



THE
DARKEST
HOUR

A KGI NOVEL

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It's been twelve months in view that ex-Navy SEAL Ethan Kelly finally observed his spouse Rachel alive. Crushed by means of grief and guilt over his mess ups as a husband, Ethan shuts himself off from every little thing and everyone. His brothers have attempted to carry Ethan into the KGI fold, attempted *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* to wreck in the course of the boundaries he's outfitted round himself, yet Ethan refuses to respond... till he gets nameless details claiming Rachel is alive. To keep her, Ethan should stay clear of bullets, pass a jungle, and danger falling captive to a dangerous drug cartel that threatens his personal demise. Or even if he succeeds, he'll need to strength Rachel to get *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* well stories she can't and doesn't are looking to relive—the minute by means of minute terror of her darkest hour—for their love, and their lives, may perhaps depend upon it.

I enjoyed the idea of this e-book since it jogged my memory a bit of 2 of my favourite RS books, *To the Threshold* via Cindy Gerard, and *Wild Card* by means of Lora Leigh--two tales approximately moment chances. Even if this booklet was once good, and is an effective begin to what seems to be to be a thrilling series, it simply rather did not make it to great. Anything used to be lacking for me--and I feel it had anything to do with the *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* connection among the H/h. Let's again up a minute and get the synopsis out of the way. Ethan Kelly is an ex-Navy SEAL, wallowing in misery/grief/guilt at the 12 months anniversary of his candy spouse (of years) Rachel's tragic dying in a aircraft crash whereas on a humanitarian challenge to someplace (Colombia?) in South America. Ethan comes from a large, loving, loud and dependable family, headed by means of ex-schoolteacher/rules-the-roost matriarch Marlene, Papa Bear/hardware shop proprietor Frank, and together with 3 older, ex-military, competitive, occasionally bossy brothers (Sam, Garrett, and Donovan) and more youthful brothers who're at present within the military (twins Joe and Nathan). Sam, Garrett, and Donovan are all companions in KGI (Kelly workforce International), an elite agency that focuses on hostage and kidnap sufferer recovery, collecting intelligence, and dealing with jobs that the U.S. govt can't. They might like Ethan to come back and paintings for *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* them, and feature been after him *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* ever due to the fact he'd resigned his fee to the army over a 12 months ago. Yet Ethan's had a coarse yr considering his wife's premature *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* death, and the final time he observed her, their marriage *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* used to be putting by way of a thread. Rachel was once a lot loved within the family--she was once one in every of Marlene's favourite students, and after her mom and dad died in a vehicle accident, Marlene virtually followed her into the Kelly family. The entire brothers cherished her, however it was once Ethan who gained her middle and married her. Yet issues took a flip for the more severe within the marriage. After a tragedy occurred to the younger couple, Ethan left the army to spend extra time with a spouse who wanted him. Yet Ethan's insecurities, jealousies, demands, and accusations got here among the couple, and placed any such pressure at the relationship, that Rachel went on a humanitarian journey to South the US to get away. Ethan regretted his actions, yet prior to he may say sorry to Rachel and beg her forgiveness, the twist of fate happened. Rachel *The Darkest Hour (KGI #1)* used to be dead, and Ethan's existence may by no means be the same. Until eventually the

single 12 months anniversary of her death, and a package deal arrives with maps and a be aware announcing "Your spouse is alive." Well, to sum up, Ethan and the brothers head off on a bold rescue challenge to Colombia, the place Rachel is being held captive by way of drug lords. Yes, they get her out alive, yet Rachel isn't the related lady that she used to be. She'd been abused through her captors, turned addicted to heroin, and suffers virtually overall reminiscence loss. She does consider Ethan though. And Garrett....hmmmm. The remainder of the tale revolves round Rachel attempting to get her reminiscence again (while answering the query "Are you okay?" a minimum of a dozen instances a day), struggling with her cravings for the medication she's retreating from (she rather had to be in treatment of a few sort), Ethan hoping she does not take into account the kingdom their marriage was once in, and the brothers attempting to work out why Rachel was once held prisoner for a year. while Rachel's tale and restoration hits the neighborhood newspaper, somebody is shocked that she's nonetheless alive, and takes motion to rectify the situation. there is a little bit of suspense whilst the brothers become aware of that a persons attempting to kill Rachel, and it really is tied into what she may need witnessed (but cannot remember) whereas down in Colombia. Okay, The Darkest Hour (KGI #1) my thoughts...It began very promising. I take pleasure in an outstanding "rescue the hostage" plot, particularly while it is a husband rescuing the affection of his existence (a los angeles To the Brink). And whilst the wife inspiration the affection in their existence was once lifeless and they are no longer (a l. a. Wild Card) that makes it even sweeter. Love whilst a pair will get a moment chance--lots of emotion there. yet anything did not fairly click on for me among Rachel and Ethan--I wasn't completely hooked up to them. I stored hoping to examine their courtship--I desired to see Rachel fall for Ethan and Ethan fall for Rachel. I stored waiting for to learn a flashback scene approximately how they met (I wasn't even yes in their ages) and fell in love. did not get it. obtained a few scenes approximately how liked Rachel was once within the Kelly kinfolk (treated as a queen by means of all) yet i wished to believe the relationship among the two. i believe that would've made the situations of the kidnapping and the rescue extra significant for me. I knew that Ethan enjoyed Rachel and was once sorry for what he positioned her through, yet i wanted to event a bit extra in their earlier to completely connect to them as a couple, and to root for his or her future. Now, for issues i presumed the writer did relatively well...the courting one of the brothers, their discussion and activities have been spot on. i'll consider the affection and camaraderie. The parents, and particularly the portrayal of mom Marlene because the loving and constant head of a relatives of six boys, and the way the entire boys revered (and feared!) their mom--well done. Marlene's loving penchant for taking in 'strays' (the parent-less Rachel, sheriff's deputy Sean, teenage runaway Rusty--who absolutely will maintain shooting up within the series--as probably a destiny mate for Nathan?) and her knack for butting into her sons' lives, made her a colorful, memorable character. i am definite we are going to see much more of her within the series. There are loads of characters brought during this book. such a lot of that i began writing them down in a computer simply to hold every little thing straight, in case they pop up back in destiny books! essentially the most memorable have been Dr. Maren Scofield, who were rescued by way of KGI in Africa and handled Rachel at her medical institution The Darkest Hour (KGI #1) in Costa Rica; P.J. Rutherford, a (female) sniper on considered one of KGI's teams; "Steele" and "Rio"--two KGI crew leaders with loads of animosity in the direction of every one other; and naturally the feminine runaway Rusty, who makes an preliminary undesirable first impact at the Kelly brothers, yet who mother Marlene is decided to maintain within the Kelly family. So plenty of power for destiny tales approximately not just the five ultimate dashing, hunky brothers, but

additionally for a few aiding characters vital to the Kellys. So how in regards to the love scenes? good this being Maya Banks, i used to be looking forward to anything additional steamy. yet this was once a mainstream romance, no longer erotica, so it used to be ordinary of what you'll get in a romantic suspense. there has been in basic terms prolonged scenes among Rachel and Ethan that i will be able to recall, and had lots of heat, yet were not whatever strange or kinky. I convinced want there were a number of scenes proven pre-abduction, however it wasn't to be.:(All in all no longer a nasty commencing to a series. there have been a number of issues which could have made it larger to deliver it as much as a five big name learn (more history at the H/h's relationship, a bit extra descriptions in regards to the characters (not actual transparent approximately what everybody appeared like--what colour was once Rachel's hair, how previous was once she?, how previous are the brothers?, etc., a bit extra suspense), yet might be those little information that support to fill out a ebook will pop out sooner or later stories. i hope so. i am awaiting the subsequent one within the series, vast over-protective brother Sam's tale (No position to Run). For this first-in-the-series? four stars

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