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Sometimes love is the most dangerous truth of all...

For Lausanne Raney, romance meant nothing but trouble. Once it cost her her freedom and her baby girl. Now she's got a respectable life...but desperately needs money to find her child. When she accepts an unusual offer from her wealthy employer's daughter, she finds herself under deadly suspicion--and the unwanted protection of security agent Domingo Shea. Bad enough the courageously honest ex-Navy SEAL doesn't completely trust Lausanne any more than she does him. But worse still, the instant electric attraction between them is impossible to resist. And the deeper their investigation goes, the more Lausanne struggles to convince Dom to leave her--for both their sakes. But with a ruthless killer lying in wait, there will soon be no safe place for her or Dom to hide...

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Pamela Mellema says

i love it

Jerome says

This was the worst book I've finished in quite some time. I picked it up on a whim. I thought it was a suspense/thriller-type novel, but it was hijacked by a romance novel. It had some moments, but they were few and very far between.

Carolyn says

The synopsis made it sound like a gritty thriller, but once I started reading the book I realised I had stumbled into some kind of weird Mills and Boon mystery. Struggled through it by skipping copious pages. I have learned my lesson with Beverly Barton!

Mollie *scoutrmom* says

This was a well-written mystery/suspense novel that would have worked just as well with the romance elements left out. The mystery was so well crafted that I never suspected the villain until the heroine found a gun pointed at her.

Our heroine makes the perfect fall guy...sordid history, low self esteem, all alone in the world. It is amazing that the police are ever brought around to listening to her side of the story.

I have only three complaints about this book. First the romance side of the plot does not mesh very well with the murder and suspense elements. It is almost as if the author had taken two separate stories and attempted to graft them together.

Second, the hero is a bit of a cardboard cutout. He experiences no personal growth, we are not given much about his history, his angst is limited to a single conversation about his brother. I found him, or the description of him, quite shallow. He professes love, but we are not given to his inner reflections on the process of falling in love. He seems more concerned about possible professional conflict of interest.

Last, the first few paragraphs of the first chapter are not relevant to the rest of the book, and seem to have been inserted so as to have us link this book to the rest of the series.

In spite of those quibbles, this book is definitely one of the better mysteries I've read. Look for it.

Betty says

Thrilling mystery

This book captured me from page one and the twist and turns lead to a surprise ending. The love story was predictable but it was enjoyable but the “who did it” was the best part.

Grace says

3.5 stars

I liked this book and found it quick and easy to read although at times it was a bit predictable. The story was good though.

Joan says

loved it

Crystal Karre says

I really enjoyed this book, it kept my attention every second.

ElaineY says

Dangerous Deceptions should have been a good story. Not that I was expecting anything different from the usual romantic suspense being churned out these days but I found Barton's new book surprisngly bad. The writing is so reminiscent of something out of the early category titles that I wondered if this is another one of those publishing cheats - those old titles dressed up to look new (like they do with Elizabeth Lowell) and nothing to warn you you're buying an old, old book. Well, Dangerous Deceptions reads like one of those dated books and my surprise is because Barton's previous books were quite different from DD. The writing in her previous romantic suspense were far more sophisticated, her characters less cheesy so I was actually thrilled when I read Dom Shea is an ex-SEAL, being a sucker for these alpha heroes.

Unfortunately, Dangerous Deception turned out to be a deception, indeed.

Erotic Horizon says

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