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Beneath the lies is truth—and temptation that neither of them can resist.

Book Five of the *Hearts of the South* series.

Investigator Celia St. John is hopelessly attracted to the one man she shouldn't want, district attorney Tom McMillian. Arrogant and completely alpha, McMillian is the type of man she likes—a tough son of a bitch. The problem? He's her boss, and he's still hung up on his ex-wife.

Since his marriage to a law enforcement agent failed after the death of his infant son, Tom has avoided emotional involvement with any woman. Despite his attraction to Celia, he refuses to get involved with another cop.

Their no-strings affair quickly becomes a tangled web of intrigue as they investigate an illegal baby adoption ring and more than one murder, one of which points to Tom as a suspect. The more they dig under the lies, the higher the risk, not only to their relationship, but their lives.

## Memories of Us Details

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## Rhian Cahill says

Again, Linda's characters are so real and engaging they could be living next door. And she does suspense so well you'll be chewing your nails the whole way through.

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## Veronica says

Reread.

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## Pamela(AllHoney) says

The fifth book in the *Hearts of the South* series by Linda Winfree. Celia St. John is an investigator working for district attorney Tom McMillian. She is attracted to him but believes he is still hung up on his ex-wife. But Tom is also attracted to Celia but does not want to get involved with someone else in law enforcement. But while investigating a possible illegal baby adoption ring Celia and Tom are put in the position where they are faced with admitting their feelings to themselves as well as to each other.

Tom is the ex-husband to Kathleen Palmer of *Truth and Consequences*. While it would be better to read that book first for some of the backstory, the book works pretty well as a stand-alone. Linda Winfree is a truly gifted writer and I have loved this series. The characters are not perfect and have issues and baggage that they have to deal with. I love this series and highly recommend it!

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## Wati says

I love the story! I love the characters, the drama, the dialogues, the plots. I especially love both Celia and Tom.

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## Karla says

4 stars

I'm loving this series so much, it doesn't even seem to matter that I didn't start at the beginning of the series. Each book is with a different couple, but the characters are connected. "Memories of us" is book 5 in the (hearts of the south series) and it was another fantastic addition to this series. Filled with suspense, some angst, mystery and a bit of paranormal. I loved the main couple they both worked hard to fight their past demons to be able to be together. Especially the h, she stood by her man even at the risk of losing her career. This one didn't have action as the previous books in the series but the bit of PNR, added suspense to it. The last couple of chapters had me hitting my nails, and when I thought I had it figured out I was wrong but then

I had it right again, well kinda! I enjoyed seeing couples from the other books and how they all make sense and their stories are interwoven with each other and of course a great epilogue! This a great series that I hope to keep on enjoying!!

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### **Book Binge says**

Memories of Us is book 5 in Linda Winfree's Hearts of the South Series. I've read all the previous books and enjoyed them for the most part. I feel like I've been watching a new author blossom and grow as I follow along with these novels, and I have to say, she gets better with each subsequent release.

I think the thing I love best about this novel is how the main protagonists stick together and support each other, despite issues they both had from the past. I thought Celia was a very believable character. She was tough, but evenly balanced. She had vulnerabilities and fears, and with Tom's help she was able to face them and then move on.

Tom was wonderful in that he wasn't at all what I expected him to be from seeing him in the previous novels. I expected a somewhat staid, kind of straight-laced guy, but he was much more than that. I absolutely love that he was the one with the psychic gift. The way he dealt with it was awesome too. So much like a man.

I did have a few issues with his feelings towards his ex-wife and the way they were resolved. I would much rather have seen the author focus on his feelings for his dead son. I felt that had the potential to be much more deep and powerful. I didn't believe for a second that after years of pining for his ex-wife and feeling guilty for his son's death he was just magically healed.

Still, I adored Celia and Tom together. They had wonderful sexual chemistry, and I really felt their emotional bond. I love the way they supported each other and stood by each other. It was wonderfully done. I especially loved the way they just accepted each other as they were.

Though I had a few issues, I highly recommend this. It was an excellent read.

4.5 out of 5

This review was originally posted on Book Binge by Holly.

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### **~Megan~ says**

Didn't have high hopes for this one, but I ended up loving it!! Who knew Tom was so sexy? I loved his character and the love that built between himself and Celia. He just needed to be needed...I think they both did! The mystery in this one was just so-so and not quite as action-packed as the others. The climax was a little ho hum as well. I'm loving this series!

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## **Debbie DiFiore says**

### **Hearts of the south**

This is another book in hearts of the south and it's about illegal adoptions. I really didn't like Tom the H, and couldn't warm up to him. I liked the h though and towards the end the H got a little better for me. The mystery of the deaths and babies was really good. I did figure out who did it but not until the 80% Mark. Solid read.

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## **Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says**

H is a District Atty and h is one of his lead investigators. H was married and he and wife lose a child (SIDS?) They divorce and his ex moves on with another character in the series and becomes pregnant. H has not moved on from the divorce or losing his son. He has commitment issues and has brief affairs (not described in detail for most of the book.) h has a thing for H and he, in turn, is attracted to h as well (H tries to resist.) In the midst of a illegal child adoption ring/investigation, an attorney who H had brief affair with is murdered (she taped all her flings on video for blackmail.) I've read most of this series and cannot get enough. 4 stars

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## **Cam says**

I love this series. So far all are good except the second book. Looking forward to the next one, Hearts Awakened

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## **Leslie says**

Rating: B+

Yes, I'm moving right on through this series, the end is near which makes me sad. The last book published in the Hearts of the South series was released in July of 2009, since then there has been no sign of any more books to come. Which is sad because this is a very good romance series with the added feature of a small town setting and suspenseful plots.

Celia St. John is a top investigator for the District Attorney's office. She is smart, professional and she's also fallen for her boss. He's clueless. hehe. Celia does know about Tom McMillin's past and the feelings he still has for his ex-wife. But that doesn't stop Celia from going for what she wants. Thankfully she wasn't a wimpy, crying heroine. Celia is tough when it comes to doing her job and that strength comes through in her pursuit of Tom.

Tom McMillian is a District Attorney with a reputation for not backing down. It took me a long time to warm up to Tom. His fixation on his ex-wife really bothered me. He admits their marriage was over years before the divorce and yet he comes across as being obsessed with her. She's moved on with a new husband and baby on the way so it's not as if Tom has a chance of getting her back. Then when he does get over her it's "BOOM", hey it doesn't hurt to see her anymore. It felt as if his letting go was forced to make way for

Celia.

Celia and Tom do get it on with the caveat that it's only casual, no strings attached. And they won't let it affect their working relationship. Yeah, we all know how that's going to play out. LOL Tom and Celia make their fantasies come to life. The scenes are classy and sexy with a wildness to them. Loved it!

The mystery surrounding the murder and the possible illegal adoption ring is a strong emotional part of the story. Winfree doesn't sugarcoat the facts of the violence involved in the murder, it's brutal. I did enjoy seeing how the DA's office interacts with the local police force as well as catching up with previous heroes and heroines of the series. The books are family centered whether it be biological family or work family, they all pull together and are there for each other. I really appreciate how well those elements factor into the series.

Even with my slow warm-up to Tom, I was easily pulled back into this small Georgia setting and the characters that populate it. Even if there are to be no more books in this series, I have no doubt I will be re-reading and revisiting these characters in the future.

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### **Lori says**

Reread in 2010.

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### **Robin \*loves sexy books\* says**

not sure why i keep feeling surprised by how good these book are!! this whole series has been awesome.

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### **Vee Paige says**

[ one of the characters have a psychic gift (hide spoiler)]

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### **MoNique says**

Borrowed kindle

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