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After nearly a lifetime in witness protection, Emma Graves depends on the anonymity of her false identity. But when her parents die under suspicious circumstances, and Emma is framed for murder, all security is gone. There's nothing to do but run.

Cop-turned-rancher Jake Kincaid is an unlikely defender. Why would an ex-cop believe an accused killer? Still, Jake makes Emma feel safe. With his drive to protect, she knows staying on his ranch endangers them both—yet now that her heart's engaged, she's not sure she can walk away.

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Phylisha Stone says

A good story involving the witness protection program and a broken family.

Marianne says

i enjoyed this quick glimpse into the world of WITSEC, and the intrigue it offers in a short form. As in all Love Inspired novels, each word needs to count as they are pared down to the bare bones, without losing the essence of the novel. Emma as the main character grows in her trust and faith through the story, as does Jake, the cop-turned rancher. The enjoyment of the novel is increased for me when a loving dog is included. Thanks Roxanne for the copy of the novel in exchange for my honest review. A positive one was not required. The opinions stated are my own.

Natasha Briggs says

Every now and then a good light hearted love story just does the trick on a lazy rainy day. Things happen in everybody's life's that seem awful and hard to deal with. This book tells a heartwarming story of Emma trying to survive and living in the WITSEC programs. Life becomes a daily struggle for Emma where she has to look over her shoulder with every step that she takes

Then something great happens and she meets Jake in her travels trying to survive. When he promises to help her to fight off all the evil that is following her. Emma can barely believe that such a great Samaritan could really exist. Things get heated up while Jake tries hard to help make her feel safe.

In the end things have a way of working out one way or another.

Jane says

A story full of suspense, faith and protection. God protects both Emma and Jake many times. Emma is led by God when she chooses to hide in Jake's truck.

Witness Protection does not protect Emma. She ends up on the run feeling she'll run the rest of her life. She runs into the life of an ex-cop who has a hard time getting her trust. This is a divine intervention.

The book grabs your interest from start to finish. I read it in two days. Highly recommend.

Ruth says

Emma is orphaned at a young age then put in witness protection along with her adoptive family. A contract has been put out on them, killing them one by one until Emma is left. Even the cops are dirty as she flees for her life, creatively twisting her circumstances, but Jake, a heroic cowboy and former law enforcement sees through her charade. At first, he thinks her to be a fugitive, but after listening to her true accounts, vows to protect her with his life. I really liked this suspenseful book and read it in one evening until the lights dimmed. I would have preferred a little more romance though.

Kim says

This is a very good book.

Jennifer Robb says

As far as I know, I haven't read other books by this author or in the Big Sky Secrets series. I always think it is hard to do romantic suspense well in the page limit of Love Inspired Suspense. It's hard to tell two different stories. This one does a credible job on the suspense.

I'm not sure most people would react the way Jake did to finding someone hiding in a trailer pointing a rifle at them. Certainly his years on the force probably come into play there.

Emma's decision to trust Jake with her true story seems a bit abrupt. She's been keeping this secret for years and suddenly decides to tell it to a man she met only a few days before? I'm not sure I buy it.

The discussion questions at the end bring up a number of good points:

1. How frightening or surprising events change your life.
2. Are lies ever justified? What about the social "white lies" that most of us tell?
3. How far would you go to defend yourself or your loved ones?
4. Are there circumstances where divorce is the only option?
5. Betrayal by someone you trusted and how you handle it.
6. What are the qualities needed for a loving and enduring relationship?

Pam says

Inspirational romantic suspense. Mystery and romance together. Makes me want to read the rest of the series.

Lyn says

Roxanne is a dear friend but even if I didn't know her, I would have given this book 5 stars. *Duty to Protect* in her "Big Sky Secrets" series hits every note right on key. A lovely and endangered heroine, a handsome

cowboy/former cop hero, a cross country chase--and every plot twist heightens the tension between the hero (Jake) and heroine (Emma) and the very real danger Emma faces. Roxanne knows the horse world and the Big Sky country from personal experience and it shows. She even manages to throw in some family dynamics with the hero's teen-aged nephew and someone out to take Jake's ranch. So if you enjoy a sweet romance, a fast-paced mystery set in Big Sky Country, don't miss *Duty to Protect*!

Jill Twigg says

Enjoyed the suspense and loved that Jake took it upon himself to protect Emma from an unknown assailant. I liked that there was another story of "who done it" regarding the rustled cattle. Looking forward to more by this author.

Heidi Butler says

Great Book, Quick read! Kept you on the edge of your seat! Loved the story! Phenomenal Writing! Looking forward to see what else Roxanne Rustand has written!

Jordynn Darling says

This book was severely lacking. There were several places where the details were changed, and then changed back which made it hard to follow. In addition, while the idea of the plot was good, it was not well executed in the writing, and the ending felt very rushed. Overall, this was not a very good book.

Judine Brey says

I like how Emma and Jake's relationship gradually deepened, especially with Emma forming a connection with his uncle and cousin. Also, Emma's entrance into Jake's life by sneaking into horse trailer was priceless.

Alisha says

I wanted to read the reunion

Michelle says

Big Sky Secrets
Book 5

When I started reading this book, I did not want to stop! Though some of the books in this series were rather

dull in the suspense department, this one was exciting. A woman in the witness protection program is running for her life and hops a ride (without his knowing) in the back of a cowboy's trailer. The relationship between these two left me laughing several times, and other times it made me cry for them. I thought Jake was a sweetheart (and I believe we met him in the other great book in this series - the third one).

The romance was rather lacking. I think the author concentrated so much on the suspense (which really was great) that she forgot some other issues. If you've read the whole series (some of Emma's secrets are revealed in the second book), you'll understand the significance of this character. I kept waiting for a reunion, thinking that was the only way it had to go.

Well...I'm not going to ruin the book for you, but I will say that the author added on a couple events at the end as an afterthought. I got the impression she forgot these couple of important details, then added a paragraph at the end to wrap everything up. I was a bit disappointed...

Still, this was a really good read with lots of suspense!
