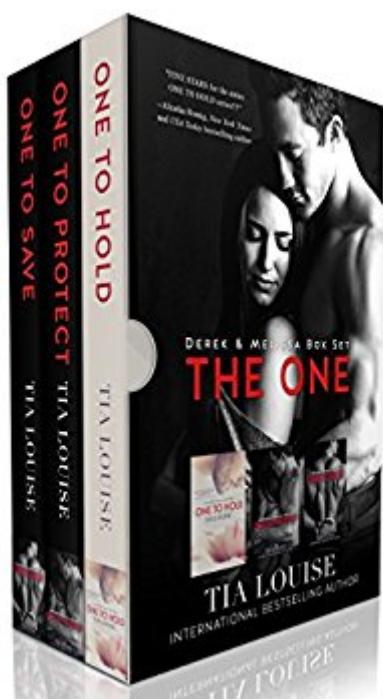


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# The One To Hold Boxed Set (Derek & Melissa): Three Full-Length, Red-Hot Military Romantic Suspense Novels



## **Synopsis**

International bestselling military romance: Get the complete, darkly seductive love story of Derek & Melissa. WARNING: Due to strong language and intense sexual situations, these books are not intended for readers under the age of 18. Book #1 - ONE TO HOLD: When Derek Alexander, retired Marine and top private investigator, encounters small-town girl Melissa Jones at a spa resort in the desert, the two embark on a weeklong, white-hot affair. He's determined to hold her, but she's running from a past that could tear them apart. Book #2 - ONE TO PROTECT: Derek and Melissa are planning a life together, with a baby on the way... Until a face from the past turns up dead. Derek knows Melissa is still in danger, and seeing no other option, he launches a dark chain of events to protect his little family. Book #3 - ONE TO SAVE: A secret is never safe when more than one person knows it. Refusing to let anyone pay for his crimes, Derek takes matters into his own hands. He's exposed, he's defenseless, but his friends are determined to save him.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Loved it! This was my very first Tia Louise book and I very much enjoyed it. I'd heard so much about

this series and I have to say she did very well with it. It lived up to the hype! I didnt expect the first book to be what it was at all and even with what it was it was HOT! Loved that about it! I didnt expect Melissa's secret and what a secret IT IS! Wow Derek is well I wanted to touch his muscles and rub his facial hair! lol Yep it made me feel that. The secrets become surprises and we all know what becomes of Secrets nothing ever good! To be honest I didnt like Melissa much in some of book 1 and book 2 but I understand that she had been through a lot and well she was still young she tried to grow up to fast and through all that she made silly choices she was well she saw something she liked and took right up to it and it cost her later she paid dearly, just about the same way things happen with her and Derek. But Derek has secrets he isnt willing to share either so they just kind of acted upon some heated lust and then went separate ways, well it should have been it but is was so far from being over! And at the end of Book 1 Melissa is a firecracker willing and ready kick butt and to make MUCH needed changes and she finds out some Derek's secret but doesnt really understand them and in finding his she ends up sharing "some of hers". Now what happens well they work hard to figure it out and in the end with a bunch of tight knit friends helping mend two people it works out but oh boy was its a scary ride along the way i just didnt know how they would make it work. I also thought they both did so many stupid things. Sloan and Toni well I hated Sloane and wished he would get his plus some, and just maybe he will.

Three books and a look into the relationship between Derek and Melissa. This is a collection that you will want to get your teeth into. The first book is told almost entirely from Melissa's perspective but Derek gets his say as the set continues and I have to say that I enjoyed it more when I got to really hear from them both in equal measure. Book One- One to Hold, Melissa is taking a break, sometime out of life, to try and gather her thoughts and work out what and where she goes from here. She didn't expect to meet Derek while she was at the resort but no matter how hard she tries she can't get him out of her head. The connection was instant but that is not to say it was for the best, Derek could be a catalyst that she hadn't accounted for in more way than one! Derek is just the sort of guy that Melissa really should give a wide berth but after all they are both carrying enough baggage to sink them both but could they help each other in the long run? The story was strong, it was engaging and the characters were ones that you could not take your eyes off for one second. But as much as they were strong, the events that surrounded them were not what they appeared and you will have bitten your fingernails to the quick by the time you flip over the last page. Book Two- One to Protect, this was all Derek for me, he had some tough choices to make in order to keep those he cared for safe but he was resolute in his decisions. Melissa's past

refuses to just lay down and go away but the prospect of losing her really brings Derekâ™s fortitude to the fore, he has his own demons but can he face them? This was a more intense read for me and took me on a ride that was impossible to get off. This author certainly knows how to put her characters through the mill!

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