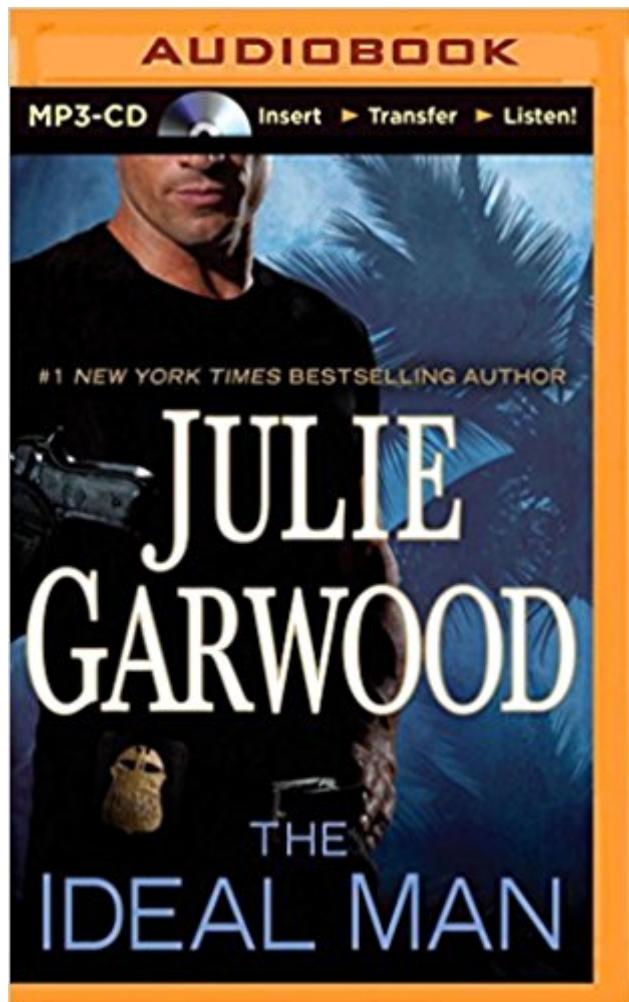


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# The Ideal Man: A Novel



## Synopsis

Julie Garwood is among the most critically acclaimed and popular romance authors around, with thirty-six million copies of her books in print. And now, with *The Ideal Man*, Garwood is poised to expand that already huge audience. Dr. Ellie Sullivan has just completed her residency at a large urban hospital. While jogging in a park nearby, she witnesses the shooting of an FBI agent in pursuit of wanted criminals, a couple identified as the Landrys. The only person to see the shooter's face, Ellie is suddenly at the center of a criminal investigation. Agent Max Daniels takes over the Landry case. A no-nonsense lawman, he's definitely not the ideal man that Ellie has always imagined, yet she's attracted to him in a way she can't explain. Ellie heads home to Winston Falls, South Carolina, to attend her sister's wedding. Shortly after she arrives, though, she receives a surprise visitor: Max Daniels. The Landrys have been captured, and she'll be called to testify. But they've been captured before, and each time the witnesses are scared into silence—or disappear before they can take the stand. Max vows to be Ellie's shadow until the trial, and it isn't long before sparks fly. . . .

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Julie Garwood is the author of numerous New York Times bestsellers, including Sizzle, Fire and Ice, Shadow Music, Shadow Dance, and Slow Burn. She lives near Kansas City.

This is the second Julie Garwood book I've read. The first was the 1st book in her Scottish Laird's series which I rated a 1. This book is only slightly better as it did not require much research. I was hooked into buying it by the excerpt included in the first JG book I read. It sounded like a fast paced, better written, romantic drama. Boy was I wrong and I wish I could get my money back. The characters and premise were good and the story started out great but it dragged for most of the book. The story stalled when Ellie and Mac went to her parents house. The details on broken appliances, and with only brief respites, a boring family pulled the entire story down. It was once again superficial and although there were more descriptive passages than the other JG book I read, the vocabulary was still at a primary reading level. I did like the very end of the book but never really got to know the Mac character. The intimate passages were rather dull; the book reads like mediocre fanfic.

I always enjoy reading books by Julie Garwood. I really like her characters and the story evolves so that you are really involved. I am always looking for a good romantic suspense author and Julie Garwood fits that description in spades!!

Another WONDERFUL STORY from Julie Garwood, I love her stories and have lost sleep staying awake reading them because I can't put them down...

I love anything Julie Garwood writes. there is a lot of action and the characters are fun and believable.Mary DeBoer

A strong female who is swept off her feet by a strong man, who loves her in spite of his resistance to do so. What's not to like!

I gave this book a four rating because it was a good story and I enjoyed the characters and how they grew

I really like many of Julie Garwood's books, especially those involving federal agents. The Ideal Man - like all of them - revolves around a strong woman in trouble and a handsome hero. That is actually true of almost all romance novels. The joy is in finding an author who can do these topics well. Julie Garwood does. The title seems misleading, since there is really little mention until the end of Ellie's ideal in husbands. Rather, we are presented with a highly-respected young surgeon who accidentally witnesses the shooting of a federal agent - and sees the perpetrators. The Landrys are well-known to the FBI; they have a long history of federal crimes, but any witnesses to those crimes tend to disappear prior to trial. Senior agent Max Daniels is part of the team trying to convict the Landrys. When he discovers what Ellie saw (and didn't see), he takes it upon himself to see to her protection. Along the way Max learns that Ellie has been viciously beaten several times by a stalking predator, so she is very cautious about letting any man into her life. She is at serious risk from the Landrys, as well as from the predator who assaulted her in high school, but she doesn't act like she really believes either will find her. This is not a spine-chilling nightmare of suspense, but it has its moments. It places high in my estimation of romantic suspense stories. A good read.

It is good to have a doctor in the family. I really enjoyed that comment. I really enjoyed this book.

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