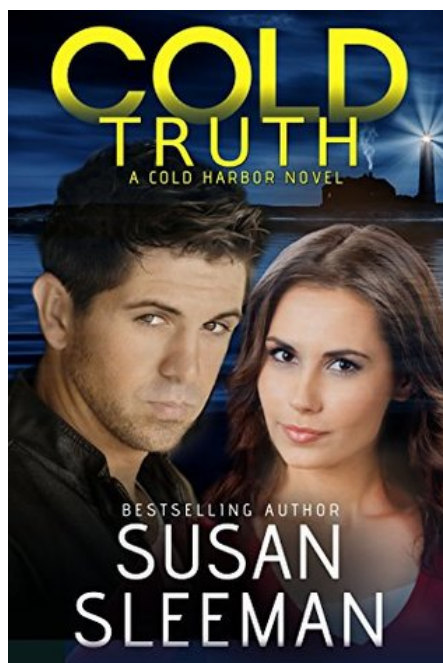




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Want to play a game...

When research chemist Kiera Underwood receives a cryptic phone call about her twin brother, she tries to contact him to no avail. Her twin sense tingles, warning her that something is wrong. When he doesn't return her call, and the manager at Oceanic Labs claims he didn't come into work that day, she heads to Cold Harbor. But when she arrives in town to find the door to her brother's house ajar, she races to the lab to question his fellow employees.

Solve the puzzle and save your brother...

Kiera's not prepared when an attempt is made on her life and Blackwell Tactical operative and former Army Ranger, Cooper Ashcroft delivers her second shock of the day. Someone killed the lab supervisor and stole a deadly biotoxin. The main suspect? Her brother, and Blackwell Tactical has been hired to bring him in. If that wasn't shocking enough, she's suspected of colluding with him. She had nothing to do with the theft or murder, and despite the evidence staring her in the face, she knows that her brother is innocent of all charges. She sets out to prove it, and she's soon the victim of a near abduction thwarted by Coop. He's faced with the reality that she's telling the truth and someone has likely abducted her brother—perhaps killed him—and now Kiera's very life is in danger, too.

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Kim says

Cold Truth by Susan Sleeman is the second book in the Cold Harbor series. “Let’s play a game,” is the words research chemist Kiera Underwood hears when she answers her phone. The voice goes on to say that if she doesn’t figure out the puzzle her brother will die. Not being able to get her brother to answer his phone she heads to Cold Harbor to find out what’s going on. Kevin has disappeared along with a biotoxin from Oceanic Labs. Former Army Ranger, Coop Ashcroft, and the rest of the Blackwell Tactical team are hired to find the toxin and Kevin. Is Kiera involved or innocent? Coop must protect Kiera when an attempt is made on her life. I stayed up way too late reading this book! Susan has a way of pulling you in from the first sentence and she doesn’t let you go until the story is all told. Along the way she weaves her love of God into that story without being “preachy”. I love how her characters are always so human; struggling with everyday problems that we struggle with. And how they always manage to find the Peace and trust that they were searching for. I highly recommend any book by Susan Sleeman!

I received this e-book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

Winnie says

Prepare yourself for nonstop intrigue and suspense with a little romance thrown in if you read Cold Truth, which you definitely should do. This book captured my interest from the first page and wouldn’t let go until I’d finished it. Susan Sleeman is very adept at creating multi-layered characters and captivating settings which, combined with her knowledge of law enforcement and detective work, make for a highly engrossing story. The main characters, Coop and Kiera, are engaging, relatable, and vividly drawn. The secondary characters are intriguing, and I’ll be interested in reading some of their stories in the future. I would recommend this book to those who enjoy romantic suspense and intrigue.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.

Deana Dick says

I love reading books in a series because you get to know the characters better. In this second installment we are introduced to Kiera. She is one fierce person. When she receives a mysterious call about her brother, she goes into full rescue mode. She doesn't believe what he is being accused of and sets out to find him.

Coop was one of my favorites from the first book and he is front and center in this story. Coop and Kiera don't see eye to eye on things and she sure knows how to hold her own with him. This makes for an intriguing relationship as they work together to stop the threat against Kiera's brother. I liked how Kiera is a bit unsure of Coop and wants to check him out first. I know if I went to the compound I would be overwhelmed.

The banter between Kiera and Coop is priceless. I love how they each act like they don't like each other, but readers we all know the truth. As they decide to work together and put their differences aside, the race is on to find Kiera's brother and stop a toxin from becoming a deadly weapon. I liked the information about chemicals and how they work. It shows that the author has done research which makes the story more

realistic. This story also has a lot of computer technology that fascinated me. The internet is a vast of information but also has a layer of secrets hidden deep within the web. Can Coop help rescue Kiera's brother before it is too late? Who really stole the toxin that could get into the wrong hands? It's a roller coaster ride as the team try to beat a deadline. Trust is a key component in the story and I liked how Kiera and Coop struggled with trusting each other. It is hard to trust someone that you don't really know. Will they learn to trust each other as well as God? Get ready for another bone chilling ending as the deadline draws near.

I received a copy of this book from the author. The review is my own opinion.

Marilyn Johnson says

This is book two in the Cold Harbor series. It is a stand alone book, however you get to know the entire Blackwell Tactical team better by reading them all.

Cooper Ashcroft, Coop, is a handsome complicated man, He likes to keep his feelings all inside, yet when Kiera Underwood becomes a suspect/target he finds himself confused.

Kiera is not sure what to make of Coop, but when she must rely on him to help find her brother, she is not sure she is up for the emotional rollercoaster this will bring.

I always love books by Susan Sleeman. They are full of suspense, mystery, twist and turns, friendship and of course some romance. Her characters are always well thought out and I love their dialogue. The ups, downs, twist and turns are always a fun read. I look forward to book three in this series.

Valri Western says

This series just keep getting better and better! It's only the second book in the series and I can't imagine how good the next books will be! Susan is a fantastic writer and her story lines and characters keep you on the edge of your seat! Her books are THAT good! I loved revisiting Blackwell Tactical - the group of men and women who are former law enforcement personnel or military with some kind of injury which forced them to "retire" from that service so they now provide "crime fighting" in other ways. This book is about Coop and Kiera. A chemical biotoxin is taken from a lab that is very dangerous. Kiera's twin brother, Kevin, (who worked at that lab) is kidnapped. Coop and the rest of the team at Blackwell Tactical have been hired by the lab to find the missing biotoxin but they first believe that Kiera has something to do with it AND the disappearance of her brother. They feel the twins are in this together. Kiera ends up working with Coop to try to convince him she is not hiding anything and just wants to find her brother. There are big trust issues between the two. There is a lot of action as the team and Kiera try to find Kevin. Someone is giving Kiera clues & puzzles by a distorted phone message with a timer.

I enjoyed all the characters, especially the back stories on Kiera and Coop. I would highly recommend this book. You don't have to read the first one to know what is happening in this one but that book is a great read also so you should read it!!!

Stephanie Allen says

I love playing games, but I definitely would not want to play the game that Kiera was forced to play in order

to save herself and her twin brother. Kiera does not want to play the game either, but realizes she must if she ever wants to see her brother alive again. What follows is a thrilling story filled action, suspense, sinister twists and turns, and a touch of romance. Both Coop and Kiera have major trust issues when it comes to relationships, but they both realize that they have to trust in God and fully rely on Him, before they can trust anybody else. I enjoyed reconnecting with the Blackwell Tactical team, and following them as they solved the case.

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Julie Graves says

When Kiera gets a phone call from a person with a disguised voice claiming to have her twin brother Kevin held hostage she rushes to Kevin's house to find him. It turns out Kevin has disappeared and his work is claiming that he has stolen a biotoxin that he was working on. Blackwell Tactical has been hired to find Kevin. Cooper Ashcroft is on the job when Kiera is almost run over by an ATV. Rescuing her and taking her to their training compound does not mean that they trust Kiera to not be involved in the theft of the biotoxin. Determined to prove both she and her brother's innocence Kiera insists on helping the team play the kidnappers game to free her brother. What neither Coop or Kiera count on is their attraction to each other. But neither one of them have a relationship written in their life-plans, especially with someone they cannot believe or trust.

I'm definitely a fan of the Cold Harbor series. The suspense of Cold Truth is what I expect from Susan Sleeman's books. It keeps the reader on the edge of their seat and keeps them turning the pages late into the night. Kiera was a strong female character, at times bordering on hysterical. I can't imagine having your twin in such danger so would assume that a person would fall apart at times. She pulled herself together with the help of Coop and continued head on into danger. Both Coop and Kiera struggled with their faith in God. I always like the spiritual aspects of Susan Sleeman's books because they show everyday people struggling with honest feelings about God's role in their lives. The Cold Harbor series is definitely one that I recommend if you enjoy suspense and a bit of romance.

Debora Wilder says

This is an intricately woven romantic suspense novel!

The main characters are extremely well developed. They both have issues with trusting others that keep cropping up and causing friction between them. I love the fact that the main characters from book one appear in supporting rolls in this story. We have a chance to peak in and see how their lives are progressing.

The plot is fantastic. There are plenty of twists and turns to keep the reader guessing, and turning pages.

I'm looking forward to seeing what comes up in future books in the series for the rest of the Blackwell Tactical team. I love this type of series because each book is a stand-alone story and yet they give us more chance to see the different characters.

I received a free copy of this eBook from the author. I have chosen to write this review to express my personal opinion.

Suzie Waltner says

Want to know what I like even better than an alpha hero? A woman who is a good match for him. In the second installment of Susan Sleeman's Cold Harbor series, readers get both.

Kiera Underwood is an intelligent woman, so when she gets a mysterious phone call, she knows something isn't right and heads to the Oregon coast to try and locate her twin brother. There she runs into Cooper Ashcroft, a man who saves her but neglects to tell her he's investigating her brother.

The attraction between Cooper and Kiera is evident from the beginning and something neither of them can ignore for long. But as they are embroiled in a madman's game, can these two individuals learn to trust each other?

Cold Truth has plenty of action to keep the story moving at a fast clip, a hero and heroine you can't help but root for, a supporting cast you can't wait to get to learn more about, and plenty of twists and turns to keep you guessing until the end. Reads like this one are exactly why Susan Sleeman has become one of my must-read authors

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Denise says

Cold truth has chemistry in more ways than one!

It's a game nobody wants to play...a stolen biotoxin, her twin brother's disappearance, and now threats against her! Chemist, Kiera Underwood leans on Blackwell Tactical member Cooper Ashcroft to help her find her brother. Lots of twists and turns. A great series on special ops/law enforcement trainers (Blackwell Tactical) that step in as a team when needed. I loved the twin chemists storyline. These could be read as standalone books, but start with book one for a better background. Looking forward to learning more about this team.

Lisa Hudson says

ADRENALINE RUSH!

From start to finish, Cold Truth (Cold Harbor #2) is an adrenaline rush! Kiera Underwood's twin brother, Kevin, is missing. She receives an eerie phone call inviting her to play a game. Soon she discovers he has been kidnapped and has been accused of stealing a biotoxin. How can she convince Blackwell Tactical that she is NOT involved in the theft or in the disappearance of her brother. The team is going all in to find her brother and prove his innocence - particularly one of the team members. Readers will be delighted to discover that Sleeman has intricately woven a novel that has twice the thrills on every turn, twice the mysteries involving the twins, twice the power to solve the case (Blackwell Tactical and other Law Enforcement, twice the need to break down barriers and trust people so they can work together and find the

missing twin and biotoxin and twice the tortured and torn hearts trying to heal and discover if they can trust and love again. Another Winner!!

Glenda Parker says

My review today is on the thriller, Cold Truth. This is the second book in the series Cold Harbor. I really enjoy Susan's writing and I thought this was one of her best stories. The story is well written, action packed, and full of suspense. As always Susan weaves her faith throughout the story like a well woven tapestry. I know you are going to love it. I really enjoy how we visit characters from the first book. That's something Susan usually does and I really like that.

Chemist Kiera Underwood gets a phone call. "Want to play a game?" The caller's voice is disguised and he tells her she must play the game or her twin brother will die. She immediately calls her brother but there's no answer on his cell. His lab said he wasn't there and no one knew where he was. That is so unlike him so she heads for Cold Harbor. She finds her brother has not only been kidnapped but is framed for the theft of a deadly bio-toxin. She is almost ran over by a SUV but a man swoops in to save her. He and his team are investigating the theft. They have video of her brother stealing the toxin. They don't really believe her story until the puzzles start coming in.

Ex-Army Ranger Cooper is part of the team Blackwell Tactical. They have been hired to find the stolen bio-toxin and the man who stole it. He recognizes the beautiful girl that was almost run down. She could lead him to her brother. He is intrigued when she tells him of the call. They soon find that she is the only one that can solve the puzzles. As close as he gets to this beauty he is unable to trust her. He has been betrayed by those he loved before. His last girl friend was a spoiled rich girl and that's exactly what this women appeared to be. But they are forced to protect her. Can he keep her safe without getting in over his head?

A deadly journey to find Kevin Underwood before the clock runs out. God has a plan for these two, a good plan for a hope and a future. God has a plan for you too. A plan for good and not for evil. Trust Him with your heart, give Him control, and watch Him turn your life around.

Yvonne Cruz says

This is the second book of Ms Sleeman's series Cold Harbor, and another engaging Christian romance suspense story .

What I admire about the author is how she gives us not only a complex plot but also characters that have many layers.

The storyline centers around a brilliant chemist, Kiera Underwood, whose twin brother has disappeared and has probably been kidnapped and former Army Ranger Cooper Ashcroft, who works for Blackwell Tactical group. Blackwell has been hired to find a missing toxin and Kevin, Kiera's brother. He is thought to be the person who stole the toxin. Kiera is sure her brother is innocent and Coop, trusts no one.

The suspense is non -stop but what I liked best were the characters. They are flawed , which makes them more likable. Coop's life has been full of losses , mistrusts and little love. Both Coop and Kiera have lost some of their faith in God and both are in a rut.

But as the author reminds us, "life is always changing" and that we should go with God's flow and let go. Looking forward to the next book in the series.

I was gifted a copy of this book . The opinions expressed are solely my own.

Susan Snodgrass says

Susan Sleeman is the go-to author for Inspirational romantic suspense. Seriously, the woman hits the ground running with the thrills and doesn't let up till the end! I don't know how in the world she keeps coming up with such original story lines and such great characters! The reader is invested in her stories from the first page and the action just keeps racing toward the finale every single moment! Then there's the wonderful inspirational theme also. Love all her books and highly recommend them.

* I received a complimentary copy of this novel and no positive review was expected. My opinion is entirely my own.

Judy says

Cold Truth by Susan Sleeman

Cold Harbor Series Book Two

Former Army Ranger, Cooper “Coop” Ashcroft goes on facts. Not emotions. So even though the beautiful woman he's brought back to the Blackwell Tactical compound seems like she really just wants to find her brother...the facts show that her brother—and possibly the woman herself—could be guilty of a theft of a dangerous substance.

Kiera Underwood may have grown up in need of nothing, but she still worked for what she has. Most of all her independence. She is finally out of the stifling protection of her mother and suddenly she's under the protection of the bossy...but, oh so handsome Coop. Only...he doesn't do relationships and he doesn't believe she's innocent.

The men and woman of Blackwell Tactical are tough, ready to protect, and will do what's right. They have all been injured and can no longer work in the fields they loved; law enforcement or the military. Thanks to Gage Blackwell, they once again have jobs they love. Loving the series, the characters, and the secondary characters.

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