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*"Tabke's edgy and delicious tales hold a top spot on my must-read list!" —Sylvia Day*

### THE DARE

Dr. Katrina Winslow has always known who she is: an elite scientist, a certifiable genius and ultra-reserved when it comes to love and relationships. So when a simple game of truth or dare offers the cool doctor the opportunity to shed her lab coat and glasses and put on a pair of sexy stilettos, she accepts the dare. But will shedding her inhibitions fulfill her every desire and help her discover if she can be truly daring or will it cost her everything?

Two men, one a sexy stranger, and a night of no holds barred passion.

### DOUBLE DARE

Since The Dare that changed her life, Dr. Katrina Winslow has hooked up, broken up, hooked up again, and run like hell, but her drama's just getting started. Not only does she lose her job, but unpredictable and sexy-as-hell cop Simon insists they have fantasies left to explore.

Simon's a man who gets what he wants and he's got Katy in his green-eyed crosshairs. Though Katy runs from him, she's never further away than his fingertips, something he proves when he sexts her a provocative double dare.

Will the prim and proper scientist resist the sexy cop's thrilling texts? Or will she allow Simon to strip her bare and guide her closer and closer to what she truly desires?

### THE TRUTH

Since meeting the enigmatic Simon, Katrina Winslow's life has been one roller coaster ride after another. Deep down, she's certain the man who rocks her world in bed just might be the one to save her career and earn her love. But with not just one but two women pulling him away, Kat fears the man with all the answers will never give her the most important one--that he's hers and hers alone.

Despite the secrets he must keep, Simon's determined to help Katrina fight her battles and keep her close. She's the most important woman to him, but she's not the only one in his life. He's already given his Cinderella back her shoes; will he lose her heart when he tells her the truth?

### THE CONSEQUENCE

They have been dared and doubled-dared, and they've flirted with the truth, but as Kat and Simon tumble deeper into their sexual odyssey, their love for one another blooms magnificent and fierce. Soon their love is threatened but Kat's certain nothing can tear them apart. Then duty calls and Simon's betrayal is revealed.

Will Kat run again or will she finally stand and fight for her man?

## **The Chronicles of Katrina Box Set Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Chronicles of Katrina Box Set for online ebook**

### **Geri Reads says**

#### **3.5 stars!**

The first two installments were hot...the other two were still hot but the Simon and Kat annoyed me with their cat-and-mouse game.

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### **Mette says**

The only thing I can say about this book is: it's a new favorite of mine and you need to read it because it's very very good!!!

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### **Bambi Unbridled says**

I really enjoyed Karin Tabke's Blood Moon Rising Trilogy, so I was stoked to run across this book as a freebie on Amazon. I remembered from my prior reads that she did the smut pretty well. However I have to say that, for a book outside of the new adult arena, The Chronicles of Katrina was absolutely dripping with angst. I was choking on it the whole day. As I was reading this when I was a bit under the weather, my angst tolerance was on the lower end of the spectrum.

So our heroine is Dr. Katrina Winslow, a molecular geneticist with an IQ of 175. She is also apparently a little sexpot, but she hides it under the guise of being "professional" because science and sexpots don't go together in our society. Isn't that a shame? Anywho, I really liked the idea of this heroine. Being a bit of a smartypants myself, I can totally dig a heroine who can walk and chew gum at the same time. Well maybe not, our girl was sort of a klutz. But so am I, so its all good. If we can't walk and chew gum at the same time, at least we have big brains and boobs to match. I felt bad for Kat and her history of failed relationships... for about an hour. Then her insecurities started grated on my last nerve. She was so over the top insecure that I think my eyes rolled right out of my head. Things you should never ask your man because you will never be happy with the answer:

1. Whether he liked having sex with his ex.
2. What do you see in me?
3. What will happen to me if someone better comes along (for him)?
4. How many women did you sleep with before me?

So for all of her intelligence and good looks, Kat went downhill for me after about the 30% mark of this book.

Now, our sexy hero on the other hand, stayed strong and true for most of the story. Simon West is a captain with the sheriff's department and is a true man's man. He is not a Dominant in the traditional sense, but he has no problem taking control of Kat's body and pleasure. He has a couple of skeletons in his closet, but

nothing over the top that couldn't be dealt with. I give him huge props for his ability to deal with Kat's insecurities without telling her to grow a backbone and leave him alone. I would have been seriously tempted. I would have liked to see more of him as a law enforcement officer, we heard more about his job than we actually saw him working. But overall he was a solid hero for your romantic fantasies.

There were some things that I really liked about the story - namely the corporate espionage plot. I liked mystery/suspense of that aspect. I found myself wanting to rush through some of the sex to get back to the plot conflict. As I said at the beginning, Tabke writes smut really well so her sextimes are on point. A good amount of detail, build up, and steam in all the encounters. Though there were A LOT of them - I think a couple could have been sacrificed to build up the espionage aspect which remained on the fringes of the story.

There were also a couple things that didn't match up for me. Simon is supposed to be working undercover, but the whole task force is identified as a group of cops at the resort at the beginning of the book. This blows the undercover role. (view spoiler) And finally, the corporate espionage and biological warfare conspiracy is not really an investigation that would be spearheaded by a state/local law enforcement agency. It would have been more believable if this task force was made up of CIA, DHS, FBI, DOJ, etc.

I did enjoy the story - but a few times it felt like work trying to deal with Kat's self-esteem issues. I am really looking forward to the rest of the series, just with less angst and insecurity. This book was free on Amazon as of Dec. 31, 2015. 3 stars / 5 flames.

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### **Letty (Cover to Cover Book Blog Reviewer) says**

What do you get when you put a sex-on-a-stick, green-eyed cop and a sexy, little lab bunny together? A HOT AS ALL HELL story that is sure to burn the eyebrows off your face as you read it.

Simon West is the enigmatic stranger that scientist Katrina Winslow literally stumbles upon one night and from that moment on, sparks fly and tensions rise between them. That encounter leaves them both breathless and panting for more (and I was panting right there with them)

Katrina, her boyfriend Evan, and Simon, embark on a game of lust, love, and deception that gives each of them more than they bargained for. Her downward spiral begins when she learns of Evan's lies and her career and reputation are put on the line. Simon's pursuit of her only adds to her already jumbled life, making her realize he is the one man she will never be able to get out of her system. Simon is a man determined to always get what he wants and now, he wants Katrina. Secrets and other outside forces threaten to destroy any type of relationship possible between them, but they work to prevent that from happening. There were times when I wanted to slap the hell out of Katrina, but overall, I understood the why of her insecurities and the reason behind some of her actions and decisions.

The story is excellent and the characters are written in such a way that you automatically submerge yourself in their journey. The writing style is smooth and the flow is easy to follow, allowing you to live there with each character and ride the rollercoaster of emotions they are on.

The chemistry between Simon and Katrina is off the charts. There is one shower scene that will definitely require a change of panties ;-)

The Chronicles of Katrina is one story that should be on everyone's reading list. I am now not-so-patiently waiting for Karin's next series, Bad Boys of the Bay, which kicks off with Simon's buddy, Special Agent Jack Thornton.

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### **BCD Book Review - Rachel & Jen says**

Amount of Sex - 4/5

How explicit - 3/5

Fetish - 1/5

Romance - 4/5

Hi I'm guest reviewer JM. Most of my choices in reading come from The Erotic Book Finder here (even before she started a blog). This time I ventured out on my own, because the book was FREE (yes, I really like free).

Dr. Katrina (Katy) Winslow is a well respected genetic scientist. While at a conference to present her breakthrough research with her boyfriend and fellow scientist, Evan, he dares her to bring another man into their bed for the night. Katy agrees and meets the sexy stranger, Simon. This one night brings Katy's world to a halt with betrayal, sex, and excitement. She tries to figure out if she can shed her interior monologue of what is ok sexually to invite this exciting stranger into her life.

Simon West is the introduction to the Bad Boys of the Bay series. Towards the end of the book, we meet more of Simon's crew of hot cop guys. Simon is sexy, hot, and a little bit complicated. He is happy to introduce Katy into his slightly dominating sex play.

This book is pretty sexy with a little bit of dominance. No fetish except light restraints. The middle sags slightly in the sex department, but the beginning starts off red hot with great descriptions. While this is part of series, it doesn't leave you hanging at the end. It just leaves your appetite a little tantalized to hear more about the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area Bad Boys. I haven't read the rest of the series yet, but it is on my list.

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### **Rohani says**

So we meet Katrina who is supposed to be a respectable scientist who apparently has worked REALLY hard to get where she is because a field in Science is really an old boys' club. From a feminist perspective, GOOD ON YA, Katrina. But my God, do you disappoint! She contradicts this over and over and OVER and OVER because Simon's so GREAT IN BED. What the fuck. And what is WITH the whole "I'll be your hero, I'll rescue you" garbage? Um, HELLO! Faux feminism much?! You wet the bed, Katrina. Clean up your own fucking mess, so stop acting like a helpless useless damsel in distress who needs Prince Charming to rescue you! And to think it was written in the 21st Century, I'm appalled! Also, I know this is supposed to be a romantic suspense and all, but I am ASTOUNDED by the level of unprofessionalism and lack of moral code of ethics committed by her and Simon. From Book 1, BOTH of them have committed career suicide all for some ASS. God, WHY would they do that?! For love? What the HELL, the first time they met they had a menage a trois! ARGH! And Katrina's supposed to be the smart one, yet she keeps making STUPID dumbass decisions. So she's dated Evan for eight months and all that time she had no clue he was married?! And she barely knows Simon, but the warning signs were SCREAMING that Simon was no good. Oh you know, when Simon wouldn't tell her his LAST NAME. Or when his WIFE called him on the phone. Still not convinced that he's no good? What about when he confessed he KILLED his own brother? Really, Katrina?

He keeps demanding that she trusts him but he hasn't done SHIT to earn it. Come on, Katrina. How fucking DENSE are you? The way I see it, they're both losers who deserve each other.

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### **Cindy Caron says**

OMG! I'm not even sure that is sufficient to even begin to express my wonder with this book! If you want hot, steamy, full of suspense and action (both carnal and otherwise) this book has pretty much all of it and then some. Katrina has been taken advantage of and deserted by all of the men she's ever had in her life, and she's about to find out that her current boyfriend is no different. Imagine her angst when she finds out that her co-worker of five years, and boyfriend and lover for the past six months, has been using her and that he is married. But before she discovers all of this, he dares her to pick up a stranger and invite him to come play with them. Little did she know, that the stranger will be the one to help her pick up the pieces as her world comes tumbling down around her. Sexy "green eyes" Simon catches her eye, not once, but twice before she boldly walks up to him and invites him to join her to play. Little did he know that when he accepted the invite, he would fall into the arms of the only woman who was able to break down his walls of steel and warm his heart.

Between corporate espionage, demented ex's, dark family secrets and humping like bunnies, this duo will experience so many ups and downs before they can level out their relationship....if it ever levels out.

This is the first of Karin Tabke's work that I have had the extreme pleasure of reading, and I truly hope it is not the last. Even though this is a standalone, I know it is part of a series (*Bad Boys of the Bay*), and I hope to be fortunate enough to be able to read the subsequent stories. I truly enjoyed Karin's writing skills, her style is captivating and will have your blood pumping furiously as you read about all of the excitement that Katy and Simon come across throughout their journey together.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Barb says**

Definitely not getting the rest of this series. Harlequin romance type with a cop and lots of sex!

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### **Deb Markanton says**

Powerfully Sensual & Complex

If you have yet to experience the awesomeness that is Karin Tabke, you are missing out on one helluva ride. I fell in love with her voice and style when I stumbled on her very hot little novella, *Bad To The Bone*, and just had to have more. Fast-paced, smooth-as-silk writing. Jaw dropping, heart pounding, panty melting scenes. Gorgeous, badass cops dedicated to bringing down criminals even if it means stretching the limits of the law. You can also count on there being a woman involved somehow, somehow who ultimately brings that bad boy to his knees even though he has, up until now, been a player. Thus leading to shenanigans of the aforementioned jaw-dropping, panty melting variety. *Bad Boys of the Bay* is a well thought out, written to perfection series. The twists and turns, secrets and lies, and more than a few OMG moments will keep you absolutely riveted. I can't tell you how many times I thought I'd figured out where things were headed only to be thwarted again! Ms. Tabke is goooood, people. Very, very good.

*The Chronicles of Katrina*, Book One in the *Bad Boys of the Bay* series, begins with a scene so hot you'll be primed from the get-go. This is one of the things I love about Ms. Tabke; her books always begin with a bang (pun intended), luring you in. Mind you, these aren't gratuitous sex scenes, which I hate, btw. They are totally relevant and act as the catalyst for the story that follows. A story I absolutely loved. But it's Katrina and Simon who stole my heart. These two are meant for each other. Granted, their road to this revelation is fraught with uncertainty, stubbornness, and a lot of pissing each other off. It's such a fun ride!

When Dr. Katrina Winslow accepts a dare from boyfriend/co-worker Evan Scott, she never expects it to unleash a Pandora's box of lies, deceit, mystery, and danger. As far as Kat is concerned, accepting Evan's dare she invite a stranger up to their hotel room for an evening of naughty fun may be way out of her comfort zone, but it's also a fantasy come true. Especially after running smack into a gorgeous, green-eyed cop in front of the hotel elevator that morning. Impossible as it may seem, his mere touch lit her libido like a firecracker. Which is more than she can say for Evan, who has yet to gift her with an orgasm. Kat blames herself. Her single-minded focus for years has been scientific research. She's one of the most brilliant genetic scientists in the country, if not the world. She's also a self-professed nerd, and she has no confidence in her looks. Hiding behind lab coats and librarian glasses, the only hint of the vixen longing to be unleashed are five inch, peep-toe Louboutin's she routinely wears with her pencil skirts and blouses. Later that evening, after Evan drops the *dare* bomb, Kat spies green eyes in the hotel bar sitting with a group of other cops. What the hell does she have to lose, right? They were at an out-of-town hotel. Who would ever find out? Besides, he'll most likely turn her down. She certainly never saw the freight train that is Captain Simon West coming down the track straight at her until it's too late.

Simon doesn't miss a detail. The beauty who plowed into him earlier that day, unleashing an armload of papers as well as a deliciously sexy blush is approaching his table. He's intrigued. She's not the usual type of woman who takes one look at him and goes in for the kill. But he's not fooled by the conservative clothes and librarian style eyeglasses. Those sexy as sin stilettos are a sure sign this curvy woman is much more than meets the eye. When she bold as you please, thanks to a few drinks approaches him with a shocking proposal, no way in hell is he going to turn her down. He wants a taste of Katrina Winslow, boyfriend or not. Besides, Simon figures he can get Kat to kick the boyfriend to the curb once she experiences what he has to offer. Thanks to the shocking news Evan reveals to Kat the next morning, she indeed kicks him to the curb. The way is clear for Simon to make his move. And boy, does he have moves! Against his better judgment, Simon pursues Kat. Relentlessly. All the while knowing he has no business falling for her or doing everything in his power to make her fall for him. There are too many secrets he can't reveal. If she finds out the half of what he's done or what he's up to now it will not only devastate her, it just may get her killed.

I loved Simon and how he struggles with his feelings for Kat versus the secrets he must keep from her. He's so torn! What they had together...

*It was more than sex, it was an offering of body and soul by two people who acknowledged that they were emotionally connected.*

Simon has never felt so strongly for a woman. But he needs Kat safe until this case is solved. It involves Kat in more ways than she understands, and the players aren't nice guys. If he doesn't keep her out of it, no matter how much it kills him to push her away, he may lose her forever.

Initially, Kat reverts to old feelings of inadequacy as Simon barges into her life only to retreat time and again. However, Kat is sick and tired of being used and thrown away, sick of feeling like she's not worthy. Especially now that Evan has caused her to be unjustly fired from the job she loves. How dare he! When Kat steps up and confronts Simon, demanding to know what secrets he's keeping from her, she is a force to be

reckoned with. She's bared her soul to him and expects him to do the same. I was so happy to see Kat on the warpath.

*She poked him in the chest with her index finger. "Where is that hot captain who relentlessly pursued me until I gave in?"*

*"He's wondering if he should have left you alone."*

*"Oh, no you don't. I know you're hurting, Simon. I know you feel like you screwed up, but you didn't. You forced me to talk about my issues, and stood by me when I did, now I'm turning the tables. Let me do the same for you. Trust me like I trusted you. Tell me everything, Captain West. Tell me now before I beat it out of you."*

*A spark lit his eyes. "I'd like to see you try."*

*The Chronicles of Katrina* is an absolute winner. It's a stellar suspense with lots of surprising twists, as well as a steamy love story. Not only can Ms. Tabke write the hell out of a sex scene, she's a master at conveying the sexual chemistry between Simon and Kat. There is so much to this story it's impossible to explain without revealing too much. Therefore, let me just say...Go forth and buy this book!

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### **Maureen Nicholson says**

This is a 3 star read for me. The story is told from the heroine's POV. This is a series of four novellas that complete this story. Although the plot was interesting, I really wanted to rate this higher but I have to say that the heroine completely annoyed me for most of the series. I can understand her hurt and being untrusting of the men in her life but she was just so flakey that I couldn't enjoy her character. The hero was sexy although very mysterious for most of the story and there was a lot of cat and mouse going on. One thing I can say is that this author can write some seriously hot sex scenes! I just wish the heroine wasn't so annoying.

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### **Barbara Svetlick says**

This needs a warning label for those readers who are not fond of sexual encounters in the story because this one is "eyes wide open" with a lot of very explicit sex. Putting that aside, because the sex is written well when it aligns with you, I found the struggle of Katrina's mental attitude is torn apart by her physical desires. I liked the underlying storyline though it took a back seat to the sex it was easy to follow. I enjoyed the characters and the story...

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### **Pack52 says**

*The Chronicles of Katrina* was originally a four-part series, now reissued into one convenient book. It follows the sexual awakening of Dr. Katrina Winslow, a genius research scientist and the mysterious, green-

eyed cop, Simon West. A game of Truth or Dare with her current boyfriend, Evan, brings the three of them to her hotel room for a night to remember. Or forget. Except she gets much more than she bargained for. She begins her downward spiral when she learns the truth about Evan and her status as a renowned scientist is put in jeopardy. Add to that, the relentless, unwanted pursuit by Simon, a man she can't get out of her head. The more he pursues her, the more she tries to push him away knowing he is just one more man who will break her heart. Simon is a man who knows what he wants and he wants Kat. As he tries to gain her trust and ultimately her love, he is duty-bound to keep vital secrets from her. Deep within her, Kat knows he is loyal and trustworthy, but what seems obvious casts doubt and makes her want to run. She wants his love and for him to belong to only her, but can she handle the truth?

Although this is a hot, steamy, sexy story that follows Katrina's transformation into a strong, sensual woman willing to fight for her man, I guarantee you fall in love with Simon. You will want to read it again and again.

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### **Cheshire Cat says**

What started off looking like just smut, turned out to have a great plot and was very interesting.

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### **Melinus says**

3.5 ??

I wish I could give it more but the heroine was just unacceptable. I mean she was a scientist and a doctor no less. And I get that they can be naïve (won't be the last time I mention that), but she was just unbearable. Imagine, you meet a cop and you find out he is married but promises you he is not married but can't talk about it at the moment because it will jeopardize his job and her safety. Wouldn't you come to the conclusion that he might work undercover? I mean seriously what's wrong with smart heroines who are not naïve and clingy (even though they say at least 10 times they will never make this mistake again) and want to know the deepest and darkest secrets within a couple days of knowing this guy.

He on the other hand was one of the reasons I finished the book. The other reason was that the story was good.

Bottom line if you can live with a ridiculous naïve, clingy and my-thoughts-and-actions-make-no-sense heroine, this story is good.

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### **Sandra says**

I found out about the *Chronicles of Katrina*, by Karin Tabke, through a random Twitter post and, though I had dozens upon dozens of books on my “to read” list, something about this one screamed out “BUY ME!” Not one to ignore the cry of a book or my credit card, Katrina and company were quickly taking up bytes on my Kindle.

And I’m so glad I caved, because I can’t remember the last time I lunged head-first into a book and came up laughing and crying and hot and bothered all at once. I fell in love with Simon immediately and not just because he’s smoking hot. I fell for Katrina almost as fast because she’s absolutely adorable and desperately needed someone like Simon to love her. Plus, they’re explosive together, pun intended. The *Chronicles of*

Katrina, originally told in four parts, may be the most fun I've had reading in forever, and honestly, I needed this book right now.

Just a few chapters in I felt I had a good idea of who the two main characters were, not to mention Katrina's devious, waste of space boyfriend, Evan. Evan is that typical sleazy guy, who is easy to dislike and brings out the desire to throw a punch or two. Simon, without doubt, fits right into the "hot, sexy man in uniform who's drenched in honor" category. Katrina is the archetypal "librarian" or as it is in this case, the scientist/doctor who's married to her job with no clue of how sexy she is. But, honestly, whether you see these personality types as cliché or not, it allowed for an instant relationship with each character.

But what really makes this book shine is how Karin Tabke takes the story from one of clichéd characters and erotica and builds it into an edge-of-your-seat, romantic suspense tale. She doesn't show her hand immediately, as the book begins with an incredibly hot, fairly unorthodox sex scene. But as the reader turns the page, the story gradually builds up to the promised romantic thriller while the characters rise above the clichés, slowly revealing their strengths and weaknesses until they're fully fleshed out people we care deeply about.

I give this one five stars all the way and classify it as a "read again" for sure!

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