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Navy SEAL Noah Coleman knows how to do two things well: underwater demolition and hand-to-hand combat. So renewing his enlistment is a no-brainer until he receives a message about his cousin's aggressive terminal cancer. A quick trip home confirms the worst, which means his niece Bella will become his responsibility.

Elementary school guidance counselor Teagan Shaw has known Bella since her son announced the two were best friends. The shy little girl is also on Teagan's radar because of Bella's early signs of gifted aptitude. But Teagan is more concerned about the military man thrust into the role of single parent.

While Noah adjusts to civilian life and Eagle's Ridge, he and Teagan begin forging a friendship. But Teagan has a secret, a shadowy figure from her past who is intent on returning to torment her.

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From Reader Review Noah for online ebook

Shannon Ferguson says

This was the perfect addition to this series!!! While there were tears shed, seeing Noah and Teagan find their HEA was awesome. This book had the perfect amount of suspense, and I loved how much the kids played a role in this book. A great read that I would definitely recommend!!!

Bookgasms Book Blog says

Wow, you need to read this book ASAP.

Is that enough of a review for *Noah* to convince you to read it?

No?

How about hot AF Navy SEAL takes guardianship of his cousin's five-year-old daughter and let the cuteness factor win you over in a blink of an eye?

Seriously. All it took for me was the very beginning where *Noah* planned out exactly how things were going to go with the adorable little Bella and I couldn't put it down.

I adored Noah from the start—loved how he adjusted pretty damn quick when he realized that there is no concrete, fail safe plan when it comes to raising a child. His interactions with Bella were enough to make the grumpiest of people smile and laugh. I loved how much he tried and succeeded in getting through each day while figuring out how to raise a smart, tenacious little girl. And I especially loved how he didn't hesitate to ask for help when he needed to!

Now, Teagan, on the other hand, should have been asking for help a heck of a lot sooner. Sure, she's doing an amazing job raising her son alone, but sometimes it's okay to lean on others when necessary. Especially when leaning on hard, broad, sexy shoulders—Noah's shoulders for instance. But when she finally does, whoa, it's intense . . .

I felt the intensity of the attraction between Noah and Teagan. Their amazing heat simmered through their words and actions. And I loved how quickly they fell for each other, but that they also considered the feelings of the kids involved, that they didn't overwhelm them with their burgeoning relationship.

Noah is another excellent addition to the amazing *7 Brides for 7 Soldiers* series, and I hate knowing there's just one more book. I really don't want it to end! ~ Missy, 5 stars

Sarah says

Noah didn't quite have the heaviness I was expecting, considering what Noah had been through, but it was still a wonderful, moving story. It had a touch of suspense and was poignantly sweet. The addition of the children, Bella and Will, made it that much more special.

Noah is the sixth book in the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers series, each book from a different author. They are all interconnected standalones, each one building on the world of the previous books. They can all be read without having read any of the others, but I would highly suggest reading all of them, in order, to get the full experience and history of Eagle Ridge. There are also mentions of things that have happened in other books Noah, so it makes those situations more easily understandable.

I've been looking forward to Noah's story since we first saw him with Bella in Zane. His story seems so sad, his loss so difficult, his new responsibility so great, I hoped his story would be equal parts devastating and healing. While we did get a little of the healing, most of the devastation happened off page. I'm surprisingly okay with it, because Noah's love and concern for his niece, Bella, completely engulfed my heart. For a man who was admittedly scared and unprepared for raising a child, he was an amazing guardian. I think we can all admit there is something about a big, military man tending to the needs of a bright, beautiful little girl – especially one who has just lost her mom – that melts the hardest of hearts.

Teagan added an interesting layer to Noah's story. Her job as a school counselor gave her unique perspective into helping Noah and Bella deal with their loss and transition into their new life together. Add to that her son and his relationship with Bella, and it made for a delicate and significant dynamic the four of them had to figure out. Teagan past also added to the precarious balancing act they were performing, in a way no one had expected.

The only thing I wish for Noah is that it had included more of Lainey, Noah's cousin, and Bella's mom. I would have loved to see her with both Noah and Bella. She was such a significant person in both of their lives; I think that the addition of some flashbacks with her or adding a few chapters between the prologue and chapter one would have given this the emotional punch I'd originally hoped for.

Cristin Harber delivered a sweet, somewhat emotional layer to the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers series. She did a great job of making me love a story about a war veteran that isn't in keeping with the things I usually love about those kinds of books. With only one more book in this series, I hope Ford is able to send the world of Eagle Ridge out with a bang.

E-Reader Addict says

I can't even tell you how nervous I was about reading *Noah*. Cristin Harber is a favorite author of mine - probably in the top five - so there was no doubt I was going to read this addition to the *7 Brides for 7 Soldiers* series (FYI...we're six books in, and not a single bride has been seen for ANY of these soldiers!). However, I'm a fan of several of the other authors who have contributed to the series, and I'd have to say I've yet to be wowed by any of them. It's left me wondering if this type of series puts the authors "in a box" and isn't conducive to them writing their best stories. So yeah, I was nervous about how I was going to like this book...

There are three things I love about Cristin Harber: her distinct writing style, the action-packed stories, and her macho, manly heros. This book was very different from anything else she's written with all three, but it was still very good.

Noah Coleman has retired from the military and has returned home to Eagle's Ridge to raise his cousin Lainey's daughter. They were close in age and very close growing up, so when Lainey dies from cancer, it was like losing a twin sister. When Lainey named Noah as the guardian for her five year old daughter Bella, he didn't hesitate - even though that meant he'd constantly be in fish out of water-type situations all the time.

Those situations were cute, and charming, and made me love Noah and Bella!

Luckily for Noah, Teagan Shaw is there to help him out. As a close friend of Lainey's and the mother of Bella's best friend, they quickly forge a friendship. Which they try to keep as just a friendship. Of course, it doesn't stay that way for long.

As I said, this book is very different from Ms. Harber's *Titan* series books (if you like the military/suspense/romance genre, I highly recommend them!). The writing doesn't have the usual quick phrasing, acerbic wit, and flow her other books are written with. There isn't a whole lot of suspense or action. What is there was solved quickly and without the usual dramatics. Noah also wasn't the usual majorly macho military man. In fact, he says some really cheesy lines - but they manage to come off as sweet and kinda swoony! But what was still there is the hero who finds the woman he's supposed to be with and is then unapologetic about it. No hemming or hawing, no second-guessing. He's all in and goes for it wholeheartedly. And this time, the hero was also the same way for a totally cute little girl!

This has been my favorite book of the series. I'm not sure if it's because of my admittedly biased opinion for the author, or because this really was the best written book and best story of them all. I just know I really liked the story, the characters, and the writing. And I'm SO thankful I wasn't disappointed with a Cristin Harber book!

Erin Lewis says

5 Star Review of Noah (7 Brides For 7 Soldiers #6) by Cristin Harber

This book packs an emotional punch from the first page. Once a Seal always a Seal, or so Noah Coleman has always believed; that is until tragedy and an unexpected twist changes the course of his life forever.

When Noah's cousin Lainey is diagnosed with terminal cancer, he finds out that she wants him to raise her daughter Bella, who will be an orphan once her mother dies.

Elementary school guidance councillor Teagan Shaw was not only a friend of Lainey's but is the mother of Bella's best friend Will. She loves Bella as if she were her own and has been helping look after her since Lainey died whilst Noah was on deployment.

Still reeling from Lainey's death, Noah has returned to raise Bella and this is where the fun begins. When he meets Teagan and Will, he sees in them the love and friendship that they both have for Bella and when Teagan comes to his rescue with dinner on night one, he realises just how out of his depth and for a Navy Seal that is not acceptable. He has no idea how to raise a 5 year old, let alone one who is so gifted. Even though he has researched parenting blogs, reality still crashes in and he wonders if he can do this.

Teagan is wary of Noah's abilities to care for Bella so their initial meeting is stilted. Despite themselves Noah and Teagan are attracted to each other. Will they act on the mutual chemistry which seems to sizzle when they are together, or will they deny the obvious?

The interaction between Noah and Bella touched my heart as well as the beautiful friendship that Bella has with Will which was absolutely heart warming.

This was an emotional read, bringing me to tears on occasion. The pain at coming to terms with both his and Bella's loss of Lainey was palpable.

Well written, this is a story that will draw you in and keep you glued until the end.

Irene says

4 stars

Noah by Cristin Harber is a sweet and heartwarming read.

After reading the previous books in the series I was excited to read Noah's story.

Real life had taken a big turn for Noah and it was going to take time to find a balance between taking care of his niece and juggling a new business.

But with the help of Teagan and her beautiful little boy life was going to be OK.

I enjoyed watching Noah and Teagan move from friends to lovers. They took the time getting to know each other, support each other and then open their hearts to each other.

Noah, Teagan and the kids touched my heart with their story, and after everything they'd been through they truly deserved their happily ever after.

Noah is a wonderful addition to the 7 Brides for 7 Soldiers series, each book has been a great read and I highly recommend them all!

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I received an advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

K.T. Castle says

I was super excited about reading yet another book of the 7 Brides For 7 Soldiers series, specially this one because it was written by Cristin Harber. Noah in the cover didn't do much for me (he's so much more handsome in my imagination), but if you judge cover by their looks, don't let this one fool you. It is really good.

Heaven helped the woman who he had children with. Never mind. A family wasn't in his future. He was a SEAL, through and through.

Noah Coleman is a navy SEAL through and through. He was happy as one, dedicated to his career and didn't see himself as anything else. He didn't envision himself in a relationship, and much less with a family. But life has unexpected surprises, and his dear cousin, the one she considered a sister, dies leaving him with the responsibility of raising her daughter Bella. Imagine what such an event could do to a man's life. Fortunately, he didn't have to figure it all out on his own.

NOAH: Just wondering. Did Bella say...

NOAH: Drive careful, Mrs. Shaw?

NOAH: Drive careful, Ms. Shaw?

Teagan Shaw is Bella's school counselor, she also happens to be a friend of Noah's late cousin and the mother of Bella's best friend, Will. She happens to be a single mother who Noah feels immediately attracted to. She's a great person and human being. I love how grounded she's portrait and how very centered she is. But it wouldn't be interesting if things were simple.

"I'm sorry someone gave you a reason to be this defensive," Noah said quietly.

Noah and Teagan are attracted to each other from minute one. They both feel a connection that it's almost tangible through the pages of the book. But Noah isn't the only one in a complicated situation. He is learning to be a father, and raising a gifted daughter, while Teagan is also raising a boy completely on her own. 'Cause her boy's father is not at all interested in Will, not even when he unexpectedly shows his face for the first time since the five year old was born.

"And, I can scale any wall." There wasn't a hint of innocence behind that SEAL's smile. "Now that I know the history behind it? Doesn't worry me at all.

I thought it was smart of them both to stop and think things through before then jumped into a relationship. It was the very paternity thing to do. Even if Noah was ready to get all in (as I did), Teagan was the voice of reason. Noah didn't even completely gotten his head around his cousin's death and didn't have much clue of how to raise Bella. He was learning as he went and relied a lot on his family, friends and Teagan. It was good that she told him they shouldn't rush into things, even if she did it because she was also insecure.

"This isn't a game for me, Teagan. I'm not going anywhere. I wouldn't do that to Bella."

Eventually it is bigger than them, and there's a series of events that bring them finally together. However there's a series of things that they need to go through regarding Bella's mother's death and Will's father.

"I like figuring this out with you. Having time with them, but then just you and me."

I loved that Noah and Teagan got their happily ever after. I also enjoyed the little participation that other characters from the rest of the series made. I'm really enjoying how all of these amazing authors are giving us one great series.

Cynthia Brooks says

love this series

Kim says

Noah Coleman is an ex Navy SEAL who is taking on his most intimidating assignment...parenting his five year old gifted niece after her mothers death. He has given up his career, moved home, taken over a garage, and entered parenthood. He has always been strong, intelligent, focused, and good in a crisis, but now his head is spinning.

Teagan Shaw is the school counselor, but also the mother of his niece's best friend. She is there to support and guide him. But she is also attractive, smart, funny, and caring. Her history with men has made her guarded and independent.

They both feel the attraction and pull, but know it is wrong due to circumstances, obligations, and the kids. He is effectively friend-zoned. But when danger seems to start lurking in the background, his protective nature cannot be tamed. He is determined to make sure that Teagan and her son are safe. And the more time they are together, the more it is obvious that they want to be more than friends.

This is the story of two people building a new life out of broken pieces. They are bonded in loss, but now tied with their kids. And now they are seeing that they both maybe have a chance at a more fulfilling future. But first Noah has some business to take care of to make sure that their small town life remains safe.

This book is more novel length than novella, and is sweet, romantic, swoony, and a bit suspenseful. I only read this one book out of the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers series, but it was easy to read as a stand-alone. But with that being said, I did enjoy the side characters of Adam, Ford, Ryder, Wyatt, and Zane and hearing a bit about their stories. And there was a little Titan tidbit thrown in as well. The kids, Bella and Will, were just adorable and made this a cute and fun family love story.

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review.
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Dawn Cruikshank says

Noah

WOW! This is an intriguing story. It starts out sad that Noah comes back after his cousin dies. Bella is such a sweetheart. Noah meets Teagan and as it goes, sparks fly. Before long the 2 fall in love with each other. I love the ending where Bella and Will think they are the matchmakers. Those two kids are totally adorable. The best scene was the blender scene. I am happy that all four found their happily ever after. FANTASTIC job Cristin! I would recommend this book!

Michelle says

As any good SEAL does, Noah Coleman quietly infiltrated my heart and captured it completely!! I can't tell you how many times this man just breathing made me swoon and fall harder in love with him!! And if his mere breathing presence did that for me -- just imagine what happens when he's being all protective, confident, alpha male!!

Cristin Harber writes stories that just work for me - and Noah and Teagan (and Will and Bella)'s story continues in the same manner as expected: I can't wait to dive in, and I don't want to leave!

Noah struggles to find how to make his calling work with his new reality - and comes up with a plan and team to make it happen (like a SEAL would!). Teagan makes me want to be a better mom, friend, encourager, and listener. Put the two of them together with the love they have for their kids and things grow and explode beautifully! Then there's the sweetness that's Bella and Will -- those kids simply melted my heart!

This is a fun, sweet, cute, and just happy-feel-good kinda story with a touch of suspense and swoony-man-doing-his-protection-calling-well kinda book that pulled me in and made me want to start all over at the beginning just because I could. You don't want to miss this!

Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

4.5 Stars

This is the 6th book in this set and I have loved each of them more than the next. We see some of Noah in the earlier books and know that he has stepped up to become guardian to his cousin/sister's child after she dies. I would have picked this book up even if it wasn't part of this series. Single dad stories get me every time. Bumbling, tough guys thrust in to single parenthood and I am hooked.

Teagan was friends with Bella's mom. Bella and Teagan's son are best friends much like Noah and his cousin were. So understandably, Teagan is super protective of Bella. This Mama Bear butts up against Noah a few too many times before they decide it's better if they are friends than enemies. Like minded souls often find comfort in knowing they aren't alone. Teagan and Noah let the sparks fly.

I appreciated the honesty between these two. Both admit they are on a new playing field not only with parenthood but with the whole idea of a relationship. Loved the humor around trying to be intimate with two little persons hanging around. I was happy to see some of the group of friends helping Noah out when he needed it.

A little suspense in this one. Great addition to the series. Only one more to go. I will be sad to see this group of friends head off to do their own thing without us peeking at their lives.

*Complimentary copy provided for an honest review.

Rachel says

I was looking forward to this book as something a little different from Cristin Harber. Though Noah is a former Navy SEAL, his service couldn't prepare him for his biggest challenge yet: raising his 5 year old niece.

I often found myself smiling as I read this, both because Noah's reactions to his new situation were entertaining and because the whole setting was just so sweet. He is over his head, having been away for most of Bella's life. If it weren't for video calls, he wouldn't know nearly as much about his niece as he does, nor would she know who he was. But now he's needed at home, and his service commitment is up, so he's returning home where he's needed most. His biggest problem is that he doesn't know what a 5 year old needs, so it's a good thing his cousin's best friend is available to help with the transition.

Teagan has an inside track into what Bella needs, not just because she is a mother herself, but that she is the mother of Bella's best friend and was good friends with Bella's mom. It's a good thing Teagan is so willing to help, because Noah lands himself in several tight spots over the first few days. As she helps Noah and Bella settle into their new normal, she finds she likes having someone else to lean on to help with her own son as well.

There is an element of suspense and danger, as Teagan is hiding a secret from her past that is back to cause trouble. I enjoyed the added tension as she starts to realize what is going on, but also loved the opportunities is afforded Teagan and Noah to get closer.

Bella and Will are such sweet additions to the story lines. I loved the friendship they have together, and the way they lighten the mood so many times. Bella has been through a lot recently, and her resilience and brilliance keep her precocious and tenderhearted throughout. Their innocence and energy, in hindsight, added another element of fun to the storyline.

This was a departure (slightly) from Cristin's Titan and Delta series. There is a crossover character who makes appearances as a side character, but the storyline and feel of Noah is completely different. I hadn't fully realized that Noah would be part of a collection of stories about soldiers (mostly because Cristin is on my list of always read authors), and the references to a few other characters in the collection has me curious about their stories as well.

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Becky says

Such a sweet story!

Noah, a former Navy SEAL, jumps headfirst into an unexpected guardianship for his five-year-old niece after doing extensive research on "mommy blogs" even though "there's a woefully inadequate amount of advice out there from the male and military perspective" and when the websites contradict each other, he just picks the option with the "most agreeable commenters then proceeded to outline his own crash course in Parenting 101." Seriously, how can you *not* root for this guy?

Even though Teagan Shaw--Bella's mother's BFF and elementary school guidance counselor--has initial reservations about the idea of Noah taking responsibility for the little girl that is her own son's best friend, she quickly sees that he has the little girl's best interests at heart, even if he needs more than a little non-

virtual help.

It doesn't hurt that their chemistry is off the charts, either...though they try to keep things "just friendly" you know that isn't going to last. Throw in a bit of a romantic suspense plot element thanks to her what's-lower-than-deadbeat? ex, and these two didn't have a chance keeping their distance.

Noah is the sixth book in a seven book series written by seven different authors and as such works just fine as a standalone. It's a small town, so you do see a bit of some of the other series characters (just enough to pique your interest, of course!) but you don't have to have read their books (yet) to enjoy this one.

Rating: 4 stars / A-

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Stephanie Taylor says

This book is book 6 in the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers series. Each book is written by a different author. It absolutely can be read as a standalone book. In fact, it's the only one of the series that I've read, and while I did find I wanted to learn everyone's story, I didn't feel like I had missed out on any important details in order to really follow this story.

I love Cristin's Titan series. I've read them all. This book is very different from those books, so I hesitated momentarily on whether to read this or not. But hey... I really like her writing and had a hunch I wouldn't be disappointed. I don't get to say this often so I'll say it now... I was right!!! I was NOT disappointed!

This book is set in the small town of Eagle's Ridge. And it's just like any small town you'd imagine. Gossip abounds, and each time a story is passed around, it grows and grows. But tragedy has struck, so Noah returns to civilian life, and to his hometown, to raise his cousin's daughter after her untimely death. There he meets single mom, and guidance counselor, Teagan and they form a fast friendship...one that's full of undeniable chemistry. When her past comes back to haunt her, Noah steps up to make sure she and her son are safe.

While the story begins on a hauntingly sad note, it's actually quite lighthearted in some parts, unlike her Titan series. There are fun, funny, quirky characters that make up this town and you can't help but fall in love with all the characters. Except for the evil ones. The relationship between Noah and Teagan is intense, but at the same time, they move a bit slow (compared to Titan novels), and that was a refreshing change of pace. It's also got the suspense that keeps you turning the pages to see how it all ends.

This book is perfect for those that love contemporary romance but aren't really a fan of military romance that Cristin is known for. However, Cristin's Titan fans will be happy to know that her writing is just as great in this book as it is in her Titan books.

NICUnurse's rating: I'm going to give this book a 4.75 star rating. The writing was very good, the characters relatable and likable (except for the villains who are hateable like they should be!). The story moved along very well, and it left you with just enough information on all the town's characters that I want to read all seven books now!
