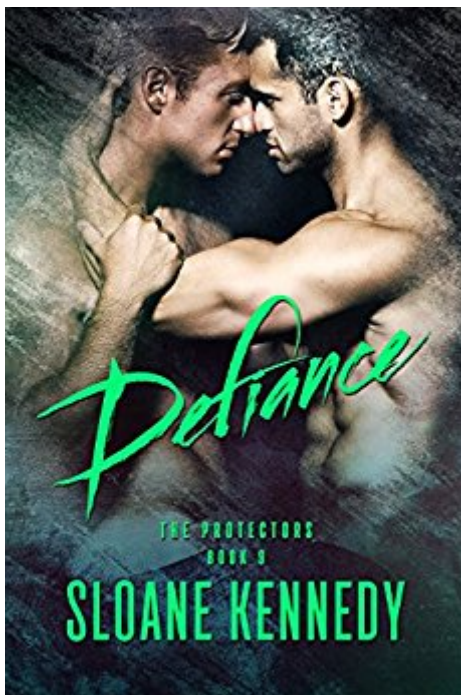


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Synopsis

All I ever wanted was to serve and protect my country. It ended up costing me everything...At 49, Vincent St. James has learned to live with the choices he's made, even if he isn't always proud of them. After the military he was practically born into decided his sexuality was more important than his impeccable service record, Vincent lost everything, including the man he'd planned to spend the rest of his life with. And a man with nothing to live for has nothing to lose. With a bone deep hatred of all things government, Vincent found another way to serve his country, but it too came at a steep cost that he never could have foreseen. Dealing in secrets and death means there's always someone waiting around the next corner trying to either take his place or bury their secrets along with his body. Even if he wanted out, it's far too late for that. When he's given the chance to help out a friend who once had his back when others didn't, he jumps at the chance to repay the favor. Even if it means protecting the kind of man he despises most...a power-hungry politician looking to push his own agenda on an unsuspecting public. I made a terrible choice three years ago and it cost me the only person who ever really mattered to me. But maybe there's another way I can make things right...30-year-old Nathan Wilder can't take back the moment he betrayed his twin brother, but he can try to make sure that the legacy of hate that drove him to turn on Brody never has a chance to rear its ugly head again. And if that means going against his powerful father's right-wing political constituency in a down and dirty race for a seat in the U.S. Senate, then so be it. But when the threats that had been limited to harmless emails start taking an uglier turn, culminating in a violent attack that leaves no doubt as to the assailant's intent, Nathan is thrown into the direct path of a mysterious and dangerous man who may end up forcing Nathan to confront truths he just isn't ready to face yet. Protecting him was supposed to be a favor for a friend and nothing more. Once he's safe, I'll let him go. I have to...Protecting Nathan was supposed to be a walk in the park for a guy like Vincent. But nothing about the younger man is what he'd been expecting, especially the long-dead feelings Nathan stirs in him. The feelings that aren't just about protection. Which is a problem, because while the threat against Nathan is temporary, the danger that's become a way of life for Vincent is just waiting for the next thing it can take from him. Caring about someone means painting a target on their back and Vincent is done losing people he loves. But letting Nathan go may not be as easy as seems...especially when Nathan decides to finally stand up and fight for what...and who he truly wants. Can be read as a standalone novel. The Protectors series crosses over with some of my other series, so for the most enjoyment, they should be read in order, but it is not required. You can find the correct reading order at the beginning of each book. I've also

bundled all my series in the correct reading order under the title of A Family Chosen: The Protectors and Barrettis.

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Customer Reviews

I absolutely love this series. The Protector Series will always be my favorite, with the Finding series coming in a close second. What I struggled with in this book is remembering all the crossover characters, and who was paired with whom, and what the back story was. I eventually just gave up, and read the story for what it was, and enjoyed every word written. I downloaded the crossover chart, and it definitely helped. Sloane Kennedy is a master story teller, and kept me riveted to the pages. I couldn't turn them fast enough! Well done, Mrs Kennedy. Love this series, and loved the sneak peak at the next storyline.

Well that was awesome, that was basically a one sitting book, it was only put down to deal with the essentials. I loved Vincent in our previous meeting, you could tell there was a lot of depth with him, and wow, I loved his story, my heart broke for Everett and what he lost. I think the last chapter prior to the epilogue could of had a fraction more depth, but overall it was wonderful. I am really looking

forward to the next book, and I will assume we will get Eli and Mav factoring in it as well as some of the others. Bring on Caleb and Jace.

Vincent and Nathan are just so darn lovable. Nathan is so far in the closet that he has denied not only who he is but has lost contact with his twin brother. When he starts to get threats the Protectors step in by sending him Vincent. Vincent is still dealing with his past and the loss of his one love. Needless to say that Vincent and Nathan have to work to get their HEA but it is so worth it. I love this series.

Wow, that's all. I can say Sloane. You got me invested in Vincent and Nathan's story to a point I didn't want this book to end and at the same time didn't want to turn the pages. I can't wait to get to know about their future as wait for Jase and Caleb or is it Everett, Nash and Gage. Thank you for sharing your creative mind with us not sure I'll ever tire from saying that to you, Sloane.

Nathan and Vincent..the two unlikeliest men to be a couple. But of course in the SK world their struggle to be together was what you root for because the story is written beautifully and has a lot of believability. Thank you. Love the books. Please keep them coming.

This series is so good. I really enjoyed Nathan and Vincent's story. It was very fast paced and before I knew it, it was over. I loved learning more about both these characters and I'm super excited for the next book!! This series never disappoints!!

This is a great series. I loved this book. Well written with well developed characters. This book made me laugh, cry and learn. All good things in a book. I am looking forward to reading it again. I can't wait until the next book comes out.

This series pulls you into some dark, deep spots of human sexuality and spins you around wanting more. Leaves you hoping the characters grab what there is right in front of them instead of walking away, can't wait for the next book!

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