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When Elle Philips witnesses an armed robbery while standing in line at the bank, she sets into motion a deadly game of cat and mouse. Mark Denton, a security contractor and former navy SEAL, also witnesses the robbery, and is hired by Elle's father to keep his daughter safe following the incident. And while Denton's desire to protect Elle goes beyond professional bounds, he cannot let personal desires cloud his judgment—judgment he'll have to rely on when the robbers' true motives are revealed...and Elle becomes a target in the ultimate plot of revenge.

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### Laura says

Title: KEY WITNESS

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Genre: Contemporary romantic suspense

Elle Philips is at the bank when two armed men burst in. A teller is killed and the customers all robbed—in addition to the bank. Elle grabs one of the men’s cell phones when he drops it and calls 9-1-1, sending the police out. But the robbers escape, but not before threatening Elle with a slow painful death. She doesn’t take them too seriously. They don’t know who she is...but then her picture appears in the paper—front page—for her senator father’s new campaign.

When Elle gets texts and notes continuing to threaten her, her father hires Mark Denton to be a body guard. Mark is a former Navy SEAL, and one of the best. But that doesn’t even seem to thwart the ones threatening Elle. They show up with pictures of her taken that morning at breakfast—and when she flees to her family’s home, she is followed—and then discovers the gate keeper has been killed.

When the robbers’ true motives are revealed...and Elle becomes a target in the ultimate plot of revenge, , Mark will have to trust his judgment and his faith to keep Elle safe.

KEY WITNESS is one of the best Love Inspired Suspense books I’ve read in ages. It is Christy’s best romantic suspense book. I really enjoyed it. Elle and Mark are both real characters, thrust into contact with a seemingly random act of the depravity of mankind, but one that quickly turned into the ultimate game of cat and mouse.

If you like romantic suspense, you’ll want to read this one. Discussion questions are included in the back of the book. Don’t miss KEY WITNESS. Highly recommended. \$5.75. 224 pages.

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### Sandra Webb says

First book I’ve read by this author and certainly will not be the last. This book was a real page turner with a great storyline and characters.

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### Pj says

**Minute by minute suspense!**

I was pleasantly surprised by the non stop action. No down time in reading this book. The Characters are well developed. I had a hard time putting it down just to get my sleep.

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### **Karen says**

Action packed suspense right up to the end. Nice conclusion to the romance too.

4.5 stars

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### **Penny says**

Key Witness by Christy Barritt

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A Love Inspired Novel

Available in February 2013

Can two hearts entwined in intrigue have the faith that they need to fall in love? Former pageant winner, Elle Philips works for her father's re-election campaign. After she witnesses a bank robbery and a murder, her father hires Mark Denton, a security contractor, to protect her. While Elle receives threats and tragedy engulfs her, Mark works to find the perpetrators and stop the evil that surrounds them.

From the first page, Key Witness grabbed my attention and didn't let go. With just the right amount of suspense, Christy Barritt creates a fast paced page-turner. This suspense story with a splash of romance, will leave the reader with a sense of hope and faith that God keeps his promises. Key Witness is part of Christy's series, The Security Experts. Read more about Christy's books at <http://www.christybarritt.com/>.

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### **Kim says**

I enjoyed reading this book very much.

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### **Emilie Hendryx says**

When I received this book, I was excited to start it and, once I had, it was extremely difficult to put down!

Following footsteps of Elle Philips, a politicians daughter and campaign manager, we see her first real interaction with Mark Denton in the worst-case scenario possible, a bank robbery. When Denton is hired to protect Elle, the two are thrown into one dire circumstance after another. This time together with Denton is exactly what Elle is not looking for - close proximity with a handsome man.

Get ready for an action packed, adrenaline laced ride with Elle and Denton! Not only will you be kept guessing until the end, you will also find yourself drawn to the complex characters Christy has created in Elle and Denton. They come alive and their story will compel you just as the robbers plot will keep you

guessing to the very end.

It's not very often that you can find a book that keeps surprising you, but Key Witness is that book! You won't be able to put this down and I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys suspense laced with sweet romance.

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### **Hannah says**

4.5 stars

Just shy of five stars because I did find it possible to put it down and read something else last night, but it kept me guessing and I loved not being able to figure it out until right at the end. There were several viable suspects, but I had it narrowed down to two and it was the third possibility that did the deeds. Excellent job on keeping me guessing!

I liked Elle and Denton as characters. They are solid people and their motivations are natural to their characters. I'll definitely be reading book three soon.

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### **Doreen Marr says**

Key Witness is the first in Christy Barritt's Security Expert Series, although one of the main characters, Mark Denton, is introduced in an earlier book, Last Target. Although you don't need to, I went back and read that one first. In Key Witness, Elle Philips witnesses a bank robbery and then all of a sudden, the robbers are trying to kill her. Mark Denton is hired to protect her, and they soon figure out there is a lot more involved than a bank robbery. The thieves seem to have it out for Elle personally. As Mark and Elle try to keep one step ahead of the thieves and try to figure out what on earth is going on, they find themselves attracted to one another. Another suspense-filled, edge of your seat novel by Christy Barritt. A must-read if you like romance and suspense!

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### **Judine Brey says**

The pacing of this novel was spot on. The fact that Elle and Denton knew each other casually before he became her bodyguard made their attraction feel natural. I liked that the initial bank robbery was only part of a bigger plan and that Elle was the one to finally put the pieces together.

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### **Ashley Dawn says**

I completely enjoyed this book. Elle is in danger. After witnessing a robbery and being key in its end, she needs protection. Mark Denton is at the robbery as well and didn't realize who Elle was, just that she was gorgeous and fun to flirt with. Now, knowing he did security for her father, the senator, and realizing she is

in danger, he knows he can take care of her. As the robber's real motives come to light, keeping Elle safe may be harder than Denton had ever thought possible.

I loved the characters in this book. Elle is so strong and has a face she presents to the world that isn't really her but she is trying to be who people want her to be. I understood and sympathized with her. Denton has heartbreak in his past (as does Elle) and isn't ready to move past it, at least that is what he thinks. The supporting characters were all well written and had enough details to make them believable, I especially liked the grandmother stories. The storyline was great, plenty of suspense and twists and emotions were all over the board from happy to terrified to heartbroken.

I rate this a 5/5. It is a good, clean suspense read with just enough romance!

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### **H.L. Wegley says**

A great blend of mystery, suspense, and romance.

What common ground can Ellie Philips, manager of her father's senatorial campaign, find with Mark Denton, a former Navy Seal assigned to protect Ellie when threats are made after she witnesses a bank robbery? Burned by a former fiancé, Ellie sees Mark as a risk taker, a man she could perhaps trust with her safety, if that was his job, but never with her heart. As a series of people die, each one closer to Ellie and each death leaving insufficient clues, can even an expert like Mark keep Ellie alive?

Christy Barritt does a masterful job of ratcheting up the suspense, both the danger and the romantic tension, as she guides the story through the twists and turns of a four-dimensional maze that leaves the reader guessing until the very end. In keeping with the romantic-suspense genre, the thriller-level action takes place mostly off stage. But there is plenty on stage to keep the reader turning the pages or pressing the forward button on their e-reader.

If you enjoy romantic suspense, you are sure to like Christy Barritt's latest release, *Key Witness*. If you like *Key Witness*, there are more stories to come in *The Security Experts* series.

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### **Lindsay Martz says**

I enjoyed it although the ending felt a bit rushed. Some loose ends left undone.

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### **Suzanne says**

Clean easy reading book. Enjoy this author!

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### **Jennifer says**

A must read! I had a hard time putting this book down! I loved Elle and Denton, he seemed to have presence about him that I liked. Elle had a witty personality but let her emotions get the better of her. Elle Phillip's, a

prominent senator's daughter, thinks that the bank robbers she witnessed are after her because she thwarted their plans but when, what she thinks are random and senseless crimes, happen against friends and family start. Protection specialist Mark Denton is called in to be her bodyguard! Will they be able catch the attackers as things escalate or will it be to late?

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