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"Their life was a fairy tale until it all came tumbling down."

"Hearts of the South," Book 10

Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent Amy Bennett isn't sure when her own Prince Charming went AWOL from their marriage, but she's certain of one thing. She wants him back. She and Rob had it all: law-enforcement careers they loved and each other. Yet somehow he's wound up sleeping on the couch and emotionally beyond her reach.

Rob is trying to put the pieces back together, but battling his own demons while starting over in a small-town sheriff's department is pushing him and his marriage to the breaking point.

His very first missing person's case threatens to end anything but happily ever after for the families involved. Then a young man goes missing too, and the pressure has Rob reaching for the nearest lifeline. The one that's dangling by the barest of threads is his wife.

And though Amy's grip is strong, her love may not be enough to keep Rob from slipping away.

"Warning: Contains a husband who's holding too much in, and a wife who'll do anything to get him to let go, even meet him halfway on their last piece of common ground in bed. Also: cop bonding between cops who talk like cops."

Gone From Me Details

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Veronica says

One wish has come true - Linda Winfree is writing again - Hooray!

Love me some Troy Lee Farr!

Reread!

Suzanne (Lily) says

A genuine stand alone book that I enjoyed!

Rob, is the new cop in town who is dealing with multiple issues at home and work. He's no stranger to his new colleagues, they know of him and his recently deceased father, a highly respected police officer. This eases his transition into the new station but also adds a level of expectation.

His wife Amy has no idea how to deal with the man she loves and the distance slowly emerging in their marriage. It was interesting to read about a couple fighting for each other in a practical way. There was minimal drama but a lot of soul-searching prompted by wise onlookers who were able to guide them through with caring and sensitive dialogue. While their situation was confronting and challenging it was written with sincerity. The suspense and personal struggles drew me into the story. The evidence or knowledge of what was happening always felt close and confirmed they were on the right track. Rob was astutely aware the evidence he has to work on doesn't add up but he refuses to give up despite the mounting dead ends he and his partner are discovering.

This was my first Linda Winfree book and it won't be my last! I was rewarded for taking a chance on it with it being a genuine standalone story. In the beginning, I was worried I would be disadvantaged by starting with the 10th book in the series, but it didn't affect my enjoyment of the book at all. Now to find the time to backtrack and check out the other books I've skipped! It's something I'll keep in mind with the suspense and nature of the stories I usually read being a lot heavier than this, but I was pleasantly surprised how much I enjoyed reading *Gone From Me*!

I received a complimentary copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

This review and others can be found at: <http://edgyreviews.com/2016/05/07/gon...>

Tricia Len says

I love Hearts of the South! From the very first book *Truth and Consequences* I was hooked. You will not be disappointed with any of the books in this series. *Gone From Me* is simply wonderful.

Cindy ~ says

After an almost 7 year hiatus Linda Winfree is back with Book 10 from the Hearts of the South series. It was like going home after a long absence. I've missed these characters and it was great getting to read them again.

I loved that Troy Lee was one of the characters that got a lot of page time being Rob Bennett's partner. Troy Lee was always the butt of the jokes in the previous books and its good to see him shown in a great supporting role again.

What the author, to me, is best at is showing us the uglier side of relationships whether that be from two people just starting out or a couple that has been married for 3 years. She's also not afraid to have the man be the one with the biggest issues in the relationship. Rob was a man who had it all – a father who was also his best friend, a woman he was madly in love with and a good job with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. After losing his father suddenly, getting laid off from the GBI and finding out he was infertile he spirals into a deep depression that threatens his marriage. He has just started with the Chandler County Sheriff's dept and is partnered with Troy Lee and struggling to keep dark thoughts from his head. With the support of his partner and his wife he finally seeks the helps he needs.

As with all books in this series there is also crime/murder/mystery to solve. I should have seen what the outcome was going to be but like the investigators I didnt see what the truth was until the end. I will say I absolutely loved how the author handled the reveling and the aftermath, heartbreaking as it was.

This series has been one that has stayed with me over 9 years. I've not forgotten any of the stories or the characters even with the latest years long break in between. That is how good, I think, this series is.

Holly says

I've been waiting years and years for Winfree to start writing again. I was concerned after so many years I wouldn't enjoy her latest, but that wasn't the case. I fell into the story right away.

I loved reconnecting with old characters and meeting new ones. I'm so glad she's continuing with this series.

BookLover says

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Reading this book felt like I was visiting home and spending time with family and old friends. When I heard this book was coming out, I went back and re-read the first 9 books in the series and loved them just as much the second time around, if not more. **Gone From Me** continues the lives of the Chandler County community.

This time around, the story focuses on Rob and Amy Bennett. We briefly met Rob during Mark and Tori's

story. As a result of downsizing, Rob lost his job from the GBI and found himself working with Tick and the whole gang in the Chandler County Sheriff's department.

Gone From Me did have a criminal/mystery aspect to it, like other **Hearts of the South** books, but the main focus of this story was the repercussions of all of the stress and issues Rob had been suffering through. He and Amy seem to have lost their way. I really enjoyed reading their story and seeing them find their way back to one another.

I also really enjoyed the secondary story in this book. It was great to see some of the "next generation" characters all grown up. I found the story to be quite heartbreaking.

I'm really looking forward to the next book coming out. This is a favourite series of mine!!!

Great read.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

The tenth book in the *Hearts of the South* series by Linda Winfree. Rob and Amy Bennett are struggling at keeping their marriage going. Neither wants to give up but neither knows how to fix it. Rob lost his father and his job at the GBI. His best friend is trying to take his wife away. Now he is starting a new job with the Sheriff's office in Chandler County, GA.

I just really like this writer's style. She knows how to draw you in from page one. The entire series to date has been really good and I look forward to reading more. Her characters are written to be real with real issues. They suffer and survive. Love it!
