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## **Killing Time** Cindy Gerard

An exciting new series featuring Mike "Primetime" Brown, a character from her popular "Black Ops, Inc." series.

For the seven years after Operation Slam Dunk went south, Mike Brown got drunk on each anniversary. The eighth year was no different--until he was drugged by a woman and woke up to her questions about what had happened eight years ago in Afghanistan. CIA attorney Eva Salinas has her own theory behind what happened to Mike's team--which included her husband--in Afghanistan eight years ago, and she's determined to prove foul play. Though she doesn't trust him, Mike is the only person she can turn to for help. Under an assumed name, Eva convinces Mike to assemble a new team and go after the traitor who screwed up both their lives. As they track down the rogue who started it all, Eva and Mike discover they can't live without each other. But can they stay alive while an enemy is still on the loose?

## **Killing Time Details**

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# From Reader Review Killing Time for online ebook

## Dee says

### A huge stonking 5 stars

I was trying to work out the best way to let others know what I felt about this book until I could leave a full review closer to the publication date:

I could either gush and say, it was great to read more about sexy Mike Brown. We had met him several times in the BOI series and I knew I definitely wanted to read more. I could also say that I thought that kick ass Eva was a great character too and that she is very well matched with Mike. I could even go on further and gush and say that I am in heaven as I got to catch up and say hello to my old time fave of the BOI series, the sexy and stunning Gabe Jones.

Or I could simplify it even more and just say:-

It's a romantic suspense written by Cindy Gerard! – Enough said!!!

Full review to follow closer to publication date.

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## Jae says

### Absolutely mind boggling!

Never have I read a more fun and giggly romantic suspense book before. Then again, never has a military suspense book be any entertaining than this.

Mike Brown has officially become my #2 Top Hottest Hero now (Tack will always be my #1, before you ask). His POVs was just so entertaining. His thoughts and feelings were not like any other heroes' I've come across before. Absolutely cray cray that man.

*"Do you want me to sleep on the floor?" he asked into the dark.*

*"No."*

*"Do you want me to sleep on you?"*

I loved everything about this book. I loved Mike, Eva, their sidekicks, the banters, the actions, the bad guys, the mystery but mostly the sexual tensions. Mike and Eva were insanely attracted to each other from the first

moment they laid eyes on each other. Could actually feel the sizzle between these two. And I loved them together.

Wonder whom book #2 will be about, doesn't matter much really. I will enjoy either Cooper or Taggart very much also.

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## **Baba says**

*Review completed December 22, 2012*

**Do you love to read about a gorgeous specimen of a miracle man? Do you love to read a superb romantic suspense novel? If yes, what are you waiting for? Just read it. This is Cindy Gerard at her very best! Prepare yourself to be gushed upon.**

**Daniel is my Mike. Too long hair, handsome, and cool shades**

Dear Mike,

Ever since *Operation Slam Dunk* had gone awry in Afghanistan eight years ago, you get rat-ass drunk on each anniversary. Eight years ago you had to face a tribunal, and all you got then was a less than honorable discharge, your career went down the drain, your life has been stolen. To top everything off, your friends are gone too. You were living a rather lonely and secluded life.

## **Afghanistan**

Well, my dearest Mike, something is about to change fundamentally. Thank goodness there's still some sense of justice. Justice in the person of Eva Salinas, a spicy and hot little number, *a kick-ass road warrior* as well as a CIA attorney. Eva lost her husband in Afghanistan and is determined to find out what happened to him and your team. She wants to prove foul play but she needs *you* to put her plan into action.

*It had been a long time since a woman had needed him. A long time since he'd wanted one to. But he wanted to be important to her, strong for her, and even weak for her so she would understand how much she was giving him in return.*

Uh, I think Eva can be very convincing, right? Don't scowl at me now, Mikey boy, it was not my fault that she hurt your ego. It was on you. Whatever. Let's get this show on the road.

Seriously, it was such a pleasure to see Gabe Jones again. My Gabe...squeee...yeah, I'm so sorry but I've had a little fangirl moment. Oh, Baba, get over it already. \*nods head vigorously\* Done. See? Where was I? Mmmm...while we're on it, I will shamelessly admit that I have a little crush on you too, Mike. You look so deliciously gorgeous, sexilicious as all get out. You don't believe me? Have you ever looked into a mirror, my

dear? Holy smokes! I know, I know you are taken by now and I am just teasing. Physical attributes like tall, dark and too long hair, handsome, cool shades, a little rough around the edges work for my any day, though. You have presence as all get out and a smart mouth; you are caring, protective, tender and yet you are full of passion and need, but at the same time I loved your little touch of vulnerability. Mike, you are such a cool dude. \*Le sigh\* Love is not easy, huh? Eva makes you feel gutless, panicked and scared. You feel like you are in over your head. But don't worry, darling, everything will work out all right. Have a little faith in you and Eva.

What's not to love about you, Eva or the story itself? Cindy outdid herself, that's for sure. Oh, Mike, give Cindy my best. The plot is very well thought out and engaging, there are likable and sexy characters and the witty dialogue and banter are the icing on the cake! Without a shadow of a doubt it was a fabulous and compelling ride. There is great action that made my heart throb and had me at the edge of my seat, there is the thrill of anticipation when you kissed Eva for the first time. And this incredibly delicious road I had the pleasure to come along when your love-making ended up in a fiery ball of emotion that made me want to combust was...I don't know...just wow! ***This*** is a fabulous build-up. ***This*** is chemistry as all get out and sexual tension at its very best. ***This*** is what I need to feel when I'm reading a romantic suspense novel or ***any*** other novel for that matter.

*With a low groan, he deepened the kiss, drew her tighter against him, and took things to a different level. Tentative and sweet shifted to demanding and dark as desire outdistanced tenderness. They both fed from it, built on it, until his leg was wedged between her thighs, her hands tunneled under his shirt, and their mouths devoured each other's.*

Yeah, ***look at you***, Mike. I am swooning over you, darling. Correction: I am in a puddle at your feet.

I love your sense of humor, Mike. You are pretty priceless. \*grin\*

*"I wasn't joking. Well, not about sleeping on top of you."*

*She expelled a deep breath. "All right. You know what? Let's just do this. How's that for an engraved invitation? Maybe it'll relieve the tension and we can finally get some sleep."*

*"You want a tension reliever, take a Valium."*

*"Seriously? You're turning me down?"*

*"You haven't asked me nice yet."*

Needless to say that Cooper and Taggart are a sight for sore eyes too, and their sense of humor should not be missed either:

*"Fine. But if she loses one freaking hair, I'm going to make you all wish you were never born. Especially you," he told Eva, just before he dragged her against him and kissed her.*

*"Aw." Taggart's teeth glowed white in the dark.*

*"Group hug?"*

*"I'm in." Cooper opened his arms.*

*"F\*ck you both," Mike grumbled. "Let's just get this done."*

Oh well, I won't beat around the bush here, I'm looking forward to reading Cooper and Taggart's stories and I have a feeling that Cooper will give you a run for your money. I *really, really like* this guy. \*hint hint\* I don't know how she does it but Cindy creates so incredibly scrumptious heroes, it should be labeled as a crime. Indeed. I feel like a drug addict who can't get enough of those guys. Yes, my darling Mike, you especially.

Well, I think I made my point. Er...what's wrong with you, Mike? Your jaw just dropped. Hence, I suggest you shut your mouth otherwise you're going to catch flies and that's so not yummy.

I am done with my glowing review, however, if you think that I've forgotten anything important, feel free to call me--you have my number. MWAH!

I wish you the very best, Mike. Always.

Take care.

Baba

P.S. *Eva by morning?* Yes, Mike, indulge yourself coz you really deserve it, but at the same time be nice to your buddies--they need some TLC too. You know what I mean...

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Hey, Mike, would you like to check out my sexilicious coefficient? Nothing to be ashamed of, darling. You handled your ~~buddy~~...er...woman well. Here we go...

**Chemistry 5 (Yeah, the sparks were flying, very palpable, excellent!)**

**Sensuality 3.5**

**Steam 3**

**Eroticism 3**

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**Duchess Nicole says**

I'm lazy...not much of a review, just wanted to give a couple of thoughts.

I kind of wish that she had written Mike's story later in the series. After reading about him in a couple of the BOI books, I was expecting a little more from him. Not sure why exactly his character fell a bit flat for me, but it did.

This one was just okay up until the very end, during the really exciting part. The backstory of the One Eyed Jacks was here, but there are very few scenes with them actually in it. I wanted more one on one...more, I suppose, of the same as her previous series. Instead, these boys are all estranged from each other because of their tragic past. The remaining One Eyed Jacks do come together eventually, but not much of their

individual personalities comes through so I was disappointed in that.

The romance was nice. Sexual tension, as always, was well done. Sex was hot but not over the top.

The story itself became much more interesting when the plot finally, finally comes to the point. The resolution was too quick, in my opinion...the villain(s) dealt with way too easily. Maybe I'm just becoming vindictive the more I read, but I always want the bad guy to suffer :/ Can't torture in real life, no matter how bad I want to. The least I can do is read about it. Kidding, kidding. Or am I? :D:D

This is when my ninja skills would come in handy...

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## **Mimi Smith says**

### **3.5 stars**

Full review now posted.

A broken mirror may cause seven years of bad luck, but Mike's period of misery originated in something far less well known. Operation Slam Dunk. The name, irony-the definition. Mike "Primetime" Brown would do anything to forget the mission that has left him without a calling, reputation and friends, and he was blamed for the whole thing. The process of forgetting, in his case, includes booze, women and loneliness, but Mike's got it under control. Really! Completely. Frigging. Handled. Until he follows a beautiful vixen and ends up handcuffed to the bed and interrogated by said beauty. Yeah, maybe not that in control, after all.

Eva Salinas has lost her husband in Operation Slam Dunk seven long years ago. She has let it all go. Mostly. But, when someone leaks the confidential file to her after all these years, she sees things are not as she thought them. And when someone starts chasing her soon after she decides to get to the bottom of the mystery. Her way to it-Mike Brown, the pilot said to have taken caused it all for money. So she entraps him, only to have the ground shift from underneath her yet again, as she finds she... likes him. And believes his innocence. But if he's not at fault... Who is?

Together Eva and Mike risk their lives trying to find truth... And revenge. After all, who could have predicted they'd find love on the way?

Mike... You are flat-out cool. Alas, you are taken AND fictional. The injustice! Eva is kind of cool, too. And yet... \*sigh\* I don't know what exactly bothered me in this book. Nothing I can pinpoint exactly.

The love came fast... But not too much so to believe.

Eva and Mike were all commando/Rambo at times... But not to the point of exasperation.

So, what is the elusive "it" that was missing for me? I guess it was just the intensity, the emotional investment that should've been there. Yet, unfortunately, was not for me. What I did like, however, was that another side was shown. It's not just Big Bad Foreign Terrorists fighting Captain America like soldiers, as it is in some books of the genre. These men are human and prone to mistakes and good and bad like everyone else.

All in all, I liked this book, just didn't cross the threshold into LOVE! LOVE! LOVE! And I kind of feel bad, like I always do when a book everyone loves just doesn't do it for me that way.

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## **Blacky \*Romance Addict\* says**

**re-read 09.09.**

*“We will finish this,” he whispered, then dove back for one final taste. “When this is over, we will figure this out and we will finish it.”*

**This book was amazing! The story was great, the characters were excellent, the writing! OMG I can't believe I never read a book by this author! I'm an idiot! Well, enough to say that after reading this one, I'll be definitely reading the Black Ops series So here's to this book and author <3**

## **The story**

Eight years ago, there was a mission in Afghanistan that went wrong. A lot of operatives died, and Mike Brown was the one who took the fall for it. Now, Mike is a disillusioned man, a recovering alcoholic, except for that one time a year he gets dead drunk - the anniversary of the failed mission. Only this year's different, he hooks up with a hot piece of ass who drugs him, ties him to a bed and threatens to kill him if he doesn't spill everything he knows about Operation Slam Dunk. That woman is Eva Salinas, who is the widow of one of the men who died, and wants to see justice when she finds out that the whole operation was a big cover-up from someone high up in the government.

They have no alternative but to work together when a hired killer tries to off them.

The story was excellent! It gripped me from the beginning, and I was making all kinds of gasps while I was reading it :D Some things were unexpected, some not, but the most important thing was that it was SO interesting to read! Just brilliant!

*“The hell I did.” It came out on a whisper this time, his voice broken, his defenses destroyed.*

**Mike**



Baba's pic is THE BEST possible for Mike, and I imagined him in my head by that picture! Just YUM

I didn't know it was possible to fall in love with a character right at the beginning of the book, and he did it with one sentence.

**“The hell I did.”**

I know this doesn't mean anything to those who haven't read the book, but believe me. It does. My heart broke for him. And it was insta love and how the story went on, I just loved him more and more. He is just One of those guys you wish could be real

Mike is troubled by his past, and is basically hiding from it. Nobody believed when he said he was innocent, and he took the blame to protect the rest of his unit. Now Eva comes and drags all those skeletons out of the closet He doesn't want to help her, but has to, and soon after they discover that there was indeed a spy in their unit, he decides it's time to stop running from the past and finally make everything right.

***"Her brown eyes were almost black with conviction, and damn if he didn't fall a little deeper into whatever mess he was falling into that he refused to give a name."***

**Eva**

Eva wants revenge for her dead husband. Well, more justice than revenge. She knows Mike is the only man who can tell her exactly what happened, so she sets out to kidnap and force him to tell her everything. What she didn't expect is to be so attracted to him, or to feel sorry for what happened to him all those years ago. But, the more they dig for information, the more this something between them grows

I absolutely adored that woman! One of the best heroines ever!

She is kick ass, very intelligent, and actually makes very smart moves throughout the book :) She's brave, and isn't intimidated by Mike :) She does what needs to be done to reach her goal, and man! Did I say how much I love her? Because I really, really do. It's so weird, because usually the heroines get on my nerves. This one didn't! So she alone deserves 5 stars!

There is just one tiny thingie that bothered me in this book It was pretty much insta-love here. Very short time period in which it all happens. But that is not what bothered me at all (and it usually does, yeah, I'm freaky). The sexual attraction/tension was done really well, I totally believed, and I can't blame Eva for wanting to jump Mike's bones at all! What really bugged me was the ending... (view spoiler)  
Still, I kinda looked past that XD The book is too great for me to be bothered with that one teeny tiny fact :D

**So I've developed another addiction Another genre and another brilliant author**

**And just one more time for good measure: Mike**

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**KatLynne says**

**Final review posted...**

*“Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.” ....Michel de Montaigne*

**Military Romantic Suspense at its best!**

The story starts off with a whammy and from the first few pages I became immersed in the mystery, suspense and the life of the characters. Mike “Primetime” Brown is a to-die-for sexy hero and he’s met his match with the incredible lovely Eva Salinas!

Something went terribly wrong and *Operation Slam Dunk* ended in disaster leaving only Mike and two other survivors. The blame falls on Mike and to protect his comrades, he takes the deal offered that cost him his soul. Now, eight years later, we find him killing time in a bogus business in SA with no true direction or purpose in his life.

CIA Attorney Eva Salinas lost her husband in this mission. She’s smart, beautiful and determined to find the traitor responsible for his death. Needing Mike’s help, she convinces him to form another team and go after the rogue who changed their life.

**Killing Time** has all the elements needed to make it a winner! Cindy Gerard is a very talented author and gives the reader plenty of witty dialogue, action/suspense and a couple who is sizzling hot for each other. This one kept me on the edge while also mixing in a sultry love story. I enjoyed this couple so much that I wished for a little more time given to their romance.

Mike Brown is a hero that’s easy to love. Tall, handsome, sharp and with a sense of humor, women are drawn to him. I also loved the heroine. She’s impressive in her abilities and uses her keen intelligence to get what she wants. I was pulling hard for their HEA.

An added bonus is getting to know a little of the other two survivors, Bobby Taggart and Jamie Cooper. Now, I can hardly wait to get their books.

**Killing Time** is a stellar RS and one that I highly recommend. It’s a spin-off from the *BOIs* series. The many fans will be delighted to catch up on the news of Gabe Jones and his family.

If you enjoy Romantic Suspense, mark your calendar for January 22, 2013, the expected release date. Cindy Gerard's first addition to her *One Eyed Jacks* series is impressive. You’ll not want to miss this one! Just make sure you have plenty of time when you start because it’s a hard one to put down.

**My Rating: 4/5 stars**

*My sincerest thanks to Pocket Books via Edelweiss for the opportunity to read this ARC. It was a pleasure!*

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**Vishous says**

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first I gotta say that **MIKE YOU WON MY HEART!**

this would be my Mike :) ok a bit older but you get my point :)))

**THIS BOOK WAS AMAZING! 5 HUGE STARS!**

I usually don't read that much romantic suspense, because usually the story is not that wow to me when I focus on the main couple, and I always want more, but this one... this one won me from the first page!!!!!!

**I loved the story, loved the writing, loved the characters, I loved everything about this book!!!!  
Eva and Mike were awesome!**

Blurb from Bookadda:

*For the seven years after Operation Slam Dunk went south, Mike Brown got drunk on each anniversary. The eighth year was no different until he was drugged by a woman and woke up to her questions about what had happened eight years ago in Afghanistan.*

*Though she doesn't trust him, Mike is the only person she can turn to for help. Under an assumed name, Eva convinces Mike to assemble a new team and go after the traitor who screwed up both their lives. As they track down the rogue who started it all, Eva and Mike discover they can't live without each other. But can they stay alive while an enemy is still on the loose?*

**Eva**

I just love kick-ass heroins!!!! One of my best heroins ever!

Eva lost a husband in Afghanistan. He was in Mike's team. She knows that something went wrong and she blames Mike for it, so she uses her charm and "kidnaps" him, ties him to bed and start to interrogate him! ~~If I was in that situation I would stop the interrogation and just jump him there :D~~

*"we can do this easy," she whispered close to his ear as he groaned in agony, "or it can go real hard on you"*

She will do anything to find out the truth and she will put her fear aside until everything is over... but she didn't know that she would be falling for the one guy who she is supposed to hate....

**MIKE**

I don't even know what to say... how to say it...  
but I can say one thing for sure... you're gonna love him from the first page!

Mike wants to forget, he left everything, lost his friends, and the ones that survived don't want to hear about him because they think he betrayed them...

*"the crash...  
the explosion...  
the fire...  
the stench of blood and burned flesh.  
the tribunal where he'd lost everything."*

My heart just broke for him... He thought he was making a right decision but that cost him everything, his name and his honor.

I did want itsy bitsy more of them together ~~under sheets~~, because I love those parts, and the sexual tension was killing me, but in the end I did not miss it that much because the story was very interesting and it pulled you in and you wanted to know what really happened and whose fault was it.

But those parts.... oh men... Mike seriously... **come to me...**

***out of body. out of mind. hurry. deep . harder. nothing mattered.***

*"You need to be horizontal. You need to rest."  
"Chica, if i get horizontal, it will be with you. And trust me. We won't be resting."*

*"What is wrong with you?  
-You. You're what's wrong with me. You're shutting me out, chica. I'm scared to death that I'm losing you."*

So to sum it up!

A great story! Great characters! Steamy! Action packed! And the only important detail -----> **MIKE!**

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**Mo says**

First time reading this author and she sure started off with a

Holy, hell, it was non-stop all the way.

Loved the 2 Main Characters, great chemistry between them. Plenty of action, adventure – not a lot of sex actually but who cares when the storyline is interesting and intriguing.

Mike, another tortured soul – love those guys....

**“We will finish this,” he whispered, then dove back for one final taste. “When this is over, we will figure this out and we will finish it.”**

Halfway through reading this one, I thought to myself, “I have read this already ...” There is definitely another book out there that has a similar theme running through it (view spoiler)

**”How will I know she’s the one, Master? The final one. The only one I’ll want to be with.  
“Well, Grasshopper, when the top of your head blows off and your heart explodes along with it, you can pretty much bet your sorry ass that you’ve entered dangerous, new territory.”**

Went through a phase of reading a lot of Romantic Suspense about a year or two ago and then I sort of stopped.... WHY? These stories are brilliant... Cannot wait to read some more.

I see the next in the series is about Mike’s brother, Tyler and some lucky ducks have already received the ARC for this one.

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## **Jill says**

Where to start? This is my first novel from this author and what a way to start? Cindy Gerard, thank you! Thank you for writing a romantic suspense book the way its supposed to be! Great plotline, great characters. Plus you managed to add something else into the mix that was just perfect and that was the humour. I don't think I have had this much fun reading a romantic suspense book ever!! Usually I am on the edge of my seat, biting my nails with no relief until the end. Well I was still on the edge of my seat, however, Mike (amazing character) was there to balance things out for me.

**"So", he said, wanting to move her out of that place,"want to talk about the elephant in the room?"  
He glanced at the bed, then at her, then wiggled his eyebrows.**

Mike Primetime Brown, equals damaged, caring,funny, smart mouthed, protective. He was just a little different I think from the usual alpha, carrying a gun and telling the girl what to do.

However that could be because of Eva, she was not your average heroine. She was great, smart, ballsy,definitely not a break down in the face of danger kinda gal. I loved her. The interactions between these two were addictive, they had real chemistry and that is something that stepped this book up from good to awesome and memorable.

**"I'm going to go out on a limb here, he whispered against her hair " and guess that was good for you".**

**She weakly punded once on his chest"Shut up. You know you destroyed me"**

**He cupped her head in his big hands and kissed her hair,"In a good way, right?"**

**She found the strength to push up on an elbow. "You can't help yourself. You have to gloat don't you?"**

This book is so quoteable, so many brilliant lines.

I know I am going on and on about the humour in this book, but that doesn't mean it wasn't serious and emotional. My heart broke for Mike at the beginning. A man who has lost everything. A career Navy man, patriotic, made into a scapegoat, made to shoulder the blame. Leader of the One Eyed Jacks, he carries the guilt of his fellow brothers deaths and also feels the anger and loathing of those who lived.

**" The hell I did** These four words whispered by our MC about broke my heart. So yes, emotional.

Eva and Mikes dangerous struggle to find the truth and justice is a good one. Having to rely on each other,begrudgingly to begin with, trust one another, it was lovely to watch their relationship bloom. And through doing that, Mike come out of his shell and heal.

**You scare me to death Eva. You ..... make me feel things and want things.... and realize that I need things I've never let myself need before.**

It is wonderful to watch these two crazy kids fall in love.

I am really looking forward to seeing where this series will go. Taggart and Cooper, Mikes brothers in arms are interesting characters should make for great books.

Thank you again Cindy Gerard, I will be making my way throw your others books quite soon, I think :)

I recieved this book as an Arc from Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review.

My Mike "Primetime" Brown down to the diamond stud in his ear. Nice!

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**Gina says**

Flve flaming hot stars for Mike "Primetime" Brown!!

I love this book! It captured me from the start and didn't let go! It was nonstop action and suspense and I

loved it! I also loved seeing Gabe Jones make an appearance from the Black Ops Series, love that man as well! And I love the heroine Eva Salinas, the woman can kick some ass, and she is calm under pressure I was impressed by her.

The story starts with Mike in a bar in South America, getting drunk and trying to forget the 8th anniversary of his last military mission, when Operation Slam Dunk went terribly wrong and most of team mates died. He got an dishonorable discharge, the military blaming him for what went wrong. While getting drunk and trying to forget he sees a beautiful hot woman dancing and looking at him. He decides to make a play. Well she ends up taking him into the alley, shooting him with drugs and he passes out. Mike wakes up tied to a bed and Eva pointing his own gun on him. oops!

The story was exciting, and i was never bored. The heat level was low on this book and at first I thought I would miss it, but very soon into the book It didn't matter at all. The chemistry between Mike and Eva was intense! So while there was not a lot of sex between these two, the heat and chemistry was more then satisfying.

And of course with Mike and Gabe and two of Mikes friends there was plenty of kick ass fighting, which I loved. What also made this a top notch story for me was the humor, I found myself laughing quite often in this book.

Overall, a very good book and one I will read again someday. And I can't wait for the next book with Mike Primetime Brown! YAY!

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## **Auntee says**

Cindy Gerard *never* disappoints. (At least she hasn't yet!) Looking for a sure thing in Romantic Suspense? A good plot with a decent amount of suspense and fabulously drawn characters who provide plenty of heat? Then Cindy's your author.

This is the first book in her new series (One Eyed Jacks), which is a spin-off from her Black Ops, Inc series (BOIs). Do you have to read that series first? Um...not totally necessary, but you will be tickled pink when you find out that Gabe(!) (Show No Mercy)has a rather prominent role in it.

This one is about former Navy pilot Mike "Primetime" Brown (who we were introduced to in the last two Black Ops books). Mike's been kicking around in South America for the last 8 years (running his own air cargo business) after he was made the scapegoat in a black ops mission gone horribly wrong. Mike's been living with the guilt of his part in the mission that was supposed to be a slam dunk--but wasn't--and has been killing time (hence the title). Until one day a fiery, sexy, fierce Latina operative with connections to the mission forces him (quite literally) to take a hard look at himself and the mission that he'd rather forget. Of course, once this happens, danger follows. Someone is out to kill them before they find out the truth about what went down on that mission. They retreat to the US, where they get some much needed assistance from Gabe and his resources, devise a plan to infiltrate a white supremacist group in Idaho and expose a traitor, fall in love, and expose the bad guys and why they made Mike their patsy. All good stuff, with plenty of intrigue and a super hot, super sexy romance.

*Mike...*

I loved Mike (I knew I would)--loved his wise cracks, his sexiness, his vulnerability. But the revelation was his heroine, Eva Salinas. This woman kicked butt! Smart, sexy, fearless. Totally loved her. A heroine to be proud of. And ummmm, the heat between Eva and Mike...sizzling.:)

The book also introduced two former teammates of Mike (Taggart and Cooper) so I expect we'll see their books in the near future. I loved their interaction with Mike--lots of chemistry here, just like the BOIs have, and it seems like each have an interesting story to tell about what they've been doing for the past 8 years. Looking forward to it! So, off to an excellent start for this series. A solid 5 stars.:)

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## **Wendy says**

Scorching hot, sexy and just flat out "adrenaline" rush of a read! Fabulous!

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## **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

### **Mike "Primetime" Brown**

*Full review now posted:*

Fast paced, action packed and very sexy, *Killing Time* is the perfect start to Cindy Gerard's new *One Eyed Jacks* series! This spinoff of the *Black Ops Inc.* series opens with Mike "Primetime" Brown's anxiously awaited story.

Still tortured by the deaths of his team members during a mission dubbed Operation Slam Dunk - a mission gone horribly wrong - Mike is physically scarred and mentally and emotionally tormented. The memories of that clusterfuck, and his guilt over the decisions he made, haunt Mike every day of his life, but the anniversary of the horrific event is the worse, one, even eight years later, Mike spends trying to drink away the memories.

CIA Attorney Eva Salinas lost her husband in Afghanistan, a casualty of that same OSD clusterfuck. The military trial ended before it even got started when one of the surviving team members accepted full responsibility. Eva has tried to put it all behind her, but after receiving a file from an anonymous source, Eva is wondering if justice has truly been served. Armed with this new information, she is more determined than ever to find out what really happened, and what better place to start than with Mike Brown, the man thought to be responsible for her husband's death?

Though they get answers to some of their questions, more are being raised, and Mike and Eva find they have a common enemy. With their passion for one another growing, they work together to bring down the bad guys and avenge the men who died in the crossfire of arrogance, greed and ambition.

The bottom line: Time and time again Cindy Gerard delivers romantic suspense the way it should be written - with the perfect balance of action, excitement, romance and steamy goodness! Her characters are people we can't help but connect with and care about, and their *happily ever afters* are sweet, satisfying and well



deserved! *Killing Time* truly is a great start to this new series, one I'll definitely be following, start to finish!

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## **Elizabeth (Liz) says**

### 4.5 Stars

Once again drunk on the anniversary that Operation Slam Dunk went bad eight years ago, Mike Brown woke up drugged, being interrogated by a woman with questions about the old op in Afghanistan. Eva Salinas is a CIA attorney and determined to prove foul play in the operation eight years ago, which killed most of Mike's team and included her husband. With pressure from Eva, Mike is convinced to gather a new team and try to bring to justice the very traitor who destroyed both of their lives. Along the way, Mike and Eva discover feelings for each other which might just heal them both.

This is another fantastic romantic suspense read from Cindy Gerard! I think she just can't help but write a good book in this genre. Though, I've always thought, if you love what you do--and, it's pretty apparent that this author does--you probably can't go wrong. The suspense, as usual, is exciting and action-packed. Cindy Gerard excels writing thrilling adventures, and this is no exception. She definitely shines in her element!

The only nitpick I have is that I would like to feel just a smidge more chemistry and heat between the main characters, to explore the relationship for a bit longer. And, normally, it's not an issue for me, but I do feel we come to the point of heartfelt declarations a little bit too fast in this book.

All that said, however, this is romantic suspense, and, by its nature, it doesn't really allow for these things if we want our HEA by the end of the book. So, in that way, I understand and accept the book exactly as it is. And, it is AWESOME!!

I've realized lately that my reading preferences are changing somewhat. I used to devour romantic suspense, but I've begun to grow away from it. So, it's almost funny that I leapt at the opportunity to request an ARC of this book when I saw it available on Edelweiss. But, when it's Cindy Gerard?? I just don't doubt that I'm going to get a top-notch book that I'll enjoy. No matter what you feel your reading preferences are, if there is someone out there who *\*hasn't\** read Cindy Gerard, give this book a try. It's a wonderful example of everything that's great about this author!

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