

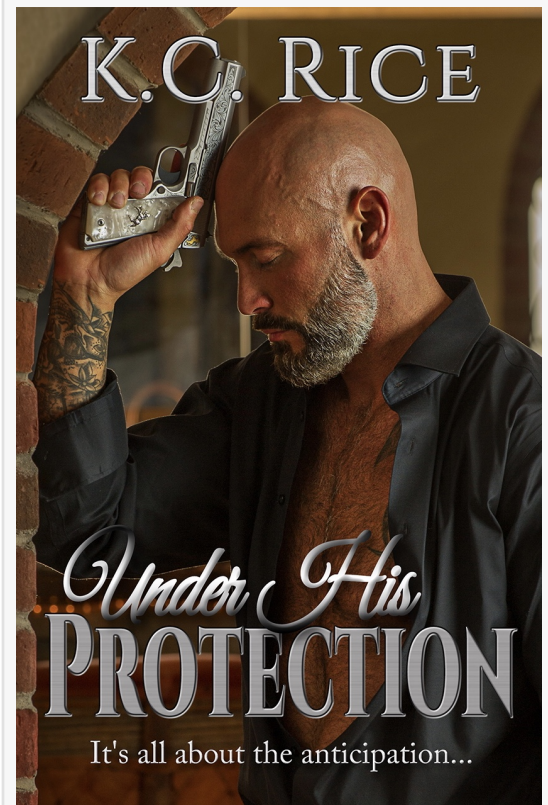
Under His Protection Blends High Stakes Romance With a Reckoning Over Crime, Loss and Survival

K.C. Rice delivers romantic suspense shaped by danger, grief, and the lasting consequences of drug abuse for victims, families, and those left behind.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- K.C. Rice brings danger, attraction, and emotional consequence together in *Under His Protection*, a romantic suspense novel that explores the uncertain line between justice, vengeance, and obsession. At the center of the story is Antonio "Parker" Denoti, a man determined to bring down Mano Torret, the Chicago crime boss he holds responsible for his brother's death. Parker's pursuit becomes even more dangerous when the witness who could help destroy Torret suddenly disappears.

That witness is Cashenna Ramsey, a young woman drawn unknowingly into Torret's network of deception and crime before agreeing to testify against him. Placed into protective custody, Cashenna is taken to a secret location where Parker believes she will remain safe until she can take the stand. That confidence collapses when he arrives at the safe house and discovers a scene of bloodshed. His team is dead, Cashenna is missing, and the mission becomes a desperate search complicated by secrets, danger, and an intensifying emotional connection.

The inspiration behind *Under His Protection* became more personal as Rice witnessed the consequences of drug abuse within her community. While the novel was developing, her adult son lost two former high school classmates to overdoses. At the same time, the high school where Rice worked experienced numerous overdoses within a single year. Those experiences led her to incorporate substance abuse into the narrative, expanding the story beyond criminal suspense to consider how addiction can affect individuals as well as families, friends, and communities living with the aftermath of loss.



Under His Protection by K.C. Rice

Written for readers drawn to romantic suspense, *Under His Protection* combines attraction and passion with secrets, survival, and escalating danger. Rice also gives the story an emotional dimension through themes of grief, addiction, and the consequences that remain after tragedy. The novel contains potentially difficult subject matter and invites readers into a world where appearances can be misleading, trust can carry enormous risk, and the people caught within criminal networks must make choices under intense pressure. Its suspense is grounded as much in emotional stakes as physical danger.

K.C. Rice approaches *Under His Protection* as a story that holds personal meaning throughout, using fiction to explore subjects that extend beyond its central romance and criminal conflict. By weaving the effects of drug abuse into a narrative of protection, revenge, and survival, Rice draws attention to victims whose struggles can continue long after an immediate crisis has passed. The result is a romantic suspense story designed to keep readers questioning motives and loyalties while considering the human cost carried by those left behind.

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