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## Only Fear

By Anne Marie Becker

After a violent incident with a patient leaves scars on both her mind and body, psychiatrist Dr. Maggie Levine craves isolation. A radio talk show host seems to be the perfect profession, a job where she can help people from a distance while staying safe. When a strange caller begins stalking her on the air and murdering people to get her attention, Maggie realizes she can no longer close herself off from the outside world.

A personal security expert, former Secret Service Agent Ethan Townsend is no stranger to tracking down the most violent monsters of society and bringing them to justice. Still, it will take all of Ethan's skills to protect his new assignment, the irresistible Maggie, from a man intent on teaching her the ultimate lesson in fear...

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Dear Reader,

What do you get when you cross summer with lots of beach time, and long hours of traveling? An executive editor who's too busy to write the Dear Reader letter, but has time for reading. I find Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) both the beach and the plane are excellent places to read, and thanks to plenty of time spent on both this summer (I went to Australia! And New Zealand!) I'm able to tell you with confidence: our Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) fall lineup of books is outstanding.

We kick off the fall season with Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) seven romantic suspense titles, during our Romantic Suspense celebration the first week of September. We're pleased to offer novella *Fatal Destiny* by Marie Force as a free download to get you started with the romantic suspense Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) offerings. Also in September, fans of Eleri Stone's sexy, hot paranormal romance debut novel, *Mercy*, can look forward to her follow-up story, *Redemption*, set in the same world of the Lost City Shifters.

Looking to dive into a new erotic romance? We have a sizzling Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) trilogy for you. In October, look for Christine D'Abo's Long Shot trilogy featuring three siblings who share ownership of a coffee shop, and each of whom discover steamy passion within the walls of a local sex club. Christine's trilogy kicks off with *Double Shot*.

In addition to a variety of frontlist titles in historical, paranormal, contemporary, steampunk and erotic romance, we're also pleased to present two authors releasing backlist titles with us. In October, we'll re-release four science fiction romance titles from the backlist of CJ Barry, and in November four Western romance titles from the Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) backlist of Susan Edwards.

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Also in November, we're thrilled to offer our first two chick lit titles from three debut authors, *Liar's Guide to True Love* by Wendy Chen and *Unscripted* by Natalie Aaron and Marla Schwartz. I hope you'll check out these fun, sometimes laugh-out-loud novels.

Whether you're on the beach, on a plane, or sitting in your favorite recliner at home, Carina Press can offer you a diverting read to take you away on your next great adventure this fall!

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~Angela James

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## **Dedication**

For Tim, whose support, enthusiasm and love are boundless.

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## Chapter One

The cold, hard tile of the ladies' room wall felt good against her cheek as Maggie attempted to regroup. Pushing up from the floor, she brushed off the seat of her pants and straightened her blouse, performing a mental body scan. Breathing back to normal. Pulse slowing.

Good news—she was going to survive.

Of course, she always did. If only her brain could believe it.

Knowing she had to Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) get back, Maggie blotted her face with a wet paper towel and tossed it into the trash on her way out.

Her director shot her a look of concern as she strode into the radio station's production booth. Tall, lanky and in his mid-twenties, David Talbot had been her right-hand man since Chicago Great Lakes University had asked her to start a talk show nine months ago. A communications student, David had jumped at the chance to work here. With raised eyebrows, he silently asked, *Are you okay?*

With a nod of reassurance, she returned to her desk. Her portion of the studio was the sound booth, a small room just past David's area, separated by a wall of glass through which they could see each other. As David cued her, she took a sip of water with a hint of lime before speaking into the microphone in front of her.

"Welcome back to *Live with Levine*. I'm Dr. Margaret Levine." Her wilted confidence bloomed again as she pulled her theoretical therapist's cloak around her. "I've got Dan from downtown Chicago on the line with me. Before the commercial break, Dan, you were telling us about your personal tragedy. Your wife was recently shot and killed during a mugging."

"Yes." The man's voice clogged with tears. "I don't know what I'll do without her."

"It sounds like you really miss her." Maggie's heart tore for him as a flash of her brother's smiling face hit her in the chest like a battering ram. Her breathing hitched and her pulse rate picked up as the image was quickly replaced with one of Brad lying in a pool of blood.

"Tell us about your wife," Maggie prompted gently, focusing on her breathing. As Dan Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) from downtown talked through his tears about his wife of five years, she struggled against the urge to flee and curl up in that Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) bathroom stall again. The details of Dan's tragedy were so similar to Only Fear (The Mindhunters Book 1) hers. She couldn't help but think about it, and the remembered images

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threatened to overwhelm her.

Especially today, of all days.

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“Thank you, Dan, for sharing your story with us. It takes a lot of courage to face each day as you have.” She knew that firsthand. “I’m so sorry for your loss. Check in with us and let us know how you’re doing, okay?”

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