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## Deception's Guard

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Jacqueline Randolph wrote "Deception's Guard" in four days. Having read and thoroughly enjoyed this fast-paced adventure, I suspect that she had steam coming off of her fingers as she typed. The hero, Rhys Wielde, is CEO of a genetics company. As the story begins, he has just discovered that some of his trusted employees and colleagues are involved with creating an artificial gene that induces an incurable addiction with illegal drug use. Being a person of integrity, Rhys is devastated to learn that his own people and company are involved in creating something so heinous. He is determined to find out who is involved and see that justice is served.

Beautiful DEA agent Skye is assigned to be Rhys' personal bodyguard. She is doing this undercover. Circumstances draw them together, but to keep Rhys safe, Skye has to continue her deception of making him think that she is someone else. When the adventure heads down to South America, Skye has to assume another persona to continue to protect Rhys. This persona is of a very unattractive older woman. Rhys finds himself strangely attracted to her. As the suspense plays out, he learns the truth. Both of their lives become endangered as they continue to seek answers.

I really loved this plot. If you are bored and seeking adventure, Skye is the type of woman that you would want to fantasize about being. She is beautiful, intelligent, fit, and deadly. Her character has always stayed on the emotional fringes of her life. As the story progresses, she begins to evolve emotionally. This is not easy for her. She has some major adjustments to make to adapt.

I highly recommend "Deception's Guard." It is the first book in the "Deception Series." I can't wait to read Rhys and Skye's next adventure in "Deception's Fury."