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First Down (The Guardian Series Book 2)



Synopsis

Sean Drake is a closeted college football player coming up on the most important year of his life. He's been the star quarterback at the University of Florida for three years in a row and now he was facing bright NFL prospects. All he needed to do was stay focused on the game and come out a winner. Things get harder when Sean starts being stalked by a crazy fan and finds their advances only getting bolder and more threatening. Connor Hawk works as a bodyguard for an exclusive agency in Los Angeles. He lives life day to day, protecting celebrities and politicians for a paycheck and then finding a random guy to ease the pressure over a night. He resigned himself to living a lonely life caring only about his work. That all changes when he gets flown to Gainesville for an assignment that alters his future in the blink of an eye. When Connor and Sean meet, their chemistry is undeniable. Both of the men must come to terms with feelings they thought they were never destined to have. Meanwhile, the stalker becomes more persistent and ends up doing something unimaginable. Now, Sean is faced with a choice that could potentially push him out of the closet in the worst way possible or he could sacrifice the one person that ever made him feel complete. _____ FIRST DOWN is a hot and steamy, gay romance novel with no cliffhangers. It is the second book in The Guardian series but can be read as a standalone.

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Customer Reviews

If you read the first book in this series, you will know that what ever is going to happen between deeply closeted All America quarterback Sean Drake and his newly hired (and openly gay) bodyguard Connor Hawk, is going to be explosive once they get to ripping apart the bodyguard-client relationship and start tearing off their clothes. Even though the protagonists of the first book, Tristan and Adrian (Connor's brother), eventually make an appearance here and have a strong impact on the denouement and epilogue, this one is completely different in tone and rationale than the first book. First of all, even though Sean is deep in the closet like Connor's brother Adrian used to be (an interesting flip of the family tree), he and Connor are eying each other's trousers before they get to really know each other. The writing is so strongly suggestive that it is almost halfway through the book that you realize that the plot rationale--to find Sean's sick stalker--is secondary to the way these two men fall in lust and then love. There's a lot of should-I-come-out, should-I not pursue-this, throughout the book, and a lot of very good interlacing of the college scene in Gainesville, Florida, home of Sean's University of Florida Gators. There's also a lot of really terrific sex. But the plot comes to the point rather through the back door and in a quite obvious way, and the resolution is handled in the usual bodyguard-to-the-rescue fashion. The result is a book you will breeze through and shrug about upon occasion, but probably enjoy very much. My only real qualm is how the timeline of the book will fit in with the author's note about the next in the series. That I don't quite get, but what the heck, this one is good.

Sean and Connor were both awesome characters that really clicked with me. There was surprisingly little actual football in the book, but that was ok. The one thing that didn't ring quite true for me was at the end of the book where I would think that an arrest, and the reasons behind it, involving a top college quarterback, would have the press all over that. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was not a bad read overall. However, I believe if you are going to write a book about football, especially about SEC football, you certainly need to be thorough in your research. There were quiet a few timing issues through out the book. I dare say that any SEC coach would allow all the drinking that took place in this book. I understand this is a work of fiction, but there has to be some elements of fact. And how did the video not come out when Amelia got caught. Too big of a gap there. I liked

the concept and the direction, there just was not enough follow through and foundation in fact. And for good measure, below is what happens when Alabama plays Florida :)

Wow just wow this book is with Conner and Sean. Sean is an up and coming football player the best for his school and he's got a stalker. He's always known he's been more attracted to men and a failed hook up with a woman let him know his sexual orientation. The stalker appears to be female in signing notes as Mrs Drake. With the police not being able to do much and a break in his apartment Cameras are a suggestion and his coach seems to want to higher some protection. Cue Conner Hawke he's one very very hot bodyguard and his new job is to be following Sean around Everywhere... Will they find out who Sean's stalker is? Can Conner ever love again? Will Sean's career end if he comes out as being gay? This book is brilliant it has some hot characters in and some very hot reading I Love The guardian series '

I received this book from Max Walker for free as an ARC read...It is an awesome book, that follows Connor Hawk as a private bodyguard hired to protect his new client Sean Drake, an in the closet star quarterback in Florida, from a stalker. Their story flows so smoothly and naturally that it holds you and draws you into their lives, as Sean follows his heart, wanting to be with Connor, while Connor is dealing with trust issues with the memory of his ex cheating on him, The closer they get to each other, Sean's stalker escalates the threats. AND you just don't see the exciting end coming when the stalker is revealed. Loved that it had Tristan Cole and Adrian Hawk from Cover Me, visiting with Conner catching him up on family matters and their lives...This is a great book and I would recommend this series by Max, to everyone

This book was truly a great story. It made me laugh and made me tense at the climax. Two unlikely men fall hard for each other and can't stand to be apart. The stalker angle has a few hit and misses but in the end, love conquers all, lol I love that there was an epilogue so you don't have to wonder what happens to our two gorgeous men. This is the second installment in the Guardian series and I'm looking forward to the third!

This is the first book I have read by Mr. Walker and I found it an easy quick read. I liked the story and the characters. It wasn't a deep thoughts provoking book, just a nice simple story. I did like enough to buy the first book in the series.

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