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Monica Townsend enjoyed living the quiet life of a book editor - but, from the moment she stepped through her office door one evening, everything changed. Kidnapped at gunpoint, she was held hostage at an abandoned warehouse, praying her life would be spared as shots rang through the air.

Married Police Officer, Chase Travers, was on duty when the call came in. Being the first officer at the scene, he didn't anticipate the sight awaiting him - three dead men sprawled on the warehouse floor. Upon further inspection of the premises, he discovered a barely conscious Monica Townsend and stayed by her side until the paramedics arrived.

In the hospital later that evening, Chase was supposed to be returning home to his wife and two sons but felt prompted to stay at Monica's bedside to ensure her safety. In the still of the night, a gunshot rang out in the hospital corridor.

Chase and Monica escaped and began running for their lives but they faced a bigger challenge as they battled an attraction to each other which intensified as each hour passed. Will they be able to withstand temptation or, in the heat of the moment, will they give in?

And why are people gunning for Monica Townsend? Is it something she knows, a connection she has or is she merely a pawn in a game bigger than anything she and Chase Travers could have imagined?

## **An Affair to Remember Details**

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### **LuAnn Rodriquez says**

This is an interesting book with a storyline that keeps you asking questions throughout. Ms. Budden has a pleasing writing style, writes with authority about her topics, and creates characters with good heart or a convincing lack thereof. The main characters' immediate dive into instant "love-of-my-life" passion and commitment was too quick for my tastes and the frequency of several male characters shedding tears somewhat unbelievable, but it was still worth the time and effort required to read the story. If reading is your regular hobby, this is a book you should enjoy!

I received an advance copy of this eBook in exchange for my honest review of it.

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### **Christine Hatfield says**

I thought that was a good book

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### **Karla Bostic says**

Simply a MUST READ

I absolutely loved this first book in the series. I was drawn in to the characters from the first page. Norma has a way of making them feel as if they are your friends and you are seeing it all happen before you eyes. There was a lot of action packed in these pages and it keeps you hooked. You find yourself not able to put it down and that it ends long before you are ready to stop. The good thing is there is another one in the series to check out. I completed this in one night and it was a story that stayed with me. These characters become like family.

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### **Kelley says**

Mystery, suspense, romance – this book has it all!

I was engrossed with this book as soon as I read about the man who lived in the shadows. That was in chapter 1, first paragraph! So much suspense! Who was this man? What did he want? At this point, I didn't know, but had to keep reading to find out.

I then fell in love with two of the other characters. There was Chase, a career police officer who loved his job for the heart warming moments that sometimes came with the territory, but was starting to feel the job taking its toll on his body and his family. And there was Monica – a woman who had kept to herself most of her life and would be the least likely person to fall victim to a random crime. But the crime wasn't random and ends up pulling all three strangers into a whirlwind tale that was hard to put down.

This was an action-packed, well-paced story. There were some plot elements at first blush that I felt were a bit unbelievable (I can't mention them here without spoiling the story), but after pondering the action and the

turn of events, I realized that when circumstances beyond your control consume your life, you never know what's going to happen. I also realized that these types of events often occur in TV shows where viewers more easily give them a pass. After considering this, I also overlooked the quickness with which some of the events unfolded, especially since I was consumed by the overall story.

As for the ending, boy I didn't see that coming! In fact, I had to read it twice and then I let out an audible, "No way." Well played Ms. Budden! I very much look forward to reading the sequel.

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### **Ivana says**

I got a copy of the book through Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

This was pretty short and it's unbelievable how much stuff has happened in it. I must admit I was pulled into the story from the start and it was easy to like Chase and Monica together. Maybe Bianca's behavior made it easier to accept, but I liked them together, so the epilogue made me smile. The suspense was building and evolved nicely when the problem with Scorpions was solved without too much violence. This is the first book in a series and since I've read those chapters provided in this book, I definitely want to read the second.

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### **Jo-Anne says**

How can a book about a married man cheating make you smile? Read An Affair to Remember and you will find out.

Monica Townsend liked being a book editor because it allowed her to keep to herself; even if she did get lonely sometimes. She never thought she would be kidnapped! Not only was it terrifying but shocking, too. She didn't have any enemies so why would someone kidnap her? At gunpoint no less!

Lucky for her, gun shots were reported so the police came to the scene. Chase Travers was one of the responding officers. He sure wasn't expecting what he found at the abandoned warehouse. Three dead men and Monica bound to a chair with a severe head wound. Chase was going to find out who did this to her and why.

One night Chase checked on Monica at the hospital and decided to stay the night. The reason he gave was to protect her but there were officers on guard outside her door. It was a good thing Chase stayed because someone tried to get to Monica again. Chase snuck Monica out of there and as they ran for their lives, they began to get strong feelings for each other.

This is a wonderful story that I didn't expect to like because of the cheating but it turned out that I really did like it! It was so well-written that I felt the pain this couple went through. It was very emotional and had me in tears but smiling at times, too. Even though Chase was married, I was rooting for them to stay together.

The twists in this story had me anxious to know what was going to happen next but not wanting it to end at the same time. I must say that the ending was a complete surprise that I never expected.

I am so glad I received this book in exchange for an honest review and highly recommend it to romantic suspense readers.

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### **Vicki says**

This is the first book in a series and I am so glad to know that. I really admired Chase as a policeman and as a man. There was an underlying problem that allowed this affair to not feel dirty and tainted as many affair books do. There's an innocence and honesty in their relationship. I was drawn into the drama and danger that was present in this story.

The writing is really smooth and the flow was nice. I liked how the mystery played out.

I am off to read the next book in the series. I am enjoying Ms. Budden's writing style, there is romance, mystery and intrigue that keeps me interested.

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### **Nola Arganbright says**

A great read with a good suspenseful storyline. Monica and Chase are a good match and the secondary characters are strong. I was totally involved with hoping to find why Monica was being pursued. A very exciting read and I look forward to the next book by Norma Budden.

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### **Joan says**

I received this as a giveaway from Goodreads. Well written, light and easy to read. A simple tale of an unusual love story, full of drama, suspense, intrigue and sacrifice.

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### **Lynn Hallbrooks says**

After reading an excerpt of this book on Wattpad, I knew that I needed to find out more of what was going on. I was not disappointed in anyway. The story was so believable that I felt as if I was watching it unfold before my very eyes. The ending was a complete surprise. I'm looking forward to reading the sequel, When Love Abides.

This book isn't just a good read, it's a great read.

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### **Amanda says**

Short review. The story was interesting but I felt like everything happen way to fast, there wasn't time to adjust to one thing before another happen.

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### **Bobirley Adams says**

I was given a copy of AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER for free in exchange for my honest opinion of this

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book.

I LOVE these characters! I LOVE a book where the interaction with the characters seems natural and their conversation is like normal people talk. This book goes on my FAVORITES list!

I will not describe the story because that's why you need to purchase this book. I will tell you I was surprised multiple times and sometimes my pulse rate was racing because I was so excited in the direction the story was going. I'm sure that you'll love the way this well-written story is woven as it twists and turns. Ultimately you'll be like me and not want this story to end!

I believe this book will be loved by readers that like Romantic, Suspenseful Mysteries.

SUGGESTION: If you decide to buy this book for yourself, get another one to give as a gift. Once you read this book you're going to want to discuss it with your friends. Then they will want to borrow your copy and might not return it. Much easier to read your book, tell your friend a LITTLE bit about it to get your friend interested in it and then give your friend a gift of the book to keep in her library. You're not going to want this book to leave your library!

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## **Sandy Wolters says**

Book: An Affair To Remember

Series: Freedom In Love, Book 1

Author: Norma Budden

Genre: Romantic Suspense

Length: Approximately 126 pages

I'm a huge fan of romantic suspense. AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER, Book 1 in the Freedom In Love series by NORMA BUDDEN, offers the reader a good suspense story and a not so typical love story that I really enjoyed.

Monica Townsend lives a quiet, somewhat lonely life as a book editor never suspecting that someone has been watching her every move since her father's death at a very early age. Is this stalker someone she can trust? Is he someone to be feared? I'm not going to tell you.

After a normal day, she leaves work and her life is shattered into pieces. She's kidnapped at gunpoint and whisked away to a very uncertain future. There's no one to help her, or is there?

Chase Travers, a cop with some serious coworker trust issues, is on duty when a shots fired call comes in at an abandoned warehouse. He responds to find dead men and an injured Monica, whom he feels an instant connection with, but no sign of the shooter. Unable to understand what happened at the warehouse, Chase feels that Monica's life is still in danger. He makes the decision to stay with her at the hospital until he has some answers. Another attempt is made on Monica's life that night, so Chase takes her on the run one step ahead of the bad guys.

The love story starts there. Chase is a married man with children, but his marriage is in trouble. The affection between Monica and Chase turns into an affair while they are on the run trying to stay alive. Will they stay together after the adrenaline of the dangerous events in their lives ends? Again, I'm not going to tell you. I will say, however, that when I thought I was at the end of the book, I was surprised at the turn of events

between Monica and Chase. I'll also tell you that when I actually got to the end of the book, I was pleasantly surprised at how everything worked out. It made me happy. This was a fun read.

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## **Tam says**

This book was, for me, a study in unexpectedness. The twists were unexpected. The rich and vivid character creations were unexpected. The exquisitely-balanced blend of suspense and romance was unexpected. The thrills, chills, hope and heart were unexpected. My "ugly cry face" appearing out of nowhere was unexpected. My absolute NEED to finish this novel in one sitting was unexpected.

I can't wait for the next book in the series... And, that is NOT unexpected!

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book in order to read and provide a voluntary, honest and unbiased review, should I choose to do so.

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