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***The White House, infiltrated.***

***The president, running for his life.***

***A traitorous general, intent on burning the world to the ground.***

When everything falls apart, who do you trust?

President Jack Spiers fled Washington DC on the heels of a devastating attack on CIA headquarters, masterminded by one of America's own, former General Porter Madigan. While the world believes Jack was killed in the bombing, he embarks on a wild infiltration mission, smuggling himself into occupied Russia to rescue the love of his life: former Secret Service Agent and First Gentleman Ethan Reichenbach.

Reunited, Jack, Ethan, and deposed Russian president Sergey Puchkov, along with President Elizabeth Wall—the only person left in Washington DC who Jack trusts—must work together. They piece together a desperate plan, hunting Madigan to the ends of the earth and the bitter frigidity of the Arctic, where Madigan's world-shattering doomsday plan comes together.

Outnumbered, outmaneuvered, and outgunned, Jack, Ethan, Sergey, and the rest of the team struggle to put a stop to Madigan and his army. In the desolate extremes of the Arctic, their resolve, their strength, and even their love is tested, pushed to the absolute limits as choices must be made: choices that pit the fate of the world against the love in their hearts, and the loves of their life.

As the world crumbles around them, Jack and Ethan find themselves waging a war on two fronts—against an enemy they can see, and another, hiding within their ranks.

Who can be trusted when the enemy is within you?

## Enemy Within Details

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## From Reader Review Enemy Within for online ebook

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

### **Re-read: 18.09.2018**

I still have that disappointed feeling going on. I still don't like the ending. I adore how close Jack and Ethan become, but there is just so much going on in the book that everything just becomes too damn much. There's so much information, so many POVs and you just feel stretched thin, to be honest. I found myself skimming a lot, mostly because I was just interested in Ethan and Jack's part and because I was tired and wanted the re-read done.

**New Rating:** 2.5 stars.

??????\*Disappointed\*??????

I'm actually quite disappointed. Specially in the ending. In my eyes **Jack Spiers** (46) will (view spoiler) Former Special Agent - now first gentleman - **Ethan Reichenbach** (41) is still amazing. Never giving up, always ready, and can handle a lot of pain. I have huge respect for the guy and his love. Jack and Ethan is great together, I even accept all the clichés and all the *I love you's*. They are just so adorable.

*“Congratulations, Mr. President. You’re a damn lucky man.” He gripped Ethan’s shoulder.*

*“This guy is something else.”*

*“I am.” Jack smiled, laughing at the flush Ethan felt rising on his cheeks. “I really am the luckiest man on the planet.”*

*“And don’t forget it.” Scott’s voice was teasing, but his eyes had a sheen to them, a hardness, an unspoken promise.*

The other characters were awesome; **Sergey Puchkov**'s a terrific character, who helps build up Jack's character. **Sasha Andreyev** is brave, awesome and loyal, but I did want to slap him in the end though... **Adam Cooper** and **Faisal al-Saud** is a nice add to the story that makes it whole. Overall, I'll miss the characters, specially Jack and Ethan (with the team of **Scott Collard** and **Levi Daniels**). However, as I said; I didn't like the ending, nor did I feel like we got a closure for our couple. I wanted *more*.

*“I will always choose you first. You are my everything. Always.”*

### **The Executive Office Cast:**

(view spoiler)

**Quick basic facts:**

**Genre:** - (Adult) Contemporary Romance (M/M)

**Series:** - Series, Book Three.

**Love triangle?** - (view spoiler)

**Cheating?** - (view spoiler)

**HEA?** - (view spoiler)

**Favorite character?** - Ethan Reichenbach.

**Would I read more by this author/or of series?** - Sure.

**Would I recommend this book/series?** - Sure.

**Will I read this again in the future?** - No.

**Rating** - 2.5/3 stars.

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**\*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

**4.5 Stars!**

How in the hell to review this book?

And you probably wouldn't believe me even if I tried.

Twist after twist, turn after turn....betrayal, secrets, lies and yet somehow underneath all of the action is some love.

And not just with our main characters Jack and Ethan. Yes, this was the conclusion of the plot going on involving Jack and Ethan but in this installment we got so much more of some of the side characters - Sergey, Sasha, Adam, Faisal.

And it made me want more. So much more. I really really fell in love with Adam and Faisal in this one. And Sasha and Sergey. Sasha has been a favorite of mine from the moment we met him. But boy could he be stubborn.

If I had to guess, their story will be next. But I really hope we get more of Adam and Faisal too.

These books really can't be read as standalones. And why would you want to? All of these books read like a TV show or a movie. Action-packed, nail biting moments, and some swoon to balance things out.

I don't know how Tal does it. But they made me read and love (a) a three book series about the same couple, (b) a three book series with low levels of steam (but plenty of swoon to make up for it) and (c) three LONG ASS books **#length aversion** with this latest installment clocking in at 9000 locations.

So is this series worth it?

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It's happening.....

So excited. So nervous.

It may take me until release day to read it (9000 locations, whaaaaat?)

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### **Natalie says**

Finished! I could have just given this five stars before I even started reading, because I knew Tal was going to outdo himself. Here's the extra stars it deserves! ?? ?? ?? ?? ?? ??????????.

If you were blown away by the suspense, danger and excitement of *Enemies of the State* and *Enemy of My Enemy*, you'd better buckle up buttercup! Tal puts the pedal to the metal for this one. Our beloved characters are still battling the Machiavellian designs of their enemies and occasionally themselves and their own conflicted natures. The plot is balanced perfectly with romance as the steadfast love and devotion of Jack and Ethan adds needed touches of hope and joy. The developing relationships between Sasha and Sergey, Adam and Faisal are both beautiful and painful. Tal has written some fabulous love scenes, deeply emotional and tender, as well as passionate. There's not a lot of steam but a lot of quality!

As always, Tal has applied his personal knowledge, experiences and world travels and merged them with impeccable research to create the landscape, atmosphere and details for each setting and location. These stories are among the most immersive reading experiences I've had in my 5 decades of literature. My adrenaline was pumping, my heart beating faster, my tears falling harder throughout. It's a gorgeous depiction of pulse-pounding perils, menacing adventures, loyal friendships, tenderness and romance. Tensions run high as loyalties are tested and bitter betrayals shake the foundations of emotion and trust between friends, coworkers and allies.

Elizabeth Wall has a more prominent role as the new President and Scott, Daniels, Welby and Pete, along with other characters we've met before, have greater parts to play. The multiple POV's are perfectly written; clear and distinct "voices" changing smoothly within the narrative. It adds so much depth as they react individually to the situations at hand. It also reinforces the mental and emotional connections between each couple and intensifies the evil and dark intentions of their enemies.

I could go on and on but my opinion of the stellar quality of Tal's writing has remained unchanged with each book he writes. This is a must read for everyone!

\*High-pitched fanqirl squeal\* it's here! Interrupt my reading at your own risk.

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### **Lisazj1 says**

4.5 stars. This book takes the term "well earned HEA" to a whole new level, because *damn!* Now that I've finished it, I feel like I need a vacation. O.o You know those super-vague annoying reviews? Sorry, but this is going to be one. You need to experience every, single damn thing for yourself. Before you start, buckle up. And bring alcohol. \*my mistake, I did not\*

I was happy with how Ethan and Jack ended and God knows they deserved everything. It was painful to watch Jack struggle with all the things that happened but I think he came out of it stronger, in the end.

Though I really, *really* wanted to strangle Tal Bauer repeatedly for putting me through the damn wringer so badly, I have to hand it to him that his plotting was simply amazing. The amount of research that must have gone into this had to be staggering, and it shows. The action absolutely had me frozen in terror in places, and that is NOT an exaggeration. His characterizations were wonderful, I cared so much about these book-people and about what happened to them. There are really bad guys in this book and I consider it such a feat that he managed to just about completely hide some of them, (view spoiler) and that's something that I almost always guess. This was a complete TRUST NO ONE scenario, and it was maddening as fuck. \*Because I had no alcohol, I had to resort to cussing. A LOT\*

Does this series stretch believability? Yeah, sometimes. But sometimes, it's terrifyingly believable. And when it's not, you just simply don't care, because the story is just that damn good!

The only reason I don't give this 5 stars, and this is just my own personal irritation, (view spoiler). \*grumbles\* Yeah, I'm a little bent over it, LOL.

This was a heart-stopping, pulse-pounding, pull-your-hair-out kickass story and a great series! Loved it!

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### **Chris says**

Wow this book ... this series .... bloody amazing. It's a 5 star read based on the research itself let alone the absolute nail biter of a thriller that had me engrossed for days ! Ethan & Jack, Sergey & Sasha, Adam & Faisal - all important and all relevant, highlighting the need for change in this 21st century world. No spoilers here- it's a must read political thriller with so many twists and turns. I absolutely loved this and it's one of my favorites for this year. Maybe an epilogue novella would keep us readers satisfied- I really want to know how these couples moved on ❤️❤️❤️

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### **Anne Boleyn's Ghost says**

Every single thing that I wrote in my review for *Enemies of the State?* It applies here. Two-fold. And to *Enemy Of My Enemy* (because, let's face it, I wasn't writing crap while curled into a fetal position on the floor).

Having already put Olivia Pope me (thanks, R!) through the gauntlet, I'll spare her another go-round. But

since we *are* on the topic of fictional presidents...

And yes, that was a shamelessly flimsy attempt to justify inserting a handsome half-naked man here. Fitz looks nothing like Jack. But enjoy anyway.

Tal Bauer wrote a **smart and thrilling saga**. The vast international machinations, the gripping conspiracy, the covert intrigue culminate in a fierce battle for the future of humanity. While it is not always at the forefront, **the love between Jack and Ethan remains the heart of the story**. For all the dazzling and deftly-paced action, the messages that ultimately resonated most strongly were love, and hope, and acceptance, and peace.

Ethan and Jack are so special. **There is a purity to their relationship, to their respect and reverence for one another**. There is a **simple but potent sweetness** in how they look at each other, how they think about each other. I am NOT a lover of sap. I have, in fact, been known to roll my eyes at sap. Yet despite their endearments and their effusive professions, Jack and Ethan never ventured into eye-rolling territory for me. Perhaps because **their love was such a hard-fought triumph**. Perhaps because these bruised and battered men so needed, *so deserved*, love.

Whatever the reason, I found their relationship – all three featured relationships, really – refreshing. I have become a bit jaded by stories where one half of a pairing has a “I’m going to hop on a random peen” moment because they aren’t “officially” together (or is a cheater-cheater-garbage-eater). Since nothing kills a romance dead faster for me, this special snowflake appreciated this “safe space” ? I appreciated **their fidelity, their unwavering loyalty**. I appreciated that I could **believe in their happy ending**. That type of devotion exists in real life, and showcasing it didn’t make the story less compelling.

If Mr. Bauer was concerned that a Cleveland, Ohio area IP address repeatedly visited his website over the past week, I will confess that it was me, devouring the Bauer Bytes in tandem with the novels. I was giddy to read more about **Adam and Faisal**, who brought me to tears and who, similar to Ethan and Jack, possess such reverence for one another that their dynamic reads as holy. And while I was also giddy (and relieved!) to read a follow-up about **Sergey and Sasha**, I’m still a Nervous Nelly. Their relationship won’t be easy, but I have faith that it will be worth it.

For all I know, that airplane exchange between **Doc and Coleman** was just Coleman giving Doc a taste of his own medicine. So I probably shouldn’t be invested. But guess what? I AM.

I still cackle whenever Welby appears. I loved him. I loved pretty much anything and everything that Scott said and did, I loved Levi protecting Elizabeth, I loved the unlikely hero White House aides, I loved Barbara’s cashmere sweaters, I loved the gloriously grumpy Ilya, I loved Anderson and his relationship with his son. **I’m a hot mess of love for these characters**.

I found *The Executive Office* series exhilarating and affecting. I’m holding out hope for an announcement of a follow-up series.

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**Gigi says**

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## Simone says

### \*\*\*5 Completely-Blown-Away Stars\*\*\*

Umm, no worries, this gif is *not* a spoiler! *Enemy Within* picks up right where *Enemy of my Enemy* ended and Jack, Ethan, Sergey, Sasha, Adam and Faisal and all the others try to stop former General Madigan and his henchmen from pursuing his idea of "a new dawn rising", from creating a new world order by destroying everything known to mankind at any sacrifice, which would not only affect America, but the world in its entirety. To make things worse, each step to achieve their goal is endangered by Madigan's followers who already infiltrated them on the inside. With just a few men against an army, outmanned and outgunned, the odds are against them and their time is running out.

By scattering our heroes all over the northern hemisphere, Tal Bauer sends us on one hell of a ride that will make you clutch at any straw for a moment to breathe...

I will keep this review as spoiler free as possible, so I won't go into detail about the storyline. I just promise you that you will be sitting most of the time on the edge of your seat. Well, umm, at least that is what I did. I could not sit still and was fidgeting the whole time. I am even pretty sure that I discovered the one or other gray hair when I looked in the mirror today, that what is left of tearing it out I mean. There are lots of jaw-dropping situations where I wondered if one of the characters I came to love so much during all the books would make it and I am more than happy that Ethan kept Jack in good shape beforehand,...

...so he was able to keep up with the other guys.

Of course there are also scenes that made me laugh out loud due to a certain adorkable Secret Service Agent and others that made me cry -sob even- when it was questionable if Jack and Ethan, Sergey and Sasha or Adam and Faisal would see the love of their lives, respectively each other again.

But most of all, each and every swoonworthy moment was the one thing that conjured a goofy grin on my face and made each situation when my heart leapt into my throat that much more bearable.

These moments kept the balance in this book. These moments helped the characters have some time for themselves, have some time to recover and not only them, but me too.

Obviously, suspending your disbelief seems to be once again mandatory, but for one thing, the story takes place in the near future and who knows what will be feasible by then and for another thing, thinking about the current political situation, *this...*

*Our leaders must be accessible. They must be trustworthy. If our leadership is not accessible,*

*honest, and accountable, we run the risk of our nation sliding into a degradation of democracy and a despairing illusion of freedom.*

... leaves some doubts about the story being *that* far-fetched.

Tal Bauer did once again a great job with his research, be it regarding locations, religion or events that actually took place at some point and which he included perfectly into the story. If you are interested in more details, make sure to read the author's notes at the end of the book.

The story arc is complete, everything is wrapped up, but the author left the door open to continue with the series at some point down the line. Well, it is pretty rare for me that I love each and every character in a book -at least the good guys-, and yes, okay, Adam and Faisal are still my favorites, but this being the case, I so wouldn't mind a sequel. I WANT MORE!!!

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### **Jaime says**

*Enemy Within* is book three in the Executive Office Series by Tal Bauer . This book is a continuation of the first 2.5 books and needs to be read in order to understand completely. The characters remain the same from the first 2.5 books and there is some timeline revisits and a lot of remembering from the previous books. This story is told in an Alternating POV or Third Person Multiple. This POV allows us to get inside our characters heads, and follow them each as they all work on saving the world from the Crazy General Madigan while working against someone on the inside who wants Madigan to succeed.

To say I loved this story is an understatement. It is, in one word, **Brilliant!** I really do not want to go into details about the story because I would hate to ruin anything for any reader out there.. this is a story you MUST experience as it is intended. I will warn you that if you are going into this story looking for a lot of hot man on man action, you will probably be disappointed. While there are plenty of scenes that are appropriate to the storyline, after all, you can't really stop and get it on with your lover while you are trying to save the world from madman - I think what was there was perfect.

Throughout this story, we get to see all the characters as mentioned and our couples are all there in one way or another - there is President Jack Spiers and his First Gentleman, former Secret Service agent Ethan Reichenback; Russian President Sergey Puchkov and Sasha Andreyev; and Lieutenant Adam Cooper and Prince Faisal al-Saud. There is a lot of emotional times between these three couples as they are uncertain each time they see each other if it will be the last - will they all make it out of the arctic alive? One thing is for sure, these six and their teams are Outnumbered, outmaneuvered, and outgunned yet they don't ever give up.

While Ethan, Jack, and crew are all out trying to actively save the world, there are people among them who are working for Mad-Man Madigan - people they trust, people they know, people who are reporting to Madigan their every move. Who? Why? When? Those are all thing you are going to have to find out as you read the story.

Make sure when you start this book you literally have all day and night to read, because once you pick it up - you're not going to want to put it down and it is a long book coming in at over 450 pages. Cover to cover it is packed with action, mystery, breath-holding moments to pulse-pounding excitement-- I laughed at some of the crazy things that happened or certain moments and cried during certain moments. I totally could keep reading about these characters, there is so much more that could be written, not that there was anything left gaping open, no cliffhangers, It is just one of those storylines that could easily go on...Overall, totally loved it!!

5 Brilliant Stars - and now I wonder - when can we have more?

#RomanceInTheArctic #WhoIsTheMole #ExecutiveOffice

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### **So Happy Right Now!!!**

It's time for more **Jack & Ethan** ...Nothing else matters.....

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### **Sophia Triad says**

The end of the book finds me:

- a) With a huge headache because I might have pushed myself too hard to finish the book....because I really wanted to know what happens next and some of the terminology was a bit too hard to follow and I had to reread certain sections. I am only a poor Greek woman with English as her second language after all.
- b) Without fingernails. I may actually need 2-3 weeks before I attempt manicure again. But it was the only way to let off steam. My nonstop swearing as well as my constant shouting such as "Die bitch, die!" etc. did not help much.
- c) With a huge smile on my face which makes me look like a lunatic and has almost made my husband ready to forbid me to read any more books. Ever. Unless I wanted divorce. (Ok, I convinced him that I will be normal again soon)

And yes, I remembered to feed my too-young-to-feed-themselves children. I am not that cruel...

*"Let's not do that again."*

(I am joking...Of course I want more!)

This is book 3 and obviously not a standalone. So, let's see where we were in the previous book: Ethan thought that the love of his life abandoned him, so he left for a suicide mission that only a few people knew about it. Jack realized his mistake when he was almost assassinated and ran after Ethan but it was really hard to find him.

At the same time, the world is falling apart. Twisted Former General Porter Madigan, his best friend Former Captain Ryan Cook, their army and their supporters are preparing its end at Artict.

And this is why the following people have ended up lost in Siberia, trying to stop Madigan:

1. A disappeared First Gentleman
2. The ghost of the USA president
3. A Russian president on the run
4. A declared dead Russian hero
5. A team of marines with a South Arab Prince in the team

Well, yes the book is complicated and full of nonstop action. In comparison with the previous two books, this is the book with the most action and battles. It will take your breath away.

It has just a few, a handful really, of breathing moments and then the action resumes with bigger surprises.

There will be no glamour in this book, no balls, no official visits, no gala dinners, no crystal glasses and no china dishes. There will be blood, grenades and bombs, bombs everywhere. There will be lots of ice and snow and salty water.

*“What would the American people say if they saw you now?”*

*“They’d ask me why you’re still breathing.”*

It is time for:

- heroes to surface
- a few traitors to be exposed

And all of these sprinkled with:

- lies, secrets and pain
- Claustrophobic situations in a submarine
- A few misunderstandings
- A lot of useless flowers and
- Many well deserved tears because yes true men can really cry without shame

But you will also read about:

- A few declarations of love
- Some funny moments
- A few proposals
- A few weddings
- Lots of stars, because *“A river of stars stretched overhead, and the black ocean reflected their glimmer, an endless wash of sparkling perfection.”*

The love between Ethan and Jack will be stronger than ever (although romance is not the main focus of the book, I have to admit). There will be hearts and kisses, stares and touches, hugs, entwined fingers and tangled bodies. Perfection! :)

And this is where I am finishing this rambling review.... You need to discover the rest of the details yourself!

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#### **BEFORE PUBLICATION**

~~FINALLY! Another book. Which I need NOW. But I am willing to WAIT for 20 something days. I don't have a CHOICE, really.~~

~~Anyway, MORE Ethan and Jack and a bit of Russian help on the side. Yeah, OKAY. I am COOL.~~

~~IS THIS REALLY THE FINAL BOOK? I want to cry...~~

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## **Debra says**

My five stars encompass not just this book, but the entirety of this series which in essence is just one long story.

I'm not sure how many people I drove crazy while reading this book between my emails and mumbling and exclamations of shock. For those who were affected, sorry but holy cow this book!! It built on the momentum of everything in the first two books and hit the ground running. There was barely a moment where things let up, but when those moments came they were absolutely worth it.

If you haven't read the prior books, you **must** before jumping in here. Madigan's plan to remake the world to his liking is coming closer to fruition, we still don't know who has been turned within the White House and Cooper's team, the country still doesn't know that Jack is alive and I don't know how much more my heart could take but Tal Bauer certainly pushed me to my limits.

As our heroes, Jack and Ethan, Sasha and Sergey, Adam Cooper, his on again/off again lover Faisal and Cooper's team of marines scramble to hunt down Madigan, the reader is treated to heart-stopping action over the frozen wastelands of Siberia, beneath the frozen sea and into Arctic, where Madigan is set to take the final steps in his plan for world destruction. Meanwhile, the US under President Wall is in crisis mode and seemingly on the brink of war while the Secret Service and the White House staff try to ferret out a mole. Tensions are high, trust is low and everyone has reached their breaking point.

*Enemy Within* is epic in its length and the story it undertakes. It rivals any action film with tense scenes of combat, nervous anticipation, heart-stopping action and all sorts of mayhem. Like any good action film you will also have to suspend disbelief with regard to just how much our heroes can take without breaking. The amount of detail Tal Bauer has put into this book, especially the scenes onboard the *Honolulu* will have you right there with the characters, adrenaline spiking and nerves on edge.

While the action and war games drive the story there is still time for the various couples to share some personal moments. Jack and Ethan have an unbreakable bond and become an even stronger as the story progresses. They are like two halves of a whole and every time they are together they just light up the pages. Sergey and Sasha have a lot to work out. Their story took some surprising turns and they really struggle to decide if they can have a future together. Both men are stubborn and neither is all that good at talking, but they always look out for each other. The third couple, Adam and Faisal, have had the longest, most turbulent history together. These are the two men who, on more than one occasion, broke my heart, sharing one of the most emotional, gut-wrenchingly beautiful scenes in the book. The story doesn't end with the saving of the world though. Each couple has to face reality once the action ends and their lives resume.

Not for the faint of heart, *Enemy Within* is an action packed, emotionally draining ending to this series. While the series may be over, I have to hope that with the way it ended we haven't seen the last of these guys. I'd be happy to continue reading about any or all of them. (And if you love them as much as I do and haven't done so yet, check out Tal Bauer's blog at <http://talbauerwrites.com/blog/bauers...> for Bauer's Bytes which has some great extras.)

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## Jewel says

4.5 Stars

?Wow, this book! I was on the edge of my seat through most of it. Action packed, suspenseful, a few swoony moments, and Jack & Ethan (and our other couples) finally get their happy!?

Now, before I get into my review, there are a few things to cover:

- 1) If you have not read the previous 2 books (and the novela) read them first, as *Enemy Within* is **not** a stand alone book.
- 2) Suspend your disbelief. Turn it off, if you can. This series takes place a bit in the future where science is more advanced than it currently is. Also, the intrigue and suspense plot did strain my credulity here and there, but I don't say that like it's a bad thing, at all. The story is exciting and fast-paced and I thoroughly enjoyed it.
- 3) And sit back and enjoy the ride. And hang on tight!

?? *Enemy Within* ?? is a touch contemporary a little futuristic a ?bit of sci-fi, a huge helping of suspense and a whole lot of ?awesome??..?

?The story picks right up where *Enemy of My Enemy* left off with General Madigan planning his evil and Jack and Ethan working to stop him.? And the cards are stacked against them.? I am not going to talk more about the story, though, because this one is meant to be experienced, not spoiled!

I will say that Jack and Ethan are just wonderful together. They didn't have a lot of time to get down and dirty (they have a world to save, after all), but they managed a few moments and they made me swoon more than once. And I was cheering on two other couples, as well. When you know the world might end in a moment -- really know it -- it puts things in perspective. Adam and Faisal were my second favorite couple and I cheered them at every turn. And then we have Sergey and Sasha -- no telling which them is more stubborn. The point, though? Live for today, because tomorrow might not be.

?Those of you that have read the first two books, you are in for a treat here! A?nd if you've been waiting until the story arc resolves in order to read this series, you can safely do so now. *Enemy Within* wraps things up, pretty well. I'm not going to say it's all neat and tidy, though. Tal Bauer can still take the story further, if he chooses to do so, since there are a couple things left open ended, but the story arc that started with *Enemies of the State* has resolved -- so what are you waiting for?

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**4-4.5 Stars For The a Guy Who Stole The Show..**

**Faisal!**

### **A Beautifully Written Arabian Prince**

Every once in a while I meet a character that the book is not wholly about and that character places a imprint on the pages. They leave foot steps on my heart, and are unforgettable, and Faisal... he...

### **Took my breath away!**

*Faisal, say it. Please, say it." Adam scooted close and pressed their faces together. Memories flickered through his mind like photographs falling to the floor. The night they met, the music playing beneath the tent on the beach, and the sweet honey taste of luqaymat. Peaches on Faisal's lips, the warmth of his skin, Subhanallah, Faisal was always so warm, like he carried the sun within his soul. Feeling sand beneath his knees and sliding through his fingers.*

*"Please. I want this. I want to be by your side for all eternity. Please, Faisal. Maa shaa Allah."*

**Adam still has not one my heart. But, that above quote worked nicely to allow me to like him just a little....**

This book had a few issues, but I love this couple. Jack and Ethan remain my most favorite but, I really enjoyed Faisal.

In reading this Faisal grabbed my heart ran with it, tore at it, and simply cuddled it. Sigh.... I felt the faith, honor, pain and love...I also felt the harsh brutally of an Arab life. The injustices softly spoken between, his strength of the Muslim religion. And the beauty within it. The written reflection of the Quran( holy book) and, OMG, there is so much peace and love within it. It was new to me and simply beautiful to read. The diversity within this book was also amazing. It was written with respect. The blend of cultures; Russian, Arab and American was respectfully done. I can't help but admire the writer for that. Yes,

### **Sweet Diversity Within The Pages.**

As I closed this book my last thought went back to him. What will happen when he returns. In his land with whom he loves with all his heart? Adam did not still the show, I often wondered why him?

### **Pure Organic Adrenaline**

This writer does this best. Every time I read his political thrillers I read it in awe. He's gifted end of story. Read the book and you should get a pure adrenaline rush. I loved it, It was awesome. This book let me inside, inside the submarine inside the cold artic. I felt the polar bears stares and the crunch of sub meets glacier. The slippery slide on the floor in blood. I heard the sounds of alarms. And watched the movement of wickedly fast fingers. I felt the pop of 3 pieces of gum in my mouth The description writing in this book as I have come to expect from Tal Bauer was superb. This is is the best book I have read this year, thus far.

### **Pure Romance & A Beautiful Ending**

To a wonderful series. In this I got you almost died, and a HEA....THRICE! That alone is a rarity but this writer pulled it off. I loved the extra love applied within the pages.

So why 4 star?

There are things in this book that are a wee bit unbelievable. And, Adam pissed me off, I never understood his page time and abrupt change maybe in the next book he might explain.

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## Parvathy says

### 5+ Stars!

***Enemy Within*** is the brilliant, emotional, gut wrenching, intriguing, action-packed conclusion to the events that had been coming forth since ***Enemies of the State*** and ***Enemy of my Enemy***. The book is fast paced, filled with moments where your heart will be in your throat and also filled with beautiful, soul-stirring emotions. Ethan, Jack, Sergey, Sasha, Adam, Faisal, Scott, Levi, Elizabeth and the rest of the characters will take you on a ride which is guaranteed to be unforgettable, mesmerizing and spectacular.

The book picks off right from the end of *Enemy of my Enemy* and the story moves forward with the world on the brink of an apocalypse. The characters are racing against time to save the world and their loved ones. What is the best part about the author's books are the attention to details. The author paints a very vivid and descriptive picture that we feel we are right there in the middle of the story with the characters. The characters are very well developed and the way author takes them on their journey is simply marvelous. Jack and Ethan grew more as a couple. This book truly shows the depth of their bond and the extend to which their relationship has grown. Their journey from being friends to two men madly, passionately and soul-deep in love has been portrayed in a magnificent manner. Their love and relationship is something which tugs at heart. I fell in love with Jack and Ethan in the first book and it's suffice to say that they have taken up permanent residence in my heart.

Apart from love stories of Jack and Ethan, the book also lets us into the stories of Sergey, Sasha, Adam and Faisal. How Sergey and Sasha finally find their way to each other is nothing short of beautiful. They will make you feel every emotion they are feeling and will make you root for them and their love story. But Adam and Faisal are the one's who truly captivated me in this book. Their love and the depth of feelings they possess for each other made me feel almost an envy. The extend to which they love each other and the lengths they go for each other made my heart break and also filled me with joy. Adam and Faisal and their relationship and the deep passionate bond they share stirred my soul. I fell in love with them and I cannot explain in words how much their love made me feel.

Another brilliant aspect of this book is the element of action and how the author has tied up all the events in the three books. Reading the first two books in the series is absolutely necessary to understand the story. Everything is connected and it all comes together rather brilliantly. I loved the action and romance in fact every single thing in this book. This book is a captivating ode to the love these men share and how in the midst of a disaster love gives them the strength to strive and move forward. This book is also a celebration of love, love which is unselfish, honest and true.

***Enemy Within*** is the masterfully executed conclusion to what had been brewing right from first book. You will be tested, tried and you will be taken on a journey which will leave you breathless with emotions

*and the magnitude of actions, but you will never be disappointed. I am completely and utterly enamored and captivated with this series. Highly Recommended.*

\*\* An ARC provided by the author in exchange of an honest review\*\*

*This review is cross posted in Gay Book Reviews*

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### **Katerina says**

I did it.

It was not love at first sight.  
And it was already the second attempt.

I can understand why this series has a great appeal to many of my friends.  
But I feel completely ambivalent here.  
There were chapters that I really liked. However, I had to torture myself through others.

Jack and Ethan are not my preferred couple. I loved Faisal and Adam and also Sergey and Sasha. These men kept me on reading.

Calling the action ridiculous is understated. Especially towards the end, it became so unbelievable and at the same time so sugary sweet that I almost had to put this book down.

It is impossible for me to give a rating for it. The world is facing complete destruction, the MCs are crying their eyes out or stuck their tongues deep into the other man's throat. The sob feast at 75% was a stunner. Such a incredible whiner party.

I have to say, I'm so glad I read Whisper Whisperfirst. Had the Enemies been my initial contact with this author, I would not have been interested in other books. Now it was the other way around and I'm really glad.

It was a nice pastime and kept me interested enough to finish this series. It was not the great love, although there are elements that I liked very much. These elements experienced their perfection in Whisper. I'm sure I'll read Whisper again someday. Regarding the Enemies, I'm glad I made it.

And I feel so sorry that this series didn't knock me out of my socks. I had hoped so much for a Whisper feeling. Thank you, dear friends, for your flaming reviews. I tried it. At least I got to know another great work by this author in this way.

