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Sydney Hallam, hard-line journalist for the San Francisco Chronicle, is poised for action after receiving a tip from a mysterious source that criminally implicates several influential power brokers—but her source is gunned down before he can disclose any details. Days later, Salt Lake Tribune reporter Justin Mickelsen receives a letter from a childhood friend—the murder victim—written just prior to his death, leading the two reporters to team up in San Francisco to expose the scandal. In the intensity of the investigation, the pair's attraction quickly grows, along with proof of money laundering, drug trafficking, and grand theft. But as the evidence builds, so do the tempers of certain billionaires and heavy-hitting politicians—soon it seems the dangerous career path chosen by the two ace reporters can only lead to a very dead end. "Between the Lines will melt your heart one minute and make it pound the next with its balance of romance and suspense.

Klingler has hit the mark—definitely a must-read!" —Julie Coulter Bellon, author of Dangerous Connections
Erin Klingler grew up in northern California and graduated from Ricks College with an associate's degree in preschool education. When she's not shuttling her kids to their activities or working part-time from home as a medical transcriptionist, she loves to indulge in her two favorite pastimes—reading and writing. She never goes anywhere without a book in her purse and her trusty eBook reader that she uses to download her current works and edit them while sitting through kids' soccer practices or red lights. Her passion for writing romantic suspense comes from a penchant for television shows that mix romance with criminal investigation. She loves writing bad guys almost as much as she loves writing romance. In her spare time, she loves to decorate homes, sew, design websites, and run errands in her classic yellow 1979 Volkswagen Beetle convertible, affectionately named "Tweety." Unabridged. Narrated by Jason Tatom. ISBN 978-1-59811-767-7

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Annika Paxman says

I have to admit, while Klingler did a great job of weaving the plots web of criminals, paper trails, drugs, and stolen artifacts, I was disappointed in the lack of suspense. There was never once in this book a time where I felt I just couldn't put it down. The romance was very predictable, and even tracking down the bad guy was predictable since she gave away who he was at the beginning. The only mystery being of how he was connected to it all and how they would prove it. I feel there was a lot of unreached potential with this plot. I have to stop at 3 stars.

Alex says

i am the biggest cover shopper known to man. if it looks stupid i won't read it or buy it unless someone tells me it's good. this book looked like it would be an interesting mystery novel. it's got the creepy bruce willis looking dude on the cover, shrouded in darkness. so i grabbed it. i'm now surprised i actually finished it. this book was more of a romance than anything i've read in a long time. the story focused more on the two lovebirds than the mystery portion i was most interested in. there were times i couldn't even follow the connections that were being made because there was so much fluff in between.

now covenant, why oh why did you make the cover of this book look like a mystery when the story itself was more about two reporters falling in love?

for those who like romance novels - you would probably like this one a lot.

Kathryn says

Two reporters meet after the death or murder of Justin's friend, Bryce who was a cop in San Francisco. Justin, who is a reporter at the Tribune in Salt Lake goes to the funeral and meets up with Sydney to follow up on a letter that he got from his friend the same day he would have been killed with the concern for the corruption within his precinct and higherup officials with what was overheard. This starts the cooperative arrangement of Justin and Sydney to get to the bottom of a money laundering, drug, and blackmarket rig going on with the Utah senator and the businesses in San Francisco that get the opporation going. They find they work good together in work and in life. Their lifes are in danger as they get closer to the truth and the danger puts Sydney into remembering the loss of her family. She makes the decision to let the walls of her heart down and let love in toward Justin deciding it is better to love and loose sometime than not love at all. When the case is wrapping up she moves to Utah to be closer to Justin and he proposes. She also gets hired on at the Tribune as the other investigative reporter with Justin. Life is good and the bad guys are behind bars. They no longer have to look over their shoulder wondering if another hit man is hired to take them out.

Linnae says

Enjoyable (clean!) romantic suspense.

Sydney Hallam is a journalist for the San Francisco Chronicle who is married to her work. She lives for getting the story, for taking down the criminals, and championing the little guy. She expects there to be some repercussions--after all, if she didn't ruffle some feathers in high places she wouldn't be doing her job.

However, she's got some leads on a big story with consequences she may not be ready for. When a source doesn't show up for a meeting, she doesn't think much about it at first. Later, she finds out he was murdered. She knows she's onto something that could implicate many prominent people--she had just better watch her back if she wants to survive to write the story.

Meanwhile, Justin--a good friend of the murder victim, and also a reporter for the Salt Lake Tribune--comes to San Francisco for the funeral. While he's there, he has permission from his boss to look up Ms. Hallam. It seems some of the criminals she's hunting down have ties to Utah. If they can work together, they might just see this thing through. Falling in love would be a bonus.

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A plot that kept me reading to find out what happened next! This one did a good job making the suspenseful situations believable. It's one of my pet peeves with this genre: too often it seems the main character (your average girl or guy) somehow takes on the bad guys--singlehandedly--and wins! Anyway, this one seemed more realistic in that regard, particularly as far as what was left to the police, etc.

The romance was sweet, but not overpoweringly so. It was a good mix.

p.s. Is that cover creepy, or what? Nice job, somebody!

Brenda says

So much more a romance than suspense story. The suspense part was fascinating, but I kept rushing through those parts just to get back to what was going on with Syd and Justin. The romance was about healing, trusting and having a little faith. Great characters- I wonder if the pixie haired girlfriend will get a story soon,... or possibly a love interest for Agnes?!??!

Ali McKenna says

I loved this book! I read reviews here saying they were disappointed it didn't have more suspense, but I, personally, though the balance was perfect. I love reading romances that have a bit of bad-guy conflict weaved in, and this one was just right. LOVED the romance between the main characters--I felt touched and moved on more than one occasion. And the bad-guy stuff was enough to keep me biting my nails. I really loved this book! I'll eagerly look forward to the next book by this author!

Jaime says

WOW Erin, love it love it love it, I can't wait for the next one, I have found my new fav author! I could not put it down, I am a suspence junkie so I loved this book, I enjoyed the romance in it too, there was just the right amount too, not too much. If you haven't read this book yet it is a must read. Even Seagull book thought so, when I was there the other day I saw that Between the Lines was number 7 on there top ten, not easy to do for a first book.

Thank you Erin for a great read, I hope there are many more of your books to come so I can fill my bookcase with them.

Breanna says

Muy bien. I really liked this book. What more can I say? :)

Hilary Roberts says

This was an enjoyable book, although it was a lot heavier on the relationship/romance than on the suspense. Even though this wasn't my favorite LDS suspense novel, I will definitely read any other books Erin Klingler writes.

Amelia M says

The romance in this book is my favorite that I've read in a long time. Sydney had a lot of fear and personal defenses to overcome, and I love that Justin was so steady and patient and loving. I thought the friendship and love they developed for each other was very well done. The suspense part was also well done, I think, but I agree with others here that this was much more of a romance than a suspense novel. I enjoyed this one so much I went out and got my own copy. :) I'll definitely be reading this one over and over again.

Kristen says

When San Francisco reporter Sydney stumbles upon an undercover crime ring it could be the biggest cover up and the biggest story of her career. She teams up with Justin, a reporter for the Salt Lake Tribune to bring down this crime network and the man who is at it's head, US Senator from Utah, Robert Longhurst. Not much of a thriller as a lame romance. I thought the whole thing fell a little flat. But if you love romances, you'll really like this book.

Jennie says

This book is more romance than suspense. Either a sequel is planned or some important loose ends weren't tied up in the end. I constantly had the feeling the mystery/suspense portion was bigger than the author knew how to handle and the romance sounded eerily like another well-known LDS author's style. It includes the usual B movie cliche of the smart heroine suddenly doing something dumb that, of course, lands her in trouble, and she has to be saved by the cavalry. It's well paced, holds the reader's attention, and is a fun light read.

Danni says

good stuff.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I enjoyed reading this book. It was a good LDS suspense novel.

Ed says

There were no swear words Suzette. A good story. I enjoyed it. From start to finish, I kept wanting to know more. I think they could do a series on this book.
