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Cathy says

I'm always surprised that I enjoy Harlequin books so much. The Intrigue books are usually well-written and engaging. Lots of suspense mixed in with the romance. Sexy heros and strong women. Hardly ever find one that isn't a good read and this is no exception.

The blurb on the front of the book says Intrigue's Ultimate Heroes but it is book 1 one of Mystery Men series (that's the blurb on books 2 and 3.)

Leslie says

The first book in the Mystery Men series starts out quickly on a suspenseful note, continuing at a fast paced. There is a lot of action packed into this category but there is also a romance that moves right along with the action.

Claire Samson is wanted by the police but they're not the only ones after her. She turns to her former fiancé, Luke Hathaway, supposedly an antiques dealer. Fortunately for Claire, Luke is not into antiques rather he's into guns and knives and his ability with weapons comes in handy. Claire going after Luke but then running away from him confused me. There is some back story on why she broke the engagement but it was thin and didn't make sense considering the heat these two were giving off. It would have made more sense if Luke had broken up with Claire because of the dangers and secrecy of his job.

Luke hasn't forgiven Claire for practically leaving him at the alter two years ago. He's still hurting but being an alpha male, pretends he's over her and simply wants to find out who is out to kill her. What's interesting is that he doesn't take her word that she's innocent of killing her husband. Instead, Luke must see the crime scene and verify that it was impossible for Claire to have committed the murder. I really didn't get why these two would have been together other than the physical attraction. They still loved each other but I didn't get why.

Luke's good friends and coworkers, Adam and Holden, really added depth to the story. I enjoyed the camaraderie these three shared and how both men looked out for Luke. Neither trusted Claire and didn't want Luke to get tangled up with her again. She did win them over but they made her work for it.

The suspense and mystery surrounding the murder are what kept me reading. Claire and Luke do get there HEA but at that point I was ready for more of Adam and Holden. Lucky for me, both men get their own books.

Darcy says

This one was very predictable and utterly forgettable. Girl runs out on guy because he was keeping secrets and she didn't ask. Meets new guy and jumps to marry him right away, doesn't hurt that he is very rich. New rich guy isn't what he seems and they end up divorced. He sets her up for his murder and to take the fall for stealing money. So what is the girl to do, well of course go back to the old guy, who it turns out as is a secret government agent who helps her out.

Alison says

This was pretty standard fare.

Claire and Luke were engaged but she broke it off and married another man one month later. Fast forward. Claire's husband is (presumed) dead and she is on the run, wanted for his murder.

Luke is a member of a top-secret agency which finds missing people - generally bad people - so undercover that he tells everyone he is an Antiques dealer (without much success I would say).

Claire is certain that her husband is still alive and that for some reason he is framing her, much as she doesn't want to she needs Luke's help.

It was well-written but nothing that I haven't read several times before and pretty predictable. It wont stop me reading the next one but I wont fall over myself to buy it either.

Mojca says

For a story in the *Thriller* series, this one wasn't thrilling. At all.

A slow-paced plot, with twists and turns visible from miles away and bland, one-dimensional characters. Also, the heroine logic completely eluded me.

"I know my fiancé is keeping secrets from me, and since I have issues from my childhood, I don't trust him to love me, so I'll dump him and marry the first rich man that comes along, even though he turns out to be a cheater and tries to implicate me into his own murder to get his money. Still, I know I'm better off with him, than with the man I love and actually loves me as well, despite everything I did to him..."

Huh?

Felice Foster says

Fast paced and lots of action. The characters are well written and well rounded. One of the best books of 2010 so far!

Pattianne says

BUCHANAN FAMILY SERIES Under the Gun - (Clare and Luke) - Clare being stalked, Luke protects, she joins recovery.

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Judi says

HelenKay Dimon delivers alot of action in the 214 pages of her new Harlequin Intrigue Under the Gun.

Clair Samson is on the run and in serious trouble. She's been set-up to take the fall for murdering her estranged husband Phil (who it turns out really isn't dead after all) and now someone is trying to kill her. Claire turns to the one man she believes can help her prove her innocence and keep her alive at the same time.

Luke Hathaway hunts people for a living, both those who don't want to be found and those that are praying to be rescued; he's an expert at recovering people.

Her look may be different, but the minute Luke spies the familiar face in the computer monitor staring back at him, he recognizes it as none other than his former fiancée Clare Samson; the woman who jilted him just before their wedding two years earlier.

Aided by fellow agents Holden and Adam, Luke and Claire are going to have to set aside their differences and unresolved feelings for one another if they are going to solve the mystery of who set Clair up and the reasons why.

I loved the interaction between Luke, Holden and Adam. It was fun, quick-witted and full of sarcastic banter (I can only assume Holden and Adam get their own stories in the future and I certainly hope so!). Claire is no push-over either and she can certainly hold her own against the men. There was lots of fun dialogue between all the parties.

I know the author doesn't have a lot of time for a back-story in these category romances, but in this case, I wish there had been more time to provide insight into why Claire left Luke and how she hooked up and married Phil so quickly after her breakup.

Under the Gun has it all; betrayal, deception, embezzlement, gunfights and even a daring escape from a burning building. The action is fast and furious once it starts on the second page and doesn't let up until the end!

I really enjoy HelenKay Dimon's writing and I hope you will to.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

Luke Hathaway was on a job when he sees an old flame, Claire Samson. She is currently wanted for the murder of her husband. Now she is on the run and runs to the only man she thinks she can trust.

Just a fair read for me.

Evelyn says

This is a stand alone book but also the start of a great series called Mystery Men. There are five books in total all written by Helen Kay Dimon.

Brianne says

This was an ok introduction to the series, I like some of the follow up books much better. a lot of the background that is introduced here makes following books make a lot more sense!
