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When Rowan's Arctic research team pulls a strange object out of the ice in Northern Canada, things start to go wrong...very, very wrong. Rescued by a covert, black ops team, she finds herself in the powerful arms of a man with scary gold eyes. A man who vows to do everything and anything to protect her...

Dr. Rowan Schafer has learned it's best to do things herself and not depend on anyone else. Her cold, academic parents taught her that lesson. She loves the challenge of running a research base, until the day her scientists discover the object in a retreating glacier. Under attack, Rowan finds herself fighting to survive...until the mysterious Team 52 arrives.

Former special forces Marine Lachlan Hunter's military career ended in blood and screams, until he was recruited to lead a special team. A team tasked with a top-secret mission—to secure and safeguard pieces of powerful ancient technology. Married to his job, he's done too much and seen too much to risk inflicting his demons on a woman. But when his team arrives in the Arctic, he uncovers both an unexplained artifact, and a young girl from his past, now all grown up. A woman who ignites emotions inside him like never before.

But as Team 52 heads back to their base in Nevada, other hostile forces are after the artifact. Rowan finds herself under attack, and as the bullets fly, Lachlan vows to protect her at all costs. But in the face of danger like they've never seen before, will it be enough to keep her alive.

Includes a preview of Undiscovered (Treasure Hunter Security #1)

Team 52

Mission: Her Protection (Lachlan and Rowan's story)

Mission: Her Rescue (coming Oct 2018)

Mission: Her Security (coming Nov 2018)

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Dísir says

'Team 52' is Anna Hackett's spin-off from her Treasure Hunter Security series, so expect the storylines to be written in a similar vein: adventure-driven with some suspense included as this mysterious team goes off the books to retrieve dangerous (read: as equally mysterious as the team that does it) artefacts and keep them classified. It's got its feet fully set on earth, while prodding the mystery of advanced civilisations, crossed with some archaeological leanings, so Indiana Jones fans should be quite overjoyed.

Like Hackett's THS books, expect the team to battle unscrupulous treasure hunters, crime syndicates and other badasses which can only be fought with more badassery. As a foundational book, 'Mission: Her Protection' lays out the direction in which the series appears to be going: a slew on books focusing on the team at work, with each member finding their better half along the way.

Rowan Schafer is the rather hapless heroine sorely in need of Team 52's help in this story, though little does she know that Lachlan Hunter used to be the boy next door whom she used to take comfort in, all grown up and a badass in his own right.

The instalove here is somewhat disconcerting - I find myself constantly saying this with Hackett's books in any case - and that a near-20-year-old memory of an early-teenage friendship seemed to be sufficient for Lachlan to change his mind about love and relationships within the span of a few days with Rowan.

The scepticism I have about the solidness of the pairing aside, 'Mission: Her Protection' does get off an interesting start in any case, though I'm crossing my fingers that this crossover would be more of a showcase of Hackett's impressive imagination rather than a rinse and repeat of the THS series.

*ARC by the author

Jannie Cv says

An exciting start for a new series!

What a story! It has a touch of 'alien' / sci-fi intrigue, fascinating new characters to dream about, and many new story possibilities with this crew. We've seen them briefly in the Treasure Hunter Security books; now is our chance to meet them 'up close and personal.' I absolutely love the nuances and connections of Rowan and Lachlan. Their magnetism, their love for each other burns white hot. An excellent read!

Heather says

Lachlan and Rowan's story was terrific. This is going to be another great series. There is plenty of danger, action adventure, excitement and romance.

We've had glimpses of Team 52 in the THS series and now we get to meet these tough and interesting people. This team gathers and secures dangerous artifacts. The artifact in this book is fascinating but very dangerous.

Frances Law says

A brand new series.

Another adventure series from AH!

This is a spin off from Treasure Hunter Security. Team 52 is a black ops group that chases down unusual technological artefacts that are often found in archaeological sites, which is where they have previously run into our friends at THS.

In this story they fly to northern Canada where a research team have fun into trouble. The leader of Team 52, Lachlan Hunter, realises that he knows Dr Rowan Schafer, the leader of the research team. Mind you she's changed a lot in the intervening years. Not surprising since she was only ten at the time and wasn't quite as sexy as she is today.

As usual there's a lot of action and romance to keep the reader glued to the page. An absolute pleasure to read!

Lyndi W. says

Anna Hackett is a hit or miss author for me in the sense that a lot of her books just don't interest me, but the ones that I have read have been 4-5 star reads. I like her writing style because it's quick and filled with action - I almost didn't go to bed last night because I just couldn't stop reading. The plot just kept flowing so fast and smooth, I could have easily finished the entire book in one sitting. So obviously, I recommend it.

But as much as I enjoyed it, I can't give it 5 stars and I'm almost leaning closer to 3.5 stars than 4 stars because the author repeatedly relied on the same plot twist like 6 different times. I can't mention it at all because it would spoil a whole lot, but I can say that it got unbelievable, annoying, and tired after the 3rd time. So obviously, I'm not very happy about that.

That being said, I had a hella good time. Hackett writes an awesome and exciting action-adventure story. There were some sexy times - graphic but not lengthy - and I love the sci-fi slant. It ends up being an urban lite-fantasy/contemporary romance/suspense/action/military... I don't even know. Like a space opera without the space, but you can't just call it an opera because that's confusing as fuck. Whatever. It was fun and funny and sexy and there wasn't a ton of character development, but the MCs had enough backstory to make me care about whether they lived or died. So obviously, I dig it.

I look forward to Seth's story next and I'm glad I was reminded of the Treasure Hunter Security series because I really liked the debut and then forgot all about keeping track of the series.

Edit: I forgot to mention, the opening scene is fan-fucking-tastic and straight out of "The Thing" in all the best ways. If you're on the fence about this one, read the Kindle sample and I swear you'll be hooked.

Lee says

I'll start with what I didn't like:

Lachlan is mercurial and seemed overbearing. He kept telling Rowan not to put herself into danger. She didn't always do the most brilliant thing, but he didn't need to keep telling her what to do. Also, he pushes her away, then pulls her in several times. So I wasn't convinced he was for her. He kept going on about how he

wasn't good enough for her. I began to think so, but not for the reasons he did.

Here's what I liked:

The mythology and the artifacts used a pretty original spin on ancient civilizations. The way the artifact works is pretty cool! The baddies had simple but compelling motives. I really felt for the monster. Also, this book's a lot of page-turning fun.

Here's what may or may not work for you:

This book is effectively an action movie. So many action scenes. Clear, well-directed, but the pace is quite fast. Speaking of fast, the relationship happens quite fast. They knew each other decades ago, but your mileage may vary.

There's a giant cast of characters to get to know.

I received a review copy.

Ariel Marie says

Great start!

Loved it!! Can't wait for book 2! Can I just say I loved the old lady in the hospital! I feel we should get the back story on her!! Please Anna!!!!!!

Marta Cox says

If like myself you've read this authors Treasure Hunter Security books then you will well remember the somewhat shady government team that frequently showed up and frankly took over . Well now it's time to learn a lot more about this elite team and it all starts with Lachlan as he is reunited with a blast from the past. Rowan never really had warm, loving parents as they were both too wrapped up in their respective careers but what she did have was a friend who stood by her , listened to her troubles and occasionally fed her forbidden chocolate ! Times change and people grow up and now Rowan is a respected scientist leading an expedition but when they dig up an ancient frozen disc death pretty soon follows !

This was fast paced and very entertaining. I particularly liked that Lachlan whilst coping with his own demons still had a deep abiding love for his team. If blunt the burgeoning romance does happen a wee bit quickly for my taste but I get that this couple do have a connection that was forged through adversity and it felt right that they should reconnect. Rowan isn't a pushover by any stretch of the imagination and clearly Lachlan needed a woman who could roll with the punches and boy does Rowan do that and more as this mile a minute story unfolds.

The actual storyline did almost remind me initially of a movie (The Thing anyone?) but if honest the author concentrated more on the forces in play as various new factions make their presence felt. It is a book that's has quite a lot of new characters so expect numerous descriptions as supporting characters are introduced each with their own quirks and personalities. I thoroughly enjoyed the action although I wasn't totally enamoured with the little scene that clearly is meant as a teaser for the next book as having read other books by this very imaginative author it did feel somewhat formulaic. That being said if you want steamy adventure with a very different type of paranormal thrown in then this book ticks all those boxes and I very much look forward to reading more.

This voluntary take is of an advance copy and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Melissa Taylor says

Holy crap on a cracker!!!

We've seen the mysterious Team 52 quite a few times in our beloved Treasure Hunter Security books and but let me tell you - we ain't seen nothing yet!! This book was so good! I don't have enough exclamation points for the way I feel about it.

Seriously. Go read it now!

AvidReader says

This book is exactly that and more, what Anna Hackett promised. A high octane action,suspense,romance. Beginning of the book gave me serious creeps as I went to read this completely blind.

Eagerly waiting for more books from this series.

Recommended.

Going to read the Treasure Hunter series next.

Alex (HEABookNerd) says

Series: Team 52 #1

After Dr. Rowan Schafer's expedition team pulls a strange metal artifact from the ice their research base is attacked by a mysterious creature that kills Rowan's entire team. **In shock and half frozen, Rowan is rescued by Team 52, a covert group dedicated to finding and protecting powerful ancient technology.** Even more surprising is the team's leader, Lachlan Hunter, who used to be Rowan's neighbor and childhood friend. With other groups looking for the artifact, Lachlan must keep Rowan safe and find out what really happened to her team.

Mission: Her Protection was one hell of a start to a series! **Crammed full of action, adventure, and a smoldering relationship I was sucked in from the very first chapter.** Anna Hackett is a master at fast paced romantic suspense and I hated putting this book down for even a second. I was intrigued by Team 52 when we caught glimpses of them in the *Treasure Hunter Security* series and I was not disappointed. The action barely lets up the whole way through and this kept me reading to find out what was going to happen next. **We also meet the Team 52 team and I was fascinated, intrigued, and if I'm being honest, mildly obsessed with each new character.** These are men and women who have lived hard lives and most have a dark past but they're dedicated to protecting the world.

Rowan and Lachlan haven't seen each other in a long time but they have a history. As children they each wanted to escape their poor home environment and found a connection with each other. That connection lasts through time and when they meet again it brings them closer. **The chemistry was immediate and on fire between these two** though it's certainly a good dose of insta-love I didn't mind at all.

"Trust him to fall for a courageous woman who scared the hell out of him."

Rowan was smart, brave, and refused to give up no matter what happened. She was also a bit of a trouble magnet which drives Lachlan up the wall. While I don't necessarily think Rowan getting involved in the fighting was the best choice, I can't deny she holds her own with Team 52. **With a deadly group of treasure hunters after the artifact, Lachlan has no choice but to keep Rowan close if he wants to keep her safe.** Though he plays the cold and walled off leader, Lachlan is full of honor and loyalty to his people and to those he cares about. He thinks Rowan deserves someone better than him but he also can't stay away from the first woman who's ever touched his heart. I loved watching Lachlan soften and show a more vulnerable side to his gruff exterior. Rowan in turn finds an acceptance that was lacking from her parents.

I can't wait to read more in the Team 52 series because I loved every one of these characters!

5 out of 5 stars

Reader Safety: Hero was abused as a child (referenced, off page)

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**CC says**

3.5 stars

I liked it but it was missing something. I think the action took over the story and I didn't believe the connection was more than adrenaline.

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**Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says**

This starts off with something out of your worst nightmare. Something is found that needs to be hidden away but before that happens it is triggered and people die. The device gets away but one person survives. This has some very good world building and back story. I liked the characters. Both the main characters and the side characters were very well developed. There was a slight SciFi twist as the device has a cloudy history and Team 52 has their headquarters right next to Area 51. Nice start to a new series.

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**Tiblu says**

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For me this one was just a miss...

I could see Ms.Hackett seemed to have done her research, I didn't look up Dorset or pre-Dorset ppl and all that ,either that or she's a very convincing at faking it..... good set up as far as I could see but I just was wasn't feeling Lachlan or Rowan ( even though Rowan is the name one of favorite h's from goddess with a

blade series ) and lol ? their names make them sound like they should be in a historical romance book set in Scotland) ( or time travel)( love time travel w/Scottish men ) I couldn't feel they chemistry here.....

I totally got Rowan and the neglect and pain she felt from her selfish,self absorbed parents who seem to think everything revolves around them ,yeah I get that.... Really I do...

But Lachlan and his push, pull,this I want her, I need her to kiss and caress and protect and comfort, then "O ,No I can't ." Th n he's pushing he away again ...

I never like that sorta BS in a book,my characters can't be perfect because end in a story it can't really exist.... it would be boring ... but.. but I prefer my H and h to say what they mean and mean what they mean and don't play silly games ....

Especially when pulling away from someone w/Rowan's history of rejection( a history Lachlan witnessed first hand ?) it really got annoying ...

First Rowan just barely survives her research base being attacked,then when she's brought back to the states and Lachlan has pushed her away at least twice she's dropped off at a hotel before she leaves for "home" in NYC( I don't feel like Rowan really has a home anywhere) she's attacked and almost killed and when Lachlan witnesses this while trying to rescue her he tells himself seeing her almost die changes things.....

Right...

Takes her to his place,she spends the night and still the push pull goes on.....

Later back at supposedly secure "top secret" base,the priceless artifact Rowan's team found is stolen off the base and then guess what ? Lachlan who's supposedly vowing to protect her leaves her all alone w/just a single female colleague( an archaeologist) at yet another hotel ( MGM Grand or not) we all know they ARE NOT the safest places to be,and of course Lachlan has barely and I do mean barely left her there, when the women are attacked and Rowan kidnapped..

Right, like we didn't see that coming....

Then when Lachlan says this: ( after rescuing her yet again )

"For now, you stay where I can protect you." Lachlan didn't explain to her exactly what kind of enhanced security his apartment had, but he knew she'd be safe here.

Really !? She'd be safe there with you ?

Then why the F wasn't she with you to begin with and not in some lame hotel where ANYONE could get her ? Huh ?

I thought after seeing her falling off a roof to her death you were gonna step up Lachlan but instead you leave her at another hotel to be kidnapped ....

Lachlan lost major alpha male points for that .... at 56% of the book and the H pulling such lame boneheaded moves I just couldn't make myself care any more....

Ms.Hackett is an amazing writer in my opinion but this just wasn't doubt it for me...

If someone asked ?

I'd say try it you might like it,Ms.Hackett is definitely worth taking a chance on...

Maybe next time Ms. Hackett for me.... maybe next time ...

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## Ashley says

OMG what a great start to a new series. If you are a fan of Hackett's you need to read this one!

I can't wait for Seth's book.

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