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**Can Christmas be the time when Kirby finally stops running and allows himself to fall in love with the man who saves his life?**

CIA Agent Stefan Mortimer is cooling his heels in the UK until he can go home. Taking on easy assignments with Bodyguards Inc. seems like a good solution to keep him sane. He's used to life throwing him curveballs, and it's just another day at the office when he rescues Kirby Devlin and his niece and nephew. Now he has to keep Kirby and the kids alive and stay professional.

Kirby Devlin has one priority; keeping his small family safe. On the run, and facing danger at every turn, Kirby finally runs out of places to hide on a snowy December day at an Edinburgh train station. Stefan comes to the rescue, saves him and the children. Is it possible that Kirby finally has someone to trust?

Now, if only it would be as easy for Kirby to trust Stefan with his heart.

## Love's Design Details

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### Natalie says

#### Cute for Christmas

It was pretty good. There was a little action and suspense. It was also sweet to see the kids attach themselves to Stefan and Kirby. It was fairly realistic, emotions and thought by the MC's seemed appropriate to the circumstances.

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### Caroline Brand says

#### REVIEWED FOR PRISM BOOK ALLIANCE

We met CIA Agent Stefan Mortimer in the previous book in this series. He is an old colleague and good friend of Kyle's and he has remained in the UK until a dangerous situation at home in the States can be resolved. Dropping off his latest case at a train station and having to sit around for hours whilst snow causes mass disruption he finds himself dragged into saving a man who is being assaulted.

Kirby Devlin's life may have just been saved by Stefan and the man is grateful but he is also terrified and does his best to get away. The last couple of days have been hell and he doesn't feel up to trusting anyone especially someone waving around an official badge and talking about phoning the Police. There is one more surprise to come for Stefan – two small children huddled in a locked room who call Kirby there Uncle. What should have been a quiet night has turned into anything but....

The problems seem huge for both men. Kirby has had a shitty life after being thrown out by his family as a young teen. Tossed back into a family drama by a brother he barely knows he is now on the run and scared for his life. He has to trust someone if he is to survive with two small children and that person turns out to be Stefan who quickly gets the family back to Kyle's mansion.

Set around Christmas this story has a family feel to it as the men at Bodyguards Inc. try to bring a bit of normality and cheers to the two wee bairns. The heat simmers between Stefan and Kirby but with an imminent return to the States on the cards, a brother fighting for his life, numerous misunderstandings and a problem trusting anyone can these men work it out?

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### Nerea says

This one is Hypersweet!!! And in Christmas time!!

Stefan, just finished his bodyguard work and is waiting in a snowy Edinburgh station for his train when he see some men beating another one at the WCs. So he helps the man and discover that the beating man wasn't alone. He is running away from the assailants with his 2 little nephews! So Stefan decides to help him! Maybe the only negative point was that they repeat some facts of the story a lot times!!! But I love the slow burn and the evolution of their relationship!It has sense! And so perfect ending!!

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### **Tyra Berger says**

Love's Design is a solid addition to one of my favorite series. Scott's characters come to life on the pages and once again give me the warm fuzzies.

Kirby's ragtag family ensemble will grab you by the heartstrings and not let go. The fear and distrust in all of their eyes, but especially Andy and Louise, made me want to hurt someone. The fact that Kirby can love at all is a miracle in itself once you learn his story.

Stefan was the perfect person to help this little family. Not just because he is a kick ass man but because he needed something to believe in and fight for.

Great story not just for Christmas but all year!

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### **Serena Yates says**

Stefan, the CIA agent "on temporary leave until things cool down" from the previous book, is still in the UK and taking temporary jobs for Bodyguards, Inc. Trouble soon finds him in the form of Kirby, who is trying to protect his four-year-old niece Louise and his seven-year-old nephew Andy from "bad men" who are after the kids' father. Stefan's protective instincts take over, and I don't think even he suspects how much these three people are going to change his life. At least not at first...

"Run and hide" has been Kirby's motto for a long time, ever since his overly religious parents kicked him out of their house for being gay. But trying to protect two young children while he is at it, and facing three goons who have no scruples at all and already almost killed Kirby's brother is a whole different story. Kirby is proud and independent, has had to be, but slowly he begins to realize he needs help. And Stefan, capable and strong, may just be the man for the job - as well as the guy to conquer Kirby's well-protected heart.

Stefan is not the emotional type - not that I expected that, him being CIA and all. But Kirby and the children, and the way they courageously stick together no matter what, touch a place in Stefan's heart he never knew existed. I loved seeing him learn how to deal with the emotions as he learns what Kirby needs and how to give the little impromptu family what they need; not just in terms of physical security but also in terms of emotional stability.

If you like protective uncles and secretive CIA agents who learn how to take care of a family, if two men trying to figure out what's next are your thing, and if you're looking for a read about love in unexpected places, then you will probably like this novella as much as I did.

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## **Selina Durio says**

I love when stories can include children and still keep up appropriate romance. When we met Stefan in the previous book I just knew he would need a book of his own. After the way he was described in "Undercover Lovers" would have never pictured Kirby as his match. While this book didn't seem to contain as much action as the previous book, it was still a good read.

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## **The TBR Pile \*Book review site\* says**

If you are a fan of the series, Love's Design is a must read. If you haven't read the series yet, you need too!  
FULL REVIEW: <http://thetbrpile.weebly.com/reviews/...>

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## **James Cox says**

I really liked this book. Another great story in this series, action, sex, plot.

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## **multitaskingmomma says**

Original Post Here: [Book Blast & Review: Love's Design \(Bodyguard Inc. #5\) by RJ Scott](#)

Review by: multitaskingmomma

My Rating: 4 of 5 Stars

I am a huge fan of the Bodyguard series by RJ Scott. This latest installment focuses on Stefan Mortimer. If you've read Undercover Lovers (Bodyguards Inc. #4), he was assigned to guard a geneticist and find a missing formula.

He who stumbles into a situation he could not get away from. Of course he could very well ignore but he is not one to leave things alone, especially when his gut tells him it is something he could stop. He butts his head and hand in and lands himself a man on the run with two kids who are older than their below seven years imply.

Kirby had been kicked out by his parents when he came out to them and lost contact with his younger brother. He managed to scrape by life using his brain and body. He is a survivor and is strong of mind. Landing two children he never even knew existed much less be related to was a surprise. Running for his life two kids in tow is unexpected. Dangerous men are after him and nephew and niece. It's a good thing his savior is in the form of a hunky CIA agent.

Stefan and Kirby hit it off right from the start, but not in a romantic way. They both run with the children and into the safe haven of a Bodyguard Inc. safe house. As they await news and development, they find out just what the spirit of Christmas is about.

This is a lightly written romance and such a delight to read. It was especially awesome to read Kyle and Ross once more who play minor but truly important roles.

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### **Didi says**

Out of the BODYGUARD INC. series so far, I think this one was the good one. Probably due to the holidays theme or the mature kid, I don't know. Stefan was not what I thought at all, but at least his budding relationship with Kirby, albeit rather rushed was progressing gradually. The closing (of the case) was too picture perfect yet not revealed much in detail. After the let down of Kyle/Ross though, this installment pleased me! :)

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### **Diverse says**

I love RJ Scott's Bodyguard Series. Book 5 might be one of my top 3 favorites of this series. I LOVE Kirby and I'm beyond grateful to Stefan for saving him and the weens lol. This was a gorgeous love story. More passion than suspense in this book but lacking absolutely nothing. This was fantastically entertaining. Andy and Lou made me laugh and get all teary eyed. Kirby.... Oh he is just the best! What a great character he is! If you're not reading this series, you really need to because it wins all the awesome!

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### **Love Bytes Reviews says**

4 Heart Review by Vicki

I have to say I was a little concerned when I saw this book was about Stefan. Not that I didn't like him in the last book, but I wasn't sure I was happy about a character being featured that wasn't part of the BI family. But it turns out he is part of the family and I really liked him!

Stefan is CIA, hanging out with the BI guys in England after a job went funky and he can't go home yet. He and Kyle go way back, so he's picking up a little work here and there for Kyle while he's waiting for the dust to settle back home. While finishing a job hanging out in a train station, he observes something nasty going down in a restroom.... he goes to investigate and finds a man being beaten. He rescues the guy and gets pulled in to his story.

Kirby has some issues... he was kicked out at 16, did some things he shouldn't to keep himself fed, and has been surviving under the radar working a couple of odd jobs. He is found by a PI, with information that his younger brother Robbie is looking for him. He finds Robbie, who had a drug addiction, two small kids, a dead wife, and a debt to the wrong man. Robbie gets stabbed, Kirby takes the kids and runs. They make it to the train station when the bad guys catch up. Robbie hides the kids and faces the bad guys, only to be rescued by a strange man.

Stefan convinces Kirby to take the kids to safety, and takes them straight to Kyle's mansion, the closest source of help he knows.

So I don't always like kids in my romance stories, but this time it was ok. I liked the kids and they added

emotion to the story without detracting from the main romance. I liked Kirby, he was stubborn and proud, but eventually accepts he needs help. I liked Stefan, he turned out to be a pretty cool guy. We also saw quite a bit of Kyle and Ross in this story. I liked how they accepted these two little kids in their home and lives.

The emotional connection between Stefan and Kirby was slow to build, but once they get it together they are a good couple. There isn't a lot of sex in this book, as there hasn't been in the other books in this series, but what there is works. Kirby has to build a bit of trust in Stefan, and that comes across in their physical relationship. I liked that.

Overall this was an enjoyable story. It could have used a little more action, once the drama at the start is over it was pretty mild. But it was very sweet and had a nice holiday connection as well. I liked the main characters and was happy to see the guys from previous books show up. The sex wasn't plentiful but was very sweet. The kids added to the story and didn't distract me from the main storyline. If you have read the other books in this series you'll like this one. If you haven't tried this series, I would. Some are more exciting than others, but I have liked all of them. RJ Scott is always a good source of stories for me, I enjoy her writing and her characters.

I'm curious to see if we'll get more from this series!

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## **Cadiva says**

Yet another hit in this series from RJ Scott where love is as inevitable as the fact the bad guys will get their comeuppance.

Here things start off in Scotland when resting CIA agent Stefan rescues a man from being beaten by three others in Waverley's toilets and finds himself with a pair of young bairns as well.

I loved Kirby, who'd discovered he was an uncle out of nowhere and who's brother had got on the wrong end of a bunch of thugs to the point at which he was left for dead.

The build up of love between the two men happens over a short period of time but it felt utterly believable. Watching Stefan fall in love with two awesome kids, who were written true to their ages and not as super intelligent 4 and 7 year-olds, was a joy.

Now I'm interested for book six, which features boy band member Alexander from book two and a new bodyguard we've not seen yet!

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## **Maggie says**

**Loved it!**

Another great story in this series! Stefan gets his story, and Kirby couldn't be more perfect for him. Danger and some intrigue, two adorable children, and a bodyguard almost in over his head is the right recipe for an engaging, action story. Lots of great sex and mixed with love goes a long way in this happy ending for Stefan!

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**Denise H. says**

----> Yes, yes, yes...this is a wonderful story !! Partly a Christmas romance, and partly an action thriller. It started off with a bang when Stefan rescues Kirby from being beaten, takes Kirby and the children, nephew Andy and niece Louise to safety, and cares for them. This beautifully written tale pulled me right in and held me. The Bodyguard's Inc. characters are deep, interesting people. I've liked all of the books in this series.

This may be my favorite !

Stefan is on leave from the CIA, helping his friend in the security business. Kirby has been thrown into the trouble because his brother wanted him to keep the kids safe. His brother, Robbie owed big money to very bad guys. The story line flowed, the characters were terrific, the children were wonderfully done and realistic, while we went along on this amazing adventure. Stefan is awesome, sturdy, strong, sweet, and loving, and exactly what Kirby needed to ground him, give him strength, and anchor his new life.

RJ Scott gives us fabulous emotions, great storytelling, and an amazing Christmas !!!

Highly recommend. E N J O Y !!!

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