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Fiona Easton is a contradiction - a ski instructor who's scared of heights and a passionate woman who's afraid of intimacy. Recovered from a life-altering heartbreak, it's time for her to return to work at White Cairns Ski School in Scotland.

But a lost child, a legendary Scot and an approaching blizzard force her to face her fears, and re-examine her dreams. Dreams which are hanging by a cobweb-thin thread...

"*Fear of Falling*" is the 2nd novella from the '*Secrets in the Snow*' series about a Scottish snowsports school.

Whilst this is a stand-alone book, you might enjoy reading the series from the first episode, "*Winter Arrives*". Episodes 3 - 5, and 3 short stories are also available. The series will complete in 2015 with Episode 6.

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Roz Marshall says

Again, I hope I'm not falling foul of some GR etiquette by leaving a 'review' of my own book, but if you've read it, I'd like to say a huge "thank you" and I hope that you enjoyed 'Fear of Falling'.

If you like it, it would help immensely if you could leave a review and spread the word!

This story was actually the first one that I wrote, although chronologically it's the 2nd episode, but I realised that I needed an introductory episode first, so readers could meet all the characters and find out how they got there and a bit more about the ski school; hence 'Winter Arrives' (Ep1) which you should read first if you can. However, this story ('Fear of Falling') also has a plot arc of its own, and so it can be read as a stand-alone story.

In-between Episodes 1 and 2 there are two short stories - 'Skiing with Santa', which, unsurprisingly, is a Christmas story; and 'A Dream for Hogmanay' which is set on New Year's Eve in White Cairns.

The episode following this one, 'My Snowy Valentine' does what it says on the tin ;-) and focuses on Valentine's Day in the ski resort.

Episode 4 will be released in early June 2014. There will be 6 episodes in the series in total.

Kathy says

Lets just say what Roz Marshall has created with White Cairns Ski School and her characters is not only engaging but welcoming. Each "episode" invites you to get to know the characters better. I don't know who I like best! I can see this as a TV show or Hallmark mini-series.

I received 1-3 as a gift and can't wait to read the rest!

LOVE, LOVE LOVE!!!!

Margaret Watkins says

I received a copy of this book as a gift from the author and this is my honest and voluntary review.

In Fear of Falling, the second in the Secrets in the Snow series, Fiona has to overcome her deepest fears to find Johnny, one of her skiing students who has gone missing. I did find that I became agitated when the story jumped backwards and forwards to other characters in the series as I really wanted to know that Fiona was going to find Johnny, but through it all, the story in fact brought out facets of the other characters lives, which did satisfy the mother in me. As the saying goes, "every cloud has a silver lining", and although Fiona had to go through an enormous ordeal, she found answers to problems she didn't even know she had.

Fear of Falling is part of series, however this episode can be read as a stand alone. It has a satisfying ending.

Grammar*Kitten says

Fear of Falling is the second instalment in Roz Marshall's addictive new White Cairns Ski School series, but don't be fooled into thinking you need to read the first book to dive straight into this little gem. Each episode seems to serve as a stand-alone story, and while there seems to be an over-arching plot emerging, each 'episode' has its own self-contained story. Reading the first book will certainly provide you with some insight, but feel free to give either way a go!

In this 'episode' we are introduced to a new protagonist (who does feature in 'episode' one), Fiona, a ski instructor at the school. When instructing a class of school children, one of her charges goes missing in a storm, bringing up a whole host of recent traumas for Fiona, who is determined to find him. But in her determination to save the young child, she puts herself in peril, as the slopes often hide hidden dangers that remain unseen until it is too late.

Again, Marshall's writing is something to be marvelled at; she manages to fit in so much action and emotion but weaves it in a way that you barely notice your heart jumping into your throat until it's there and thumping hard. A fabulous talent for giving just enough information to intrigue and drag you along for the ride makes this a truly compelling read - I just HAD to know the answers!

Much more action packed than the first - what I would call 'introductory' episode - this will certainly appeal to new readers. Not only would I recommend this to those who have read and enjoyed the first episode as a continuation where you will delve further into characters who you have met before, I would recommend this as a stand-alone short story for lovers of sporting/action books everywhere.

KB says

4 star

I purchased Fear of Falling by Roz Marshall and this review was given freely.

This suspenseful excerpt features Fiona and indicates some tragedy in the recent past for both Fiona and for Mike as well as Fiona's fear of heights. The answers are finally provided at the end.

Kathy Brickert says

Sweet episode

These stories are clips of the total story. Short, but an easy read and they build on each other, but you wind up reading a bunch to get the whole story. I wish they were just one book.

Lauren says

I have quickly fallen in love with the series of short reads. Each one gives you a little clue into a different characters life at the ski resort. This short is very heart warming and will quickly pull you in. I recommend this series to anyone if you like skiing or not! WaAR

Debbie McGowan says

A great story, following on from 'episode 1', with the same characters, but a different focus, so that other characters come to the fore. In this adventure, Fiona takes centre-stage, and we find out a little more about her story - can't say more than that really.

These stories do stand-alone, but work best read in order for the character development.

I'm starting to develop favourites and also hoping for certain storylines to come out in a certain way. Looking forward to episode 3!

Marie says

When your afraid of heights....

A young boy goes missing on the ski slope. A blizzard moved in. Fiona the ski instructor, rushes back up the slope to find him. She does but must confront her fear to the the boy. Can she do it...not without the boys help. Wonderfully written about panic and fear and overcoming it. With good twists

Katie W says

I love the way each episode helps the reader learn more about different characters. Fiona has such a mothering instinct. A girl in her group doesn't want to participate and Fiona coaxes her into it but talking to her and figuring out the issue and a solution. When a child is lost in her group at the start of a big storm, she does what she can to rescue him. I love the way this ski team really seems like family. They care and look out for one another and that relationship is very endearing.

I received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review

Kelly Hoggons (Velvet Library) says

I received a free copy of this eBook in exchange for an honest review.

Like Winter Arrives, the first episode in the White Cairns series, Fear of Falling was well written and enjoyable.

This episode centres on Fiona, one of the instructors at White Cairns Snow School and the tragedy that

befalls her on her first day back at work. The story has a decent level of drama and suspense.

At the beginning of *Fear of Falling*, the reader picks up on clues that Fiona seems to have had a miscarriage and is going back to work after consequently taking some time off. On her first day back, she is in charge of a school group and all seems to be going well with their lessons until a blizzard comes in. Naturally, all the ski groups start to head towards the bottom of their respective mountains but halfway down, Fiona notices that there is a child missing from her group. She bravely endeavours to find her way back up the mountain and search for the absent boy. What happens on the mountain has the potential to change her perspective on and the way she lives her life.

Fear of Falling was absorbing and leaves you wanting more. It allowed greater insight into the characters than *Winter Arrives* and you really start to get to know them and their quirks.

I do have one criticism. The reader is often bounced around between the different characters immediate situations. On the one hand, this is nice as it gives you an overview of everything that is happening at the same time, rather than reading about a long period of time and then being sent a few hours into the past. On the other hand, however, I felt that sometimes too short a period of time was spent with each situation and being moved around so much made the narrative somewhat jerky. On occasion, you'd be transported to another scene while something was still happening in the scene you were in. This shift provided an element of suspense, but the moment didn't seem like it called for suspense.

With the exception of that (which, in fairness, is probably mostly to do with personal preference), I really enjoyed the book and look forward to the next episode.
