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Tate Maddox is a wanted man, accused of a crime he didn't commit. Summer Sheldon holds the key to his freedom--for a price. Her demands are simple--rescue her journalist sister from a rebel hostage camp and she'll hand over the evidence to clear his name. There's just one small catch. He has to take her with him. From the depths of a Cambodian jungle to the tropical paradise of the Philippines, two unlikely allies are forced to learn how to coexist or lose everything each holds dear. Together they must expose a truth that leaves them both vulnerable to the ruthless killer behind Tate's nightmare. Murder, blackmail, and injustice brought them together. Will Tate and Summer save Willow and restore Tate's reputation in time, or will they pay the ultimate price for honor?

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## From Reader Review Operation Summer Storm for online ebook

### Wendy says

What a great book! A real page turner! Loved Summer and Tate such a great couple. Summer sure says what's on her mind. Yep, definitely goes up there as one of my faves.

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### Alana ~ The Book Pimp says

I'd give this romantic suspense a solid 4 stars. It was a quick enjoyable read full of action and tantalizing sensuality.

I enjoy romantic suspense, but still don't read it as often as other genres. I am always a little worried going into one since I read a smaller number of books of this nature, there is a higher chance I will find a dud. That was not the case with this novel. I enjoyed the spunky Australian, Summer and American Marine, (very drool worthy) Tate.

It included action, exotic locations, military missions, hostages, black market cartels...

The romance between Tate and Summer was paced (not a fall in love at first sight) and I enjoyed their 'drive each other crazy' antics. For anyone that enjoys this genre, I would most definitely recommend picking up this book. The romance is a slow burn, but when it fully ignites it gets hot!

*"Beneath his firm lips, her scream died; her senses scattering like dropped marbles on the floor."*

*"Maybe somewhere in the near future, he's also develop some hideous injury to his testicles."*

Kinda oddball quotes to pick, but for some reason I liked these two.

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### SirenBookReviews says

Ready for a hot romance filled with plenty of action and suspense? Operation Summer Storm has all that and more. This edge-of-your-seat story will lure the reader away from the world as this book is engaging and memorable.

Summer wants to save her sister, and she finds Tate Maddox to do the job. She's got a bargain for him. Find her sister and rescue her, and in return she will prove his innocence. Seems simple, right?

No, not really. The world they enter is dangerous and unlike anything they've ever known. The two learn to trust and rely on each other to stay ahead of the danger and complete their mission. But the danger they can't seem to fight is their attraction to one another.

Like romantic suspense with adventure? Operation Summer Storm delivers! Don't miss this action-packed book!

### **Paula Clark says**

Enjoyable fast paced read - plenty of action with some suspense and romance thrown in :)

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### **Rhonda Dennis says**

I really enjoyed this book! I'd put it down to do some things around the house, but within minutes, I was picking it back up because I HAD to know what happened next. This fast-paced adventure was full of action, suspense, and the men--WOW! Karlene's novel was well-written, making me feel like I was right there with the characters. I look forward to reading more of her work.

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### **Mzkarinann says**

I absolutely loved this book. While this wasn't a book I would normally read, I loved another book from the author so thought I would give it a read and I'm glad I did. The many situations they got in to made it an interesting, unpredictable and fun read. Couldn't put it down at all. Would recommended this book to anyone. Thank you Karlene for another excellent read. Can't wait to read more of your books in the future.

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### **Fiona Barry says**

Loved it!!

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### **Jacqueline J says**

Hmm. This had enough problems for me that it wasn't really all that enjoyable to read. The writing was a little awkward around the edges for example the author going for the obvious word choice everytime so much so that it was noticable. That sort of thing will work out as the author becomes more experienced. There was more telling than showing. The characters motivations were sort of all over the place.

Lots of things happened but not everything was important to the story. I know that real life is like that but in fiction every scene should count. For example there was a scene where the hero, Tate, was off doing "man stuff" and she was sitting with the other guys got drunk and woke up with a tattoo. Really? On an island in the Philippines where a bunch of mercenaries are the only inhabitants? Sure she explained that one of the mercs was a tattooist but that's just implausible enough to make me snort. Then the hero was pissed at her and the tattoo was never mentioned again. No point in that scene.

I didn't really like the heroine. She talked back a lot to the special forces men she hired to find her sister. She insisted that she go along on the mission because she was a trauma nurse and would be needed. Even after it

was explained that one of the guys was a trained field medic she still insisted. Then she never really jumped in to help and show us how competent and highly trained she was when someone would get hurt. She virged on TSTL throughout the whole thing. At the end she leaped to the conclusion that the hero didn't want her on flimsy evidence and then when he came to her wouldn't forgive him. She dithered around at the end saying things like.: "You never would have left me if you'd loved me." Let's ignore the fact that he'd just turned himself into the authorities and obviously was not able to come and go as he pleased.

The plot wasn't real tight or real intense. I was happy to put it down in the middle and read four or five other books. What you thought was the major dilemma of the book, the search for and rescue of the heroine's sister, was over just a bit more than halfway through. Then there was more book. And the heroine, Summer, spent thousands of dollars on the rescue. She paid the 4 main guys then had a random \$20,000 to hand over to a miscellaneous merc later in the book in payment for a night on the island. Then to top it off, the sisters aren't real close and the rescued sister was a snot and said I didn't ask you to rescue me. Two things, would you really spend that much on a sister you weren't close to? Maybe but show me some motivation for it. Second I love my sisters and I would certainly want to rescue them but I would be hard pressed to come up with twenty or thirty thousand dollars for the rescue. Where did she get that money? Sell a house? Inherit it? Use her life savings?

The villian never seemed really villianous. The author told us he was a bad guy but every time he was onstage, his actions did not illustrate that.

The biggest thing I found odd or unexplainable was the fact that these four men, US force recon marines had, prior to the start of the book, been set up to take the fall for the deaths of some other marines and the theft of military hardware. They somehow realized they had been set up while things were blowing up and ran and hid for 18 months. The heroine has files that will prove they didn't do it. She's going to give them the files as part of the payment for helping her. Do they really think that that's all it will take? "Hey, here's proof we're innocent. Everything's hunky dory now." yeah except for the fact that all four of you are DESERTERS! I believe that the kind of men who make it through spec ops training are not going to be deserting even if they somehow know they've been set up. They go back to their bases and go through the process, whatever trial or court martial they've got waiting for them. When you buy that far into the system you buy in the whole way and don't make spur of the moment decisions to run out on your honor. Okay so no mention was made of that at all. No repercussions.

The men give themselves up to the military once they know the file was in the hands of a competent attorney. As they board the boats to take them to the Navy ship, Summer's plane explodes on the island they are leaving. I thought great! Now we'll see some angst from the hero's POV. But no. The author totally wastes that opportunity. She is now in the hands of the bad guy who, true to his aforesaid villianous nature, does nothing bad to her. Somehow Tate is allowed to go out on a further mission to rescue her from the bad guy. He saves her just as a minion is going to kill her. But he is not allowed to speak to her for the 30 or so minutes she is being taken in an inflatable boat to the big ship which will take her home. Not realistic. She is pissed which leads to the scene only 2 months later of her denying him instead of running into his arms when he comes to see her. Two months is a very short time so obviously no trial for desertion either. And she's pissed he didn't come earlier. Has she no sense of what he's been doing in the mean time? But wait they got off scot free. So where had he been? Straight back to work for the marines. Right.

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**Greta Branas says**

Really enjoyed this book! Had me on the edge of my seat. Couldn't put down and I fell in love with the characters. I highly recommend this book!!

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### **Gail says**

Very good. Could not put the book down.

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### **Hope Frost says**

This is my first book by this author and I have already downloaded the others in this series. I really loved the story, and the way the author kept the story moving. There were some "edge of your seat" moments and some moments when you wanted to throw the book and say WTF were you thinking, but in the end you see the method to the madness. The characters were developed, the plot was easy to follow and you were left wanting to read the next one now. All of the makings of a success in my eyes.

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### **Debbie says**

Refreshing! Not only was this a great story with lots of action, the author created realistic and likeable characters. With today's trend of female main characters you can find all combinations of ditzy-hormone imbalanced-she Rambo with impaired relationship skills.

Summer and Tate make for an explosive team as Summer risks all to save her sister. The action never stops and there's the added chemistry between the two to spice things up a bit and throw them off balance.

You are dragged through the jungle, thrown from a plane and forced to crawl through under water caves along with the team. Take a chance and enjoy the adventure, you won't be disappointed.

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### **Kerri Williams says**

It's been a real long time since I couldn't put a book down, but from the first page of Operation Summer Storm I was hooked with no way out.

Tate and Summer make an electric couple on the edge of danger and I was on the run with them.

I laughed, cried and wanted to slap the hell out of both of them but that's what makes this book so compelling. I went to bed at 11:30pm knowing I had an early start for the mornings work. I tossed and turned until DH told me to get up and read the last chapters or I'd never get any sleep- so I did and I was satisfied and yet didn't want it to end.

Thank you Karlene, it made me need to read the sequel Operation Willow Quest.

Kerri

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### **Helen says**

This was a great story loved the suspense and the romance it grabbed right from the first page

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## Lee says

review to come. Loved this first installment in the Operation series

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