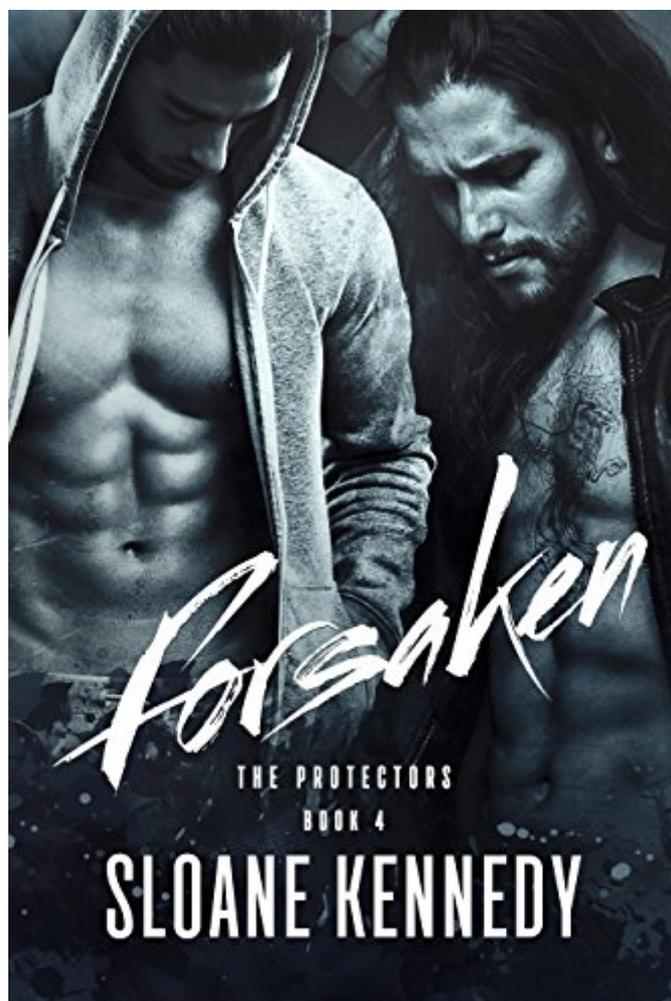


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## Forsaken (The Protectors, Book 4)



## Synopsis

I didn't know how to tell him how afraid I'd been that I'd never have this moment with him. This moment where it was just the two of us. This moment where he made me feel whole without even trying. --Eli

Abandoned. Abused. Betrayed. Ex-cop Maverick "Mav" James needs only three things. His Harley, an open road and his work in an underground organization that delivers justice when the law can't. Family? They left him long before he left them. Friends? A liability. A place to call home? Doesn't exist. Mav's motto is simple: Get done and get out. Work, sex, doesn't matter. No emotional connections. Simple. Until he meets him. Alone. Hiding. Broken. At fifteen years old, Eli Galvez had nothing. No family, no friends and only his body as a means to make enough money to survive. But a chance meeting changed all that and eight years later, he's well on his way to having the life he could once only dream of. He's been accepted into medical school and he's finally returned home to Seattle to be closer to the men and women who don't share his blood, but are the only family he's ever really known. Only things aren't what they seem and the secrets Eli has been hiding are about to come to the surface with dangerous consequences. One final chance at a real future. Guys like Eli just aren't Mav's type, period. Yet he can't deny his intense attraction to the younger man who only looks at him with fear in his eyes. Until the day there's something else in those eyes too. Something that draws Mav in and refuses to let go. Something that makes him want to forget his rules. But Mav's learned the hard way what happens when you get too close to something. And while he vows to protect Eli after a violent attack leaves the younger man shaken, protection is all he'll offer. Because anything else would just cost too much.

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Book 3 - Retribution (M/M)  
Book 4 - Forsaken (M/M)  
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## Customer Reviews

Mav and Eli.. OMFG I loved their story. Both have come from pretty bad childhoods. It has left them both closed off and unwilling to let others in. But damn the attraction between the two of them is too much for either to resist. When their ways finally come down.. they had my kindle smoking with the hotness of the two of them together. Whew these two are absolutely hot together and sexy together. I am so happy the Barretti and Protectors worlds have collided. It was great to read about the Barretti clan again. I cannot wait for the next book in the series, Vengeance. I can read these books over and again and most likely will. They have drawn me into their world and I am more than happy to be here.

Forsaken is the fourth book in The Protector's Series by Sloane Kennedy. I can't get enough of this series or these men. The loyalty, the family, the friendship is so rare and rock solid that it makes me envious of what they have. There's so much comradery, love and affection between the coworkers turned family. Maverick (Mav) is a force to be reckoned with, with his long hair, leather pants, tattoos and Harley. He's intimidating and when Eli first laid eyes on him, he wasn't afraid. He was attracted and those feelings scared the hell out of him. When Mav saves Eli from an attack and vows to protect him, the lines get blurred. Mav knows he should stay away from the younger man, but he can't seem to bring himself to walk away. Mav and Eli are both fighting hardcore demons from their pasts. I felt so much empathy and sadness while reading this incredible story. Their chemistry is off

the charts hot and their struggle to save themselves and each other is heartbreaking, but in a good way. I cried for the souls of Mav and Eli and was hoping they would make the right choices. Mav never had a family and he didn't see what was right in front of him. Eli was saved by a man he thought of as a father, but he was ashamed to let him love him. Sometimes fate gives you what you need even when you don't want it. I loved this story. So. Much. I love how Sloane brings back all the men from the previous books and her previous series ( I haven't read the Barretti Security series yet, but they are now on my list!). I feel like part of the family and I can't wait for more! Bring on Memphis' story!! I reached up to snag him by the neck and I held him there as I lifted enough so I could brush my mouth over his. The contact lasted a split second, no more. But the impact was devastating. "You refused to leave me." "You make me a little less broken."

Another exciting adventure in Sloane Kennedy's vigilante assassins series. Eli, the young boy rescued by Dom Barretti and Logan, is back and meets Mav when Eli's volunteering at the hospital Matty is in. There's a lot of story here, with Mav dealing with his past and trying to keep emotional distance from Eli. Eli has issues with his own past to deal with. The tropes and themes are pretty OTT, as always, but just as all-consuming to read, too! I would want to see the trigger issue in this story used less often in the future. Dom and a few of the Barretti family appear in different parts, as they end up intersecting with Ronan's group. That was nice, but as often happens with Sloane's books, the building romance and character interactions and copious sex scenes use a lot of page time. Then it always seems that the climactic events become overwhelming in too few pages before the end. There was sooo much going on in the last 25% or so. There were some new characters squeezed into that latter portion. Some names we've seen mentioned in the course of the series, who become more prominent. There's an excerpt of Memphis story at the end and the other's will appear later, I'm sure. I couldn't give this more than four stars, because I got rather frustrated with Mav's character. None of that will keep me from reading the next one, nor the one after that.

Eli and Mav both deeply hurt. Both had their heart locked and were very vulnerable. The difference between them was Mav looked as the strong guy and Eli as the small weak one. My stomach squeezed many many times and electric contractions were going through my body from the hurt. The hurt... I felt it all. The author did a good job. Their journey is one with many bumps. They were instantly attracted to each other even knowing it could never be. Their sexual interactions were sizzling and beautiful and heartbreaking. Their connection was very emotional. I sighed in relief. He wasn't letting me go yet. It's wonderful to see Eli getting stronger and that he is the one

who does the fighting for their 'relationship'. Somehow he is getting it all about Mav. Forsaken is one of a serie. I didn't read any other I had a little struggle with all the names but that's my debit. Because of the serie there is a lot of story, again my debit I got a little distracted now and But when it was all about Eli and Mav (and 80% it was) I was all in. The story unfolds strong and the writing is powerful. I loved this story and strongly recommend it. •

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