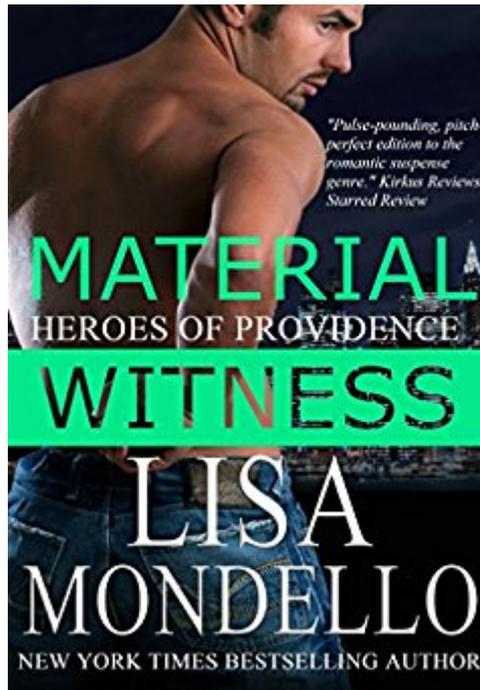


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Material Witness: A Romantic Suspense Novel (Heroes Of Providence Book 1)



Synopsis

****From NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY Bestselling Author Lisa Mondello****Named one of KIRKUS REVIEWS Best Indie Books of 2012!"Mondello's latest, a pulse-pounding, pitch-perfect addition to the romantic suspense genre...Terrific escapist entertainment, as good as anything in Janet Evanovich's oeuvre." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review)Contemporary Romantic Suspense Novel featuring a sexy police officer and a crime novelist in jeopardy: 70,000 words BOOK 1 of the Heroes of Providence series. Who does she trust when the horror of one of her crime novels turns into a deadly reality? Bestselling crime novelist, Cassie Alvarez, aka Cassie Lang, had murder on her mind when she walked into Rory's Bar under dressed and under cover to research her latest crime novel. Researching the cool, blue-eyed and dashing handsome man at the end of the bar stirred her senses more than she wanted to admit. But was this man of leather armor all he appeared to be? Playing White Knight to an innocent wasn't how Detective Jake Santos planned to spend his time under cover. But there was no way "CJ" was what she claimed to be and that nagging tightness in Jake's chest told him he'd better take her home to safety and leave it at that. Then the barroom exploded with gunfire, leaving a trail of dead that includes a notorious Providence organized crime boss and an undercover FBI agent. When Cassie's name is leaked to the media as the only witness to the grisly murders, Cassie insists she only trusts Jake to protect her. The FBI wants their star witness happy and will do anything to make sure Cassie testifies. But someone wants vigilante justice and it is clear to Jake that the shooter isn't the only person who wants Cassie dead. Not knowing who to trust, he vows to protect Cassie at all cost despite the fact that guarding the beautiful novelist is a serious distraction. More books by Lisa Mondello
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Customer Reviews

Cassie Alvarez writes crime novels but suddenly she feels like a character in one of her own books. She went to Rory's bar dressed as a hooker to research how her character would think. While talking to the hunky rough and tough guy, gun fire erupts, she becomes an eyewitness and her world turns upside down. Deja vu from eight years earlier all over again. Detective Jake Santos is undercover but it seems the meeting he planned won't be happening tonight at Rory's. But he can rescue the woman who obviously is going to get herself in trouble looking like she does. Only it seems she is the one who rescues him. Jake and Cassie soon find out there is no where to run, nowhere to hide and no one but each other to trust. I found this to be the type of book I didn't want to put down. Full of danger and adventure around each turn, not knowing who the good or bad guys were. And in the midst of all the chaos....love blooms. It was uniquely written as Cassie becomes more like her strong heroine, CJ, and the real world becomes like her stories. The author did a fantastic job of keeping the reader guessing who the villains were until the very end. To read more on the characters in this book you can read Yuletide Protector by Lisa Mondello, by Love Inspired. **Sexual situations and some language

My Review: I am a sucker for a good romantic suspense book and this one was definitely a good one. I think one of the things that makes this book so good is the fact that Cassie is an author. In fact, that's how she ends up in this mess. She's dressed as a hooker in a sleazy bar looking for research for her latest crime novel, but she gets much more than she expects. Jake is a cop. He's in

the bar meeting one of his informants who doesn't show. Instead he finds Cassie and quickly realizes that she's not actually a hooker. He's just trying to figure out what she's up to and get her out of the bar safely when the place is sprayed with gunfire. Cassie reacts in a split second when she sees the gun and is actually the one who saves Jake. At issue, she saw the shooter and now the FBI wants her as her material witness in the murder of their undercover agent who was also in the bar. It quickly becomes apparent that there is more at play here when Cassie's author pseudonym is leaked to the press. She doesn't trust anyone else, but Jake insists that he helps in the protection of her. There are a lot of interesting sub-plots happening here within the police department and the FBI. I NEVER figured out who was the bad-guy in it all and was really surprised on who the leak had been. I love suspense lines that keep me guessing. The fact that this was a hero/heroine combo that I loved helped in this book too. Cassie sees herself as a wimp, although she does try to emulate the gutsy, kick-butt attitude of her heroine C.J. Personally, I thought she was awesome...definitely kick-butt, but real enough and scared enough to be real. Jake was awesome. So sweet and sexy. *gah* I loved it when he finally gave in to how much he cared for Cassie....such a *sigh* moment. I loved his character and the fact that he has five older sisters. Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was a GREAT read!

What is the book about? Who does she trust when she's living the real life horror of one of her crime novels... Bestselling crime novelist, Cassie Alvarez, aka Cassie Lang, had murder on her mind when she walked into Rory's Bar under dressed and under cover to research her latest crime novel. Researching the cool, blue-eyed and dashing handsome man at the end of the bar stirred her senses more than she wanted to admit. But was this man of leather armor all he appeared to be? Playing White Knight to an innocent wasn't how Detective Jake Santos planned to spend his time under cover. But there was no way "CJ" was what she claimed to be and that nagging tightness in Jake's chest told him he'd better take her home to safety and leave it at that. Then the barroom exploded with gunfire, leaving a trail of dead that includes a notorious Providence crime boss and an undercover FBI agent. When Cassie's name is leaked to the media as the only witness to the grisly murders, Cassie insists she only trusts Jake to protect her. The FBI wants their star witness happy and will do anything to make sure Cassie testifies. But it is clear to Jake that the shooter isn't the only person who wants Cassie dead. Not knowing who to trust, he vows to protect Cassie at all cost despite the fact that guarding the beautiful novelist is a serious distraction. What did I think of the book? You will not be able to put this book down without figuring out who is the good guy and who is the bad guy. Through it all Cassie is becoming more and more like her idol

C.J. and the world around her is gaining similarity from her stories. Lisa Modello is an amazing author

"Material Witness" action did not have a moment of rest throughout the entire book. In the first chapter, the bar is blown to pieces by bullets in a shooting and it just continues that action until the very last page. So if the action isn't something that draws you in, maybe the love story behind it will. Cassie is the star witness to the shooting and requests Jake to be the agent in charge of guarding her. But he does it all too well and Cassie starts to develop feelings for him. However, Jake has seen what love can do and it has not represented itself in a positive light. He is weary about his developing feelings for Cassie but that does not stop him from putting his life on the line for hers. As the reader, you will find that *spoiler alert* little by little walls begin to break down, feelings are unveiled, and traitors are discovered. I found that I enjoyed this book because to me it was action packed and had a romantic side story that was moving. I liked that the character Cassie took control of her life when she was in protective custody. She demanded that Jake be her protector, no ifs ands or buts about it. I also liked that since she was a writer of this genre that she knew a lot about the FBI's policies, the police policies, and the law so she knew her rights and knew eventually what was going to happen to her. She was a strong chick. Jake was just sexy. Undercover detective. Protector. Need I say more about his character? The answer is no. ~BookWhisperer Reviewer MC~

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