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Reggie Caldwell, the newly crowned star of a wildly popular TV cooking show, gets more male attention than she knows what to do with. She needs a bodyguard, and when Gabe Bankovic takes the job, she knows she's in good hands. Because she's had those hands on her body before... Gabe never forgot the one unbelievable night of passion he and Reggie spent as total strangers. Reggie's luscious mouth, her touch, her passionate response to his every caress--the woman defines the word sensual. Gabe intends to show her that their first time together was only a sizzling taste, and the best is yet to come...

## **Delicious Details**

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## From Reader Review Delicious for online ebook

### Jane Stewart says

Good and talented writer, but too many plot problems.

I enjoyed reading about all characters except Natalie. Hot and well done sex scenes. My problems were with the plot, which used my pet peeve of creating conflict through vague communication and inaccurate assumptions. In addition, the author did not make Gabe's actions realistic and believable. Some examples follow in Spoilers below.

#### DATA:

Sexual language: strong. Number of sex scenes: ten. Setting: current day San Francisco area with some traveling to other U.S. cities. Genre: contemporary romance (with a little suspense).

#### CAUTION SPOILERS:

1. Gabe was a bodyguard for movie star Marly. He slept with her. A photographer was obnoxious, and Gabe hit the photographer. Gabe lost his job and was sued. Marly lied and made it look like Gabe's fault. Then, Gabe worked as a bodyguard for Reggie. He and Reggie were desperately in lust with each other, but he acted cold and indifferent to her, because he didn't want a repeat of the Marly disaster. The first half of the book was about Gabe and Reggie wanting each other but it didn't happen because Gabe feared being involved with a client. I didn't buy it. He should have known that Reggie was different from Marly. Reggie, of course, felt rejected and undesirable.

2. After Gabe and Reggie stated having a relationship and fell in love with each other, Gabe's associate told him that the stalker's emails to Reggie came from Reggie's own computer. Instead of considering that the stalker was going into her home, which was the truth, Gabe believed Reggie had lied and made up the whole "stalker thing" for publicity. Therefore, Gabe broke up with Reggie. Gabe was in the security business and should not have jumped to erroneous conclusions based on circumstantial evidence. I call this incompetence, lack of logic and poor job performance on the part of Gabe.

3. I hated the fact that Reggie employed her incompetent sister Natalie as an assistant. Natalie messed up the majority of her responsibilities on the job, including violating security rules. Because of Natalie's incompetence, the stalker learned the security code for Reggie's home and Reggie's computer password. Reggie should have just given money to Natalie as gifts and hired someone competent to work for her.

4. One of the vague communication problems happened with both Reggie and Natalie. When they first had sex with a lover, each one snuck away the next morning without saying anything because they believed the guy wouldn't want them around. They were both wrong. A rational person at least tests the water before fleeing. They should have said something, and after hearing the response, then they could then quickly leave if appropriate. I didn't like the conflict created by that vague and inaccurate assumption.

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### AliciaJ says

It was ok.

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## **Cindy says**

This was a very fun romance with a bit of a mystery thrown in. The mystery provides the set-up for the encounter between Reggie, an up and coming chef with her own cable show and a new cookbook, and Gabe, her bodyguard. They had had a one-night stand in Hawaii about a year before (without even exchanging their info apparently). I like the slow renewal of romance and trust between them - it is a nice, fluffy, fun read.

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## **Marie Meriwani says**

The book's alright, but not special, certainly nothing that I'd ever think about reading again.

The sex scenes are hot, which I appreciated, but the rest of it lacked the suspense that keeps me on edge that I usually get when I read books with a stalker character.

The other thing that really bothered me about the book is that it seemed like a total and unforgivable attack on thin/healthy people; almost every chapter in the book made people (specifically women) who eat healthy and exercise look stupid and ugly, and I took a personal offense to that as I happen to be a size four athlete who also cooks and enjoys good food.

All in all it wasn't what I wanted the book to be.

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## **Christie P. says**

A stalker was the last things rising TV chef Reggie Caldwell though she was going to have to deal with but apparently it was becoming an issue. Such an issue that her barely assistant sister got in contact with a personal bodyguard to hand the situation. Enter Gabe Bankovic.

The problem with this bodyguard is that he has history with Reggie. Hot, steamy, sweaty, unresolved history that's going to complicate things.

Even more complicated is the list of suspects and the fact Gabe isn't too sure this stalker wasn't an idea Reggie and her scatterbrained sister cooked up for publicity.

I really liked Reggie and Gabe's story. It was funny from the get go and the suspense of the stalker grew at a good pace. I even liked Reggie's sister's story that also played out in the book.

I didn't like Gabe's attitude toward Reggie when he started suspecting she made everything up. He was rude, condescending, and an all around jerk during that part. It felt like he was just waiting for anything to be angry with her about. But overall the book was delightful!

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## **Jocelyn Montalvo Cullum says**

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!

<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/11870323>

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### **clio teixeira says**

Did not care for this book at all...could not get into it, so I just left it...unread.

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### **Liba says**

Regina (aka Gina/ Reggie) is a cook on Cooking channel, but no diplomas. She is going on a promotion tour of America.

Her sister Natalie acts as her Pa- sometimes forgetful, flaky and making mistakes. Then Natalie hooks up with Tyler and starts changing.

Someone stalks Reggie- e-mails, too personal "gifts" of clothes, always knowing where she is. Even Tyler and Max, who produce her show, aren't supposed to know her exact schedule. Enter Gabe Bankovic, who is hired to be her bodyguard. Only Gabe and "Gina" have met before and were involved with each other. They have difference of opinion, part and return to each other. But in the hour of need, facing danger, Reggie's call to him goes unanswered...

A delicious and funny story with many memorable characters.

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### **Janice says**

Hate the Lolita-ish cover. Has nothing to do with the very soft erotic story. More weak thriller than romantic or sexy. Hot scene with secondary characters that didn't move the plot along.

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### **Carolinadominguez says**

I didn't like the ending at all!!! There needed to be more, why would the book end in some type of cliffhanger? What about the future? I wanted to see what happened with Gabe and Reggie!! :(

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### **Bonnie says**

Super fun modern romance. A little dated (people fax things and go to internet cafes, and middle class people can afford to rent decent apartments in San Francisco) but the characters are engaging, and the story charmed me. One note, I would have been happier if they had gone with a different cover. This one makes it look like a sex fest, and it's not that at all. I had to take a break from reading this because I wouldn't take it on a plane with me where people might see it.

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### **MountainKat says**

This was good, but not special. Too many cliches and a "big misunderstanding", so it could have been much better. I did like the author's style and will try her work again.

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## **Sarah says**

This book has ok but thought it would be better as I love the writer. The story's good and has romance but a lot of miscommunication goes on and they struggle to make it work.

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## **I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says**

DELICIOUS is a lip-smackin' load of hot fun that leans more on the romance side with a tad bit of erotic thrown in for good measure! Its a great escape that will leave you rooting for the heroine all the way to the end!

Reggie Caldwell is a self-trained chef who becomes an overnight sensation in the world of food. When the fame she has desperately worked so hard to achieve is finally attained and she believes her life is on the right track. Reggie's popularity soars largely because of her friendly and approachable personality, but as she makes herself accessible to her fans, she also makes herself accessible to someone with darker desires. In addition to the stalker, she also picks up a hot, hunk of a bodyguard to go along with her new found fame! Now that might be worth a few sleepless nights!

This is a great read if you are looking for a novel length romantic suspense.

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## **Madi says**

3.5 out of 5 stars

Reggie Caldwell is an up and coming chef. She has her own TV show with plenty of fans. One fan goes a bit too far sending her creepy pictures and messages. Her sister and assistant, Natalie, hires her a bodyguard, Gabe Bankovic, whom Reggie has met before. Sexual tension between the two arises as they travel across the US for Reggie's newest show, with the crazed fan leaving them messages along the way.

This book was surprisingly pretty good. I have never heard of it, I picked it up at my local library. But overall it was a fun read. I enjoyed the characters, Reggie and Gabe. There was one point where I questioned if Gabe was the stalker and I was going to be very disappointed if that was true. Natalie annoyed the crap out of me, her whininess and work ethic was just pathetic. Also, the way she comments on Reggie's size all the time, WTF? The sex scenes were hot and steamy. Overall I thought it was a decent book. There wasn't anything special to it though. It was a fun read and that is about it.

However, this book screams out of date. It was only published in 2006, but everything is advancing fast. First, there were a few words like floppy disk and palm pilot. Reading these terms just made me laugh because they are not things anymore. There was also a warning on the back about how explicit and sexy the book is. Now a days there are plenty of hotter, more explicit books that don't really have a big warning sign on the cover of the book. I get that in 2006 the erotica/ new adult genre was not what it is today, the 50 Shades books weren't even published yet. I got a laugh out of the warning though. I do wonder if it would be edited and updated then republished, how would it do today?

