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Rescued from jail by the beautiful Vivi Verreau, U.S. Navy SEAL Jazz Zeringue soon discovers that his lovely savior is a covert agent and mistress of disguise who needs Jazz and his men to help her complete her most important and dangerous mission.

## **The Protector Details**

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### Virginie says

#### Spy and love book

A very complex book about spy games and love. I loved it. I love romance and I love spy and conspiracy books. All in one is just perfect. Can't wait to read the next one!

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### Tara Jo says

Think this book may be going into the DNF category...have only been able to get through 5% more in the last week...have tried coming back to it time and again...read another book, try this one again, and just can't get it.

I would have thought with Navy SEALs and strong female character I would have gotten into this more, but somehow just can't do it. Glad it was a free book and I don't feel like I've wasted money on it.

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### Jane Stewart says

Character definitions sounded good, but the story and dialogue didn't bring them out in an interesting way.

#### STORY BRIEF:

Jazz is a Navy SEAL. His covert operations group just finished rescuing hostages in Southeast Asia. They go to a bar for a drink where they meet Vivi who is in disguise. She is working undercover as an "old lady" who collects payments from men for sex with girls. Two unknown men try to force sex on a frightened girl. Jazz comes to her rescue and pays the old lady for the girl's time. He is not intending sex, but he wants to give the girl some free time without sex. Jazz is arrested for soliciting a prostitute by Vivi's group. When the truth comes out, Vivi gets him released. Vivi works for GEM, an organization which tries to reduce prostitution by arresting the men. Vivi also uses her personal funds to help the girls. She and Jazz get to know each other. Then their bosses assign their two groups (GEM and the SEALs) to work together on a joint operation to rescue a truckload of girls. More than half the book is leading up to this operation.

A second story happens with Stefan and Alissa. Alissa is related to the brothers running the Triad – a mafia type group. They operate sex slave, drugs, and gun businesses. Stefan is an undercover agent who has gotten close to the Triad by having a sexual relationship with Alissa.

#### REVIEWER'S OPINION:

I had a hard time getting through this book. I kept losing interest. I wanted it to be over. It almost reminded me of non-fiction. A couple of parts were good, but on balance I can't recommend it. I'm not sure I can explain what was wrong – maybe a lot of details without enough direction and not tied into the plot. Vivi is devoting her life to helping women forced into prostitution. But there is not a good story about that. Sure she's involved with rescuing women, but I don't know the victims, and I don't feel what they are going through. One theme for Vivi's part of the story is failure – she can't change what she wants to change.

The first sex scene between Vivi and Jazz was hectic, hot, and really good. It was after they narrowly

escaped with their lives. Other sex scenes were ok. Half were with Alissa and Stefan, the other half with Jazz and Vivi.

It seemed to take a long time before anything exciting happened. The second story about Stefan wasn't fleshed out enough. T sounded interesting but needed more explanation. The author alluded to T's relationships with Hawk and Jack which felt thrown in and not explained well. The conflict between Vivi and Juliana was not explained well or resolved.

A minor problem at the end: we learn one of Jazz's SEAL buddies is undercover and may be dead. It was a cliffhanger for a secondary character – I assume to set up a sequel. I prefer not messing with a happy ending. The author could have saved that negative thought for the beginning of the next book.

DATA:

Story length: 373 pages. Swearing language: strong, including religious swear words. Sexual language: strong. Number of sex scenes: 6. Estimated number of sex scene pages: 21. Setting: current day Southeast Asia. Copyright: 2005. Genre: romantic suspense.

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## Hbeebti says

This was excellent! I am officially hooked!

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## Sunny says

3.5 stars

Jazz Zeringue  
Vivi Vereau

I added a 1/2 star to this review now that it has been almost a week since I finished it. I guess it is one of those books you need to marinate on. I was troubled while I was reading it because the beginning is so convoluted. Gennita Low starts scenes without an introduction, names and characters without context. It was a bit jarring, not to mention confusing. Admittedly, I was getting frustrated. However, she has engaging characters, a decent suspense, and plenty of room for more stories (this is the launch of a series).

Jazz Zeringue is a Navy SEAL working a specialize Special Ops assignment. Vivi Vereau is working at a non-profit, who rescues and trying to place girls who have been forced into the white slave trade. But things are not as they seem. Vivi is really an undercover operative for an independent contracting organization, GEM specializing in intelligence gathering AND mostly made up of women agents (nice). Both Jazz and Vivi's group work to bring down not only the local mobsters illegal activities, but also infiltrate an arms dealer's organization. This dealers has global influence and is selling to terrorist organizations.

The best parts of the book are when Jazz and Vivi are together. He is Southern gentleman from Louisiana raised by a single parent and multiple sisters. Vivi grew up an orphan, escape poverty, and returned to her home country to fulfill a long-standing promise. Jazz is the one who has to convince Vivi to open up and give him a chance.

By the end of the book, there are explosions, kidnapping, fight scenes, and a reunion. There are also plenty

of interesting side characters who will undoubtedly be back with their own books.

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### **Mellissa Hamley says**

For me this book was hung up on detail that you lost the flow of the storyline. There was also too many side storylines going on that it was difficult to continue reading. That being said, the characters are well written and the action scenes were intense.

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### **Lou says**

DNF @ 10%

I got bored. It began well, but before first chapter ended I found I was already beginning to skip descriptions and go for the dialogue...and then wondered why I even bothered doing that. I'm sure the dialogue between Jazz & Hawk when Jazz was imprisoned was meant to be witty, but it just missed the mark.

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### **AliciaJ says**

Well I'm hooked now. I'm off to Amazon.com to get the rest of Ms. Low's books!

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### **(Dixie) S says**

I am currently re-reading these books as it was some years ago that I read them. I do remember them as I-can't-put-it-down type of books.

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### **Penelope ✕ that awkward girl that doesn't go here ✕ says**

#### **FOUR STARS!**

*Protector* is the first book in Gennita Low's crossfire series. Navy SEAL Zola "Jazz" Zeringue is mistakenly arrested by Interpol during a sting operation headed by GEM operator Vivian Verreau. When Jazz is cleared by his commanding officer, his team of SEALs joins forces with Vivi's team to take down an international arms dealer looking to partner with the local triad gang member. Jam packed with action and suspense, *Protector* is a great start to a promising series.

I was nervous going into this one because I'd seen so many DNFs and one star ratings for this book, but I'm happy I still went through with reading this. Having said that, I can understand where some readers are coming from. The first half of the book is pretty information heavy and the story isn't as well written as it is in the second half, IMO. The set-up and subject matter may not satisfy everyone, but the welfare of female

teenagers in third world countries has and will always be a matter that is close to my heart.

The action when it unfolds, is so bloody amazing. I absolutely loved the action, the operations are amazing and there's a sense of urgency and danger that translates well across the pages. I wasn't too impressed with the game of footsie the heroine plays with the hero (personally, if I had Jazz giving me a look, the panties would be flying off) but when their passion finally erupts, I was rolling in feels.

**So, why not five stars?** As I mentioned before, the second half of the book is a great improvement from the first, which made the read feel a bit disjointed. And I wasn't too much a fan of Hawk's constant jabs at Jazz about Vivi. Whilst it was pretty clear who Vivi was interested in, I thought it detracted from the sense of camaraderie I would have enjoyed between Jazz and Hawk if it had been left out.

Overall, an enjoyable book. Whilst this book may not be for everyone, it certainly worked for me. If you're a fan of black ops reads that is jam packed with action that is a little soft on the steam factor, you just may enjoy this one.

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### **Val Booklover says**

This was a strage experience. I kinda liked this book at first, then I liked it, and then I liked it no more. Let me explain.

It has good points: The characters are attractive, some good dialogs, the location sound well researched, and the plot is interesting.

Not good: It takes 75% of the book to finally get into the action.

But what bothered me most was the end. It was corny, trite and so at odds with most of the book, it really seems written by another hand.

Yeah, there are three parts: first 75% drags along with the characters preparing, preparing, preparing. It was a little boring, but it was well written. Then, the action unfurls and it is fast-paced, interesting, the characters show passion and insight. And then -\*poof\*- off we go to the commonplace, banal, unoriginal final.

Uh, sorry, I am not really motivated to read the rest of the series.

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### **Taria Reed says**

I'm 23% done with Protector: About 3hrs into the book and holy hell i'm bored and uninterested. At this point it's hard to tell if Vivi is interested in Jazz or Hawke. We've already had a few POVs and the hint of a bigger plot but again, nothing interesting enough to keep me eagerly plugging on. As I type this I'm already contemplating looking for another book to start so I can possibly come back to this. **\*\*le sigh\*\***

Done!!

I'm not ashamed to admit that I fell asleep through the last 25% of the book and even with drifting in and out

of sleep I had NO desire to rewind and see what i missed. Thank goodness I'm done and I have no interest in going on to the next book in this series. There was just too much going on and the sex in the middle of running away was too annoying. the only way to describe this was overwhelming.

NOT MY CUP OF TEA!!

story - 1.5

narrator -

not crazy about the narrator, his accents are not very good. He had ALL of the locals sounding like that vietnamese chick from full metal jacket. I swear at one point i was waiting for them to say "\$5.00 sucky sucky". FO'REAL!!

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### **Sadie says**

I tried too hard to finish this book that I finally asked myself why? Part of it is that now that I'm rating every book (for my own records, not to give feed back or encourage/warn others) I feel like I really need to give each one more than a fair shot.

But this, I just couldn't do it. I forced my way to 72% before I scrapped it.

The heroine annoyed me. She's supposed to read as tough, but to me she just reads as judge'y, untrusting and a little controlling. She puts a mission at risk by not sharing her team's plans all in the way of claiming to do it to keep the mission safe.

Also, the writer leads us to believe that she's a victim of sex trafficking when we find out she was really just adopted and sent to America -- HELLO REVISIONIST BACK STORY!

The hero wasn't as bad. Actually, the guys were the only thing of interest in this story.

Between the romance, the getting caught in a sting, the mission, the guys, the secondary story, the battles, the SECOND secondary story, the potential THIRD secondary story... this book was just overloaded with too much going on. I think the author confused "detailed and interesting" with "everything but the kitchen sink" - - what it equals in the end is an adventure book that you have to drag your way through. The pacing in no way matches the genre. I'm really confused by all the "fast-paced" reviews.

In addition, this book hit one of those pet peeves we all have. This one is pretty common and I'm shocked we're not hearing hear it called on it more. (view spoiler)

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### **BooksSaveMe says**

While it was good in parts, it felt like hard work most of the time, tons of military references that let you know the author knows her subject matter but this one was not for me

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## Anne says

I almost could not finish this book and I rarely have a DNF book. This book covered a horrific topic, the book went on and on and then it just ended without resolution on a few storylines. I am just not sure how I feel about this book.

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