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Sergeant Ryan Pettit has a secret life as a military blogger recording online a deployment where every day feels exactly the same—until a female reporter shows up at their all-male firebase.

## **A Prince Among Men Details**

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## From Reader Review A Prince Among Men for online ebook

### Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

5 Stars

Psst...I have a secret; Cat Johnson dedicated this book to me, well me and every other reader who has "stood behind me for eight—now nine—books in the Red, Hot & Blue series." Okay, so it wasn't dedicated solely to me but I am one of those readers and I have enjoyed each and every story. I like that this series keeps evolving and A Prince Among Men is an exciting and excellent story. This is the first book in the series that takes place in a war zone (although book one took place on a rescue mission) and I think that gave this book a greater sense of danger and expedited the intense feelings our hero/heroine developed in a short time.

I liked Sergeant Ryan Pettit in the last book, Model Soldier, but in this book we really get to know him and I went from like to love in a heartbeat. First off he's a blogger and his posts are wonderfully written and you get a sense for how important his job is to him. I enjoyed reading his blog posts as well as his banter with one of his "fans." I admire him for his dedication, his loyalty, and how he goes out of his way to help everyone, especially Vicki.

Vicki Vanover can't believe she finally got approval to travel to Afghanistan to do a story on the plight of the Afghani women. Once there she realizes she's getting nowhere so when a handsome soldier asks to share her table, she agrees and then she propositions and basically blackmails him so he'll take her to his outpost. She recognizes him as the new face of the army and Hawkins (our hero from Model Soldier) decides to take her back with him. I really liked Vicki; she's smart, she not easily intimidated, and she's not afraid to speak her mind.

Since Hawk is "attached," the minute he returns to base with Vicki he asks Ryan to watch over her. Ryan feels an instant attraction to Vicki; meanwhile Vicki is worried that Hawk is going to want his "payment" for bringing her with him. Soon Ryan discovers he and Vicki have something in common and the attraction turns to lust. He isn't alone in his feelings though, Vicki is having some pretty damn impure thoughts of him as well. It doesn't take long for them to act on their mutual attraction and although frenzied (remember shared living space), it is way hot!

Being in the middle of a war zone the danger element was always present and when things start happening Ryan and Vicki's feelings for each other intensify. In addition there are some really interesting side plot lines that I couldn't help but enjoy immensely. Not only is this a great love story but this book is action packed and I couldn't put it down. I'd like to say more but I don't want to give any of the secrets away so I'll stop with that and move on.

Without a doubt A Prince Among Men is my favorite book to date in this series and considering how much I've enjoyed this series that's saying a lot. You will fall in love with these characters (even the "surprise" one), you'll appreciate your indoor plumbing, and have a new found respect for the men and women who serve our country day in and day out. I don't know how she does it, but Cat has managed to even make a war zone sexy. Oh and groundpounders rule!

Review copy provided for an honest review.

## C is for **\*\*censored\*\*** says

The star rating given reflects my opinion within 'the official goodreads rating system'.

- 1 star: Didn't Like it
- 2 stars: It's Okay
- 3 stars: Liked it
- 4 stars: Really Liked it
- 5 stars: It Was Amazing

I don't really give a rat-fuck that there are some who think I 'owe' an explanation for my opinion. Nope, nada, and not sorry about it.

Sometimes I may add notes to explain what my opinions are based on, and sometimes I don't. I do this for me, on my books, in my library and I don't 'owe' any special snowflakes a thing. Fuck off if you don't like it and stop reading my shit.

Particularly given the 'modifications' to reader's personal content going on (and outright censorship), unless particularly motivated I will not comment in detail.

It would help if GR was forthcoming in the new 'appropriate' and would make a site-wide announcement delineating the new focus from a reader-centric site to one that is now for authors and selling.

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## Jamie Casey says

I first started to notice Ryan in Model Soldier and the more times that he popped into both that story and BB Dalton's, the more I wanted to know about this sweet soldier. So far, out of all the soldiers in this series he's the sweetest and the one who wears his heart on his sleeves. Having previously been a skinny, blonde 'looker' turned into fat blob, it warmed my heart to read a man's perspective who prefers women with more curves. I've always preferred books from a mans perspective so that was no surprise here but yet reading more about what Afghanistan looks like from a soldiers eyes was enlightening. I'll never stop appreciating what our and other countries soldiers go through to not only keep us safe, but they risk their lives to make the world a better place. That, for me, was the theme of this story. Journalist, Victoria aka Vicky travels to war zone Afghanistan to write an article pertaining to the native women and their lives post Taliban rule. I was ignorant to the fact that these women are treated so harshly now, like all women were once upon a time everywhere. Not having spent any time pondering this fact, it never occurred to me that perhaps they might WANT a better life and more opportunities than the ones their given. Great story.

Not only is Vicky endearing and immediately relatable but she snagged a place in my heart with her stubbornness but also with her take no shit personality. It was interesting to me that she and Ryan were already acquainted through a military blog yet she didn't know who he was when they initially meet but they were already attracted to each other through this blog. I had no idea such things even existed.

Having just returned to base after being a POW, albeit for a short time, Ryan kisses Vicki and tells her he

loves her before he has to leave for an overnight watch. Vicki decides that being in a military relationship, especially being deployed in a war zone is too much for her, she leaves a Dear John letter on Ryan's pillow before leaving his base for him to find upon his return.

As sweet as Ryan is, I felt compelled to reach through the screen and hug him. Two Dear John letters in such a short time where morale has to be on slow supply as it is was hard. I wanted to slap Vicki upside the head yet I understood her struggle. Love isn't always enough. Constantly worried about whether or not a loved one is going to make it through a deployment each and every day is more than I could bear. How could I blame her for her choice?

Great story, Loved it. Highly recommend for any military person and/or spouse.

Favorite moments and/or quotes from the book:

Ryan to Vicki, "I want you, specifically, because you make even body armor look good-sorry, but it's true. Because when we made love, we fit together like we were made for each other. Because you actually enjoyed eating a MRE just for the experience of it. I'm sure I can come up with a few more reasons if you give me a minute, but that's a start."

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### **Tracie R says**

A Prince Among Men held me from the first page to the very last! I have loved Ryan since we were first introduced to him and Vicki was such a great match. I can't believe I waited so long to read this series but I plan on reading many more of Cat Johnson's book as she has fast become one of my favorite authors.

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### **SassySami says**

Tip for the author: Ryan wouldn't call Hawk "sir" because he's not an officer. Just for future reference.

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### **Mandy Menasco says**

Good read

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### **Simone says**

3.75 stars

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### **Angel says**

Groundpounder Sergeant Ryan Pettit is an army soldier and blogger, and even though he's not in the Hilton

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he still tries to make the best out of his situation. He's even got an online flirting buddy...Vicki Vitover is trying to learn everything about the area of the war where she is going for her story, so she's been following this online milblogger....the fun stats after these two communicate for the first time....onto the next

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### **Pat Loop says**

I love this series. Sensitive alpha men and strong compelling females. This story takes a little turn with the heros willingness to compromise. And the twist is very surprising. Hope there are more coming.

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### **Maree Repa says**

Five Amazing Stars

Our First Meeting

I was absolutely excited to read the sixth book, Red Hot & Blue. A marvellous story of Sergeant Ryan Petit when he was deployed at war. I completely adored this marvellous book!!

After his arrival to Afghanistan where he was sent to protect and be guarding the Army. Ryan was focused and assured of his business there at camp. He would simply be awake protecting this area full time on guard.

Ryan's first 24 hours was unbelievably tiring. But yes he made it through. Ryan was so pleased to be sharing his room with Hawk. They were both good buddies. While he was alone he decided to hook up his computer until he hooked up with Miss. Vicki V. When they bought start a conversation. She set Ryan alive. He was completely thrilled. These flirty conversations may be alright, as long as his own girlfriend doesn't find out.

Vicki a gorgeous sensational women to Ryan. He felt horny just reading her compliments. But still Ryan kept tapping away at his keyboard. He complained about his life her in Afghanistan. He felt so far away from home.

I simply adored this magnificent most exciting and wonderful book. I completely loved all the marvellous characters too. Such a brilliant most exciting adventure this book truely was!!

\* I recommend this book to everyone!!

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### **Happily Ever Chapter says**

An enjoyable story of Ryan Pettit (Hawk's Alpha Team leader) and Journalist/Reporter Vicki Vanover.

In the little downtime Ryan gets, he authors a military blog under the name "groundpounder". Things start

heating up with traded sexy innuendo posts with one of his many followers, Vicki V.

Vicki goes to Afghanistan to do a story on Afghani women and their rights, or lack thereof. She has a hard time finding anyone at KAF agreeable to taking her into the countryside to conduct the interviews needed. That is, until she recognizes Hawk from a magazine ad. To keep his ad secret, he agrees to take her back to his firebase. There, she's immediately attracted to Ryan. With only a few comments spoken between them, Ryan *knows* she is Vicki V from his blog but embarrassment keeps him from identifying himself as "groundpounder".

Through mutual attraction, scares, injury, attacks and even a royal cover-up of epic proportions, Vicki & Ryan grow closer until ultimately the bond with has to either break or tie them forever.

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### **??Trea says**

After reading the disappointing Model Soldier, I came at this book with high hopes, and it turned the series around once again! I loved Ryan Pettit as the hero in this book, he was sensitive and yet so strong at the same time. The romance was also good, having started out as replies to Pettit's blog posts, so it built over time, though the readers didn't get to see as much of it as I would like. Vicki was also a likeable heroine, being brave and tough as nails when she needed to be, but also vulnerable. I didn't agree with her method of running away from the relationship, because, to me, it came across as she was in total denial as to what Ryan's profession was! However, I can see where she was coming from, as I am sure many other women that have been in her shoes have been as well. I also liked how the author added in the twist alluded to in the title of this book, since it could have been ripped right out of international headlines! I thought it was a stroke of brilliance and made the book more relevant to today's current events. Definitely worth a read on this one, and imagine my surprise when I finished this on my Kindle Fire, only to find out that the author is returning to the original members of Task Force Zeta this fall with Bull's story! Count this reader in the "Can't Wait!" section!

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### **Auntee says**

I really enjoy the sweet, sexy military romances by Cat Johnson. I always love the characters, the men are sweetly protective, the pace is usually fast, and the endings always put a smile on my face. And the love scenes, although not explicit, are usually hot. This latest book, "A Prince Among Men", was no exception.

Sgt. Ryan Pettit is an Army soldier stationed in Afghanistan, and he writes a popular daily internet blog (using the screen name "Groundpounder") describing the everyday life of a soldier. His writing is witty (with Jimmy Buffet song references) yet informative, and he has a female fan known as Vicki V who often replies to his blog. Vicki is highly complimentary and lately her replies have been filled with some double entendres. Ryan is flattered, finds her amusing yet sexy, and flirts back. And although Ryan's got a casual girlfriend back at the base in Germany, he sure would like to meet this Vicki V (even though she's probably somebody's grandmother), but what are the odds of that happening?

Vicki Vanover is an American journalist working out of London. She's on her way to an assignment in Afghanistan, hoping to write a story about how the lives of women in Afghanistan have changed since the defeat of the Taliban. Well, after 2 weeks in Kandahar and getting nowhere fast on her story, Vicki has a stroke of luck when she has a chance meeting with a very familiar looking soldier. It's none other than the Army's latest reluctant poster boy, Staff Sgt. David "Hawk" Hawkins ("Model Soldier"). Vicki basically

blackmails him into helping her find some Afghan locals to interview by threatening to write a story about him and his modeling "career" if he doesn't cooperate. Hawk reluctantly agrees to bring her back to his base in Kabul province, where she will have a chance to interview some locals. And guess who just happens to be Hawk's bunkmate? Yes, Vicki's secret "crush", "Groundpounder" Ryan Pettit.

Having recently been dumped by his German girlfriend, it doesn't take long for Ryan to fall for the voluptuous Vicki, and put two and two together and realize she's actually THE Vicki V of his dreams. But when will he tell her he's "Groundpounder"? And can Ryan convince Vicki that his affair with her is the real thing, and not just that she's the only available woman for miles around?

But when things go bad and Ryan and his team and a couple of British soldiers (including one real life very famous one) are ambushed and then kidnapped, will Vicki have the strength to stand by him, or will the constant worry for a man who puts his life on the line every day be too much for her to handle?

I just loved Ryan--he was so sweet and sexy, and said some beautiful things to Vicki and did some wonderful things to prove his love for Vicki. I felt like he was the real "prince" in the title. I loved getting glimpses of what he was thinking but didn't say--some of it was very funny. And I liked Vicki too. At first she came across as a real girly girl who had no business being in a war zone, but after a while she toughened up and came through for Ryan. And their love scenes were really hot, and they somehow found ways to be together in not the most ideal of circumstances.

Fans of the series will enjoy getting a glimpse of some members of Task Force Zeta again, who make a rescue attempt of a very famous soldier near the end of the book.

All in all a very quick, easy read. If you enjoy reading books in the style of Suzanne Brockmann's Navy SEALs, Cherry Adair's T-FLACs, or even Cindy Gerard's Bodyguards, I think you would enjoy the military romances of Cat Johnson. For me, they're always a good time. 4 1/2 stars.

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## **Kathrynn says**

Super quick book to read with two neat characters: Ryan, a soldier and Vicki a journalist. Both in Afghanistan. Ryan, screen name Groundpounder, had a military blog (milblog) that Vicki frequented and they left notes to each other full of flirting and sexual innuendos. One thing led to another and Vicki is on assignment in Afghanistan when she ends up staying in the same tent as Ryan. While he figured out right away that she was Vicki V. from his blog, she didn't know who he was.

Circumstances brought them together much faster than would normally have occurred and the romance was tender. This is not an erotic book; nor was it "hot." I've read more "steam" in a mainstream book, so...

The book also had a subplot running through it. Prince Harry was also stationed at the same small base the story took place. There was a minor suspenseful moment which tied this to the Task Force Zeta series.

One of the characters David "Hawk" Hawkins, the model from an earlier Task Force Zeta is in this and a small bit is mentioned about Emily; other than this series having brief mentions of Task Force Zeta, they can be read as stand alones.

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