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Agent Undercover...Identity Exposed

The FBI: Special Crimes Unit series continues

FBI agent Sam Sheridan's mission is to take down a human trafficking ring and save missing teens—until he witnesses a kidnapping. Blowing his cover, Sam rescues Ella McIntire. But she's not safe yet. While searching for the truth about her cousin's death, Ella came too close to a dangerous secret. And now only Sam can protect her from the men determined to silence her.

## Gone Details

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# From Reader Review Gone for online ebook

## Jessica Figueroa says

Ella is asking questions about the death of a cousin and seems to have caught the eyes of the wrong people. Undercover FBI agent Sam witnesses a kidnapping while trying to take down a trafficking ring and can't help but break cover trying to do what's right and save her. Now he'll do everything he can to make sure that she is safe as people are trying to make sure they don't get away.

I love when a short book can be action packed with barely a moment's break. I loved getting to know the characters and seeing what Ella did to catch the eyes of these people who came for her. I loved how protective Sam was for her even if it was his job and that he was not the type of person who would back down when witnessing something happen. Although that does seem like bad work ethic he should've expected something like this when going undercover... I loved that there was so much going on to keep the readers guessing. Overall pretty great book I really enjoyed it!

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## Kav says

You know what attracted me to this book first? The title. That one word raises so many questions and I wanted all the answers. Immediately. This is definitely a consume-in-one-gulp read.

How's this for an opening line: "She woke up in darkness so thick she thought she'd been buried alive." Just as intriguing as that abrupt title, right? McCoy sure knows how to grab a reader's attention -- and hold her hostage. But unlike the predicament Ella finds herself in, the author's form of kidnapping is much more enjoyable. :-)

I love a good team suspense and this second book in the FBI Special Crimes Unit series is definitely that. The author manages to find time to establish team members and the way they relate to one another without taking away from the intensity of the suspense or the developing romance. Knowing the whole team, catching glimpses of their personalities, including quirks, has sparked my imagination and guarantees I will be following up with future novels.

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## Glenda Parker says

My review today is on the Love Inspired Suspense, Gone. This is the second book in the FBI: Special Crimes Unit Series. This is an awesome read! It is well written, action packed, and full of intrigue. I know you are going to love it, after all who doesn't love Shirlee's books.

Journalist Ella McIntire comes to town to go through her cousin's things. Ruby had recently died of an overdose but Ella knew that there was no way Ruby would take any drugs. So being an investigative reporter she sets out to find the killer. As she is waiting to receive the keys to Ruby's office she is abducted. When awakes she is tied and in a dark place. She is rescued by a guy claiming to be FBI but how is she supposed to trust this stranger?

Undercover FBI Special Agent Sam Sheridan is working in the clinic when he sees a man abduct a woman. Sam follows and when the man leaves he rescues her. In order to save her he must blow his cover. He has

been sent to investigate a human trafficking ring and save the missing teens from this area. How is he suppose to save the girl and find the kidnappers?

A journey of discovering who is trying to steal these teens; a test to try to keep alive when everyone seems to be out to stop them, and a struggle not to lose their hearts to one another. God has a plan for these two, a good plan and not for evil. God has a plan for you too, a plan for a hope and a future. Give him your heart and watch Him work in your life.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Ella is trying to figure out who tarnished her cousins name. She never thought it would wind her up in the killers webs of lies, it quickly did. Ella is a strong character both mentally and physically, but everyone has their breaking point. FBI Agent, Sam, is able to connect with Ella on a deeper level and keep her moving and motivated to survive. Believing her cousins death was not suicide, Sam formed the foundation of trust with Ella. Sam and Ella were working against all odds and survived.

Ms. McCoy does a great job of making novels packed with intense action, the characters are always on their toes. The physical and emotional toll these characters took, was considerable. The supporting characters added to the plot, it gave a deeper sense of trust and community within the small group. Ms. McCoy made her plot believable, while touching on very sensitive issues. The chemistry between Ella and Sam was a little harder to believe in, it felt a little forced. The relationship developed in a time packed with fear and fight or flight, it would be difficult to have a sweep you off your feet romance. Gone is a good read, I would have liked to see a little more of the relationship before the happy ending; however I'm still satisfied with how it all worked out. I would recommend Gone to readers who enjoy more suspense than romance, its a quick read with a happy ending!

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## **Samantha says**

If I could give it 6 stars, I would!

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## **Debbie says**

"Gone" is a Christian romantic suspense novel. It's the second in a series, but it works as a standalone. There was plenty of suspense from the repeated attempts to kill the heroine. Sam is a patient, handsome hero who keeps his cool and knows how to keep Ella safe. I understand why she comes to like him.

However, she's like a deer in the headlights. When something spooked her, she panicked and acted irrationally, often dashing directly toward danger. Which made Sam's job doubly difficult. I suppose most people would act this way in real life, but I'm baffled by why Sam is attracted to her (except her looks). At least, when not panicked, she was willing to follow directions that would keep her safe.

I was surprised that a competent, special FBI team could not anticipate what happened at the very end as I knew what was going to happen, so it felt like a forced turn of events to create suspense. And not much time

was spent developing the characters, so they came across as somewhat one dimensional.

The Christian element was the heroine deciding that God does have a plan even during tragic events. There was no sex or bad language. Overall, this is not my favorite novel by this author, but it was still an enjoyable fluff suspense.

I received an ebook review copy of this book from the publisher through Netgalley.

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### **Carol says**

Gone is one calculating, devious, thrilling, mysterious story is awesome - plain awesome - Sam is looking into the human trafficking ring when he saves Ella in the process and ruins his anonymity. How does he do that - well I think you probably can figure that one out - in this one act of Christian love - selflessness - makes Sam the guardian of Ella - now I don't mean parental guardian - -a personal guardian over her - because the guys who tried to get her do not want her opening her mouth - they want to permanently silence her but they have to get through Sam first. Who will come out on top? Well you will not believe what happens next - now that I won't share with you because I am not going to ruin the story - but it is so worth the read and worth the wait to find out for yourselves. I received a copy of this book from the Publisher and Netgalley' all of the opinions expressed in this review are all my own.

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### **Pam Graber says**

FBI agent Sam Sheridan has been working undercover to dismantle a human trafficking ring. 17 teens missing from the same area in just over a year is an epidemic, and he's got his eye on the prize - until, he witnesses a kidnapping and sees an opportunity to rescue one. He blows his cover to take Ella McIntire out of harm's way, but is stunned to discover, instead of a young teen, a grown woman. As it becomes increasingly clear that Ella is more target than victim, Sam employs everything he's learned as an agent to keep her safe. Will it be enough?

When Ella learned of her cousin's death due to an opioid overdose, she knows something is fishy. Her cousin's mother died of a drug overdose, and her cousin wouldn't even take an aspirin, if she could help it. No way, would she ever OD. Finding herself bound hand and foot in a shipping container, means she's gotten too close. Since her cousin and only family is dead, will anyone even miss her if she disappears?

Gone by Shirlee McCoy takes readers on a thrill ride that careens around twists that I didn't see coming. Suspense readers will especially enjoy the story, although there's enough romance to satisfy the romance reader, too. I definitely recommend reading this one!

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### **Julynn says**

This first one in this series felt heavier and darker than the past books that I have read by Ms. McCoy. I did enjoy reading it though. This book felt more like her typical paced book with heavy moments but light with

faith and humor and good relationships to anchor it. I loved Sam and Ella's characters and love story!

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### **Lynn Brooks says**

Gripping intrigue! We're quickly pulled into the story as the second book in Shirlee McCoy's FBI: Special Crimes Unit series kicks off. The characterization is strong as this pair try to figure out who's guilty of what and whether they can count on each other to help get the bad guys. An entertaining read for sure!

FBI Special Agent Sam Sheridan is undercover on a missing teen/human trafficking assignment when he sees a woman being kidnapped and blows his cover to rescue her.

Ella McIntire doesn't believe the stories that are being told about her cousin's death, so while she's in town packing up her belongings, she's doing some investigation on her own. She never expects to get hit over the head and kidnapped in doing so! She's super thankful Sam was there to save her, but she's not sure how much info she can trust him with.

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### **Lisa Johnson says**

Title: Gone (Special Crimes Unit)

Author: Shirlee McCoy

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Publisher: Love Inspired Suspense

My rating: 5+ out of 5

Ella awakes tied up and in some container with no windows and not sure what all is happening outside or if someone will come back to take care of her for good. Sam, who saves Ella, is working for the FBI undercover. That is, he was, until now. Together the next days are a mixture of constant threats on their lives, Ella working through her grief of losing her cousin and more people surrounding her to keep her safe.

There are people after both her and Sam. While Sam is trained to face danger, what he isn't prepared for is how Ella touches the deepest part of his heart. Ella is afraid of opening her heart to Sam as a prior abusive relationship has soured her desire for any future romantic relationships. Ella has been working from home and rarely going out, and now she has no family left. The one bright spot is she is learning that Sam is someone she may be able to have a future with, but will they live long enough to explore a possible future? I really was mesmerized by the tale the author slowly unveils in the book. Plan to spend time reading this book as it was really hard to put down to take care of other things in my life. Love Inspired Suspense really publishes some of the best stories, and because they are just a little over 200 pages, one can be read in a day if not a couple of days.

Grab a cold drink, the book and plan to get lost in the pages!

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### **Nicki says**

Ella McIntire is in town to pack up her cousin's Ruby's belongings. While investigating her cousin's supposed overdose, she stumbles into a human trafficking ring. Fortunately for her, undercover FBI agent

Sam Sheridan sees her being kidnapped and blows his cover to rescue her. Ella is kind of a scared-y cat due to something that happened to her in the past. However, Sam sees a strength in her that she finally discovers herself. As they work together to figure out who is in charge of the trafficking ring, they grow as individuals as well as a couple.

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### **Ashley Dawn says**

I got into this book from the start. Ella has been kidnapped and is clueless as to why. Sam saw the kidnapping and is determined to save her. I loved that Ella didn't trust Sam at all to begin with. You couldn't blame her either. Who would trust a complete stranger who says they are there to help you right after you've been kidnapped. Sam was a great guy though. He had a job to do but saving Ella came first.

I was happy to have read the previous book about this team but it isn't necessary to follow this book. It stands on its own quite well. I'm hoping the author gives each of the team members their own story because you get to liking them through the series and want each to get their own happy ending. There is action, trust, betrayal, and love in this book. The author did a great job of keeping things interesting and me wanting to finish to see what happens next.

It was a 4/5 for me. Truly enjoying this series.

Thank you to the publisher for the copy of this book. I received this book in exchange for an honest review and the opinions stated above are 100% mine.

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### **Marilyn Johnson says**

This is book two in the FBI: Special Crimes Unit series. You miss a little history of the main characters but it is still considered a stand alone book.

If you like suspense, action, and mystery you will enjoy this book.

I enjoyed getting reacquainted with this crime unit. If you have not read book one, you will not have trouble understanding this one. This book's focus is on Sam Sheridan. He is deep undercover, yet when his cover is blown he will stop at nothing to protect Ella.

Ella is just trying to find out the truth about her friend's death. Yet when she stumbles into much more can she allow Sam to help her and still keep her distance?

I look forward to more in this series. I enjoy the writing style of Shirle McCoy

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### **Geneva Stokes says**

Special Crimes Unit is a great read. Finished in one Day!

