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He's the security she's always needed.

Since she moved to Miami, Raegan Taylor has desired Ford Burke—a sexy and rugged cop. He's everything she's ever wanted. Unfortunately for Raegan, Ford's kept his distance. But when a night out goes extremely wrong, his protective instincts kick into high gear, and he finds himself fighting for her in more ways than one.

She's exactly what he was trying to avoid.

Once Raegan and Ford grow closer, the harder they start to fall for each other. But Ford's past stirs up feelings he just can't control, threatening to destroy everything they've worked for. And when he screws up, he may lose more than just his one shot with her.

And now someone's ready to ruin it all.

Someone wants Raegan—and if he can't have her—nobody can. He's waiting. He's watching. He's lurking. Ready to strike. He'll make her his. He'll take down anyone who gets in his way—even a cop.

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Bev says

[his fiance cheated on him with his BROTHER (hide spoiler)]

Felice Foster says

OK, I've been obsessed with the Red Stone Security series since book one, so it's no surprise that I thoroughly enjoyed this latest installment. I must say however, that it wasn't the story line or the hunky, gorgeous guy (of course, they helped) this time. It was all about Raegan! The way Katie Reus wrote this character, gave me LIFE! Raeagan is frickin hilarious and takes no crap from anyone. I laughed so much throughout this book, that I had a stomach ache when I was done reading. The secondary storyline with Ruby and Montez was sweet and gave a small break to the intensity of Raegan and Ford's story. Very good read!

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RJ says

I was interested in reading this but it turns out I just read this like a week or two ago, lol. I honestly don't remember anything but I'm pretty sure it was safe with a stand up H.

angelblue says

I thoroughly enjoyed this addition to Katie's thrilling Red Stone Security series. We get not one, but two couples stories. Ford Burke is a cop in Miami who happens to be good friends with Raegan's cousins. They are both drawn to each other but Ford has some serious trust issues and being that Raegan is about 10 years younger than him he doesn't act on his attraction. I loved Ford! He was delightfully tongue tied and almost shy around Raegan. You don't see that much in alphas and it made me fall in love with him even more. Raegan mistakes this as him not being interested in her but it is the total opposite. Now don't get me wrong, in no way does this detract from his badassness.

When Raegan is almost kidnapped from a club that Ford is doing surveillance on he sweeps in to rescue her. From that moment on his protective instincts are out in full force and he is unable to deny his feelings for her anymore. Love, love, love the protective and very naughty badboy heroes in Katie's books!!

There is a secondary romance involving Montez and Ruby that balanced the book perfectly. While Ford and Raegan's story was passion and intensity, Montez and Ruby's was sweet and heartwarming. You get a bit of everything in Secret Obsession, deadly stalkers, thrilling suspense and melt your panties off chemistry. I am eagerly awaiting the next book which will be about Dominique and a certain yummy Russian!

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Zita says

Two cute romances plus a stalker...

This is the twelfth book in the Red Stone Security series that can be read as a stand-alone.

Ford Burke is a cop with friends at Redstone Security where he met the young cousin, a woman he's wanted but doesn't believe he's good enough for and she's perhaps a decade younger. He's watched her for a year at events too tongue-tied around her to speak much to her. When he happens to see her being abducted from a nightclub that he's surveilling he jumps into action and saves her life. Almost losing her has his protective instincts on high and gives him the chance to spend time with her.

Being the young cousin around a group of overprotective male family members hasn't been easy yet Raegan Taylor makes the most of it and stands up for herself often, she's quite forward and direct. She loves her job at Redstone and the sexy cop who comes around has had her attention though he's never made a move. Out one night at a club with friends she's unknowingly drugged and almost abducted. If not for the sexy cop who's barely spoken to her over the past year she wouldn't have made it home safely. She has no clue why someone would be after her but loves the cop's attention.

This was a good solid story with not one but two cute romances interwoven with the suspense of a stalker that many I'm sure will like, this is not the first time a stalker has been after one of the women connected to Redstone. Ford is an interesting hero with issues that could lose him what builds between him and Raegan. Can he come to terms with his past before he loses her? The heroine is young and acts it too much so this reader did not connect well with her, she was found to be immature and foolhardy at times. There are multiple points of view including that of the villain.

ARC provided by the author.

Chrissy says

This book is another amazing hit, in this awesome series. This book is more like a 2 for one deal. Yes we get to see Regan and Fords story, and yes it is so awesome. She has a stalker, Ford is there to be a bodyguard and lets just say, there is ton of romance and suspense between them two...

Then we have Ruby and Montez, we see their amazing sweet and loving romance story.....

This book is full of sweet romance and suspense and really hot love scenes. Get this book today.....

I received this book in exchange for a honest review!

Alex (HEABookNerd) says

Series: Red Stone Security #12

Moving to Miami to work for Red Stone Security was the best decision Raegan Taylor ever made and the only thing that would make it better is if she could catch the attention of sexy Detective Ford Burke. **When Raegan is almost kidnapped from a nightclub Ford is there to rescue her and with Raegan in danger, Ford can't deny his feelings anymore.**

Secret Obsession was a quick, enjoyable read as we venture into some newer characters in the Red Stone universe. **I really liked Raegan who seemed to have her life pretty well figured out.** She's confident, intelligent, and knows her worth. She's crushed on Ford for a while but she's also not pining for him or willing to accept anything less than his everything. Ford is also a great hero but he makes some rookie mistakes stemming from trust issues he's trying to work through, but it doesn't take long for Ford to realize his mistake and try to fix things. **Ford is definitely a protector and he'll do anything to keep Raegan safe.**

As an added bonus, we also get to see side characters Ruby and Montez fall in love. We first met them in *Under His Protection*, Ruby is Julieta's assistant and Montez is Julieta's brother. They have a sweet romance as Montez is self-conscious about the scarring on his face from his military service and he doesn't think he's good enough for Ruby.

Reader Safety: Heroine is drugged while out at a club

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### **Trish R. says**

Another great book by one of my favorite authors.

I love Ms. Reus's Red Stone Security books, and this 12th one is no different than the rest: a wonderful love story, an awesome family and a bad guy.

I really liked Ford and Raegan, and I especially like the fact that the story is short enough that there's no room for page after page of angst (213 pages). There was a misunderstanding but it only lasted for 3 days, long enough for Ford to pull his head out of his ass.

And it was nice that there was another love story, too. Between Montez and Ruby, and some hot sex between them as well.

It was also unusual the way the bad guy got caught. Again, we had another creepy stalker who got all that he deserved.

It's always great to visit with the family, Harrison, Mara, Uncle Keith, Lizzy, Porter, Belle, Athena, Julieta, Ivan and Detective Duarte, and all those I've forgotten. The men in this family are so protective of their women it's not even funny. Protective of all women, really.

There was some sexual tension and the usual hot and steamy sex. As well as the usual bad words and the F-

bomb dropped 48 times. I happen to like the sex and the bad words but for those of you who don't you can't say you haven't been warned.

As to the narrator: What can I say? I love Sophie Eastlake's narration. Yeah, all her male voices are alike but they're nice manly and sexy voices and that's more than you get from a lot of female narrators.

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### **Sofia T. (♥ Dimitri Belikov) says**

Secret Obsession is the twelfth book in the Red Stone Security series and it offers not one but two parallel romances. The main focus, though, are Raegan Taylor, Harrison, Grant and Porter's cousin and sexy cop, Ford Burke.

Ford cannot believe that the one woman whom he desires is the Caldwell's cousin. As if that wasn't enough, she's a decade younger than him and the fact that he can't seem to control himself around her, makes Ford believe that Raegan is a dream that he is never going to enjoy.

Raegan may be the Caldwell's cousin but she won't let them control her life. Working at RSS with Athena is something she didn't expect to be doing but she has come to love her job. She likes everyone at RSS and her job offers her more than she would ever need. But something is missing and she knows exactly what, Ford. Even though the sexy cop won't admit his feelings, his actions say a lot. So, when Ford saves her from a night gone wrong, Raegan knows it's a now or never opportunity.

Secret obsession was amazing! I really liked Ford and Reagan as a couple. I loved the fact that we got to see and hear from couples from the previous books in the series and I especially loved the scenes with Mara and Harrison (they still remain my fav couple). We also get to meet Raegan's friends, Ruby and Dominique. This book has two romances and the other, while parallel, is a bit short-ish but still really great! We got to see Ruby and Montez get together and how their relationship developed and everything and it was so cute!

As for Dominique, worry not. Katie recently announced that she's getting her own story with a character we briefly meet here. Her book, Love Thy Enemy, will be out early June, so make sure to read this one before the next one comes out!

Another great read by Katie Reus!

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Posted on: <http://sofialovesreading.blogspot.co....>

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### **ZETTER says**

#### **I Love In Spite Of Yourself!!!**

Raegan Taylor was Harrison, Grant and Porter's cousin, who worked at Red Stone Security with Athena in

the new marketing/PR division. After what happened to her in Vegas in the previous book (***SWORN TO PROTECT***), they wished they could keep her in their sights all the time. She loved them even though they were overprotective.

Raegan dated guys but she wasn't into them, there was only one man she wanted and that was, Ford Burke. Since the moment she moved to Miami, the sexy as sin cop caught her attention. But Ford kept her at arm's length, much to her chagrin.

Ford Burke one of Miami's finest couldn't seem to stop thinking about a certain, sexy, gorgeous woman, by the name of Raegan Taylor. He wanted her as much as she wanted him but whenever she was close to him. Ford didn't know how to act around Raegan.

He wished she was anybody else besides the Cardwells' cousin and that she wasn't so darn irresistible. He didn't like the idea of another man being with her despite arguing with himself about the reasons why he couldn't be with her. When she found herself in danger, Ford's protective instincts took over.

As they grew closer, Ford's past threatened what they were trying to build. He had to find a way to let go of the past and move on. Added to that, there was a maniac, someone Raegan never expected who had been stalking her.

Ford and the Caldwells did whatever they had to do in order to protect Raegan. Ford put his life on the line to make sure that, Raegan would be safe.

As the parallel couple in this book Montez and Ruby were adorable, so happy that they both found each other. I enjoyed the little angst they had. Ruby wouldn't let Montez off the hook so easily, but in the end she understood where he was coming from. They complemented each other.

It felt like coming home from being overseas for a long time, catching up with the Caldwells, their wives, their friends and they extended family was a delightful treat. Love will always win.

***SECRET OBSESSION*** was engrossing, another first-rate novel by Katie Reus. She had me from the dedication to her better half until the end. Five stars, two thumbs up and a heck yeah to grab yourselves a copy.

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### **Danielle Gypsy Soul says**

3.5 Stars. As always I enjoy the Red Stone Security Books. This could easily be read as a stand alone book. I enjoyed Raegan and Ford both very much. I thought they had great chemistry together and I love a cop as the hero of a RS book. The only thing I could have asked for more of in this book was a better understanding of the villain. He was a "cardboard" stalker and I wanted to understand his motivation a bit more. Nothing really new about this book but the writing is good and I will continue to read this series.

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### **CC says**

Raegan was just too naïve / stupid for me to connect to. She got better over the course of the book. But I just could not understand why a 32 year old man would be interested in this country bumpkin who acted like the girl in Clueless.

After getting past the beginning as she seemed to evolve, and I appreciated that she was so willing to let Ford be Ford. Because Ford was damaged and he acted like a jerk. But I actually appreciated how she responded to his apology. Because while I might be vindictive, I am also forgiving when I think the issue was legit and the apology was sincere. Even if it was a bit late in coming. She could have made him work a little harder, but I did not feel it was required.

This stalker storyline was ok and I liked that we got his POV occasionally.

Cannot believe I forgot to mention the dual storyline! We finally got Ruby and Montez! Who I liked more, of course. The problem was I thought the dual storyline was way too much switching around for such a short book. It was a little confusing, especially on audio.

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### **Sunny says**

3.5 stars. ARC Review

By book 12 in a series, I am sure it cannot be easy to come up with super innovative plot points, but this is when good writing comes in. Katie Reus is a great romantic suspense writer. I really enjoy this dual format feature the story of two couples. I think she excels at giving us the two-fers. One is more a "getting together" story and the other drives the suspense. I can't say that I think this story is super special, but I really like it. I have my own secret obsession with cops and this one is right up my alley. I like our primary hero, Ford. Yes, he's alpha, but he is also sweet and vulnerable. He is the perfect kind of hero for this kind of romantic suspense.

*Thank you to the author for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Claire Robinson says**

### **4 - "Then... I met you." Stars!**

Raegan and Ford warmed up my Kindle from the beginning to the end of their story, in book twelve of Katie Reus' hugely enjoyable *Red Stone Security* Series.

Both have been attracted to the other from afar since Raegan came to town to work at *Red Stone* but Ford, being older didn't think she would be interested in him in that way. However, after saving her from almost being taken from a club after having her drink spiked while out with her friends, it becomes obvious very quickly that she is as attracted to him, as he is to her.

***She bought out all his protective, possessive instincts... He was the one taking care of her, he would keep her safe.***

Once again the author kept the suspense aspect of the story moving alongside the sexy-times between them at a steady pace, and I really liked Raegan and Ford together as a couple, this was a book I pretty much read in one sitting I enjoyed it so much.

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## **Kristi Hudecek-Ashwill says**

"Secret Obsession" is the twelfth book of the Red Stone Security series.

Raegan is being stalked by a freak but she doesn't know she's being stalked. She is drugged in a club and hauled out of the bar by the stalker but Ford, a cop, happened to be at the same place at the same time and stopped the abduction.

Ford and Raegan have known each other for a year but they were holding back their feelings and trying to be coy. Needless to say, things get explosive between them and the love affair is on.

Meanwhile, Ruby and Montez are finally getting it together. In comparing the two stories, they're both really good but I preferred Ruby and Montez. The reason is because Ruby is "Marilyn Monroe" gorgeous and Montez is scarred from an incident in the war. Ruby has been played by more than her fair share of guys where Montez has been the victim of "pity sex". He's the ugly guy no woman wants. She's the beautiful girl every guy wants. But they wanted each other and didn't really know how to go about the pursuit.

The two stories are different although the characters are friends and know each other or know mutual friends who are either friends or family. Both are well-written with strong characters who were easy to care about, fast-paced action, and strong plots.

I like this series a lot. The best part of it is, as with any good series, the books can be read as stand-alone novels. It's pretty cool to see some of the characters from other books make appearances but you won't be lost if you've not read previous books.

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