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There's nothing like a man in uniform...or out of it!Especially when he's as hot as former Ranger Jamie Flanagan. After their last assignment went horribly wrong, he and his buddies needed to get out of the military for good. There was only one catch - that he and his pals promise their commanding officer one favour. Any favour. Now tall, dark and sexy Jamie is a top security specialist...and the ultimate ladies' man. So he's more than a little surprised when he learns the colonel has set him up to protect his grand-daughter. Who would trust a player like Jamie with a gorgeous woman like Audrey? Then he learns his "mission" is to seduce her away from another man...

## **The Player Details**

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### Lynn Smith says

#### The Player

This book pretty much had it all. Alpha male, strong female. Lots of humor, steamy sex scenes and true love. I really enjoyed reading it and I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

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### Tamela says

#### Awesome

I really enjoyed this book. 1st in the series and is so pulled me in and am super excited to read 2nd book.

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### Carmen Falcone says

4.5 stars!

THE PLAYER was my first read by Rhonda Nelson and won't be the last. I really enjoyed her writing style, and this such a funny love story, too! :)

Why didn't I give it five stars? Jamie & Aubrey had such an amazing chemistry, but when they finally had sex... I was disappointed. It was short, and then afterwards supposedly they had sex a million other times, but we hear about it though never see the scene.

Since this is a Blaze, I just expected more in that department. Other than that, awesome book! :)

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### Cindy Caron says

If you are looking for something that is light and sassy, with some sorrow and pain, lots of laughter and of course, love, throw in an overbearing Colonel/grandfather and a meddling assistant/friend, a mastiff for a protector and an egotistical baboon for a boyfriend, then stop looking and start reading, as you've just found it! The author has a wonderful talent that shows perfectly in this easy flowing story that will have you rolling with laughter one minute and crying like a baby the next. Definitely worth the read, and hoping that the rest of the series is as whimsical, intriguing and interesting as this one. Well done!

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### Kay says

4 Stars! ~ Ex-Ranger Jamie Flanagan carries a deep private burden. And to help him cope with that burden, Jamie has been living up to his reputation as a player with the ladies. Three months into his new civilian life, General Garrett calls in his favour. It seems his granddaughter Audrey has taken up with a most unsuitable match, and there's been a marriage proposal. So the General has ordered Jamie to some R&R at Audrey's

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destressing camp for executives called Unwind. And while there, Jamie is to put on the charm and show Audrey that there other fish in the sea than her cold-fish of a boyfriend. Audrey loves her grandfather dearly, but she knows there's something more to his request that she personally look after his former Ranger. One look at Jamie and Audrey's libido kicks up a notch, and she senses that Jamie feels that heat too. Audrey's uncanny empathic abilities, tell her that Jamie has a pain so deep and sharp that it's slowly killing him inside.

What a great read! Jamie knows from the get go, that he's so screwed when it comes to keeping his hands off Audrey. She's the General's granddaughter, and Jamie's been told in crystal clear terms that he is not to reach any base with her. This leads to some very comical scenes and internal dialogue, as Audrey too fights her attraction to Jamie. Ms. Nelson is the queen of the internal dialogue debate! They make a great couple, both flawed and filling needs in the other. This is a fun, sexy read with some serious elements as well. I'm looking forward to reading more about these wonderful strong, hunky heroes!

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### **gert says**

i read this, the first book of this series and enjoyed it. so i made the error of reading the three books one after another (is there more then three in the series? beats me - i'm not going further).

this is one of those rare situations that reading one of a series as a standalone makes it far more enjoyable then reading the whole series. why? because.they're.exactly.the.same. i understand there should be ties between stories to hold them into a series. but this is crazy. its not so much a series as three books with only details - like names - changed between them. seriously.

### **SPOILERS**

- hot, alpha, ex-ranger - check
- intelligent but unlucky in love heroine - check
- hero is totally relationship phobic and has a mantra to live by to ensure no one gets close - check
- usual misunderstanding that elongates the story for no purpose - check
- guilt over dead member of ranger team preventing hero from falling completely - check
- understanding heroine gets hero to "talk" about said guilt, thereby opening the emotional floodgates - check
- smarmy HEA - check

would i recommend? maybe. if you got them for free, or you read them super spread apart. long enough between them that you don't immediately know the entire story line after the second paragraph.

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### **M says**

I read this series a very long time ago and maybe my tastes have changed but I didn't love it like I remembered. Don't get me wrong, I liked it and I would recommend it. This is about Jamie and Audrey. Jaimie is recently out of the Rangers and he promised a favor to his commanding officer to come at a later date.

Audrey is his "favor", she is the favorite granddaughter of his CO. Once he gets to her retreat thinking he is going to protect her he finds out her grandfather had another motive for sending him. They quickly fall in love but can their new relationship withstand the lies and her grandfathers machinations?

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## **Dina says**

This is the 1st book in Ms. Nelson's "**Out of Uniform** series, but I've been reading these books completely out of order so The Player is actually the last to me. Compared to the next 2 books in the series, which I read a few months ago, this one is my least favorite and I'm glad I didn't read it 1st as I'm not sure I'd keep reading the series otherwise.

I don't feel like writing a plot summary, so I'm just going to record my general feelings...

Overall, this was a rather nice read, but there was nothing remarkable about it. Jamie and Audrey were likable characters, even though his womanizing behavior and his long-lasting refusal to talk about his "trauma" were a bit annoying. The plot was kind of predictable, and the love scenes were OK but didn't leave me "hot and bothered", which was disappointing considering this is a Blaze novel. My OCD is happy because I've finally managed to read *all* the books in this series, but that's about it.

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## **Alexis-Morgan Roark says**

This guy's female "voice" is kinda creepy. Great voice for the Colonel, though.

Even though the sex scenes were "soak your panties" hot, I didn't really get into the story all that much. Wounded hero meets empath. Sex every other page.

Ok. I guess that's not such a bad thing. LOL

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## **R says**

Great book!!! Loved every minute of it!! Highly recommend. I can't wait to read the rest of the books!!

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## **Cynthia says**

### **interesting**

A great story about finding your way after losing a friend in service. And have a old commander holding a favor over the 3 of you. Yours include helping his grown granddaughter.

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## **Billie says**

Meh, a lot of wordy back story on secondary characters. I know they'll get their books too, but they took away from this book.

Also, bad editing! If your editor misses things like the wrong "your", then he's in the wrong profession.

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Honestly, I liked the characters and the premise. I would have liked to see more page time with the main characters interacting and less of side characters.

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### **Cynthia Siermienski says**

#### **The Player**

Great book. I liked the way the characters worked together. Tawanda was a trip. She gave the story comedy. James and Audrey were good together. Can't wait to see who's next.

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### **Coco.V says**

FREE on Amazon today (11/12/2017)!

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### **RaChelle Holmberg says**

LOTS better book than the title (or bare chest on the cover) suggests, although it fits - this was quite a moving story and I enjoyed every word.... and that makes me continue on to read the next in the series.....

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