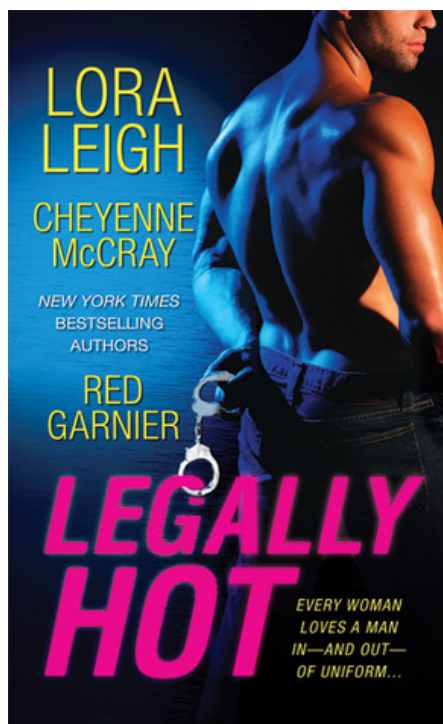




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*Three of today's top writers of romantic suspense want you to meet a few good men who are so **HOT**, it's criminal...*

"Sheila's Passion" by Lora Leigh

As a former Marine, Nick Casey still wakes up in a sweat over the things he's seen in the field. However, when it comes to his best friend—and the only woman he has ever wanted—Sheila Monterey, he may have met his biggest challenge yet. Sheila has sworn off love after having her heart broken one time too many and Turk can't convince her to give it another try. But when he tempts her into becoming temporary friends with benefits, Nick fully intends to make her his forever...

"Deadly Dance" by Cheyenne McCray

Detective Adam Boyd is still putting his life back together after a break-up when he gets word that the man who killed his old partner has been released from prison. Keri Holliday's career as a professional ballerina was ended abruptly six years ago after she was brutally attacked. Now her attacker, the same man who killed Adam's partner, is back on the streets, and looking for revenge against the woman whose testimony assured he was locked away. Adam will do whatever it takes to keep her safe...and never let her go.

"Caught" by Red Garnier

After his parents were murdered, young Cody was put in foster care...and Megan has thought about him ever since. Now that Cody is back he has three things to tell Megan: He's a police officer, he's found his parents' killer, and he wants to be her man—until death do they part.

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Sheila Melo says

Unfortunately, These Stories Are Only Mediocre

LEGALLY HOT is an anthology of three novellas.

SHEILA'S PASSION by Lora Leigh: Sheila Rutledge has been in a sexual relationship with Nick Casey for months. Both Sheila and Casey have been hurt in the past and thus they both don't want to risk their heart. There is a continuing story about a watcher wanting revenge and seeking out the men who work in the intelligence gathering bar to find the watcher's target. I liked the first novella in this series **COOPER'S FALL** but I found this one a disappointment. The romance was sexy but dependent upon the two characters not talking to one another. Rating: 2.5 stars.

DEADLY DANCE by Cheyanne McCray: Detective Adam Boyd has come to warn Keri Holliday that the man they put away in jail has been released and might seek revenge against Keri. Keri and Adam engage in a sometimes really sweet romance while trying to keep Keri safe. I thought this story started out well, but the actual relationship between Keri and Adam didn't seem to develop and obtain any depth. I didn't feel any deep connection between the characters. Rating: 2.5 stars.

CAUGHT by Red Carnier: Cody Nordstrom and Megan Banks knew each other as teenagers and were just starting a romance when they came to Cody's home to discover that Cody's twin brother had murdered their parents. The murder tore the two of them apart. Thirteen years later, Cody is a homicide detective who is still haunted by his twin's actions. He is afraid that the monster inside his brother is in him as well. Megan has loved Cody for years and is determined to move their relationship to a new level. At the same time, the past comes back to haunt them both. The setup for this story was amazing: a angst filled story with a tortured hero. The ultimate resolution didn't work as well for me as the beginning. I thought the story could have been better explored in a longer novel because the resolution was too abrupt and didn't deliver on the promise of the setup. Rating: 3.5 stars.

Mollie *scoutrmom* says

Good characters, great sex scenes, weak-assed excuses for plot.

innae says

Shelia's Passion by Lora Leigh -- I am going to force myself to read this story, because it is fairly short (137 pgs) - but, on page 27 and I am so very annoyed. I think this story would have likely been half the length had someone told the author to stop repeating herself. Over and over she says the same thing with different words, sometimes in the same paragraph. OKAY we get it! And the heroine, Shelia already has me hating her, and thinking she is an idiot. I continued skimming this story and finally finished. Still less than impressed.

Deadly Dance by Cheyenne McCray -- my favorite of the three. Keri and Adam have some issues, but they seemed plausible and real. The suspense was okay, a little over done.

Caught by Red Garnier -- The "evil" twin idea is a cliché now, but that didn't make this story bad. In fact, it was okay. I liked how they developed Megan, as she got a back bone and decided FINALLY to go for what she wanted.

Overall this little anthology was not impressive. My favorite story was still only just good. Nothing great about this set of stories.

Marina says

I picked this book up because I am a big fan of Lora Leigh's Breeds series and I have read and liked Cheyenne McCray's stories as well. To my surprise the best tale was by a new author for me Red Garnier! The other stories were too light on details and felt centered on sex. "Caught" by Red Garnier had what I was looking for. Great storyline and characters. I had fun reading it.

Spoiler

Note to Self: Texas

"Sheila's Passion" by Lora Leigh (I give this 3-3.5 stars)

Nick Casey(ex-Marine,bar bouncer)+Sheila Rutledge(courier,daughter),Ethan Cooper(bar owner)+Sarah Foxe,Iron Donovan(bar bouncer),Turk Rogan(bar bouncer),Jake Murphy(bar bouncer),Capt. Douglas Rutledge(her dad,boss,retired army,widower,head southern covert info network),Morgan Keane(new bar bouncer,ex-special forces).

"Deadly Dance" by Cheyenne McCray (I give this 3-3.5 stars)

Detective Adam Boyd(NYPD,pal)+Keri Holliday(ex-pro ballerina,dance instructor)&Fred(her dog),Olivia DeSantos(pal,PI,ex-NYPD),[Nyx(his ex-gf,pal)].

Note to Self: Arizona 2005, 2011

"Caught" by Red Garnier (I give this 4 stars!)

Cody Nordstrom(homicide detective,childhood pal,older twin bro,partner)+Megan Banks(childhood pal),Zack Rivers(NYPD partner)+Paige R.(pal).

Michelle says

I usually never enjoy anthologies, so why do I insist on reading them??? This one was mediocre at best. I've read Lore Leigh and Cheyenne McCray books in the past & have loved some and hated some. I've never read anything by Red Garnier and I probably won't again. That story was the worst of the three, in my opinion. It could have been GREAT because I liked the hero a lot and the plot was good... but the writing left a lot to be desired, and I didn't like Meg as the heroine at all.

The Lora Leigh story needed some serious editing. At one point the heroine's father says she needs to be somewhere by 9pm. Two paragraphs later she says, "I'd better go if I'm going to be there by 10pm". Also, in the next scene with the hero, Leigh describes his wardrobe and he's wearing a short sleeve denim shirt. One page later she is crying and her tears fall onto his "thin white dress shirt". Seriously. How does an author (and editor?) get away with that? You're telling me NOBODY who read this book before it went to print caught that?

"Deadly Dance" by Cheyenne McCray was probably my favorite of the three, but that's not saying much.

Kathy Davie says

Three short stories which involve men in uniform, sort of.

The Series

"Sheila's Passion (Wounded Warriors, 2)

The Stories

Lora Leigh's "Sheila's Passion" is interesting, but Leigh needs to come up with a better premise for the driving purpose behind this. Her bad guy is chasing down someone he sees as betraying the family "trust", an Italian mob family's responsibilities to those under them. Gio "betrayed" all who relied upon him by loving his daughter and protecting that love. Now, the son whom Gio taught about love has escaped the Family. Disguised himself. So the bad guy is hunting for Beauregard and hurting, torturing, killing anyone close to any man he suspects might be Beau. It's his excuse. I ain't buyin' it.

So, this particular storyline has the bad guy focused on Shelia Rutledge and Nick Casey. Shelia's father Captain Douglas Rutledge is in charge of an intelligence post. One of the groups which gather intel is headquartered in/at Ethan Cooper's bar where Nick works as a bouncer where Sheila picks up the intel and how she met Nick. Both Nick and Sheila have their particular aversion to getting romantically involved so there's the usual give-and-take until a crisis forces them to acknowledge it. The romance in this is good, typical Lora Leigh; it's the underlying premise that really drags this down.

Cheyenne McCray's "Deadly Dance" is cute with the very protective Detective Adam Boyd, NYPD, falling in love with a witness who is threatened by the release from jail of her attacker. Keri Holliday was on the verge of a breakthrough in her ballet career when her boyfriend Edward Carter "objected" to her dumping him. Well, the twit did make the mistake of threatening to take her evidence about him to the police... It's a nice, sweet story but no great drama.

Red Garnier's "Caught" is a clash between twin brothers, one of whom is a sociopath who kills their parents. The other goes on to a career in law enforcement determined to make up for his twin as well as what he sees as his own failures. It's years later that Cody Nordstrom encounters Megan again. The same Megan over whom he and Ivan clashed. The same Megan he doesn't feel worthy of. The same woman who loves Cody and, this time, won't take no for an answer. This is the best of the three IMO even though I'm getting really tired of the "poor me" routine.

The Cover and Title

The cover is yellow, blue, and hot pink: the authors, the background, and the title, respectively. A man in trousers is facing away with his left hand behind his back claspng a set of handcuffs.

The title...hmmm...yes, it's about men in uniform and I'd say it was more lukewarm than hot.

Erica says

This was a great anthology of short stories, which I generally do not enjoy, but all three of these stories were put together well with a nice solid plot and enough character development that they didn't feel so short. I wasn't sure what to expect from the other two authors since I've only read Lora Leigh, but I was pleasantly

surprised. All three stories get four stars from me. "Sheila's Passion" is just about what you would expect from Lora Leigh...totally hot, intense from start to finish, chock full of emotions, and keeps you turning the pages. I do hope that this one continues into a series, as I found the dynamic with the group to be very interesting and there was an unfinished tail at the end. "Deadly Dance", I really enjoyed. Adam Boyd is so freaking sweet it's amazing...but yet hot at the same time. This one was rather vanilla compared to "Sheila's Passion"...I would have liked to see a little bit more of him pleasing her in the boudoir, but she didn't seem to mind, and the plot was good with enough explanation that you knew exactly what was going on. Good character development, although we don't get any clarification on what happened between him and Nyx. "Caught" has an amazing story between two twins, one of which is a sociopath and kills their parents, and all the twin-switching was a little hard to follow, but overall it was a nice easy read. I probably enjoyed it the least out of the three as it was hard to follow at the end, but it had quite a bit of suspense in it and Cody and Megan had a lot of chemistry between them that was undeniable. Very enjoyable book over all, hot sex scenes and the guys pull no douchebaggery, so it's a win-win.

Ellen says

Reviewing an anthology is tricky because there are multiple stories, by multiple authors. Overall the anthology was alright, none of the novellas sucked but neither did any shine.

Sheila's Passion by Lora Leigh is the first story in the anthology.

This is the second in Lora Leigh's Wounded Warriors series. You don't miss anything if you haven't read the first which is a novella in Real Men Last All Night (Lexi Steele, #1.5). Sheila is in love with Nick Casey and because he doesn't drop to his knees in proposal she dumps him and avoids him. She's also wary because an ex used her for access to her father so he could get a promotion. She doesn't get that she's lovable.

There's also some thing where some guy wants to kill a guy for not taking of the inherited mafia and suspects Nick of being that guy (He's not - or he's fundamentally changed his personality) and the ex turns out to have been stalking Sheila.

All the other elements (Nick's past and he does think about "who he used to be", the ex coming out of nowhere and the mafia thing) are extraneous and detract from the story.

However the actual romance between Nick and Sheila is nice, very Lora Leigh style all super macho posturing and female irrationalness. It's still good but probably the weakest offering in the anthology.

Deadly Dance by Cheyenne McCray is the second story in the anthology.

Detective Adam Boyd is upset to discover Edward Carter, man that killed his partner is getting of jail because of a technicality. He uses a PI friend to track down Keri Holliday, the main witness who put Carter in jail to warn her. Because he used the PI he finds Keri days earlier than expected and is able to rescue her from a hit later that night. Keri lost her ballet career when Carter took out her knee. Carter is out to get both Adam and Keri and because they have gone out. Adam hides Keri away until Carter fakes to be moving to Miami. Even then he only flukes onto getting Keri - as opposed to her grabbing the TSTL ball.

I have read some Cheyenne McCray before and didn't like it so this pleasantly surprised me in being what I consider the best story in the anthology. The love story was surprisingly well developed for such a short offering, and this sometimes does suffer for lack of length in short stories. Also the villain wasn't one-dimensional or ridiculous.

Caught by Red Garnier is the third story in the anthology.

Cole's twin brother Ivan was a sociopath who brutally murdered their parents when he was sixteen. He then became a homicide cop and became single-mindedly focused on justice. Also on never ever allowing the "monster" within him to 'sully' Megan. Megan is in love with Cole and has been for years so, on the prompting of her friend and Cole's partner's wife, she dresses in lingerie and lies in wait for Cole to come home.

Unfortunately Ivan is there to steal Cole's clothes and he wanted Megan too when they were sixteen and he ties her to the bed and write his name all over her body in marker. Eventually Cole succumbs to Megan and they confess their love and Cole meets up with Ivan in the woods after Megan is kidnapped (because of a not-so-brilliant move on her part).

I have read a novella of Garnier's before which I liked and so I looked forward to this entry. I am a little sick of the heroes being all noble and unable to sully the women they love because a family member is evil so therefore they must be evil as well for not acting to stop it; that annoyed me specially because in a novella the only way to play that is to do it the same way everyone else does. Also Cole's not just a super-hot cop, he's mega rich, it didn't even apply to the story other than a throw away comment and so it just pulled me out and annoyed me.

I should say that this would probably be a great story as a full-length novel.

Booklover1335 says

Lora Leigh 3.25/3.75

Red Garnier 3.75/3.25

Cheyenne McCray 3.25/3.25

I enjoyed Red Garnier's story the most. Though Lora Leigh's story was definitely hot, I thought the characters were a bit confusing.

Gee says

4/28/13

Shelia's Passion by Lora Leigh: 2 stars First came the very confusing prologue; then the first chapter opens with an erotically-charged sex scene which was written like only LL can write it but this reader didn't care b/c I didn't know the characters yet. What follows is a silly conflict b/w the H and h. She thinks he doesn't really love her. He wants to "claim" her. Every time he tries to stake his claim, she rebuffs him, yet is always hurt because she thinks he doesn't love her. ??? There is a strange mystery about someone seeking revenge that surrounds this love conflict but there is never any resolution about the mystery and I could never even figure out WHO was the actual target of revenge or WHAT that person did to make the villain so angry in the first place.

Deadly Dance by Cheyenne McCray 3 stars A sweet story.

Caught by Red Garnier 3 stars

Michelle Tempted By Books says

Sheila's Passion by Lora Leigh- This has all the trappings of what you expect from Lora Leigh. The first 5 pages are a vividly described intense sexual scene. It ends in some high school type drama and proceeds from there. There were pages where I was on board with the hero and others where I was on board with Sheila but mostly nothing really stuck out as original. I gave it an OK rating but I don't feel more stars are warranted because its much like any other LL you may have already read.

Deadly Dance by Cheyenne McCray- This was a VERY sweet romance. Despite the length it was never rushed and though there were a few time jumps it wasn't disrupting. I liked how the romance progressed smoothing and slowly and the story felt whole.

Caught by Red Gardnier- I don't know how I feel about this one. I kept reading to see what would happen but really didn't feel rewarded. The whole story is pretty dark and disturbing. Meghan came off as a little clingy and desperate and Cody was the typical "I'm ruining my own life and your for your own good" guy. It got on my nerves. The back story was pretty gruesome but definitely has potential I just feel like, in my opinion, it petered out rather than really exploding.

Darcy says

My favorite of these was the Leigh story. Right away you could tell that there was chemistry between these 2. I found myself agreeing with Shelia, that she felt she had to retreat otherwise risk her heart getting broken. It did seem like they were just friends with benefits and she needed more. So I was happy to see when Casey decided to declare his claim, but that only made it more confusing as they each brought baggage along that colored the way they thought. You just knew it would take what it did for each of them to smarten up.

I started reading the McCray story, got about half way through and found myself bored to tears. The romance was so pg, especially after the Leigh story, and I had a hard time buying into it, so I gave it up.

I am on the fence with the Garnier story. I liked the aspect of the twins, one good, one evil, but had a hard time buying into Cody being that dense about Megan's feelings.

? BookAddict La Crimson Femme says

Bah. This was not worth the time. The first one by Lora Leigh was super smexy hot. The sex was good. The storyline itself threw me for a loop. I seem to have come in 1/2 way through a series or something. I'm tempted to figure it out but I honestly don't care enough about it. Sheila was an okay female main character. Kind of odd how much she was hurt by her first crush at 19. What person after so many years is still traumatized in this manner? I call it the 1st world issues. *rolls eyes*

Nick on the other hand, what the hell? What kind of woman did he get engaged to who would liquidate his home and clear out his bank account the minute she found out he was shot in the line of duty? First of all, why did she have access to his account? Second of all, how the hell did she end up in his house and selling all his furniture? Third she left him for his best friend? What kind of an asshole did he become friends with? How do people who do this live with themselves? Shameful! But back to the issue at hand, this could have all been avoided if he didn't let her move into his house. It's called living in sin for a reason. I guess I'm old

fashion. The storyline was about some kind of revenge thing but honestly, all I got out of it was hot sex and very annoy ex-lovers. Seriously, both Nick and Sheila were taken for a ride and they could have prevented it. Oh, and the other thing I got out of this story? Sheila says she doesn't like to play games but she does. I have no respect for her. Talk like a normal person!

The second story was fine. The sex was meh. The evil villain, Carter, was a waste of air. Keri's originally response to Carter when he hit her was dumb. I guess I'm one of those people who if someone hit me, I'd go physically postal on the person. I wouldn't run my mouth off about all the things I'd do to make sure they get sent to jail. Very dumbass move on her part. Are people really this stupid in real life? I hope not. It annoyed me and I just couldn't enjoy the story as much.

The last one I didn't like. Megan was too stupid to live. Everything about her annoyed me. I felt badly for Ivan yet he was clearly a troubled person who beheaded animals. Cody was just unreal. His response were all fucked up.

Basically, this book is a hot mess of screwed up people who can't get their relationships together because of their "1st world" problems. I'm sure in the real world, they would all have therapist and their issues would be "abandonment" and "mommy/daddy" issues. Yet they all have happily ever afters and find their one true love. *double eye rolling* Ugh. I'm still leaving the rating as a 3 star even though I barely enjoyed the book to give it a 2 star. The writing styles were still decent even if I didn't really enjoy the stories.

Kathy says

Sheila's Passion by Lora Leigh

Nick Casey and Sheila Rutledge – he's working undercover for her father... they hook up when she picks up or delivers the data chips... but he's made it clear no commitment... but when she starts to withdraw... and then when she is threatened, he realizes the depths of his feelings for her... very passionate scenes...

Deadly Dance by Cheyenne McCray

Keri Holliday and Detective Adam Boyd, NYPD -Angel of New York... the ex-boyfriend, charming, drug dealer got out of jail after 5 years... and Adam (whose partner had been killed by same) goes to warn her.... She is an ex-ballerina (ex broke her knees in a fit of anger) and she teaches ballet – and is content... they go to dinner, have a nice time... he takes her home, as driving away, sees a suspicious car, returns and foils an assassin... and then he appoints himself her protector... after a couple of weeks of no attacks, and it appears the guy is moving out of the country, they drop their guard... she is kidnapped, but has a student's phone, so is able to call for help... Adam gets to Keri just in time, as ex is going to rape and then kill her... he's gone.... They have each other...

Caught by Red Garnier

Cody Nordstrom, Megan Banks, Cody's psychotic twin Ivan...

Cody was the one the parents were proud of... Ivan not so much – and they didn't know of the things his brother hid from them – like cutting off squirrel's heads; at 16 both wanted next door neighbor Megan... and Cody boasted that she was going walking in the woods with him that afternoon... and goaded by his brother, the brother's bet \$10 which one would get into her pants first... and Cody & Megan had a spat, returned to his house... where they found his brother standing over their dead parents, holding the knife – and blaming Cody...

Ivan ran off; Cody went to live with an uncle, and he always felt responsible for his brother... he became a homicide cop, visited his parent's graves annually, tracked his brother and put him in jail... and ultimately returned home... where he watches over Megan, befriends Megan, but won't let her get closer to him...

And 7 years later, Megan has had enough... she decides to greet him from his bed in her sexy underwear... but unfortunately, Ivan broke out of jail (dressed like brother), and is hiding in his closet... and he chloraforms her, ties her up, and writes his name across her belly... and Cody and Megan stick together... and finally end up having sex... and ultimately trap brother, and all ends well...

"Can't you see why Cody's always protective toward you – he wants you. In some part of his labyrinth of a mind, he thinks you're his. But if the guy has some hang-ups about not being good enough for you, then you're going to have to show him you don't care!"

Imjstgr8 says

This was more like 2.5 stars.... I picked this book up because of the synopsis on theback, and I have to say that I was vastly disappointed. Whoever wrote that clearly mislead the potential readers...

Sheila's Passion, was not as described. First the prologue and "sub-plot" was so confusing... That seemed like it was more for a full length book. Also I never see where they were "best friends". Now I will admit that the sex was hot. Not as hot as Ms. Leigh can be, but still hot. But in essence, Sheila was acting like an immature teenager and I really wanted her to just grow-up...

Deadly Dance.. sweet story. Had a little better plot and a stronger heroine. This was about the only one that lived up to it's synopsis. I liked it and which is why I gave this book 2.5 stars..

Caught... Definitely NOT as described. BUT it was still pretty good. I liked the suspense and the chemistry between the two characters. This had the potential to make a great novel.

All in all, an okay anthology. NOT a keeper though...
