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## **DANGEROUS SECRETS**

Back home in Serenity, Jamie Lynn Henderson's determined to prove her brother was framed for the town sheriff's hit-and-run death years ago. But as she encounters dead end after dead end, Jamie Lynn discovers someone will go to any lengths—even murder—to bury the evidence. Her only hope of staying alive long enough to uncover the truth is Shane Colton, the late lawman's wary son. Shane's world was shattered by one senseless act that he can't forgive. But somehow he is drawn to protect the lovely woman trying to free her brother from prison. If they don't work fast, Jamie Lynn's single-minded quest might lead them both into the killer's trap.

## **Small Town Justice Details**

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# From Reader Review Small Town Justice for online ebook

## Jasmine says

Danger and romance abound in this thrilling couldn't-put-it-down book!

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## Kate Vale says

Jamie Lynn is intent of finding out who framed her big brother for the sheriff's death years earlier. To do so, she has to go home and when she arrives, attacks begin--against her! When she is rescued by Shane Colton, she discovers he's the late sheriff's only son and he is loath to trust her. After all, a member of her family killed his father.

But as complications pile one on the other, Shane becomes convinced that Jamie may be right and that his dad may have been murdered. Why and by whom is the big question each of them now has to answer. But doing so also places Shane and his little boy and mother in danger, too.

When the answers slowly are revealed, so also are the feelings that Shane and Jamie feel for each other, all of which ends satisfyingly, if with a big some unexpected deaths.

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## John Hanscom says

Maybe a little less. A good book, with one of the most disappointing endings I have read. I had hoped to give it at least 4 stars, maybe more. It had all the things I like in these series. Then, came the end, when a few things were explained away in words rather than a plot line, and more than a few left hanging - not as "cliffhangers," just simply unanswered. Sad. It could have been so good.

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## Deb Diem says

Small Town Justice is my first book by Valerie Hansen. I was very pleased with this well-written book. Jamie and Shane's story is full of suspense, drama, humor and a tiny hint of spice. There are no sex scenes in this book. I especially liked the characters, they are fantastic. I enjoyed Small Town Justice and would be happy to read more from Valerie Hansen in the future. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

I read a print copy of this book.

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## Rhonda says

4 Stars

Small Town Justice is full of mystery, secrets, danger and love. Jamie Lynn has come back to find out what happened to her family all those years ago. She is sure now that something has been covered up.

Jamie Lynn stopped by her old home and someone tries to burn her house with her in it. She is rescued by Shane Colton. Their families had something happen when she was ten that changed both of their lives.

Never knew what was going to happen next to Jamie Lynn next or someone else around her. She was not going to leave until she finds out what really happened that night. Was her brother framed? Are both her parents alive?

Jamie had given up on prayer when she was ten. She learns to pray again with faith. I like Jamie. She is smart, caring, determined and brave.

I would read more from Valerie Hansen in the future. It was an entertaining and clean read.

I was given this ebook from Netgalley and Harlequin to read. In return I agreed to give a honest review of Small Town Justice.

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### **Books and Spoons says**

The constant danger and terror of the attacks, keeps the reader on their toes, but the great humor, that is spread all over the story, balances the intense menace, and brings light to the tale.

I enjoyed the characters, and their interaction in the story. They have a connection, Jamie and Shane especially are drawn to each other, despite the circumstances of their lives. Kyle, Shane's son, is a delight, and Useless, the dog, definitely steals some of the attention.

The action and danger is constant, and the attacks becoming more and more frequent. The secrets and conspiracy theories of the old crime start to come to the light, and the badly handled investigation from before, suddenly gets new light, information no one in the town expected.

Jamie and Shane work on the investigation, their banter is fun, and the attraction adorable. How fate is integrated into their lives, and into the story, is natural, and genuine, the way he, and his mom, share it with Jamie logical and practical.

Enjoyable and fun story, I liked the suspense, characters, and the action in the tale. The romance came fast, but the connection between Shane and Jamie was legitimate and true

~ Four Spoons with a teaspoon on the side

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### **Harlequin Books says**

received 4 stars @ RT Book Reviews

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### **Laura says**

SMALL TOWN JUSTICE is a romantic suspense that is set in the imaginary town of Serenity, Arkansas...but the town is set in the location (and layout) of real life town Salem, Arkansas, only about ten miles from where I live. How fun is that? Ms. Hansen lives nearby this area, too.

It was fun visiting areas I've been in person on the pages of this book and imagining the story really happening.

Jamie Lynn doesn't believe for one minute her brother really was the driver in a hit-and-run homicide and she hates that he's spending 30 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Likewise, Shane's mother believes her husband was murdered and not by accident. The two women together are determined to find answers. Who really killed Sam Colton and was it an accident? But the killer doesn't want his past sins found out and he's prepared to kill again. And again. And again.

We knew from pretty much the beginning who-dun-it but we don't know how they'll get caught or what will happen in the journey to get there.

Jamie Lynn is tenacious and not easily scared away even though Shane tries his hardest to convince her into letting it go and don't dig up old wounds. He wants his mama and his son to be safe -- and worse, they won't be if Jamie Lynn keeps poking around.

Good read.

A friend (not the author) gave me her copy of the book. All opinions are my own. I was not required to write a review.

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### **Anita says**

Two people who shouldn't want to trust each other have to reach the result they both want. The story is set in a small town (obviously) and contains the quirks and faults that a small town provides. I liked the two main characters. Sometimes I wanted them to be a bit, more. I'm not sure exactly what.

I loved the little boy of the story - a fun addition.

I liked the story. I felt for the most part the suspense was fairly believable. But somewhere at the end when everything started to unravel, I felt the tightness of the plot did too.

Rating: 3 Stars

Content: Violence, drinking not in a positive light, kissing

Source: Netgalley

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## **Harlequin Books says**

"Great characterization and storyline development combine in Hansen's latest and lead to a satisfying conclusion" RT Book Reviews, 4 stars).

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## **Crystal says**

This book has a bunch of twists and turns. It's a page turner. This book is about a young girl who's brother was railroaded for the murder of the sheriff. She comes back to her home to find out what really happened but when she comes home the killers try to get rid of her. She finds help from an unlikely source, The wife/son and family of the sheriff. This book is amazing.

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## **Denise Hershberger says**

If you are looking for a fast romantic suspense read then this is the book for you. I really enjoyed the romantic tension from the beginning in this book and found it to be a great love story while still bringing plenty of tension with figuring out who was after Jamie.

I am always a sucker for the stories where the guy has a kid! And true to form the kid and Jamie hit it off great. Of course it helps that he falls in love with her dog :)

I didn't read the first books in the series but now I want to go back and read them too. I'm definitely looking forward to more books by Valerie Hansen.

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## **Lauren says**

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Once they are close to finding the truth, the people responsible for so much pain in the community decide they won't let the truth come out. Marsha and Kyle are kidnapped, and the suspect wants Shane to bring him his father's (the old sheriff and murder victim) notes in exchange for his family. Jamie Lynn couldn't let Shane go into that situation, so she decides to steal his truck and beat him there, then trust God like she had when younger.

After a little time Jamie Lynn helps Marsha and Kyle escape, but leaves herself as the only hostage. And of course that's when the cops show up and the suspect goes whacky (well more whacky). Shane is also there, and decides he just can't let Jamie Lynn stay in there alone, and barges in to save her. Luckily, he does. Well, she saves herself but he saves her from falling to the bottom floor.

Now, the truth is out for all to know and RJ is set free. Jamie Lynn finds her mom, and they are all reunited once again. There is also a wedding taking place... but you'll have to read for yourself to find out who :)

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