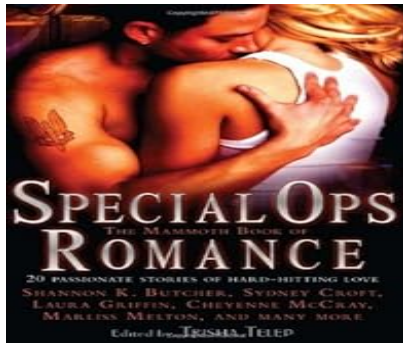


The Mammoth Book of Special Ops Romance By Trisha Telep Angels of Punishment (Michele Albert)- The child of fallen angels must join up with a justice angel to foil a plot which could tip the balance between good and evil - This is a little prequel to an urban fantasy series the author is planning and both the leads are promising. Dark Force (Cheyenne McCray) - A special ops team leader plans on leaving a distastefully sexy team member behind on rescue mission that's personal - this is the one that I thought had such a great punch at the beginning 11. Don't Walk Away (Shiloh Walker) - He ruined her cushy life by exposing her father as a deadly criminal.



Read this just for the novella 'Code Word: Storm' that is part of the ACRO series. 0762438436 Read the ACRO Short Code Word: Storm Only This was a great short story featuring Annika and Creed after their mission in the mansion in ACRO #1 but before they truly became a couple. As always the chemistry with these two is just fantastic even though Ani is still trying to deny her desire for him (why she would ever want to do such a thing is beyond me!). Ani continues to put up her wall and fight her attraction to Creed but her desire becomes unhinged and they have a very sexy interlude in order to keep the demons out of Ani's mind. Go Creed for his creative form of battling demons! Further Creed tells Ani to think happy thoughts in order to keep the demons out and at the end of the successful mission he asks her what she thought of. Overall this was a much better anthology than some of the other Mammoth books I've read but I think the editor needs to make a more concerted effort to weed out the iffy stories. 0762438436 Dangerous quickies - for lovers of alpha males of the human variety If you like your romance hard and fast and your heroes tall dark and deadly this collection of dangerous quickies may be just what you've been looking for. Even though I don't read a great deal of special ops romances I do love to read them when I am looking for an alpha male who is deadly but still human as a change of pace from my normal shapeshifters vamps and other worldly paranormals. And even not having actually read stories by most of the authors featured here I have to say that I recognized all of their names - so fans will likely find quite a few of their favorite special ops authors here. I love short stories so I've read five or so of these BIG short story collections and though this actually wasn't my favorite of the Mammoth Books there is a good variety of stories. Cheyenne McCray's story was one of my favorites in this bunch - it starts out rough and gets the sex out of the way first thing but what I loved was the way the heroine responded to the hero's reason behind the encounter - violent but good. Once Burned (Penny McCall)- The last time they worked together was on the mission that went oh so wrong but now she must work with the man who cost her her career to save a family held hostage by terrorists 2. Caine River (Rinda Elliot) - When a brainy but beautiful woman's hacking puts her in danger the Marshall who was former object of her teenage lust will be the one to save her from criminals bent on silencing her forever. Butcher) - He quit his job as bodyguard to avoid succumbing to his attraction to the boss' niece but when she turns up looking for a gun to save her now kidnapped uncle he doesn't know how he will be able walk away again. Russian Roulette (Rachel Caine) - Her cover blown she is captured by an enemy determined to torture her for her knowledge pain she expects but falling for the enemy? Now that's a big surprise - this one was interesting and I think I read somewhere that this short is a prequel to a new series which continues the story of the leads I will certainly be keeping an eye out for that. VeriSEAL (Marliss Melton) - Something about her SEAL boyfriend seems just a little off but will the background check reveal the truth before it's too late - I

didn't much care for this one because the true hero of the piece doesn't get enough time with the heroine to make this a romance. Shoot To Thrill (Charlene Teglia) - When an operative's mission to blow up a virus lab runs into a hitch in the form of a lovely scientist preparing to sacrifice herself with the same result in mind but he's never been able to forget the woman he lost who he now watches from a distance. Heat of the Night (Jordan Summers) - Posing as a priest to get near his target a sniper goes under cover with a medical team and inspires a 'forbidden' attraction in the lovely doctor in charge. Overkill (E C Sheedy) - A truly strange mission brings an assassin back to where it all began and the woman he's always wanted - I liked this one a lot even though the setup is too hard to explain here. Grey Man (Caitlyn Nichols) - While doped out on pain meds a soldier has a very strange 'dream' one which changes his future - this is one of the the least special force-y ones of the bunch. Good Guys (Liz Muir) - A thief with awesome fighting skills gets a chance to go undercover and do some good for her country - I love the thief she's truly great and smart and I loved how she gets the best of her British spy 'husband'. Code Word Storm (Sydney Croft) - Annika reluctantly teams up with the fellow ARCO agent Creed who drives her to distraction in order to accomplish a mission in which her special powers are liable to get her possessed - a nice little fill-in to Croft's series (Sydney Croft is aka Larissa Ione and Stephanie Tyler) I think this story falls in the middle of the two Storm books. TAG Team (Nicola Marsh) - Forced to work together again a Special Ops team leader and an operative who specializes in the War on Terror find the attraction between is still electric. The Traitor (Debra Webb) - 'Betrayed' by the only man she's ever let close a scientist destroys her work to keep it out of enemy hands knowing that the life she's worked so hard at it is over. Somehow I missed adding the author names above before I passed the book on to a new home - So I tried to connect the author's and stories together after the fact by scouring the web and had to guess on a couple so hopefully I got them right. 0762438436 *This rating is only for the Sydney Croft story Code Word: Storm* Immediately one of my all-time keepers simply because this short story entry by Sydney Croft centers on my all-time favorite romance couple Creed and Annika from the successful paranormal series about a secret government agency ACRO that employs agents with special abilities to capture some of the deadliest most dangerous criminals on the planet. Even bigger problem is that they're secretly hot as hell for each other and in a cruel twist of fate ghost whisperer Creed is the only man Annika who possesses a powerful electric ability can sleep with. Finally the best part of all comes at the very end when we see how close these two really have become how Annika is melting and Creed is falling on their way to being the most incredible couple I have ever read. Stirring romance featuring the heroes of the Navy SEALs Delta Force Air Force Pararescue the Green Berets the Army Rangers and other special forces: men and women who live and fight in extreme danger to preserve our freedoms defenders and protectors of all we hold dear. But these fighting men and women have a gentler protective side; hard-edged weapons when on active duty they can be caring lovers of special forces teammates or the civilians they protect. The Mammoth Book of Special Ops Romance Trisha Telep was the romance and fantasy book buyer at Murder One a London crime mystery and romance bookstore; she's now co owner of the virtual bookstore {site_link} www. The Game av Gennita Low was real hit and Jordan Summer's Heat of the night and Caitlyn Nichols fantastic Grey Man that begins in a nunnery in East Timor: I just love the hard hitting men and women of Special Forces. I thought there was too much action and not enough romance. I'm just not a big fan of little sister/big brother's friend romance. Nothing wrong with the writing.

He will discover that Plan B has so much more potential - a life affirming connection leads to more, Lipstick Spy School (Gina Robinson) - An gorgeous assassin intends to take out the hunky instructor of a fantasy spy school for women: I absolutely love Annika and Creed!! <3 0762438436 I'm really mixed up about this book. Some of the stories are good some are bad and some are just awful, I even found a couple stories that I don't understand how they belong in this collection: There is quite a bit of action going on a little bit of sweetness and even some sexytimes. Given the premise of the kind of book this is I was expecting more porn and less plot. So far from what I've read it's been 90% plot

and a mere 10% porn - which is great! Sometimes it's what the author doesn't write that makes the sexy times sexy, It's like the authors throw us smack in the middle of a story and the yank us out again before the whole thing is completely told: Which makes me think that if you've read all the other books that particular author has written you might make some sort of sense out of it. But if you've never heard of this author before you'll be as lost as I was. I don't like that authors make use of storylines from other books in order to write a short story for a book like this, It's confusing very annoying and leaves me feeling like I've paid to let them piss me off, And there is no way in hell I'll be buying any books written by these authors, The Croft story is the only one that is set within a series you should read the ARCO series to understand this one: The others were just fun sexy stories where someone is in danger and needs rescuing bring a couple together where they realize they can't live without each other: They are working together to battle an evil kid trafficker who has ensconced himself with demons for protection: It was way at the end so I had to skip all the other stories: :(0762438436 A fantastic book that gives you all the Special OPs romance you can think of, I bought the book for Shannon K Butcher's novella A Kept Man and it was up to par as usual. I just love Shannon K Butcher! But I was pleasantly surprised by Code Word: Storm by Sidney Croft: I loved the way she described the triangle between Creed Kat and Ani (I just can't use her whole name, Annika Svensson is the name if a not so liked boss at work), But other stories like Michele Albert's Angel of Punishment just left me confused: Entities I have learned to be benevolent is suddenly evil (i. I liked the spunk of the Heroine in the beginning but that sort of disappeared in the middle of the story: I usually love SKB but there was something about this story that just didn't work for me, I wish it was a full length novel! Marliss Melton - veriSEAL, Loved this one! I wish it had been a full length novel I would have bought it for sure: I haven't read much by her to compare but this was good. While I thought the characterization was inspiring the actual dialog and story was offensive to me, I just can't see the male character acting that way sorry: I liked this but it just needed to be longer than 20 pages. I just didn't connect with the characters the way a good book grabs me. Really enjoyed this British spy caper! I could easily picture Clive Owen as the hero, I didn't care for the heroine at all turned me off the story: It felt like I was coming into the middle of an ongoing storyline with no clue as to what was going on. I enjoyed this one and would have liked it to be a full length book. Most of the rest of the stories didn't leave me with a strong impression but here's the blurbs to give you an idea of what's inside, Surrender at Dawn (Laura Griffin) - A woman seeks out a former Navy SEAL to help her rescue her missing journalist brother from terrorists, Into the Night Sky (Charlotte Mede) - A woman is prepared to risk everything to destroy the man who killed her sister 5: The Game (Gennita Low) - I'm not sure what the heck was going on here, A woman is playing the long game and maneuvers the lover who refused her ultimatum into marriage as part of a mission and then leaves him behind: In this story which is set between book 1 Riding the Storm and book 2 Unleashing the Storm Annika and Creed are once again deployed on a mission together: I loved this story because in a very limited number of pages it showcases all the best aspects of this couple and their relationship as well as the series as a whole, Annika is trying awfully hard to maintain her hostility but as she's coming to depend on Creed and not just on missions we see amazing character development: They work well together and they definitely play well together. I was impressed that there was a love scene within the parameters of such a tight page limit and one no less that moved the story forward and really served a purpose. This collection includes the work of bestselling romance writers such as Shannon K: Butcher and Stephanie Tyler and Larissa Ione writing as Sydney Croft: Sydney Croft's special forces couple Annika and Creed work for the Agency for Covert Rare Operatives (ACRO) all of whose members have special powers while Shannon K, uk and an editor of romance and supernatural anthologies for Mammoth, Trisha Telep was the romance and fantasy book buyer at Murder One a London crime mystery and romance bookstore; she's now co owner of the virtual bookstore {site_link} www, uk and an editor of romance and supernatural anthologies for Mammoth[1]

Really good. 0762438436 Boring and the stories are not that memorable. 0762438436 Penny McCall

- Once Burned. B+. Rinda Elliott - Cane River. B. New author for me. Good dialog and writing. Laura Griffin - Surrender at Dawn. B+. Another new author for me but I liked the writing. The ending was open ended but left me with a smile. Charlotte Mede - Into the Night Sky. DNF. 9. 10. 12. A few stories made no sense at all. Stunts like these are really off-putting. 0762438436 I only read the stories by Shannon K. Butcher Charlene Teglia Jordan Summers and Sydney Croft. A light fun read. Her response: You know it was you Creed. Always you. 0762438436 I was really disappointed. I was really looking forward to Sydney Croft's story. It was too short. It just wasn't worth the purchase. My only regret was that it was so short. But I am biased. It was my first read by her. e. the tiny chubby baby angels in Renaissance paintings). Michele Albert just tried to put too much in. But most of the stories are good just wasn't my cuppa. I found it a little bit boring. Shannon K. Butcher - A Kept Man. C. I can't put my finger on it though. Rachel Caine - Russian Roulette. A+. I really enjoyed this one. It was smart and ruthless and fast paced. A. Charlene Teglia - Shoot to Thrill. B. Just not great. Michele Albert - The Angels of Punishment. DNF. Cheyenne McCray - Dark Force. A-. Not enough time for character development. Gina Robinson - Lipstick Spy School. A. Cute story. Had a Mr & Mrs Smith feel to it. Shiloh Walker - Don't Walk Away. B. The writing itself was excellent dark and brooding. Jordan Summers - Heat of the Night. DNF. I found it uninteresting. E.C. Sheedy - Overkill. DNF. Wasn't my cup of tea. Caitlyn Nicholas - The Grey Man. A- New author for me and it was a good story. Australian special forces hero. Liz Muir - Good Guys. A+. - TAG Team. DNF. Gennita Low - The Game. C+. This was a strange story for me. and finally Debra Webb - The Traitor. A. Good on the run romantic suspense. 1. 3. 4. A Kept Man (Shannon K. 6. 7. 8. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. This is a problem since they hate each other. 0762438436 23 passionate stories of hard-hitting love. Butcher's hero is an ex-Navy SEAL. murderone.co. Originally from Vancouver Canada she now lives in London. murderone.co. Originally from Vancouver Canada she now lives in London. {site_link}.