

Beyond The Code Of Conduct Book Reviews

BEYOND THE CODE OF CONDUCT

by K.M. Daughters

RT Rating:

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This compelling novel has a liberal amount of sexual tension, interesting characters and covert ops. But Bobbie and Joe's real challenge begins when their undercover assignment is over.

Summary: FBI special agent Bobbie Leighton and former homicide detective Joe Sullivan share a past: She's responsible for the loss of his eye and his career. Bobbie and Joe are forced to work together undercover as a wealthy cattleman and his trophy wife to infiltrate a black-market baby-trafficking operation. Their disguise enables them to successfully "adopt" a baby, but an intermediary spots Joe from his days on the force and the transaction is blown.

Joe and Bobbie remain strictly professional while on the job, but their forced proximity rekindles old flames that lead to a night of passion. When they wrap up their case, the brief interlude they shared together is over. Can anything reunite them? (WILD ROSE, May, 187 pp., \$10.99) MILD

Reviewed by Donna M. Brown

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First and foremost, I want to mention how much I love the cover of this book. It is a solemn and lonely vision, invoking yearning and desire. A perfect fit to this excellent story.

Beyond the Code of Conduct is actually the second in the Sullivan Boys Series. Though I have not been lucky enough to read the first in this series, I was still able to greatly enjoy this book. At no time did I feel lost or as though I had missed out on anything from the previous novel. However, I do have to admit that I desperately want to read the first in the series, Against Doctor's Orders, after being exposed to this great writing talent of K.M. Daughters.

What could be worse than baby trafficking and what could be greater than the desire to put a stop to it? In Beyond the Code of Conduct, Special Agent Bobbie Leighton and Homicide Detective Joe Sullivan are paired together to go undercover as a wealthy

cattleman and his slightly airhead, but gorgeous wife. Under normal circumstances, this may not be such a hardship, however with the history between these two, sparks of every kind fly. The big question is whether or not they can hold it together long enough to expose this heinous crime before anymore victims are claimed.

I loved the writing style of K.M. Daughters - it is very smooth, engrossing and the characters honestly pop from the pages in vivid clarity. I greatly enjoyed the tension between the main characters of Bobbie and Joe and each one's personality and candor. Beyond the Code of Conduct holds suspense, thrills, romance and a twinge of the paranormal. In other words, this story has a bit of something for everyone.

Though short in length - 180 pages - it is not short on structure, plot, character development or it's ability to draw the reader in. I truly recommend this story to anyone looking for a great read that is quick and leaves the reader satisfied. I cannot wait to get my hands on other works by this author (or should I say authors).

An engrossing and hard to put down story!

Review by A. Pohren

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Looking for romance? Looking for suspense? Looking for an outstanding book with tons of conflict and complex characters?

You'll find all that and more in Beyond the Code of Conduct, the second book in the Sullivan Boys series by the sister writing team known as K.M. Daughters.

A vicious attack on Bobbie Leighton's life destroyed her relationship with Joe Sullivan and left Joe permanently impaired. Now an FBI agent working in New York, Bobbie returns to Chicago to discuss the possibility that a baby trafficking case she is working on may have a connection to Joe's brother's murder.

Joe is determined to find out why Jimmy died and to bring his killer to justice. Joe and Bobbie go undercover as a rich cattle rancher and his arm candy wife looking to adopt a baby from a slick Park Avenue lawyer. Forced to live with one another day by day, Joe and Bobbie struggle to resist their feelings for one another. Can they overcome their past? And can they bring a murderer to justice before they become the next target on a killer's victims list?

Romantic suspense just doesn't get any better than this! I had not read the first installment of the Sullivan Boys series by K.M. Daughters, but as soon as I finished Beyond the Code of Conduct, I begged the authors to send me that book, titled Against Doctor's

Orders. I can't wait to read it because if it is anything like *Beyond the Code of Conduct*, I will instantly love it.

Beyond the Code of Conduct opens with Bobbie showing up at Jimmy Sullivan's funeral and getting an icy reception from Joe. The authors immediately draw you right into the conflict and it doesn't stop until the very end. These characters are pushed beyond their limits every step of the way. You feel that pull between Joe and Bobbie, that fine line they walk between just working together and resisting the temptation to be together in a more meaningful way. You witness how much of an obstacle their past remains. And you want them to nab the bad guy as much as they do.

I've now read the last chapter three times and each time it gets better, is more touching and even more satisfying than the first.

While the strength of this book is definitely its complex characters, the gripping story keeps you turning page after page. I couldn't put the book down. I read it cover to cover in one night. At 180 pages, it's the perfect book to take on vacation or to read on a long car ride.

Beyond the Code of Conduct is romantic, it's filled with suspense, and it's one book that I would love to read again.

Review by The Book Connection

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