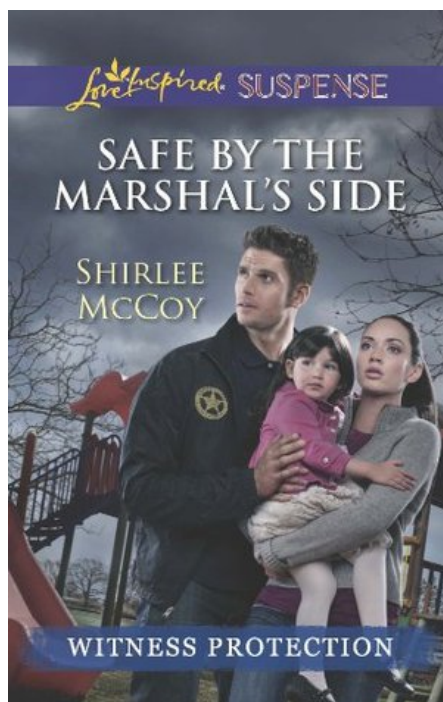




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HER LIFE IS ON THE LINE

For a year, U.S. marshal Hunter Davis has protected witness Annie Delacorte and her toddler daughter. But now, someone is determined to stop Annie from testifying against the men who killed her husband. To guard Annie, by-the-book Hunter will have to break a promise to himself: to *not* get emotionally involved. After all, he already cares more deeply than he ever imagined for the sweet family of two...a family he'll do anything to keep safe and sound by his side.

Witness Protection: Hiding in plain sight

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Wendy Sparkes says

#1 *Witness Protection* Continuity.

After her husband's murder, Angel Delacorte and her daughter Sophia go into Witness Protection.

Angel (Now Annie Duncan) saw the murderers. The trial is fast approaching, and she is going to testify.

Only someone doesn't want her to testify.

She has been in a safe house for about a year. No one had found her. Until now.

Where is the leak?

Annie has to trust the marshals protecting her to keep her safe ~ only since finding out about the betrayal, lies and gambling addiction of her husband, trusting doesn't come too easily any more.

Plus the last words her husband spoke, "*Keep the baby safe.*" keep haunting her. What did he know?

A great start to the *Witness Protection* continuity. I appreciated the look inside on witness protection, and like Annie, I know the lack of freedom to be able to go out when you want, and to always be on the alert and ready to move would start to drive me nuts. To be watching out for her daughter as well, and having to trust her to other's care at times, I could appreciate the fear she felt doing that. To give up your family and friends and support system at a time you need them the most must be difficult. Shirlee McCoy did a great job showing that side of it. I'm looking forward to finding out what happens next.

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4. 5. 6.

You really do need to read these books in order as each book, while a story on its own, also has a plot which runs & develops through all the 6 books, building up to the grand finale in book 6. This means that you will not only want to read this book, but also the following 5 in the series! So if you are looking for a one off story to read, then this is not the book for you. However, if you are short of reading material & want a series to get you going, then you might want to try out this series.

Melissa says

Thankfully this story was only category length or I would have DNF after about the fifth chapter. What I liked: the hero (Hunter) was a great character both as an individual and part of the couple and I liked the other US Marshals that are on Hunter's team and their interactions with one another while doing the job. The kid was cute, but if the story didn't have the kid in, the story would have been exactly the same. I thoroughly disliked the heroine - what a whiny, naïve idiot who is still in love with her evil dead husband. She was more

like a Christian version of a NA heroine. The religious aspect of the story was done with a deft touch for about 2/3 of the book and then it went into over load. But what I most hated about this book is that it ended on a cliff hanger and basically was used to set up the rest of the series (written by different authors about the same US Marshal team). This was not a complete story; the author dropped a plot twist about how this was bigger than the dead husband's gambling debts to the organized crime boss but would not say what it was about or how deep the dead husband's actions went to the bigger crime. The "I love yous" came out of the thin air real quick at the end.GRRRR....

Sarita says

Rating 3.5

I enjoyed this Romantic Suspense from a new to me author. The build up of the suspense was done at a great pace and the author even got me guessing incorrectly who might have been involved. Since this is the start of a series, a lot of questions were still left open, which would continue to be resolved as the series unfolds.

The romance between Hunter and Annie grew at a reasonable pace and was sweet, not too much in your face. I loved the characters and Annie's protective love over her daughter Sophia (who was so cute I wished I would one day have a daughter as cute as she was - I don't think I would ever think about a cookie and not think back to this book and Sophia).

All in all a great read for Romance Suspense fans and looking forward to the rest of the series.

Karen Collier says

Safe by the Marshal's Side makes a great start for the Witness Protection continuity series from Harlequin's Love Inspired Suspense. As a fan of Inspirational Romantic Suspense, I'm hooked, and ready to read through the rest of the series. Happily, the sixth and final book has recently been released, so I can go snag them all for my eReader without delay.

The blend of romance with suspense makes for a fun and lively read. As the story begins, someone has discovered the location of the safe house where Annie and her daughter have been hiding under the protection of Hunter's team of U.S. marshals. When an intruder makes an intimidating and clearly threatening delivery, Hunter whisks them off to a new location. But that's not the end of the danger. Far from it.

With the trial date approaching, and uncertainty building over how the location could have been leaked, and how to prevent further security breaches, the tension is pretty high throughout. Plus there's the growing attraction between Annie and Hunter as she comes to realize there's more to him than the strictly business persona he's shown her for the past year.

I found both hero and heroine to be very likeable people with believable goals and motivations. And Annie's daughter Sophia was simply too cute for words. It was fun to watch them face significant challenges together and draw closer in the process.

The action on both the suspense and romance fronts heats up at the end of the book, and I enjoyed the vivid way certain scenes were described to draw out the reader's emotional responses. The ending certainly

worked for me. There's a surprise twist introduced at the end and a few details are left unresolved, setting things up for future books in the series. I'm definitely looking forward to finding out where the Witness Protection continuity series will go from here.

To learn more about author Shirlee McCoy and find out how to connect with her on social media, check out her Web site. And for those who read and enjoy this title as much as I did and want to find the rest of the series, here's a list of the titles and their respective authors.

Sarah says

Sweet romance story with some good action. I will want to read the others in this story.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I think I picked this one up free on Amazon some time ago. I finally decided in my two week reviewing break to read it. I'm glad I did. It had some suspense and romance and was the perfect fit for my reading mood. I really liked this one.

Sarah says

3 Stars

While I did enjoy this book, I did find a few problems with it.

One, was the reason Annie's husband was murdered. They say it was due to huge gambling debts he had racked up and was murdered because he couldn't pay. I have watched a lot of 'Law & Order' and have heard countless times, that dead men don't pay up. I just didn't find the reason for his murder to be very realistic.

My second issue was with an aspect of the protective custody. All throughout the book it is explained how by-the-book Hunter is. He does things as they should be done, and will not deviate from plan; to the extent while keeping Annie in a safe house and not even letting her look out the window for fear someone will see her. Then I read in the book more than once, that Hunter takes Annie and her daughter to church? OK, I get that this is a Christian novel and that Church and God need to be mentioned, but it just seems extremely out of character for Hunter, no matter how religious or strong your belief system is to allow that kind of danger.

All that being said, it was a good story. There were a few dramatic moments, but mostly it was of Hunter and Annie growing together and learning more from each other to become better people. It was light on the suspense but that is par for this type of novel.

Ivy Rose says

This is a cute "feel good" story! Very clean. I enjoyed it greatly!

Hannah says

This was a nice, innocent story. The writing was good and the characters interesting. It was a quick read and kept me guessing until the end. And the ending was very satisfying!

Melanie says

Safe by the Marshal's Side was a good read, but because of the way it started (with the heroine already under protection), I felt like I almost missed a big chunk of the story. I get why it was written that way, but it stopped me from feeling connected to the book right away.

I liked the characters and the bits of danger in the book. I also liked how they held off on the romance until he was done protecting her as the witness.

All in all, Safe by the Marshal's Side was a fine read. It moved at a pretty fast pace, which was great.

I received a complimentary eBook copy of this book for my honest review. As always, all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

Faith says

Thank you, Ms. McCoy for writing a clean, suspenseful story. There was some romance, but nothing ever went beyond a kiss. The violence was not graphic and the story was very believable. There were a few loose ends left to be wrapped up in the other books in the series, but since it is part of a series, that is understandable, though slightly disappointing. The part I liked best about the book was the fact that the main characters were Christians, but didn't bang you over the head with their Christianity.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

I enjoy reading Shirlee's books. This had good suspense about who was trying to kill the witness. Lots of action, likeable characters, cute kid, doing the right thing even though its hard. Also is a clean romance. I was sorry to see these characters go.

The pace is good, good dialog and action. We are never sure who all to trust. Who is leaking the witness where about.

Annie walked into her house and witnessed her husband's murder and if their gun had not jammed would have died also. Annie agreed to testify against the men she saw in her house. Now she is close to testifying someone has located her safe house. Leaving threats to her.

Annie's dreams of family died with her husband murder. She has a little girl she will protect at all costs. She found out her husband was lying to her.

Hunter's been protecting Annie for over a year. Now is close to the time for her testifying someone has been leaking the safe houses location. He trusts his team but not sure where the leak is coming from. He is getting close to Annie and her daughter. Where he generally does not get close to those he protects.

I had a good time reading Safe by the Marshal's Side. I will continue to read books by Shirlee McCoy in the future.

It does mention church and the bible. Hunter's has enjoyed escorting Annie to church and realizes how much he has missed it in his life.

I was given this ebook to read and in return agreed to give honest review of it by Netgalley and Harlequin. publication: January 7th 2014 by Harlequin Love Inspired Suspense 288 pages ISBN:9780373445783

Erik Orrantia says

I hate to give one star, but I have to admit that I found the storyline boring and the writing juvenile. I was hoping for some interesting plot twist--none. I was hoping for suspense--none. Sex? None. Instead, I got loosely veiled Christianity pushed down my throat. I really thought there was potential and, if nothing else, there were very few typos or editing errors. But there was lot of head bouncing, constant irritating changes in verb tense, a tendency to skip over what might have been excitement by suddenly switching to past tense, telling what happened in a few short sentences. Example: all the work up about a trial and then suddenly it was yesterday's news. I almost always finish a book that I start but this one was nearly discarded about two thirds through when I was nearly certain that it was going nowhere but boring predictability. I hated to be right about it, but I was.

Ashley Clark says

Spoilers!!

This was a flat in my opinion .. Good story but to me the action wasn't much of anything. It never spiked high enough for me.. I was also disappointed in the characters.. If he can take her to church every Sunday then I'm sure he could have made a trip to the park happen more then once.. Hell I'm sure playing in the back hard could have been done.. I know it's just a book but oi.. That really got to me and maybe because I've got kids?? The romance... I know they liked each other through out the book but the BAM I love you at the end... Wth? More the likely wouldn't recommend this to someone.. Or read again.

Sarah says

Annie has been in hiding for a year. The trial is soon, soon it will be all over. It seems like it would be easier now. Instead the stress has piled up & things seem to be getting tougher. Annie has done what she was told & has been safe. She did it for Sophie. But as unexpected things start happening she struggles to stick with it

& wonders if agreeing to testify was a good idea.

Annie struggled with trust, understandable after what she learned about her husband after he was killed. Hunter held himself aloof from the people he protected. But Annie & Sophie were different. It was neat to watch him show some "humanism" after the way he was described as standoffish. He definitely believed in telling it straight & not beating around the bush.

Just when it seems like everything has worked out, new evidence comes to light that leads smoothly into the next book. It's going to be interesting to read the next one & see if Annie, Sophie & Hunter are in it.
