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Buried Secrets (Men Of Valor Book #1): A Novel



Synopsis

After seven years as a Chicago homicide detective, Lisa Grant has hit a wall. Ready for a kinder, gentler life, she takes a job as a small-town police chief. But the discovery of a human skeleton by a construction crew at the edge of town taxes the resources of her department. A call for assistance brings detective Mac McGregor, an ex-Navy SEAL, to her doorstep. As they work to solve the mystery behind the unmarked grave, danger begins to shadow them. Someone doesn't want this dead person telling any tales--and will stop at nothing to make certain a life-shattering secret stays buried. Master storyteller Irene Hannon is back with an exciting new series featuring former special forces operatives now in the thick of the action in civilian life. Hannon is at the top of her game in this can't-put-it-down thriller that will have readers up until the wee hours devouring every page.

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Customer Reviews

I definitely enjoyed reading Buried Secrets, but I found myself a bit jaded as I read the story. It's the same jaded sensation I get whenever I read too many books by the same author:- The storyline tends to follow a certain pattern, making the suspense less suspenseful.- The characters tend to fit

the same mold - in this author's case, they are all beautiful law enforcement officers.- Something bad always happens to the female lead character near the end of the story that puts her at the edge of death while the male lead character is racing against time to rescue her before it's too late. All that aside, the characters were well-developed and likeable, the storyline had plenty of twists and turns to keep me turning pages, and I find myself looking forward to the next book in the Men of Valor series from Irene Hannon. Disclosure: I received a free copy of Buried Secrets from Revell, a division of Baker Publishing Group, in exchange for my honest review.

I was excited to get this book and begin reading it. I like the title and what it could mean for a murder mystery read. "Buried Secrets"-it sounds exciting! After I started reading it, I was disappointed with enough of the book that I did not finish it through, page by page. I did love the cover-it pulled me in. I skimmed it and read the last chapter to see if it was brought to a satisfactory end. It was. My first twinge of discontent began with chapter one, after an intriguing prologue. The two central characters spent the first four chapters dancing around their attraction to each other. The author gave us their every thought as they became acquainted and sized one another up out of the corner of the eye. The buried secret is unearthed in Chapter 1, but it seemed to take forever to get to the identification of said secret, let alone solving the crime. By the end of Chapter 4, I was beyond ready for the action to begin. I like romance with mystery, but just that-mystery that has romance that happens during the mystery and is unveiled and discovered while the crime is being solved. I did appreciate that the faith of the central characters was woven into the story and that prayer to God for guidance was evident. If you lean more toward romance with a murder and mystery thrown in, you will probably like this book. It was well written from the grammar and punctuation standpoint and the sentences did flow pretty easily. All good things for ease of reading. This was my first Irene Hannon novel and I am not sure I will check out others. That remains to be seen. I was given a complimentary copy of this book from Revell, a division of Baker Publishing, in exchange for my honest review. These words are my opinion. I give Buried Secrets three stars.

Having read several of Irene Hannon's books, I was excited to read her newest book Buried Secrets. This is the first book in a series and Irene does a great job of introducing the main characters, but also setting up secondary characters for her future books. The secondary characters provided tension and helped to give insight into the main characters, Lisa and Mac. The plotline itself was on the slow side at the beginning. It was disappointing that the killer was revealed very early in the book. Also, the romance was very typical and not very realistic. Despite these criticisms, the

book did pick up towards the middle and makes the reader wonder if there will be justice. I give this book 3 out of 5 stars. Thank you to Revell Publishers for a free copy of Buried Secrets in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed in this review are my own and no monetary compensation was received in exchange for them.

I had such high hopes for this book. I have read most of Hannon's romantic suspense books. I was a little disappointed here. It was very predictable. I mean, of course the love interests end up together and of course the bad "guy" gets "his"; however, this seemed even more predictable to me, to the point that I could scan-read and not miss much. There was not a lot of suspense either. Because the story, from the get-go, revealed who the bad guys were and told the story often from their POV, it took the suspense out of this for me. On the other hand, I enjoyed the relationship between Mac and the chief. That was the best part of the book.

"Secrets could create very odd . . . and unpleasant . . . alliances." It appears that someone may be getting away with murder, or is it just a coincidence that a very cold case has given up all but one of its witnesses? When a decades old skeleton is found buried on construction property in a small municipality, county detective Mac McGregor is dispatched to help the local police chief Lisa Grant process the scene. Following rather frosty introductions, the two agree to put aside first impressions and pool their resources to solve an intriguing case. The burial site contains several important clues which ultimately lead the two officers straight into the path of a seriously dangerous individual whose intent is rather obvious; secrets must remain buried. Aside from the case, Mac McGregor and Lisa Grant feel an immediate attraction towards each other; both having recently moved to the St. Louis area in order to put aside their previous, more dangerous careers; in the hopes that they might find a way to settle down and establish families of their own. Deciding to make their relationship a priority after the case is solved, they never imagined that one of them would find his/herself in the crosshairs of a cold blooded killer. Irene Hannon writes wonderful romantic suspense and "Buried Secrets" is no exception.

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