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Champion backcountry snowboarder Gage Watson has left the limelight behind after the death of one of his fans. After being sued for negligence and stripped of his sponsorships, he's remade his life as a ski patrol in Montana's rugged mountains, as well as serving on the PEAK Rescue team. But he can't seem to find his footing--or forget the woman he loved, who betrayed him.

Senator and former attorney Ella Blair spends much of her time in the limelight as the second-youngest senator in the country. But she has a secret--one that cost Gage his career. More than anything, she wants to atone for her betrayal of him in the courtroom and find a way to help him put his career back on track.

When Ella's brother goes missing on one of Glacier National Park's most dangerous peaks, Gage and his team are called in for the rescue. But Gage isn't so sure he wants to help the woman who destroyed his life. More, when she insists on joining the search, he'll have to keep her safe while finding her reckless brother, a recipe for disaster when a snowstorm hits the mountain.

But old sparks relight as they search for the missing snowboarder--and suddenly, they are faced with emotions neither can deny. But when Ella's secret is revealed, can they learn to trust each other--even when disaster happens again?

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Cathy says

This book was just ...WOW!! Gage was a man after my own heart with his heroic rescues and Samson long hair. I will admit that I just wasn't overly impressed with Gage in the other Montana Rescue books but he absolutely stole my heart in this book. This book made me want to try snow boarding with the incredible descriptions of "following the line" and "slarve". Most of all it showed that God is a Father who can be trusted ALL the time. This has been a tough year for me personally as I have seen my husband heroically fight a life threatening disease...He is my Gage. Love this book and can't wait to read more about Brette and Pete. All of the characters in these books feel so real to me. Susie May is an incredible author!!

Rebecca says

"You're a good guy, Gage. I've always known that."

Gage Watson's stellar snowboarding career was upended by the lovely lawyer- turned- state- senator who spoke those very words. Found liable for a petulant teen's accidental death in a civil law suit, Gage has retooled his career by serving on the PEAK rescue team and patrolling some of Montana's most challenging slopes. Three years later, Ella Blair still has the ability to scare him, for he "never has been able to take a full breath around her"; it had been love at first sight, or so he thought.

Ella Blair can scarcely believe that she has the opportunity to make amends with Gage Watson, or at least to tell him how sorry she is for ruining his career, for she has never forgotten the kind, charismatic man that she imagined once loved her. Their opportunity to clear the air is cut short, however, when Ella's rebellious brother decides to mimic Gage's greatness by making a run down a dangerous series of peaks; succeeding in going off the grid ahead of foul weather. A fine boarder herself, Ella insists on joining Gage for a search and rescue mission, but can they lay aside their differences long enough to re-establish peace on that mountain?

Susan May Warren has hit her stride in this episode of the "Montana Rescue" series; for in spite of being inundated with fascinating ski lingo, the story allows room for its characters to break free of the guilt and regret that has entombed them; discovering that it is the nature of God to "love the lost and broken and scared . . . and buried".

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher. The opinions stated above are entirely my own.

Trixi says

How can a book series get any better, the characters dig deeper in your heart and make you want more like a bad addiction? I seriously don't know how this author does it!

Heart-pounding adrenaline ride from the first mention of snowboarding down the mountain. You can literally feel the spray of snow in your face, the biting cold down your neck & your stomach dropping after each

jump. Gage is definitely in his element! I could not wait to meet him in this book and I was not disappointed. Flawed, hurting, and riddled with guilt, he leapt off the pages as someone I connected with. Trying to make up for a past by becoming part of the PEAK team and burying the man he once was. Until he meets up with the lawyer who prosecuted him years ago after he fell in love with her. These two definitely clash! With a common mission to save her brother Ollie from making the same mistake he did, they must learn to work together.

I enjoyed catching up with the other members of the PEAK team and their unbreakable bonds. There are many layers to this as the story progresses. I also love the strong faith theme and reminders that in spite of our past mistakes, God doesn't stop loving us.

If you love stories full of depth, flawed characters you can connect with, reminder of God's love, and romance rising out of the ashes of the past, then you'll want to pick up this one! I highly recommend reading previous books to get the full effect of this series. Lastly, like a good reader friend of mine says "I'll be waiting on tenterhooks until the next installment"!

* I received a copy through Netgalley and wasn't required to leave a review. All opinions are strictly my own*

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

This series is so EPIC. I was pulled right into the story and felt like I was there on the mountain in the snowy powder cutting a line and dropping off cliffs. I loved the backstory between Gage and Ella, the way they connected and felt like they could be themselves with each other. There is plenty of conflict and angst as they are reunited and work together in tense and strenuous circumstances. Being thrown together again made them face parts of their past that they had tried to forget, and they had great discussions about faith and God while resolving their difficulties. Their chemistry was amazing and I loved the way Ella could keep up with Gage on the mountain and the joy they found in the extreme sport, even as they raced against a storm to find her brother. Themes of trust, family, and finding one's purpose are strong in this story with fast-paced adventure and toe-curling romance! Highly recommend!

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Abigail says

cries I just want to curl up in a ball and cry right now. All these books leave off on a romantic cliff hanger for certain couples. It's never the main couples but always the side romances that you are rooting for. I know that one of the two side romances have their own book in two books, but I still can have a broken heart about how their romance ended in this book!!

I love how Susan writes these books. They all connect so you have to read one book in order to read the next but even though they do all connect and have around the 'same' plot, but really they don't. Yes, the guy is a rescuer who somehow throughout the book saves the girl from her death, while their trying to save other people from their deaths. But, every book has it's own unique plot that the other books before it didn't.

I really loved Gage's character. He was so sweet and nice, I was so happy that (view spoiler)

Okay, I literally could on and on about how awesome this book was, but you can just go read this series for yourself and see for yourself.

How about this I explain the book in gifs.

1. There was a snowboarder named Gage, who was part of the PEAK team and a ski patrol.
2. There was a guy dressed in a t-rex costume! XD
3. There was a girl named Ella, who was the senator of Vermont and a snowboarder! (She also was a lawyer, once upon a time.)
4. Ella the senator, and Gage the snowboarder, had to go after T-rex kid, who was Ella's kid brother.

And now you get to find out what happens to T-rex kid, Ella, and Gage by reading the book! ;D

Oh, one more thing, there's two avalancha's!! (One they out ran, and the other.....well you better read the book! XD)

Natacha Ramos says

Now we're talking!

This novel is awesome! I read it in one day, and I loved it from beginning to end.

I was having a good time with this series so far, but "A Matter of Trust" took it all to the next level. I'm fully committed now.

Gage is amazing. Definitely, my favorite character in the book. In the entire Montana Rescue series, actually. He's real and always ready to help others no matter what. I can't believe how much I enjoyed reading his story, his hopes, his past, and his dreams. I felt a special connection with him. Ella was great too, but Gage will have a place in my heart forever.

Also, this book is so well-written. Susan May Warren is an artist with words. I was totally involved with everything that happened throughout the book, even the sub-plots. It's incredible how the author is building

the tension between the other characters in order to make you want more and more of them.

It's working, Susie!

The PEAK Rescue team is far from over! I know that this series will keep getting better and better, and I can't wait to see how all the details in the stories finally connect.

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Kav says

Nail-biting adventure high on a mountain top makes for a page turning read. You'll want to bundle up before you start in reading A Matter of Trust because most of it takes place in the frigid outdoors. Brrrrr. Mind you, having Gage around to keep you warm is a real plus. :-)

If you're familiar with this series, you've already met Gage and I have to admit to being really anxious for his story though surprised that it turned up in Book 3. I really expected Pete and Jess to take centre stage this time, based on the lead in from Book 2, but Warren delivers us some more foreshadowed angst where those two are concerned in this story. As well as even more romantic angst involving Ty. Oy, I will be on pins and needles until every member of the PEAK Rescue Teams finds their happily ever after. Lot's of delightful reading anticipation for me! And you -- hopefully.

Having said all that -- you could read A Matter of Trust as a standalone...but this series is so awesome with its realistic characters and action-packed adventures and toe-curling romance that you should really read the books in order. Plus there's a bit of a mystery that has been on the back burner in these first books that is going to amp up as the series progresses. Might as well get in on the emotional roller-coaster from the very start!

As in the other books in this series, Warren has woven an exceptional inspirational thread throughout her characters lives. Both Gage and Ella struggle with the need to be in control. It affects their lives in different ways until their journey in the wilderness leads them to face some hard truths. "And suddenly, despite the cold, a knot began to unravel in his chest. He could almost feel it -- the full breath of grace filling his lungs." (p 280) There are always so many great takeaway quotes in Susan May Warren's books and that one shot a thrill right through me.

This winning combination of romance and adventure makes for the kind of book you don't want to put down until you reach the end...which is kind of a cliffhanger...and whatever you do, don't read the teaser for the fourth book that comes at the end of this one -- not if you want to sleep from now until Troubled Waters releases in January!

Just Commonly says

"It's those we love who have the power to hurt us most . . ." (back cover)

A Matter of Trust, the third installment of Montana Rescue series by Susan May Warren focuses on the Montana Rescue Team. A team with "a country singer who moonlights as a rescuer, a billionaire cowboy hiding out in Montana after the tragic loss of his family, a snowboarder rewriting his life as a rescuer, and a war hero dedicating her life to saving civilians." (123) In this installment, we dive into the story behind Gage Watson and what brings him to the team. And boy, was it as thrilling as the sport he was once famous for! Just as a warning, this review will be a long one. There are so many great things about it!

"No one in trouble should be worried about whether they deserve help." (168)

"That's the point. You gave me a line. A safe one. It was my job to ride it. And if I didn't, it wasn't your fault." (165)

A Matter of Trust has it all - action, romance (make that two!) and message of love, forgiveness and sacrifices just oozes in between the lines. This series just keeps getting better and better, and I can't wait to dive into Ty and Brett's story, Ian and Serena, Jess and Pete and can't leave out Kacey! Yes, I'm throwing a lot of names out there, but you'll fall in love with them just the same with each book. And you can read each book by itself, but I tell you, you will want to read the full series for sure!

Everyone has secrets, and if you look hard enough, we're all just hiding behind how we hope people view us." (124)

As we see from the back cover quote I started this post with, love is at stakes, especially when betrayal takes hold. And that's what readers get to experience along with the characters in A Matter of Trust. A theme of betrayal, as well as trust plays a pivotal role in giving our characters the journey to freedom.

"You're sorry because you knew the truth but let me burn anyway." (259)

"I hear God saying, 'You messed up, but that doesn't mean I did. Trust me.'" (187)

I love Gage and Ella's story, but Ty and Brett's meeting to understanding was also a strong pair that gives the story a little more, allowing the theme of trust to continue its rounds. Yes, we're talking about trust with each other, a key element in any relationship, but how the author personifies and strengthen the message of trust in God was just superbly done. And with that, I leave with you the final quote that just embodies the title and the story of A Matter of Trust, and pray that you and I, all will believe and trust, always.

"Don't for a minute think that God has forgotten about you or doesn't have your back. And don't base God's love or desire to help you on your opinion of yourself. Base it on who God says He is." (112)

This review first appeared on Just Commonly blog.

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Caitlyn Santi says

This was such a fabulous addition to the Montana Rescue series!

I loved both Gage and Ella, they were both such fabulous characters! I especially loved that Ella was from Vermont, I always love it when I find connections to my home state in books!

I personally have zero interest in skiing, but I was surprised that the snowboarding scenes in this book completely engaged and enthralled me!

I loved everything about this book, as evidenced by the fact that I read it in a little over 24 hours!

A Matter of Trust contains all the elements that I have come to expect from one of Susan May Warren's books: clean knee weakening romance, adrenaline pumping action, characters that feel like family to me and a heart-touching, soul-stirring, life-changing faith story! This book, just like the whole series so far touched my heart in so many ways. I love the giddy feeling I always get when I crack open a new Susan May Warren book, and I cannot wait for Ian and Sierra's story (especially with that cliffhanger ending, Ms. Warren how can you leave us hanging like that! LOL!) thankfully I only have about six months and counting to wait! I highly recommend A Matter of Trust, these books can probably be read as standalones but there is a plot thread that builds throughout so I think it would be best to read them in order! Besides this series is so awesome you won't want to miss out on a moment with the heroes of PEAK Rescue!

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Madison says

4.5 stars

There is something about Susan May Warren's writing that grabs you and drags you into the story. Not that I mind that one bit. Her writing is truly evocative. In A Matter of Trust, readers are taken on a wild, death-defying adventure through the snowy peaks of Montana. I could practically smell the fresh, crisp snow and feel the sharp snap of the freezing air. But don't worry, there is plenty of romance to keep you warm.

Gage left behind his life as a champion freestyle snowboarder after a tragic death and vicious lawsuit left him stripped of sponsors and determined to never take such risks again. Now he is a member of the PEAK Rescue team and the snow patrol unit, working to save lives. But then Ella Blair, the girl who he once upon a time thought might be the love of his life and who played a role in the lawsuit that saw him lose everything, reenters his life. Together Ella and Gage face the dangers of untamed wilderness and the secrets and hurts of their past as they fight to rescue Ella's brother.

I have enjoyed all the books in this Montana Rescue series and A Matter of Trust, the third book was no different. It has a potent mix of suspense as the characters face the elements, and wonderful romance that reaches right into the hearts of the characters, exploring their pasts, fears, hurts and hopes. There is a nice bit of kissing, too.

I totally lost my heart to Gage. His regret and the way he blamed himself was heartbreaking. He longs to be someone who does the right thing, saves people, is a hero, but fears his mistakes outweigh any good he might achieve. Ella, too, has many regrets, most notably the one that cost her a future with Gage. I liked how Ella also had another layer of motivation that stemmed from her family history. The rekindling of their romance was wonderful. I also enjoyed the few chapters that went back to the time they first met, giving readers an insight into the depth of their relationship.

I particularly like how each of the books in this series continue the stories of multiple characters. Readers get to see the continuation of previous main characters, as well as on-going stories. A Matter of Trust, in

addition to Ella and Gage's story, features the continuation of Jess' story. She too is an EMT. Readers learned in book two of the secret Jess is carrying and now we see how this is preventing her from truly connecting with Pete. A Matter Of Trust also introduces a new character, Ella's friend Brette who too has a fantastic story to share which I have no doubt will be continued in the next book, as will (finally) Ian and Sierra's story (yay!). Considering this continuity of characters and their stories that overlap books, I would recommend that readers read this series in order, although each book has its own main story arch. And, if the included teaser is anything to go by, the fourth book in this series is going to be epic.

A Matter of Trust is a fantastic addition to the Montana Rescue series, perfect for readers who enjoy plenty of high-stakes adventure with their romance and characters who grab your heart.

The publishers provided an advanced readers copy of this book for reviewing purposes. All opinions are my own.

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Staci says

This Montana Rescue Series has no shortage of action and romance. In A Matter of Trust, the main characters are Gage and Ella, however, there is a bit of time focused on Ty, Pete, Jess and Ian. Gage and Ella connect after a three year break due to her brother's risky behavior snowboarding. This novel is heavily focused on how mistakes will happen and it is how we respond to them that matter.

The best part of this novel was the final pages and Epilogue. Readers are completely set up to want book four stat!!

Susan Warren is a new to me author this year. I am liking her style!

Karen says

Another exciting installment in the Montana Rescue series, an action-packed story of second chances, full of faith and romance! Book three focuses on Gage and Ty, two members of the PEAK rescue team, who find themselves involved in a life and death situation in snowy Glacier National Park.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Gage and Ella's story, plus getting more background on Ty, and additional clues in the ongoing investigation from book one (and the prequel).

Gage and Ella dance around each other, dealing with their past, and learning that forgiveness and honesty free them up to start over. Loved how they encouraged each other to believe in God's grace, love and desire to help them. It was a good example of learning to trust Him, as well as each other, as they struggled to survive their ordeal on the mountain. This author has a talent for describing the snowy ski scenes and the peril they were facing so well, it made me shiver reading this in the summer! Love all of the discussions of faith connected to the storyline too, drawing parallels between their physical and spiritual struggles. So many uplifting quotes!

"...maybe that was the reason God sent him up there...to remind him that whatever line he cut behind him,

grace always lay before him. A pristine, white, unblemished future."

"... don't base God's love or desire to help you on your opinion of yourself. Base it on who God says he is."

Recommend reading this series in order, starting with the prequel, to fully enjoy it. Looking forward to the next book, with more of Ty's story. 4.5 stars

(An e-book was provided by NetGalley and the publisher. All opinions are my own.)

Melanie says

A Matter of Trust is the third book in the Montana Rescue series and it surprised me. Because of the way it started, I wasn't sure what I was going to think of the read, but I really shouldn't have doubted Warren's storytelling because as I continued reading it got SO GOOD and I didn't want to put it down.

I loved the characters and there were so many dangerous scenes in this book that I didn't know what was going to happen...so the story definitely kept me on my toes.

All in all, I loved A Matter of Trust and if you've been enjoying this series I'm sure you will like it too. The ending was a cliffhanger and I can't wait to read the next book, which releases January 2018.

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Brittany says

Wow! A simply amazing addition to the Montana Rescue series. I enjoy these stories so much!

Gage and Ella were great characters. I really liked Gage and felt for him and all that he had lost. He was such an admirable character. He pushed on, even though he carried some guilt and regret, and worked hard to help others. I have to admit that I resented Ella some when I first met her on the pages. But I quickly became a fan of hers, as well! These two were perfect for each other in so many ways and this book was packed with danger, romance, and thrilling situations! Once I started reading, it was almost impossible to stop.

The Montana Rescue series has ongoing situations and characters that build on each other, however, I think A Matter of Trust can stand alone pretty well. The author does a good job of mentioning some past events to catch the reader up. I highly recommend the entire series.

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You can read this review on my blog at:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I absolutely love this series by Susan May Warren. Well, this and the Montana Fire series. They are both so good. They have cross over characters that really give you a sense of community and family. Each book feels like coming home.

Just like previous books in this series, this book is full of danger and adventure set in the great outdoors. I loved the forward momentum in this story and how I was on the edge of my seat, holding my breath and white knuckled gripping my kindle for half the book.

Gage is a snowboarding magician- the greatest back country boarder of his time. He's known for his no fear attitude and love for the thrill of danger. Then something went wrong and that hotshot life he knew was wiped away. You can't help but feel sympathy for Gage who got the raw end of a deal. While trying to be the hero, he was made out to be a villain. Now he's rebuilding his life and finding value in helping other people. I thought Gage was savvy and an all around solid character. I really liked him.

The other thing I love about these books are the side stories going on around the main story. It sets the stage for future books by giving you a prequel of sorts. I cannot wait for the next book!

Content: mild peril, kissing, mild Christian fiction elements

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