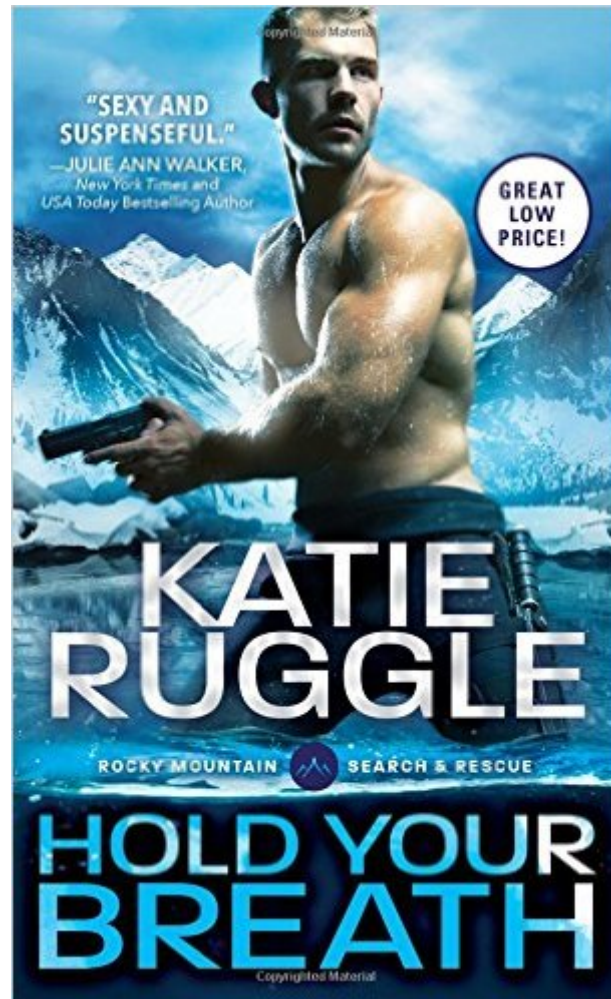


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My first problem appeared from the start: there's no presentation of the characters, not even the main ones, to the point I wondered if I was missing a prologue. We understand quickly that Lou and Derek have been friends for some time, that she gets on the nerves of Callum, their boss in the rescue team, and that she came in this corner of the Rockies to run away from a difficult relation

with her mother. But without any details. But the action begins directly with the discovery of a body and I thought the suspense would compensate. My mistake. In fact for most of the novel I felt like nothing much happened. Yes someone is giving Lou a hard time, at first with slashed tires, then damages at her home. But the story concentrates on Lou who finds sexy all local men, even if she has a crush on Callum, and Lou who goes working at the tea shop, then Callum who takes advantage of her problems to worm his way in her life. We only have Lou's and her stalker's point of view, so what we know about the others is quite limited: for example the hero almost only does half smiles and rarely and he's got OCD. He finally gives two or three bits of info on himself but it's tenuous, and he's the one we know the most about. There are two action scenes, the first seemed far-fetched to me, the second is much more interesting because it's really unusual, but that can't save a novel. And if the plot around Lou's stalker is solved in the end, the plot with the body found in the beginning isn't, probably because it will be the common theme for the series. And on the romance side it's not better, I don't really understand what Callum sees in Lou as he tells her once that she disturbs him, and Lou only seems to have raging hormones.

Hold Your Breath is the first book in the adult romance series, called Search and Rescue, by Katie Ruggle. Ooooo, did I love this book. So much love. Without a doubt, this is an author I want to be on the lookout for and a series I need to be continuing. I really loved everything about this book. I loved the characters (especially Callum), I loved the concept of a series centered around various responder units (Hold your Breath is about a search and rescue dive team, but there are also cops and firefights in the town that I think will get their own stories), I love the idea of an overarching plot line with a murderer throughout the books; and I really, really loved Callum. (did I already mention that?) Hold your Breath is told in dual narrative between Callum and Lou. Lou is a new diver on the team and is relatively new to the area. Lou certainly has attracted a fair bit of attention, and I have to believe that part of it is due to her winning personality and part of it is due to the remote location and nature of being in a small town in the middle of nowhere. If they were in a big city and every guy she encountered (young and old) tried to ask her out I would have probably rolled my eyes, but for some reason in this set of circumstances it was completely believable and felt genuine. Not to mention Lou only had eyes for Callum. (and I don't blame her one bit!) Speaking of Callum, let's talk. He is currently in the lead for Book Briefs Book Boyfriend of 2016. Let's just say I am a big fan. He is take charge- the strong quiet type for sure, but he is also caring and very kind. And just a tad possessive, which you all know is exactly what I look for in my book boyfriends.

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