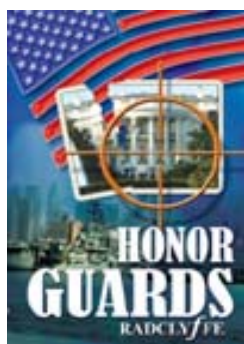


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In this, the fourth novel in the "Honor" series, author Radclyffe continues the story of the relationship between Blair Powell, the daughter of the president of the United States, and Cameron "Cam" Roberts, the Secret Service agent assigned to protect her. As with each of the previous books, *HONOR GUARDS* picks up where the last novel (*LOVE AND HONOR*) left off. When the novel opens, Blair has already given an interview to a reporter revealing her sexual orientation and her lover's identity, and she and Cam are waiting for the story to be printed and for the media blitz that is sure to follow. In the brief time before that happens, they are able to be together as lovers, luxuriating in one another's arms and trying to block out the rest of the world to focus on their relationship.

But little do they know that behind the scenes, malignant forces are at work, including a conspiracy to assassinate Blair. Radclyffe has set this book from August 16, 2001 and onward toward the inevitability of the 9/11 attacks. Interspersing the two lover's daily struggles with politics, privacy, and the paparazzi are brief details of the conspiracy to unseat the government by way of terrorism. Every step of the way, from the racy love scenes to the daily security worries weighing heavy on Cam's shoulders, the reader is aware of the oncoming disasters, even as we root for Blair and Cam to cement their relationship once and for all.

A secondary plot line involving Secret Service agent Paula Stark and FBI agent, Renee Savard, is interwoven into the story. Renee is still recovering from wounds suffered during a previous attempt on Blair's life, and Paula continues to be part of Cam's team protecting the president's daughter. Their relationship unfolds sweetly and delightfully, and Paula plays a critical role in the exciting events that unfold.

As usual with Radclyffe's books, the sex scenes are hot, the twists and turns of the plot are engrossing, and the action scenes build slowly and explode effectively. Best of all, at the end of this fourth book in the series, the reader is left wanting more, and there is definitely room for another novel. Highly recommended.

-Lori L. Lake, author of *Have Gun We'll Travel*

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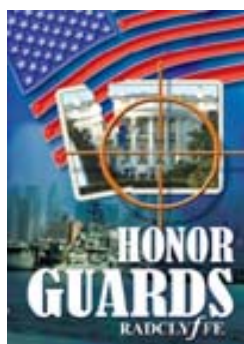
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*Honor Guards*, the latest installment of Radclyffe's *Honor* series, takes place in the days just before 9/11, and effectively uses the countdown as more than just an ominous backdrop - understated and deftly woven into the story, the coming disaster becomes almost an unseen but tangible presence that shapes the entire narrative. As usual, Radclyffe delivers an engaging tale of Secret Service agent Cameron Roberts and her lover/protectee, First Daughter Blair Powell - lovers who, living in the public spotlight, never seem to find a moment's peace. Equally compelling this time around, however, is the subplot involving the blossoming relationship between agents Renee Savard and Paula Stark, in a storyline full of the sexual awakening that is the hallmark of Radclyffe's work. The real story, however, is the tension between love and duty faced by Cameron and Blair - a vein that Radclyffe has successfully mined throughout the *Honor* series, and to which she returns here with stunning success.

Powerful characters, engrossing plot, and intelligent writing - *Honor Guards* is a non-stop page-turner that ranks among the very best of Radclyffe's remarkable oeuvre.

- Cameron Abbott, author of *To The Edge* and *An Inexpressible State of Grace*

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