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Toto66 says

Easy to read and suspenseful...I gave it three but I'm feeling 3.5. I guess this is the first in a series? I kind of felt like it was the second book...if not it should have been because it sounds like a lot went down in Miami that could have been a book!! I had a hard time warming to Kay. That she gave up her baby years before with no regrets and never looked back then became vigilante mom after knowing the kid for a few weeks is off kilter to me. Maybe in future books she will loosen up and we will see the more positive side to her character. As it was I felt she was kind of an unfeeling bitch and that wasn't at all resolved at the end of the book. But this was a nice surprise and when at a loss I will pick up the next installment of the Kay Hamilton series.

Jan P says

Rosarito Beach is a suspense novel involving a ballsy DEA agent, who happens to be female, working to take down the ruthless Mexican Olivera clan. Kay Hamilton has no personal life. She lives for the job. Until her 15 year old daughter shows up on her doorstep. Kay was 15 herself when she had Jessica and gave her up for adoption to a distant relative. So this sets the stage for making Kay vulnerable to retaliation of a loved one if she is successful in bring down the heads of the cartel. It held my interest and kept me guessing as to the end. But I don't plan to read the two sequels that have already been published. I would classify as mildly suspenseful.

Kathy says

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This is a fast paced page turner that is a very easy and enjoyable read. The larger than life law enforcement officer is a female who is willing to do anything to get her man. The plot has everything: Mexican cartels, a long lost daughter, a mother who will go to the ends of the earth to save her child, wild law breaking by the law enforcers, deceptive chess playing by the good and evil at its best, and oh yea, and the bad guys not getting out of the story in one piece.

MJ says

DEA Agent Kay Hamilton doesn't play well with others not even coworkers but she brings in the bad guys and she doesn't care. And when she arrests the young brother of powerful drug lord Caesar Olivera she knows that there is nothing Caesar wont do to do get him out of jail. Including declaring open war on the U.S.

But she doesn't count on him kidnapping her daughter to get her to help his brother escape. Things don't go as well as Kay or the Cartel hopes. Now Kay's only hope on saving her daughter and herself is calling in every favor she has on both sides on the border.

This is a good introduction into a new series. It sucks you in quickly without over loading you with character development. In fact I didn't like Kay at first. I thought she was an annoying person and was annoyed by her. The more I read the more I started to understand her the more I started to kind of like her. I still thought she was a little annoying but at least I understood why.

Despite Kay's personality problems the book was addictive, I couldn't put it down and read it in one marathon session. I wanted to know what happened next. I forgot it was the beginning of a series and started to wonder if she would make it out of this mess alive and who was she going to take down with her.

Thankfully it was a quick read and I zoomed right through it. I would considered reading the next book in the series. I am curious to see what happens to Kay next. I guess I ended up liking her more than I thought.

Kaora says

For the most part I enjoyed this book. It is definitely action packed and captured my attention to the very end.

My main issues with this book lie with the main character. I wanted to like her - her being a bad-ass DEA agent, with a strong personality, but I just couldn't. The focus seemed to be on HOW bad-ass she is, bossing people around, threatening to fire them or suspend them, formulating plans with no regard to herself or others, etc. There seemed to be nothing else to her. Her blaise attitude towards the safety of others made me wonder why bother being in law enforcement? Is it all about the thrill and who cares about everything else?

Even the part where we should see a softer side to her - meeting her long lost daughter fell flat. The scenes between them felt forced and cliché.

I was also kind of annoyed how they portrayed her "strong" personality sexually. Strong women apparently sleep with everyone to get their way. I get it. Strong women are free sexually. But do they really need to screw their way to the top? I just find it kind of insulting that she couldn't just be great at her job and back stab her co-workers, but had to sleep around too with married men. That seemed to contradict how strong she was. Do strong women really need to rely on giving favors to others to get ahead?

Judy says

when I first started reading this I thought It was going to be another cop book. however the story evoked into something different. sometimes it was predictable it ot was a fact most interesting book.

Dy says

I am tired of male authors who, after having success with a male protagonist series, try their hand at a female lead. And then treat her like their favorite wet dream of a tough girl.

Kay Hamilton is yet another cookie-cutter brass-balled b*tch with an impressive rack, authority issues, and the sexual mores of an alley cat. She is unsympathetic and her turnaround is hard to believe. The one or two times that true emotional scenes or possible character development seem about to happen Lawson introduces

the idea, then cuts to the next scene.

Rosarito Beach (and its heroine) is like a churro, all spice and sugar on the outside and nothing of substance inside.

Art says

The first entry in the Agent Kay Hamilton series introduces a female character to rival Reacher.

She's tough, good with a gun and a bit of a rogue. She is in San Diego, working for the DEA to arrest the brother of a Mexican drug cartel head. Everything is going fine (well, her fellow agents don't like her because she is fairly headstrong) until a young girl shows up on her doorstep.

That sets in motion a series of events that conclude with lots of fireworks at Rosarito Beach.

I liked this more than a 3 but less than a 4, enough to try the next couple of books in the series, at any rate.

Bonnie says

I quit this book because I really didn't care for the main character.

Bob says

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M.A. Lawson very skillfully develops his characters, story line and depicting each scene.

Christine says

I should start this review by saying that I was fortunate enough to receive a copy of this book through the Goodreads First Reads Giveaway program.

Heading the investigation into a Mexican drug cartel, DEA Agent Kay Hamilton is willing to take any risk to bring down Tito Olivera in the hopes that it will lead to convicting his older brother, Cesar Olivera, as well. With Tito's arrest, things seem to be falling in line perfectly for Kate until Cesar Olivera retaliates. When a person from Kay's past reappears in her life, the stakes suddenly become very personal.

Kay was just as described: bold, brash, and beautiful, I would have liked to have seen a little more of the "softer" side of her. The story was fast-paced and very suspenseful. There were lots of unpredictable plot

twists. Although I did think that the conclusion of the story stretched reality a bit (I think that she got off too lightly), I was glad that we will be seeing more of Kay in future novels.

Nancy says

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Didn't finish.

Janice Llewellyn says

This was an easy read; fast paced, and enough action to keep me interested. The plot was a little far fetched and the ending pretty implausible, but it was good escapism. I didn't like the main character too much. She was a cold, hard woman doing (and loving) a brutal job as DEA agent Kay Hamilton and not much else. The connection with her daughter after 15 years doesn't change her very much. The author did a OK job, though, and I would read another of his books.

Les Roberts says

Most enjoyable read! Dynamic, sexy protagonist with more guts and nerve than any ten fictional cops, a bizarre story with lots of twists, and an edge-of-your-seat climax. For hard-boiled readers, this is a Don't-Miss.

Deb White says

Kay Hamilton DEA Agent, has a daughter, gets involved with a Mexican drug cartel. Suspenseful all the way.
