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A Thrilling New Romantic Suspense from the Genre's Newest Star

Piper McKenna couldn't be more thrilled that her prodigal brother, Reef, has returned to Yancey, Alaska, after five years. But her happiness is short-lived when Reef appears at her house covered in blood. A fellow snowboarder has been killed--but despite the evidence, Reef swears he's innocent. And Piper believes him.

Deputy Landon Grainger loves the McKennas like family, but he's also sworn to find the truth. Piper is frustrated with his need for facts over faith, but he knows those closest to you have the power to deceive you the most. With his sheriff pushing for a quick conviction, some unexpected leads complicate the investigation, and pursuing the truth may mean risking Landon's career.

With Piper waging her own search, the two head deep into Canada's rugged backcountry--and unexpected complications. Not only does their long friendship seem to be turning into something more, but this dangerous case is becoming deadlier with each step.

## **Shattered Details**

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## Lisa Johnson says

Title: Shattered (Alaska Courage Book #2)

Author: Dani Pettrey

Pages: 368

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Publisher: Bethany

Submerged is the first book in this series that introduces us to the various family members of the McKenna family. However, not all the family members have the same last name, but that doesn't affect the deep, loving, abiding bond they have and is seen by observers. The first novel centered on Cole and Bailey, leaving their future to be developed. Here we see where their relationship has progressed plus the entering of a family member the others hadn't seen in seven years. When the girls see him, he has blood on his hands and arms with his shirt soaked in it.

Reef is in the winter sports circuit. He recently returned to Alaska because of a competition he entered. The circuit of competitors is a family unto themselves; rarely will they speak of other members unless circumstances warrant the normally tight-lipped group. When Karli is discovered in the arms of Reef with no one else around plus two witnesses, it seems the long lost brother's homecoming is going to be short-lived. With time being of the essence, since the sheriff is up for reelection and pressing for a quick trial as he believes they have the killer, what are the McKenna family's options?

Landon wants to help Piper because he longs to protect her from more hurt. Piper thought they were heading into more than a friendship until Landon for reasons unknown to her pulls away. The judge sets the trial within weeks after the holidays and the defense is at an end with where to help locate the evidence that the guilty person was someone other than Reef. The hunt begins to find any crack, lead or other possible suspect for the slaying of the young athlete. As the various family members set out to find the key to set Reef free, they also find love. Yet is it just the love of a future spouse that is found or God's? How is the hunt for proof going to also bring freedom from past regrets and pain for the McKenna family?

If you think Submerged is totally riveting, wait till you crack the cover and begin reading this masterpiece! I was so glad to see such depth in the story, characters and theme of God's love; it really was a joyful journey through the pages of the book! At times the suspense so high it was hard not to skim the lines to get to the part of the story where there is resolution.

I was up all night reading this one and I am glad I did it. I rarely do read all night, but I couldn't put this one down. To me, I think what kept me in the book was the great plots, twists and turns. More so though was the way the author was bringing various previously hidden past information about characters' lives to the forefront. Not only that, but to watch how a couple of the main characters were submitting to the Lord because they knew they weren't really in control of life and that He is; plus seeing the truth of other characters reveal where their faith is and why they don't or do believe in Him.

I suspect future sequels to the Alaskan Courage series will continue to follow the McKenna family along with the various mysteries that come across their lives. The author shares with her readers the heart of each character a little at a time, which makes for enticing reading. Read Submerged and Shattered (review located at <http://seekingwithallyurheart.blogspot...>) for a wonderful reading experience you won't soon forget. My review of

My rating is 5+ stars.

Note: I received a complimentary copy for an honest review of this book. The opinions shared in this review are solely my responsibility. Other reviews can be read at <http://seekingwithallyurheart.blogspot...> . Also follow me on Twitter @lcjohnson1988, FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/lisa.johnson...>

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## **Hannah says**

I gobbled this one up in one day a couple months ago. Instantly I remembered why I enjoyed the first book so much! Piper knows her brother couldn't kill someone, but he was caught beside the body with the murder weapon in his hand. To say it looked bad would be an understatement. It's hard to guess what's coming next as clue after clue seems only to lead back to Reef as the culprit. Can she clear his name in time? You'll be on the edge of your seat, too...

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## **Becky says**

Congratulations to my friend, Dani Pettrey! I thoroughly enjoyed Shattered.

Right at the outset of the novel, a murder occurs. The heroine's brother is arrested for the murder and so the heroine (Piper) and the hero (Landon) set off to track down the real killer and thus free Piper's brother. I was intrigued by the mysterious past of the murder victim and I had a ball following along with Piper and Landon as they uncovered a trail of clues and -- along the way -- faced their feelings for one another.

Dani paced the novel beautifully by using lots of dialogue, the threat of danger, and short scenes when called for. The familiar cast of family members we first met in Submerged added spice and warmth. And I was completely charmed by the wintry Canadian setting. It's almost like a character in the novel!

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## **Rachel says**

This was a well written and entertaining Christian suspense novel with a romantic subplot. I really liked the characters and the interesting plot twists along the way. I truly enjoyed it, and I look forward to reading more of the series. It has earned its place on my favorites' list.

Note: I rather wish I'd reread the first book before reading this one though; I'd hoped I remembered enough of the first one to press on without doing so, but I should have known better. However, I wasn't too lost and would have been fine even if I'd never read the first book at all.

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## **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

I read a later book in this series and now I'm going back to read all the books. Obviously not in chronological order, but I don't think it matters too much. I just really love this series and I'm so glad my library got them in ebook form! Yay! Suspense, fast moving plot, romantic tension. No swearing or sexual content. Some violence.

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## **Casey says**

I predict I have finished another bestselling novel. Only time will truly tell, but I think there is much truth in what I just stated. You can thank me later. (wink)

I have been eagerly waiting for Piper and Landon's story since the moment I finished "Submerged" last May and I was not disappointed in the least. It's a high paced, high concept kind of story I believe will appeal across a wide spectrum of readers.

Ah, talk about romance. Landon just about melted my heart with how much he loved Piper. There is something so humbling about a character who knows he's messed up and wants nothing else than to be able to share his love and be accepted in that love. Talk about some heart-stuttering moments.

It's high-energy suspense coupled with a healthy dose of romance and rich and wide backstory. What I've loved and appreciated about these series books is we get a peek into the romance of the coming book. There is nothing better that sells a book for me, then to crave getting to know the next round of characters. We've been given just enough in Gage and Darcy that I'm counting the days until September.

The dialogue is outstanding! The setting as clear and cold as the snow covering the ground. Good writing takes you places. I've traveled the world through the pages of this story and I'm eager for the next adventure.

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the author and publisher for my copy to review.

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## **Melanie says**

Review on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/review/RWFO0S93...>

Review on my blog (to be posted 3/4): <http://christianbookshelfreviews.blog...>

I read Submerged (book one in the Alaskan Courage series) last year and loved it, so I knew going in that Shattered was sure to be a treat... and it was fantastic! The mystery was very good and I seriously had no idea who the killer was or the reason for what was going on. I was surprised when everything was revealed, as it was such a great plot and I did not see it coming! Love when that happens. :)

After being introduced to Landon and Piper in book one, I could hardly wait to read their story and it was well worth the wait. All of the main characters were great, but Landon would have to be my favorite - probably because his feelings were just so real and I couldn't help cheering for him.

I found it particularly interesting to learn more about Gage and Reef - Piper's brothers. Kayden also intrigues me and I wonder what her story is... can't wait to read their books and find out! I loved the way the characters interacted with each other (especially the McKennas and Landon) - there were quite a few scenes I found very funny... I couldn't help but chuckle. :)

The romance in Shattered was soooooo sweet - it was great to see the characters grow closer and closer to each other. I also really liked the subplot romance story and that Cole and Bailey (the main characters from Submerged) were in Shattered a lot.

All in all, I loved Shattered! If you enjoy romantic suspense novels with some inspirational elements, then I think you will really like this book. I recommend reading Submerged first so you'll know the backstory.

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.\*

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## **Loraine says**

**SUMMARY:** When her prodigal brother Reef's return to Yancey, Alaska, is shattered by his arrest for murder, Piper McKenna is determined to protect him.

Deputy Landon Grainger loves the McKennas like family, but he's also sworn to find the truth. And he knows those closest to you have the power to deceive you the most. With his sheriff pushing for a quick conviction, some unexpected leads complicate the investigation, and pursuing the truth puts Landon's career in jeopardy.

When Piper launches her own investigation, Landon realizes he must protect her from herself--and whatever complications await as the two follow clues deep into Canada's rugged backcountry. Not only does their long friendship seem to be turning into something more, but this dangerous case is becoming deadlier with each step.

**REVIEW:** This second book in the Alaskan Courage series focusing on the McKenna family features Piper McKenna along with her sibling and their significant others. Strong in her beliefs, loyal to her family, and courageous almost to a fault, Piper is a determined, faith-filled character. Her siblings also are well-rounded, enjoyable characters. The characters remind me of Dee Henderson's O'Malley family. Pettrey even includes some characters you love to hate like Meredith who also appeared in book one.

Pettrey again keeps the plot moving at a good pace, keeping her reader riveted to follow the clues and determine what really happened. If you are a fan of romantic suspense, you will definitely want to read this series.

**FAVORITE QUOTES:** "Could God really fill the hole eating away inside of him? Could He give him the strength he needed.....Just like on the job, he needed evidence. Blind faith wasn't an option."

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## **Sarah says**

Age Appropriate For: 15 and up for violence and romance  
Best for Ages: 15 and up

After reading the first book in this series, I dove right into the second. I now adore the entire McKenna family and how each of these books build on one another. The stories are connected, like they would be in real life.

Piper is probably one of my favorite McKennas, because she reminds me so much of my youngest sister as well. I was excited to be able to read her story and Landon's. The two of them together, solving a mystery was perfection. Their romance was well balanced between physical attraction and getting to know each

other.

The thing I love the best about Pettrey's writing is the characters. While the mystery is sometimes a bit weak, the characters more than made for the shortcomings. They just leap off the page and compel me to keep reading.

I am really enjoying the series and cannot wait to get my hands on the next book

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### **Shannah Mauney says**

After the agonizing wait I endured for this book to come, Shattered by Dani Pettrey, did not dissappoint. Dani Pettrey is an excellent writer. She makes the characters come alive. I feel like they are real (or maybe that's just my wild imagination). I get so involved with the characters and the story she tells that I don't want the book to end. This book leads us back to the side story from book one, Submerged. Piper McKenna and Deputy Landon Grainger are the main characters in this exciting story of murder, mystery, and of course, God's love.

Deputy Landon Grainger has sworn to uphold the law, see justice done, and protect those he loves. He was "adopted" into the McKenna family and has known them for years. He is strong, protective, and honest. He is also in love, and fighting it every step of the way. I don't really know how else to describe Landon, except that I would want him fighting for me and protecting me :) (haha).

Piper McKenna is the baby of the family. She is sweet, loving, and tenderhearted woman who loves adventure, and can be independent and stubborn to a fault. Her and Landon have a unique relationship, him always trying to keep her out of trouble and from harm, and her pushing him to the limits whenever possible. I love how everyone in these two books tries to shelter Piper as much as possible. Whenever something happens, the characters first reaction is "this will kill Piper" or something to that effect. It really brings to light her character and how much everyone in the community, and especially her family, loves her.

The plot starts moving from the first page! The McKenna's long lost brother, Reef, shows up covered in blood, shortly after a woman has been murdered. He is arrested as the most logical suspect, and the evidence is unreal. It's up to Piper to prove his innocence. The twists and turns of this story will keep you on the edge of your seat, while the romance and the blossoming love will make you yearn to get to the ending (because of course, it's a happy one!). The message in this book is the same as in the first. God's love is all encompassing, and when a person REALLY, TRULY submits their lives, their hearts, their whole beings to God, they can change, no matter what they've done in the past.

I read this book in three days. THREE! That's how much I loved it. I wish the next book in the series (because there HAS to be another one) was out already! I need to know what happens between Darcy and Gage, Kayden and Jake, and then Reef! READ THIS BOOK! You won't regret it, I promise! ;)

**\*\*I was provided a free copy of this book by Bethany House Publishers for an honest review\*\***

<http://faithlovebooks.blogspot.com/20...>

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## **Dawn says**

Piper McKenna loves her brother. So when he shows up on her doorstep covered in blood, she firmly believes he's innocent. Convincing Deputy Landon Grainger of that is something else entirely. Landon's trying to do his job, despite the fact that his boss is pushing for a quick conviction and that the evidence all points to Reef McKenna, brother of the woman Landon loves. When Piper launches her own investigation, Landon realizes that he has to keep her safe from herself. Yet someone is determined to pin the murder on Reef and will stop at anything to see that justice isn't served. Will Landon and Piper be able to get to the truth before something else happens? And when will they admit their feelings?

I read the first book in this series, Submerged and loved it. The McKennas remind me of Dee Henderson's O'Malley family. Like those in the O'Malley series, this book stands alone. It is helpful to read the first in the series, but not necessary. Romance, suspense, and adventure all abound in this book. I loved that the characters are believable and they obviously love their family. There were very few things that I didn't enjoy about the book, and I am looking forward to the next book in the series. I'm hoping it will be about either Gage or Kayden.

I read this book for pure pleasure. My thoughts and opinions are my own.

Recommended to fans of romantic suspense, Dee Henderson, Irene Hannon, O'Malley Series

Rating - 4 stars

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## **Victoria says**

Landon and Piper are absolutely adorable together! Piper is sorta like me, which I find funny. Some sensitive matters were handled appropriately and delicately. The Christian message is wonderful in this book. I couldn't guess a lot of the twists which made it really intriguing.

This is so like me:

"This is so exciting," Piper whispered behind Landon as they crouched outside Tess's cabin door.

He (Landon) shook his head as she disappeared down the dark hallway. No wonder he worried about her.

What other woman got excited about breaking and entering?



ME! LOL! Not to say that I break into places, but to investigate, I'd totally do it!

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### **Becky ?The Bookworm? says**

I believe I've found another favorite series to follow! I love Dani Pettrey's writing! Piper and Landon are a wonderful couple and I'm slowly falling in love with the whole McKenna Family. It's neat how they treat Landon like he's part of the clan and I couldn't help but like Piper's sensitivity and patience with Landon's inner pain. The mystery and suspense in this story was very good, providing the perfect opportunity for the couple to simultaneously work on the case and grow closer in their relationship.

I highly recommend this series! I'll be moving on to book three!

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### **Sarita says**

After reading book one, Submerged, I couldn't wait to read the next book in the series and was excited when I got hold of a copy of Shattered.

Everything I loved about book 1 in the series continued in book 2. The suspense was great, lots of twists and turns that kept you fascinated and never knowing who the murderer is or why until the very end, and even then he didn't make it easy. The story was well thought out and well written.

I continued to love getting to know the McKenna family, especially to understand the history of Gage, I really felt compassion for him in this book and loved his interaction with Darcy. Also how the author threw in hints that there is more behind Jake.

I loved the relationship between Piper and Landon and loved to see how the relationship grew in book 2. I was however frustrated with these two not communicating their feelings and this is why I only give the book a 4 star rating instead of 5. The non-communicating factor in love stories is a huge personal frustration for me and a huge reason why I don't read pure romance.

Definitely a must read for all romantic suspense lovers!

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### **Andrea Cox says**

by Andrea Renee Cox

This book was just okay for me. I really liked the complex plot, once it got out of a redundancy rut at about the halfway mark (the same portions of the case were summed up three times in the first thirty-six pages, without any/much new details). There were breathtaking stunts, surprising twists, and plenty of action. I especially loved the brother/sister bond between Piper and Reef. Her fierce belief in him, swiftly followed by intense protectiveness of him, was a sweet and special aspect of the story.

There were some content issues that dragged the story down several levels for me.

\* The case the leads were trying to solve revolved around a woman with very loose morals (including

sleeping around, which was heavily focused on throughout the book).

- \* Slidell seemed overly stupid to have risen to the elevated rank of sheriff.
- \* alcohol usage
- \* pre-marital sex
- \* sexual innuendo throughout
- \* tobacco usage
- \* horoscope "sign" mentioned
- \* at least two mentions of a man needing a cold shower
- \* a few mentions of heat and passion between leads
- \* attempted date rape

The second half of this book was much better than the first. The action and adventure really ramped up a lot, which kept the pages turning quickly. But the content issues overshadowed the entire story for me, particularly since the "sleeping around" thing was mentioned so often throughout.

I was not compensated for this honest review.

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