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The tides of war have shifted. When all eyes turn south, Doctor Jonathan Corbett finds himself once more thrust into the war's turmoil. On assignment from General Washington, the dashing doctor discovers his mission has taken him straight into a conflict where the British are not the only ones to be feared.

Rebekah Morse has no time to contemplate the exploding war around her. Caught up as a pawn in a deadly conspiracy, she finds her only hope lies with her old friend, but things have changed since they last saw each other.

Yet destiny has not intervened in their lives without cause. Rebekah's strength, courage, and breathtaking sensuality sets within Jonathan a desire he swore never to feel again. When Rebekah's life is threatened, Jonathan is determined to save the stubborn woman whether she wants to be saved or not. Now Jonathan and Rebekah must face the perilous threat together—only to discover a passion they never imagined...

## **Kiss of Deceit Details**

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### Sherry Hoernig says

#### YOU WILL LOVE KISS OF DECEIT!!!!

Can I just say WOW!!!! What an AWESOME, impossible to put down book!!! I was up until 5:00am reading, & actually had to force myself to put it down & go to bed. Jerri is truly gifted as a writer. I had high expectations when I began reading Kiss of Deceit having previously read books she has written under her other pen names: Colleen Connally, & Carrie James Haynes. Books which I enjoyed immensely, & I was not disappointed.

Jerri weaves a story of love & betrayal. A story of strength & of faith. She captures the essence of the era so well that you feel as if you were indeed living it. Her characters are realistic as they face the obstacles, & trials that are thrown in their path. As the reader I felt their fears, their anger, their frustrations, their strength & determination as they fought to overcome them. I experienced their joy, & their sense of accomplishment, as they conquered each one. I felt the love, & the passion they experienced. It says a lot as to how talented, & how dedicated an author is when they can touch a person so deeply, that they are not only reading a book, but that they are actually living out the story themselves. This is definitely a must read!!

\*\*\*\*\*I was given a copy of this book by the author in exchange for my honest & unbiased review\*\*\*\*\*

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### Eryn says

I thought this book showed promise at the start, but as it continued, the writing became poorer. Sentences were disjointed, there were too many characters mentioned all over the place, and the ending was very disappointing. The female lead was also very weak and unappealing.

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### Emily Stone says

I really enjoyed reading this novel, I liked the fact that the author moved over more to follow Jonathan Corbett and his life, but that it still brought in his sister and his sister in law and child. I don't think the 2 books that came before it need to be read for a reader to understand and follow the novel. I was initially a little disappointed when book 1 finished and I couldn't see where book 2 could go but after reading book 2 and book 3 the possibilities are endless!

Can't wait for the 4th instalment of the winds of betrayal series. :-) a all round good read.

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### Dolores Ayotte says

This is the second book I've read and reviewed by talented Author Jerri Hines. Once again, it is a history lesson and a romance novel all in one. Due to the fact that I read "Patriot Games", it felt like I was already acquainted with a few of the characters which made it all the more enjoyable. It was delightful to discover

what happened to Dr. Jonathan Corbett after the death of his wife Catherine. His dangerous role as doctor/soldier continues during the historical American Revolution, the time frame in which this novel takes place.

Coming to the aid of his long time friend, Rebekah Morse, poses many challenges and unpredictable dangers for the admirable and stoic character of Dr. Corbett. The death of Rebekah's parents force her and her siblings into the life of their ruthless uncle, Adam Reed. His hatred for her is apparent, much to her surprise and lack of understanding for the reason. She has no idea why he holds these dark feelings toward her but she is bound to discover the depth and depravity of these negative emotions. Her abduction and subsequent threats on her life are orchestrated by this vengeful uncle. Black Rory, a disgruntled raider whose family has been slain, appears to come to her rescue. Many twists and turns unfold as the plot thickens and the story unfolds. Rebekah spends months with Black Rory but he manages to betray her too.

Expect the unexpected in this captivating, well-written, historical romance. I certainly hope there is more to come in this enthralling series (Winds of Betrayal)!

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### **Lindsay says**

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### **René says**

#### **Not nearly as good as the first.**

It seems this book was written quickly. The plot is jumpy and the grammar atrocious. I already own the third book and hope it goes back to the writing of the first.

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### **Joyce Himmel says**

Another good read from Jerri Hines. We continue on our journey with Hannah and her brother Doctor Jonathan Corbett. As the war continues The Kiss of Deceit focuses on Dr. Corbett and his struggles within the turmoil of war. We ride along as Rebekah is caught in a dangerous web of deceit and finds her only hopes depends on the feelings of an old friend. Certainly enjoyed the adventures that Ms. Hines takes us on.

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### **Jessica says**

This is the second book in her Winds of Betrayal series. I have not read the first book and honestly don't feel it is necessary to read the first book. It is very much a standalone book. Hines does reveal some information later in the book so if you don't like spoilers then read the first book, Patriot Secrets, before this one.

Hines spins an intriguing tale with the American Revolution as the backdrop. Ruse of Love follows Jonathan Corbett in the South after spending several years in the North. Hines does an excellent job contrasting the

sharp differences in the climate of the North and South of the American colonies. Those of us familiar with American history will remember the conditions at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778. One scene that stood out for me was in chapter one, “A burst of bitter wind gusted. Dr. Jonathan Corbett yanked his cloak across his chest to protect against brutal cold...The pines moaned in the darkness, but offered scant protection to the elements in this godforsaken winter camp.”

The historical research and the undertaking of it in her novel is exceptional. It’s been quite some time since I read a historical with so much detail and you can feel the frustration with the war effort. The American Revolution is often romanticized and we often forget how difficult it must have been for the American colonists and the men as well as the families living under such circumstances. Hines portrays these feelings and we can see Jonathan’s disillusionment with the war in chapter one, “Seemed a lifetime ago when he answered the call for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. How eager he had answered that call.” Later she touches upon it again when Jonathan remembers the sacrifice his family made, “He, too, had once held the cry to the fervor of freedom.” The reader can’t quite work out if his personal feelings are due to the conditions of war or if there is something more to it. You can taste the bitterness he feels. Hines weaves a tale that makes us understand why Jonathan feels the way he does and leaves you wanting to delve into the history of the American Revolution to learn more.

Not only do we have Jonathan’s tale and what he’s experiencing, but we also have Rebekah Morse’s tale. Now here is where the book diverts into basically two separate books. On the one hand you have Jonathan’s life as a doctor during the war and on the other, you have Rebekah’s tale as a young woman. Unlike today, women didn’t have many choices for a career especially if you relied upon male relatives and their assistance. Rebekah’s tale is heartbreakingly brutal. We never really are told the full story as to why her uncle hates her until the very end and even then the big reveal as to why her uncle wanted to hide his background is a bit weak. I suppose in many ways I was expecting this grand confession of a secret to be life shattering and yet it wasn’t (well...it was for the time period, but I was expecting more). In addition to that Rebekah’s life is intertwined with that of Black Rory, a notorious raider. He saves her one night, but then held her captive for three months. I realize she’s a young girl, eighteen years old, and lived a sheltered life, but her relationship with Black Rory and what ensues afterwards was a bit unreal. Especially at how fast it happens. Despite that we are left with a character, Black Rory, we are suppose to dislike and yet one can’t help feel sorry for him and everything he lost. He made a choice to forgo his second chance for happiness and there lies the heartbreak. In the end we too have to wonder if Black Rory profession of love for Rebekah was indeed a ruse as Jonathan claims.

Ruse of Love is a beautifully written story with rich historical details. It’s also an emotional roller coaster. You’ll feel the frustration of war, makes you relive your first romance as well as the failure of one, but most importantly it makes you feel like you were there. Jonathan’s fear in the battlefield is gritty and your heart pounds as you read his emotions and what could very well be his final thoughts. You feel Rebekah’s anguish at not knowing who to trust and all the while cheering her on to be happy with Jonathan.

I debated over the rating between a four or a five. I gave it a four because at times it felt like I was reading two separate books. I understand the reason for this since it gives us a glimpse into the lives of Rebekah and Jonathan before they meet again and how different their lives were; I worried when we’d see them together and the time spent together wasn’t enough to satisfy my need that a bond of love had formed. A four for the detailed historical elements and because I really can’t wait to see how the series concludes.

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## **Connie Huddleston says**

While this series is readable, I would like a bit more character development and more history.

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## **Linda Banche says**

Plots and more plots about in this wonderfully complex, exciting and fast-paced tale of love, revenge and honor set in the Carolinas during the American Revolutionary War.

The American Revolution we learned about from dry history books comes alive with real people suffering the hardships of war. The plight of naïve, downtrodden Rebekah, suffering for crimes she did not commit, is heartbreaking. Jonathan, surgeon in the Continental Army, is honorable, loyal and a hero to die for. All snakes do not slither in the grass, and Ms. Hines has created several genuinely evil, but true to life and the period, villains.

The best part of the story is Jonathan. A truly heroic man, but also human in his quest to avenge and protect those, especially his family, whom the tides of war have harmed. His fiery patriotism dims but never falters as he continues his support of the American cause while he ministers to the sick as well as navigates the politics (there are always politics) of the different factions fighting the British.

Ms. Hines's heroes are heroic, her villains villainous, and the backdrop of the war makes everything play out with an intensity not possible in peacetime. A big story, and although we know who won, we wonder how the characters will fare even as we reach "The End".

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