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Past Sins Cast a Long Shadow

Dallas Phillips refuses to believe her father committed suicide, even though things were tough on his farm and he was deeply in debt. When she hears he'd told a neighbor about an upcoming windfall, she grows suspicious, and her suspicion only deepens when she realizes someone is lurking in the nearby mountains after dark.

For help, she turns to Trey Jakes, local police chief—and her former lover. As they begin to investigate, another mystery comes to light. Trey's mother is beginning to remember events from thirty years ago, something shadowy that happened in the mountains, and Dallas's father was there, too. Is what happened that night connected to his "suicide"? As they search for the truth, Trey and Dallas struggle to fight their attraction, but they may not be able to fend off another force—a killer who's more than willing to kill again to make sure old secrets stay buried.

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Dawn ♥ romance says

A really good romantic suspense with lots of fast paced exciting action. The steadfast hero was so lovable and the heroine's strength was noticeable. I could even buy into the reasons for her actions. I am looking forward to the next book in the series. News reporter Dallas returns home after her father's death and has to interact with her old love, police chief Trey.

Bela says

Sex was bad, but otherwise i really liked it :)

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Her father found hung
She comes home to care for farm
Her first love helps her

Only partly solved
No final resolution
Must read on to know

Maryann Sulic says

Started out interesting then veered to a new topic. Original mystery left unsolved. One has to read sequel.

Alima Livzletlivz says

Sharon Sala writes some real interesting stories. They have an aura of timeless mystery to them and add Sharon's style of narration and writing, you get one great heck of a story.

The first book "Wild Hearts" in her new series Secrets And Lies kick starts the story with a mysterious incident shadowed by dark hazy memories and a death thirty years ago. And thirty years later, looks like reckoning is not far off.

The death of her father brings home Dallas Phillips from her city job. Shocked and in grief, she does not believe that her father committed suicide and she turns to her childhood friend and lover Trey Jakes for her

help.

Thirty years ago Trey's mother and Dallas's father have been a witness to an incident that they don't remember anymore, yet Trey's mother seems to be getting back some memories that may open a can of worms and the killer wants to keep it buried.

As Dallas and Jake try to uncover the truth behind Dallas's father murder, old feelings of love and passion reignite the relationship between them. Dallas is an amazingly resilient lady, kind and with a good heart. All she wants is to find the truth behind her father's murder. Jake as the local police chief is just Dallas needs to compliment her. Years ago her job caused a rift between them, but now Jake the protector is not letting Dallas get away a second time. Two wonderful people meant to be together.

Sharon Sala weaves another fabulous mystery that keeps the interest going, and the minds guessing. I love her knack of creating characters with depth and individuality, and her play of emotions and feelings between characters.

This is no cliffhanger to the love story of Dallas and Jake, but the mystery will continue into the next book of her series, as the killer wants an old secret to be kept buried, forever and is willing to kill again to do so.

Received an ARC from Harlequin via NetGalley for an honest review.

Tiny Shen ??? says

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Buku pertama dari Trilogi yang sukses membuat penasaran hingga lembar terakhir.

Adalah Dallas Phillips yg kembali ke Mystic setelah mendapat kabar bahwa Ayahnya meninggal dunia. Kejutan yg menanti Dallas ternyata lebih dahsyat dr perkiraannya. Trey Jakes, kepala polisi sekaligus mantan pacar Dallas telah menunggunya plus gosip yg beredar bahwa Ayahnya tewas bunuh diri.

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Dallas tak percaya bunuh diri. Hingga ia meminta bantuan Trey untuk menyelidiki kasus Ayahnya. Hidup Dallas juga terancam bahaya karena diserang anjing liar. Ditambah lagi buronan polisi yg berkeliaran di gunung.

Pelan tp pasti Trey dan Dallas berhubungan kembali. Trey jg pindah dan tinggal bersama Dallas.

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Setelah hasil autopsi ayah Dallas keluar, terbukti bahwa Ayah Dallas dibunuh. Kota kecil di pegunungan itupun geger. Siapakah pembunuh di antara penduduk kota tsb?

Hingga endingpun tak diketahui, karena berhubungan dgn buku kelanjutannya. Dan kasus pembunuhan ini berhubungan secara tidak langsung dgn kasus kecelakaan yg melibatkan ayah Dallas dan Ibu Trey beserta 2 tmn SMA mereka 30 thn yg lalu. Ga sabar tunggu kelanjutannya diterjemahkan deh..

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Pamela(AllHoney) says

The first book in Sharon Sala's *Secrets and Lies* series. Dallas Phillips comes home when she is informed that her father is dead in an apparent suicide. But Dallas is sure that her father would never kill himself. Once there she sees her high school boyfriend and now police chief, Trey Jakes.

Okay, yes, there is a cliffhanger in this. It was closed in regards to the romance of Dallas and Trey and certain other issues but the cliffhanger is undeniable. I *HATE* cliffhangers! And I have to wait way too long for the next book:(Darnnit!

But the story was good and I loved the characters. I will continue this series but I still protest the cliffhanger!

Christa says

Wild Hearts is another great book by Sharon Sala! I loved the two main characters, and enjoyed watching them rekindle their relationship. I liked the suspense storyline a great deal, and the book held my attention all the way through.

Dallas and Trey were sweethearts who were separated when Dallas left their small town to pursue a career. Years later, she returns after the supposed suicide of her father, and soon realizes all is not as it seems. Trey is there for Dallas, and as they search for what really happened, they realize they still have feelings for one another. While they search for answers, there is someone who will do anything to keep the truth hidden.

This book has a very nice balance of suspense and romance. I loved the interactions between Trey and Dallas. I thought they were both great characters, and I loved the way Trey was so upfront with his feelings. The suspenseful storyline kept me on the edge of my seat waiting to see what would happen next. This one was a winner for me, and I can't wait for the next book!

Donna Repsher says

Wild Hearts is the first novel in Sharon Sala's, *Secrets and Lies* series, and it begins with a Prologue in which 4 high school friends in Mystic, West Virginia, are celebrating their high school graduation by getting drunk and joyriding along the local roads. Behind the wheel is Connie Bartlett, they're all piled into the new pink Cadillac she got for graduation that day, and all four of them are drunk--never a smart move, and, as you'd expect, they crash head-on into a tree. Connie, goes through the windshield and is found dead at the scene, and her three passengers, Dick Phillips, Betsy Pass and Paul Jackson, are all severely wounded, yet somehow manage to survive their injuries.

Fast forward several decades and we now meet Dick Phillips as an adult and a widower, as he's tending to his late wife's chickens for the eggs he sells. When someone he knows stops in to buy a couple of dozen, that same person, still unnamed, attacks him, knocks him to the ground, throws a noose around his neck, and hangs him from the barn rafters, and that single event is what triggers the events in this intriguing novel, and probably the ones to follow it, since the identity of the killer is still unknown as this novel concludes. This fascinating tale of intrigue, murder and love gets 4.5 stars from this reader.

Dallas Phillips, Dick's daughter, moved away from home to the big city more than 6 years earlier to pursue a career in broadcast journalism, and she's been quite successful at it. When she receives a call telling her that her father has been found dead, an apparent suicide, she can't get home fast enough. To add to her stress, there's the realization that she'll also be seeing the wonderful man she loved and left behind when she set out for the big city to pursue her goals. That man is Trey Jakes, who is now the small town's Police Chief, and he's been in love with Dallas since he was six years old. Although her father's death is a terrible reason for Dallas to return home, it's also the opportunity Trey has long been awaiting, a chance to reconnect with the only woman he's ever loved.

But this is more than just a second-chance at love novel, and more than a simple whodunit murder mystery too. There are feral former dogfighting dogs roaming the area to deal with, plus the fact that Dallas learns that her father was all too close to losing the farm that has been in the family for well over a century, and her strong belief that there is no way on earth that her father would take his own life. After Dallas is attacked and injured by one of those feral dogs, Trey moves into her house to care for her and hopefully to rekindle their former relationship, but there's no shortage of reasons for him to be out doing his job, and for Dallas to end up as the lone target for more than one evil-doer.

What I've always found so special about Sharon Sala's novels is the heartwarming way in which she draws you into small town life, and into the hearts and minds of the characters in those towns. She always imbues her stories with a sense of homecoming, no matter where that might be, and the goodness, kindness, caring, and sense of community that harkens back to an earlier time when small town life was far more common than it is today, and a time in which people in those small towns were more willing to help one another in good times and bad.

As is also the case in Ms. Sala's novels, she hooks you into her novels from the very first page, and the intrigue, suspense, murder, and romance she writes so well, make her books impossible to put down page-turners right through to the end. In *Wild Hearts*, Trey and Dallas are strong, honest and so well-drawn that in short order they begin to feel like your next-door neighbors and family as well. The heat these two generate together isn't overly graphic, but instead, their relationship and feelings for one another are genuine, caring and heartwarming.

If you're in the mood for a great read, one with suspense, mystery, intrigue, and a great second chance at love trope, look no further. This novel gets high marks for the all of the aforementioned. Yes, it ends in an HEA, but there's also that cliffhanger ending I mentioned earlier, but this story and these characters are so well-defined, compelling, and multi-dimensional rather than being upset at the cliffhanger, I'm eagerly awaiting a return to this town and it's cast of characters in the upcoming novels in this series.

I voluntarily read an advance reader copy of this book. The opinions expressed are my own.

Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says

Wild Hearts, the first book in Sharon Sala's new *Secrets and Lies* series, is a thrilling romantic suspense packed with emotion!

Thirty years ago four friends were enjoying a night out celebrating when tragedy struck, one friend ended up loosing their life. Now those friends are grown and enjoying their prime...but when one ends up taking his life memories from the past begin to emerge. Memories that one person will do anything to keep buried.

Dallas Phillips left her small town life for a big city job. When she receives a phone call that her father is dead though, Dallas not only has to face the possibility of his suicide, but the man she left behind as well. While Trey Jakes, local police chief, helps Dallas prove that her father's apparent suicide was a murder, he also sets out to prove that this small town has everything that Dallas needs. And he isn't letting her leave it, or him, again.

But as Dallas and Trey dig deeper into the mystery of her father's murder, more questions rise and another threat looms in the towering mountains behind them.

Sharon Sala is an author filled with talent and heart, and that comes through in her writing every time! Wild Hearts is an exciting, gripping, and passionate page turner with the perfect balance of romance and suspense. Trey and Dallas make for a wonderful pair of main characters and a lovely second chance romance. Dallas is a very independent woman who is determined to prove that her father's death was a murder, and not the suicide everyone believes. But when Trey comes back into her life, Dallas realizes that even though she can get along well on her own doesn't mean that she wants to do it without Trey anymore. Trey, I loved to pieces. He was such a straight shooter and I adored how he told Dallas how it was going to be! These two were sizzling, sexy and sweet together.

As the suspense side of the story played out I quickly came to realize that the blurb was a bit misleading. There is a mystery throughout the story-line that includes Trey's mother and Dallas' father, we even get glimpses of the past through Trey's mother's dreams. But it is part of a continuing plot arc in the trilogy so while there is a happily-ever-after in the end for Dallas and Trey, the mystery of the chilling killer and his or her reasonings is left up in the air for the future installments. Despite that though, Sharon Sala delivered a pulse-pounding romance that kept me on the edge of my seat and I am looking forward to the next book in the Secrets and Lies series!

Marilyn says

4.5 stars - this one had everything in it - romance, mystery, suspense. Easy read but really held my interest. And the mystery continues as it is not resolved in this book.....must move on to book 2 in this trilogy. Great read for fans of Sandra Brown and Nora Roberts.

Cindie says

I am so excited to review Book 1 in the Secrets and Lies Series by Sharon Sala. While reading the first chapter I knew that I was getting on a ride of suspense, and mystery and the ride just kept getting better with each new page.

Sharon Sala always has the wonderful gift of storytelling in her blood and weaves a story that takes you right into the lives of the people involved. I always feel like I know the people involved and they are old friends.

I laugh, I cry and I scream when the bad guys come out of the woodwork.

I can't wait to see how things turn out in book two and who will show up to add to the tale.

Stephanie Jenkins Ortiz Cerrillo says

Wild Hearts is another great read by Sharon Sala and I can't wait to see what happens in the other two books to this series, Secrets and Lies.

Mystic police chief, Trey Jake's has been in love with Dallas Phillips since the first day of First grade, but she does not know that. Dallas left Trey broken hearted 6 years ago to chase her dream of a big city life and a career that would give her fame. A college graduate, she is now one of the hottest new on-the-spot reporters at WOML news in Charleston when she receives a call that her father has committed suicide. Dallas refuses to believe her father would do so a thing so she heads home to Mystic to prove him innocent of suicide and she won't leave until she accomplishes it. Jake and his mother, Bonnie, are determined she will not go through this alone. As they begin to investigate another mystery begins to unfold. Bonnie is beginning to remember events from 30 years ago that just might be involved with the death of Dick Phillips. There just might be a killer around Mystic that wants the past to stay in the past.

Secrets and Lies series is very intriguing and I can't imagine having to wait for the second book in this series. I'm happy I have book 2 and 3 to read now. I'm dying to see where this plot is headed and how the different mysteries of Mystic might fit together.

Melanie Chabrol- says

Dallas Phillips refuses to believe her father committed suicide. she asks local police chief, Trey for help. whom she dated years ago before she moved. 30 years ago. Trey 's mom (Betsy) , Connie(who died from drinking and driving), Dick Phillips and Paul were in an accident. will Betsy remember what happened that day?

with her dad dead, a large dog who almost bit her, almost being kidnapped what more can Dallas take? how will she handle her dad's death. will she fulfill what he wanted find out. I look forward to reading cold hearts next

Tina says

Major Cliffhanger alert!

This is the first book in a trilogy. It starts with a flashback of four kids on the night of their high school graduation. They have a horrific accident where one of the kids die, but three survive having witnessed something. But in the aftermath of the accident with their injuries the three remaining survivors have no memory of what they saw.

Flash forward to present day where one of those survivors is now an older man with a grown up daughter who is the heroine of this story. He is murdered and obviously it has something to do with what he witnessed as a teenager. But why now since he has shown no evidence of recalling anything of that night.

To find out who the murderer is you have to read the entire trilogy since the murderer and the motive are not revealed until the third book.

In the meantime this book features a fairly easy romance and a side suspense plot regarding a dog fighting group. Nice enough read, good audio but to get a resolution to the overarching mystery you need to read the other two books.
