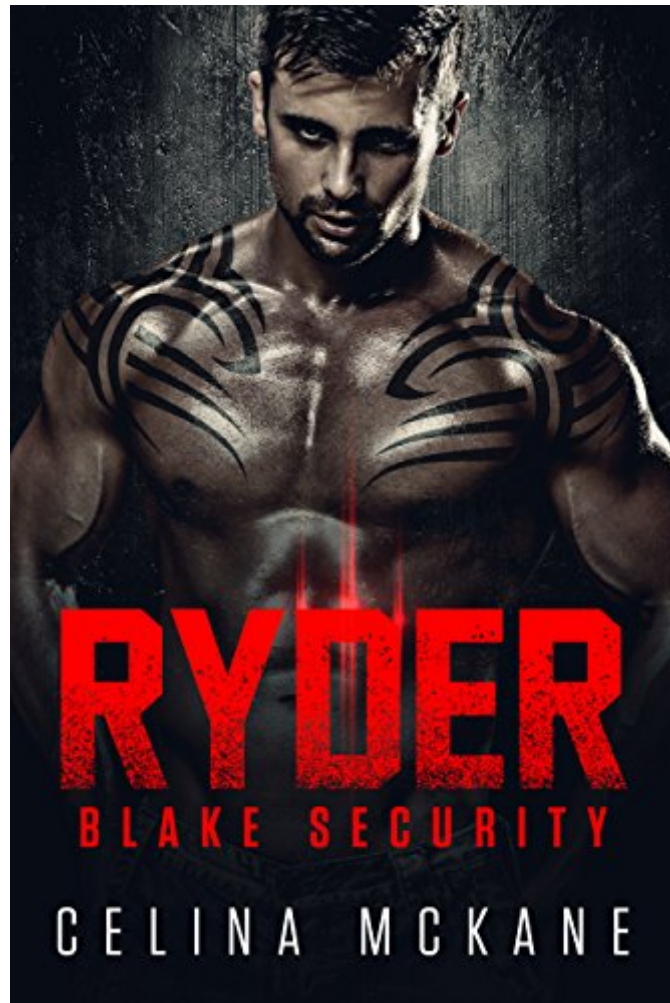


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Synopsis

Ryder I've had the breath knocked out of me plenty of times, mostly during my time in the Navy. Big surprise, Navy SEALs get knocked around a fair bit. But I don't think I've ever lost my breath at just the sight of a beautiful woman before. Yet here I am, awestruck, trying not to make a fool of myself in front of new clients. The woman at the top of the stairs must be the most gorgeous creature I've ever seen, and when she opens her lovely mouth, her thick, sexy Russian accent puts me completely under her spell. I struggle to remember I'm here to meet the Bransons, not ogle their stunning nanny. Focus, Ryder. The Bransons' baby was very nearly kidnapped, and they need your protection. And your professionalism. Getting to interview the smoking hot nanny will just be a bonus. I'll have to stay extra sharp, too, because I can tell almost immediately that something is not right in this huge, cold mansion. There's more going on here than meets the eye, and it seems like everyone has something to hide. Even the beautiful Alicia. Alicia The new bodyguard is not what I was expecting. He's more enormous, more handsome. And more perceptive than I'd hoped he would be. It seems like he is watching my every move, like I can feel his eyes on me even when my back is turned. But there's something about him that makes me feel so safe, too. Perhaps his large, capable hands, or his deep brown eyes, or even the scars on his arms. Maybe he could protect us. "protect me" but I can't take that chance. There are things he cannot know. Things I can't let him find out. Because if he did, if a man like him knew this family's secrets. None of us would be safe. Especially not him.

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Customer Reviews

• First things first. RYDER is a standalone, so everyone that is worried about being confused with the plot because they haven't read prequels and stuff don't have to worry about this one. In fact, I found it quite enjoyable and I believe you would too • RYDER, our hero, is a highly trained ex-Navy Seal who, like many others, is having a little of a hard time adjusting to the civilian life. Who can blame him? After everything he lived and saw, anyone would be jumpy every now and then or have some horrible nightmares. Personally, I think I would have probably even broken apart. However, he is taking things one step at a time and decided to join his childhood friend, who is also an ex-military, at his security company, Blake Security. He expected to work while trying to adjust little by little to be a civilian and keeping an eye on his grandmother, the woman who raised him after his mother abandoned him. Nevertheless, fate always have a second option for us, right? Sometimes even more! When he least expects it, our hero meets our beautiful Russian heroine, Aishe or Alicia. I do believe it was love at first sight, even when he has a hard time admitting it. He tries to be professional but a little ogling and innocent flirting doesn't harm anyone, right? The problem is that he was called to protect baby Celia Branson, who was almost kidnapped, not fall in love with her nanny. However, everyone in the Branson mansion seems to be hiding a secret of their own, even Alicia. I quite liked RYDER's character. He was a breath of fresh air at times when most heroes are alpha male who love to boss around our heroines, even when they don't always listen.

I received a free copy of this book from the author. Ryder, an ex-SEAL, works for Blake Security. His latest assignment is to protect a child of a rich couple from another kidnap attempt. When he goes to interview the parents, he finds a worried father and a mother who is more bored than worried. Then he meets Alisha, the nanny. He thinks she is the most beautiful woman he has ever seen. As he interviews her, he can tell she is keeping secrets. She does reveal some facts that the family neglected to tell him and his boss. He also senses she is keeping other secrets though. Alisha is also attracted to Ryder but must push him away. She comes from a rough life in Russia and wants nothing more than a decent life in America. She can have no conflict or her Visa will be

revoked. One night, or early morning, there is a loud explosion. Ryder goes to Alisha and baby Celia and gets them to the safety of the pool house, where everyone else has gone. Celia's father is fed up with the attempts on his baby and decides to take the family to their home in Italy. While Ryder is checking the house, Alisha leaves with the excuse of getting the baby her breakfast but Ryder finds her trying to leave the property. Now he is wondering who the target really is.... Alisha doesn't want to tell him anything because she fears for his safety as she has come to care for him. Can he help her and have her a part of his life? I enjoyed this book quite a bit. It isn't a full length novel but the writer has managed to give me enough information about the characters for the story to work. Alisha really is a wonderful young woman, a good woman, and you can certainly understand why Ryder has fallen for her.

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