbled upon Becca who was able to see past his stubborn male attitude..or i guess i should say that it was Becca that stumbled upon HIM!!..and what a first impression they BOTH made!!...there was no easing into this story..it started right off with a bang!! I really liked Becca...she wasn't over the top anything...and with everything that she was put through she still remained very sweet and normal...and def. tough enough handle any situation she was put in..including handling Nick!!

I loved that all of the past characters were very present in this book..the McCloud brothers and their spouses, Seth and Raine..they're all such great characters and it's really nice that they haven't been left in the dust just because they've already gotten their HEAs..they're all very close and it seems that they will always have each other's backs...at least that's the way it has been so far and i'm hoping that that will continue with the rest of the books in this series!

Shannon McKenna writes such crazy horrific villains for her books..very creepy!..and her story lines just suck you right in...making it very hard to put the books down...which is the reason i'm hopping right on into the next book! Was i really thinking that i was going to stop at just one!?!...i'm a little bit on an adrenaline high right now from reading this book and i don't really feel like coming down from it just yet! Tam's book is up next and i'm sure, knowing how she is and has been in all of the past books, it's bound to be just as action packed and intense as all the others..if not more so because she is one wild and dangerous lady!! I'm excited to see who she is going to be paired up with...I can't wait! :)

Bj says

I gave this book a B+ for the narration and B- for the story at AudioGals.

Narrated by Nelson Hobbs

If you love your romantic suspense with a big serving of erotic romance, then Extreme Danger may just be what you're looking for. I must admit that I hadn't previously listened to any other books by Ms. McKenna, so the heat level of this romance caught me off guard, which definitely affected my enjoyment of this title. In the past, my experience with romantic suspense had been limited to authors who focused on the suspense with a touch of romance (think Sandra Brown), but Ms. McKenna's books definitely seem to follow a different recipe: lots of steamy erotic scenes with a suspense plot layered in. On the plus side, the narration by Nelson Hobbs is above average making this a good choice in audio format if it fits the type of romance you are looking for.

See the full review at AudioGals.

Heather says

These books make me feel tired. They also give me a raging inferiority complex. Why don't I know how to take out deadly assassins and consciousness mad killer scientists? I can't hot wire a car. I don't know martial arts. And I don't have any sneaky weapons that I made myself stashed in my bra. And it turns out, my friends are equally dull. They don't know any of these things either. How boring is my life?

But the \$64,000 question: if the love of your life is a real jerk because he's under a lot of stress while he masquerades as a mobster and then is an even bigger jerk because he thinks you betrayed him, then realizes he was wrong and is real, real sorry, should you take him back? I'm going with no.

But maybe that's because I'm boring.

Dina says

I really liked this book, and I would've given it a 5-star rating if not for the insights into the villains's minds. I'm not squeamish about reading violence, but I felt that they were over the top in this book. They were just too much for me to take, and I had to speed read most of the scenes that described their hideous actions.

But I loved Becca and her sassy mouth, and Nick and his caveman attitude (all for show, because even he knew that Becca had him wrapped around her finger).

Juliana Philippa says

My first book by this author and I really enjoyed it. I loved Nick, how he lets Becca start to see his tender and sweet-guy side, and how he lets his need for her really show through. I thought they were a great pairing and while I had read some people's comments about Becca being annoying, I didn't find her to be - and I'm pretty harsh when it comes to some of these heroines. I didn't like her snapping out comments and was annoyed that she didn't tell him something that then led to a Misunderstanding, but despite these things I still enjoyed her.

The connection between them is instant and attraction-based, but I knew that going in and for me that makes all the difference. If I had been expecting a romance-romance, I would have been disappointed, but I had read enough reviews to know how the relationship would play out, so I was able to relax, enjoy it, and not worry overmuch about my usual need for a deep emotional / intellectual connection (does this sentence sound odd to anyone else?!). Becca and Nick are a good pair and the attraction between them feels real, with sizzling chemistry.

In the second half, the relationship moves a little too quickly for me and is a little unbelievable - they've only known one another for a few days and they haven't exactly been a regular couple of days - but oh well. I mean, what exactly about this book was believable?!

The suspense subplot was a good one and I liked that the reactions by the leading characters were so realistic (for the most part) throughout. Becca's life is at risk and she's threatened with rape - so guess what, she reacts like a normal person was and is afraid! Wow, how unusual! I hate in romances where the danger(s) that the leading characters face does not elicit any type of normal reaction on the fear-scale; it makes the threat feel completely ridiculous and pointless to the reader. That didn't happen here, which I appreciated.

It is part of a series (Book 5), but I didn't feel out of the loop. I *had* read reviews for the other books, so had somewhat of a sense of the connections between them and who people were, but not much. Doesn't detract from the experience if you read this as a stand-alone, though there are some events that happened in the past that I definitely did not completely get - they impact Nick, so they're important - and I think those things occurred in previous books, so that was a little annoying. Nothing major though.

Overall, great read. Look forward to exploring this author's other books.

{ Funny Quote }

Sometimes he wondered how men lived to adulthood, let alone old age, with that much concentrated stupidity dangling between their legs. (p. 17)

(Written July 23, 2011)
