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One tragic decision dashed Rachel Carson's plans and made her scared of her own shadow. Now on the run, she must forever give up the hope of love—or a baby. But with her new identity, she can help care for a motherless little girl, left in the protection of handsome Sheriff Cade Garner.

As tough as his Wyoming mountains, Cade takes his responsibilities seriously. He will do whatever is necessary to protect baby Jenny and give her the life she should have had. But his sharp instincts tell him something is up with the mysterious nanny who swept into their lives. The alluring blonde has roused his senses...and his heart. As a lawman, he seeks to uncover her secrets. He knows he can protect her and the baby, if only she will dare to trust again.

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Ayu Wirdha says

Mungkin lebih berasa emosinya jika diceritakan dari sudut pandang Rachel dari pertama bertemu Dirk, pernikahan yang ditentang keluarga, abuse, kehilangan bayi, Dirk dipenjara & kabur, masuk perlindungan saksi, begitu pula Cade yg kehilangan istri & anak karena kecelakaan sehingga di satu titik mereka bertemu. Jadi tidak terlalu panjang lebar menceritakan rasa tertarik jd kekaguman fisik. Padahal temanya lumayan menjanjikan. Yang tidak disangka sih tewasnya ibu Rachel oleh Dirk saat masih dalam perlindungan FBI. Dirk-nya terlalu superior, bisa kabur dari penjara sampai2 tidak ada yg berhasil menangkapnya. Minimal Rachel dibekali beladiri & pistol apalagi jetika ibunya tewas ketika keduanya sedang melakukan percakapan telepon setelah Rachel dipindahkan ke Jackson Hole.

Btw, oot memangnya orang bule sana walaupun di rumah tetap mengenakan sepatu? Karena ada beberapa momen Cade (atau Slade di Kebisuan Mematikan), pulang ke rumah, mandi, mengenakan pakaian & memakai sepatu bot. Apa karena dingin, kaos kaki tidak cukup?

Baca di iKal - 2?

Val says

Wow, what a story!

Kathy says

A bit too much angst...Dirk Payson, deputy sheriff in Jackson Hole, lost wife and infant in car accident, then best friend (accident?), then best friend's wife in accident - but her infant survived... and into his tragic life comes Susan Donovan aka Rachel Carson, in witness protection - her drug lord husband beat her and she lost the fetus she was carrying... five years later, he escaped prison and she knows he'll come for her... so she is relocated to Jackson Hole, where she witnesses the accident, helps the sheriff retrieve the baby, and goes with the sheriff to his home to care for his goddaughter... and 5 months of attraction never spoken of... of peace and joy - but not deep personal truths... until she decides to tell him the truth... and in a nick of time, as her ex-husband has found her, and Dirk gets there in a nick of time to rescue her!!!

But they are friends, they both have patience to wait...

Angelic Zaizai says

3,5 bintang

Ini seri kedua dari serialnya Lindsay McKenna, jujur sih lebih suka ini daripada

buku pertamanya, lebih seru, karena tokoh ceweknya masuk program perlindungan saksi, jadi agak lebih tegang huahaha
dan tokoh cowoknya pun deputi sheriff, yang seksi katanya, kalo yang pertama kan koboi (dan pasti keringetan kan, errrr....) *digebukpecintakoboi* :D
penjahatnya juga lebih serem ini, trus yang mati banyak banget pula ...
rame deh pokoknya

jadi pengen belajar quilting, tapi harus bisa jait *nyerahsebelummencoba*

Janet Stites says

while this was a fairly decent book there was to much about they way the 2 charachters boh wanted to hae se wth each other, but couldnt let the other one know...it was like the athon had 500 ways to say the same thing to fill up the book. i would liked to have a little more (not much, but a little) of dirk stalking the mother or something more to sink my teeth into. basic story was good, but could have been better. (even if they left some out some of the sexual tension and just had less pages.)

Linda says

Do you believe in fate? Rachel Carson did not either when she met Sheriff Cade Garner after a fatal accident in Jackson Hole, Wyoming that left a tiny baby orphaned. She was running from her past and he was faced with being a single father of this little baby. Rachel was a nanny looking for a job and Sheriff Garner was needing someone to help him with his God Child. Fate stepped in and the mystery envelopes from her past. Good story

Jessica Morgan says

The storyline was weaker than the three cups of tea I drank to get to the end of it.

Kelly Moran says

One bad decision changed Rachel's life forever. After her ex-husband killed their unborn child, and nearly killed her, Rachel testifies against her drug lord husband and lands in the FBI's witness protection program. But now he's escaped, and Rachel flees to a small Wyoming town where she falls in love with Sheriff Cade Turner, his adopted baby girl, and the entire small community. But when her past finds her, the consequences can be deadly.

This is my first time reading a McKenna book. In honesty, the dialog, both internal and external, felt forced and unnecessary in most places, as well as repetitious. The family took to Rachel way too fast, and so did Cade. And the ending was wrapped too neatly without feeling like the tension built to a peak.

In saying that, McKenna knows how to lay out the setting and landscape so you feel like you're right where the characters are. There was also a lot of sentiment and emotion in this story from the character's history, which made you root for them. *SPOILER* I also like that she had the mother assassinated, instead of going the easy route and saving everyone. Unexpected and well-done on that front.

Jamie Kline says

As the book begins, we meet Susan who is battered by her husband Dirk. She just barely escapes with her life, but her unborn daughter is not so lucky. Her husband is caught and put in prison, but Susan is still in danger from the rest of the members of the drug cartel that Dirk is a part of. She is placed in witness protection by the FBI and her name is changed to Rachel Carson. It is 5 years later and she is being relocated again...Dirk is on the loose and could find her at any moment. Her FBI handler Brenda tells her who is going to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, somewhere Dirk would not think to look for her. When she arrives, she immediately meets Cade Garner, the local sheriff, at the scene of an accident. His friend was involved in the accident and she dies as a result, leaving her daughter Jenny in Cade's care, as he is the appointed godfather. Rachel gets involved right away, wanting to help, but also trying to fill the void in her own life. As she gets to know Jenny, Cade, and Cade's family, she can't help but fall for them. She finds that her and Cade both have known loss in their lives and have much in common. But she wonders if she will ever get to live the life she wants knowing that her ex-husband could find her and kill her and everyone she loves.

My opinion: I had very high hopes for this book by reading the synopsis. The story really sounds intriguing, a woman on the run from a man who has caused her unimaginable pain; learning to trust again and start her life over, while the threat of her ex-husband still looms over her. However, I really could not develop a connection with the characters. Background was given on Rachel (Susan), Cade, and Dirk of course, but it did not help me connect with them. A lot of the details were inserted numerous times (the fact that she was originally from a farm in Iowa, for example), which I didn't feel was exactly necessary. Also, the conversations between Rachel and other people (Cade, her mom, Brenda) were almost the same every time; it gave me a serious case of déjà vu. For example, when talking to Brenda, it was always along the lines that she felt that she shouldn't stay with Cade because it put his whole family in danger; Brenda always assured her she should stay there. That same conversation happened about three times (or more) throughout the book. The same is true with the other characters. The story line skipped months at a time also, which was frustrating...what happened during all of the time we didn't get to hear about? There also were not a whole lot of meaningful conversations between Rachel and Cade, so it was hard to believe that they were in love with each other. I just didn't feel it, besides the fact that their internal dialogue kept indicating that they were falling for each other. I guess by the brief synopsis I also assumed it would be a little more suspenseful, but the few sections that were specific to Dirk and what he was up to were too few and far between and failed to get my blood pumping. I was very disappointed because I had very high hopes for this book but it just fell flat.

My rating: 2/5 stars

Angie says

My Review: I have a tendency to read anything set in Wyoming, I love the small towns and ranch life. I found it a little odd that this is the second book in the series but didn't really seem to have any connection to

the previous book in the series. I was curious about the continuing story from that book to this one, but this read more as a companion novel, simply sharing the setting. The suspense element was a little predictable, as a result the fear factor didn't really come into play at all for me. I also found the relationship roadblock to be rather weak, other than the whole identity secret. I did enjoy the little details about quilting and the way the town gossip was introduced, setting up for the next book. I am sure I will quickly forget Rachel and Cade but it was a good stepping stone.

Joanie says

Susan was abused by her husband, Dirk, and subsequently lost her baby as a result of him punching her. He was sent to jail after she testified against him and she was put into the witness protection system. She had to change her name and move-then Dirk escaped the prison so she was on the move again known as Rachel, this time. On her way to Jackson Hole, she came across an accident that took the life of a young mother but the little baby survived only to be the godchild of Cade, a member of the sheriff's department. He has lost his wife and infant in an accident so he needed someone to take care of his godchild. Rachel became the nanny. Dirk was still looking for her.

Will Rachel ever be happy again? What will happen to Dirk? What a great read!

April says

DEADLY IDENTITY by Lindsey McKenna is a romantic suspense/fiction set in present day Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It is the continuation of the "Jackson Hole, Wyoming series" and can be read as a stand alone. It is well written with depth, details, twists and turns. It has guilt, tragedy, love, romance, drug cartel, witness protection, FBI, spousal abuse, mystery, death, murder, plastic surgery, hidden identity, deception, lies, nightmares, family, protection, fear, new life and second chances. The characters are charming, and determined. The hero, Cade, is a widowed, a sheriff's deputy, had tragedy in his life and becomes the newly adopted father to his best friend's daughter. The heroine, Rachel, is in witness protection, trying to stay alive, stay alive from her escaped husband, been abused by her husband, lost her unborn child due to her husband's abuse, testified against her husband who was in a drug cartel, her mother is also in witness protection, and becomes Cade's nanny. This is a fast paced, action packed story of love, fear, trust, and second chances. I would highly recommend this story especially if you enjoy stories of waiting for the next shoe to fall, survival, finding true love and finding happiness after tragedy. This book was received for the purpose of review from Net Galley and details can be found at HQN and My Book Addiction and More.

Marjorie says

Rachel Carson is in the federal witness protection program and she has been relocated to Jackson Hole, WY, after her ex has escaped prison. Her first day there she meets deputy sheriff Cade Garner at a wreck and helps him with the baby who has survived. He hires her as his nanny after doing a background check. Naturally love develops and Rachel has to tell him who she really is. He tells her he and his family will keep her safe and when her ex breaks into the house, Cade comes back home and arrests the ex.

McKenna has done another great job with this story.

Heather Griffiths says

Sorry to say , this book was just ok for me . I kind of felt more like I was reading an idea for a story rather then a finished book , the characters had no depth there was no in depth conversations. The main couple had no chemistry that I could feel , and it seemed like Cade showed very little feeling for his friends situation or any love for the baby , patting her on the head one or twice is all he did no hugs that I could determine from the story I read . Rachael was the only one that had any emotion that showed what she was going throw. I just didn't feel enough emotion through out this book for my taste sorry . I do like other books from this author so I do recommend her books over all .

Uthie says

Hidup Rachel Carson terancam karena ia memenjarakan seorang mafia narkoba sekaligus suaminya. Saat ini, Dirk, sang mafia berhasil melarikan diri dari penjara dan ia berminat menuntut balas dendam pada Rachel. Atas saran FBI Rachel wajib menjalankan program perlindungan saksi. Ia pun dipindahkan ke Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Di hari kedatangannya ke Jackson Hole, Rachel dihadapkan pada kecelakaan lalu lintas. Seorang perempuan dan bayinya menjadi korban dalam kejadian tersebut.

Sheriff Cade mendapati kecelakaan tersebut dalam perjalanan pulangnya dari kantor menuju rumah. Ia juga mengenal sang korban. Mantan istri rekan sekerja Cade yang tewas dalam peristiwa baku tembak dengan gembong narkoba.

Jenny, sang bayi, otomatis menjadi anak asuh Cade karena berdasarkan wasiat suami-istri Hartmann hak asuh Jenny akan jatuh ke tangan Cade bila mereka meninggal dunia. Cade yang pernah kehilangan istri dan anaknya dalam sebuah kecelakaan lalu lintas beberapa tahun lalu merasa gamang karena mendapatkan hak asuh tersebut. Ia masih trauma atas kejadian yang menimpa keluarga kecilnya.

Syukurnya ada Rachel. Rachel yang tinggal di salah satu pondok orang tua Cade atas rekomendasi dari program perlindungan saksi, bersedia membantu Cade. Tanpa dibayar Rachel mengasuh Jenny setiap saat. Kesibukan itu membuat Rachel bisa mengalihkan perhatian dari sosok Dirk yang mengejar-ngejarnya. Ia pun mulai merasa nyaman tinggal di Jackson Hole dan mulai bermasyarakat dengan warga kota kecil itu.

Namun hubungannya dengan Cade tak mengalami kemajuan. Cade belum berani membawa hubungan mereka ke arah yang lebih serius. Sayang, tepat ketika Cade menyadari perasaannya pada Rachel, saat itu juga Dirk yang telah menjalani operasi plastik demi mengubah wajahnya muncul di kediaman Cade dan langsung menodongkan senjatanya pada Rachel dan Jenny.

Dibandingkan seri pertama "Shadow From The Past" saya lebih menyukai seri pertama. Di buku ini karena kegalauan Cade menjadikan cerita menjadi tarik ulur yang cukup lama sehingga membosankan. Tapi saya jadi punya pengetahuan baru tentang quilting dari buku ini. Itu yang menjadi nilai lebih dari buku ini.

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