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Widowed single mom Willa Summers can't deny that something strange is going on in her North Carolina hometown. She fears her pregnant sister-in-law, singer Daleigh McDermott, is the target of mysterious threats. Little does Willa know that she's the one in danger.

When Declan Donovan shows up in the house next door, things seem to turn from bad to worse. Declan broke Willa's heart more than a decade ago when he deserted her and chose a career with the FBI over small-town life with her. But now he may be the only one who can help keep everyone safe.

Declan must get to the bottom of things before the mysterious threats become reality. As the darkness closes in, everything Willa holds dear may be snatched from her—including a second chance at love. Will she be overtaken by the dark or will she escape its clutches in time?

Taken by Dark Details

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Marylin says

Taken by Dark is one of those books you don't want to read at night before going to bed.

It's full of suspense and many twists and turns.

Christy Barritt has done it again. She's written another fantastic book for us to enjoy. Her skill in writing gripping, action pack, suspenseful stories is beyond believable.

This story kept me on the edge of my chair yet, there were also times of heart moving drama. This drama was where the characters share their losses and longings and the pain of a relationship that was lost.

I loved this book and highly recommend it. I was given this book from the author, all opinions are my own.

Ashley says

Taken by Dark is another great romantic suspense by one of the masters at the genre, Christy Barritt. Like most of Barritt's stories, there was never a good place to stop. The danger was palpable and continued to build until the end. Willa and Declan were likeable characters. I was definitely rooting for them. This was the first 'Carolina Moon' story I've read. It was so good that I'm definitely gonna check out the previous books in the series. (I read this novella as part of the Targeted for Danger Collection.)

Linda Rainey says

Suspense pulls you through this book as Declan races to find out who is targeting Willa and Ryan.

In the process Declan and Willa reignite the love they once had for each other.

This book is recommended for those who like romantic suspense.

Sandra McGee says

Great Read, Taken by Dark!

I really love mysteries/murder mysteries and I especially love North Carolina so the title was what first begged my attention. Of, course the author is one of my favorites so I just had to read it. As, usual, I found it hard to stop reading once I got started. This is a must read for lovers of mysteries and it is also squeaky clean. Thanks, Christy, for proving that a story can be great without all the profanity!

Bernie says

Taken by Dark is a novella in the Carolina Moon series written by author Christy Barritt. Reads well as a stand-alone.

Susanne says

Very suspenseful novella!

This is a short read, but definitely doesn't lack in suspense! Willa, a single mom of a special needs son, has faced many tragedies. Now, it seems someone is targeting her. When Declan, her former love interest, returns to town Willa has no idea he is really there to protect her. Declan has also faced some personal tragedies in the years since he walked away from Willa. Will they both be able to overcome those tragedies, and together figure out who wants Willa dead?

I love Christy Barritt's books! This series is stronger on the suspense side than some of her other series, but still a great read. If you enjoy heart pounding suspense, check out the Carolina Moon series!

Brittany says

I read this novella as part of the Targeted for Danger collection and I am determined to read the other books in the Carolina Moon series now because I enjoyed this one so much!

The suspense was good. There were some dangerous situations and creepy scenarios. But, wow! The chemistry between these two characters fueled the story for me. I really enjoyed their backstory and hearing a bit about other characters in the series. Now, I just need to go read the other stories and find out what happened to bring certain people together!

Florence says

Taken by Dark is the latest book in the Carolina Moon Series by Christy Barritt. While you will encounter former characters, the main focus of this story is on two new characters. Willa Shields is a widow raising a young son unaware her life is in danger. Declan is not only the man who broke her heart years ago, he is also her new - secret - bodyguard and new neighbor. A delightful and thrilling novella.

Rachel Brantley says

Short and sweet?

This story started off ok. Though it was a bit cliché, with the small town girl mooning after her old flame. And then the ending happened....Anticlimactic with no surprises. I know this is a novella, but the ending could have been much better. And the epilouge, I can't even....

Julia Lance says

I loved this book. It was fun to see Willa get her own story I remember her from the other books in this series. Sometimes as a parent, especially a mother we get wrapped up in our kids and take time for ourselves. Willa was kind of forced into taking a step back and then found that her life was also on the line. May we all take the time to enjoy life! The Author does an amazing job at pulling you into the story you won't be able to put this one down. Can't wait to read more.

Note: I was gifted a copy of this book but all opinions are my own.

Wendy Sparkes says

Glad for this novella where we get Willa's story!

A great addition to the *Carolina Moon* series.

Favourite Quotes:

~ “Life can be brutal. Beautiful also, but sometimes you have to really search for that beauty in the ashes.”

~ Most of her friends didn't know how to treat her anymore. They didn't invite her over because their homes weren't wheelchair accessible. She'd become so infrequent in their lives that most had moved on.
(*Sad, but true for anyone suffering with illness or disability - and sometimes even bereavement.*)

~ She didn't feel sorry for herself—she'd accepted reality.

~ And she couldn't even blame them. Not really. But that didn't mean it didn't hurt. Or that she didn't feel lonely, like she was facing the world by herself.

~ Willa watched Trevor and Declan play, thankful for second chances and thankful that the darkness had only taught her to appreciate the light so much more.

Teresa says

I read *Taken by Dark* by Christy Barritt as part of the Targeted for Danger box set. It made me want to read the rest of the Carolina Moon series. Christy Barritt has a way of drawing you into the suspense and drama she writes about. Willa is a single mom of a disabled son. She's being stalked but she's not aware of the danger she's in. Her high school boyfriend, Declan, moves back to town and moves in right next door to her. Little does she know, her brother has asked him to keep an eye on her. Will sparks fly all over again, or has there been too much pain in their lives to even consider a romance? And will he be able to keep her safe from the unknown threats? I highly recommend this book and can't wait to read the rest of the series.

Chrystal Dodson says

Fascinating Storyline!!

Kelly Bridgewater says

Taken by Dark is a short novella for the Targeted for Danger novella collection. The story focuses on single mother Willa Summers who is trying to raise her handicap son, Trevor, but then enters Declan Donovan, an FBI agent, who used to be her high school sweetheart. The story is a novella, so it moves really quickly. From the first chapter, Willa is running from someone who gets into her house and tries to run her off the road. Even during all the high chase action, Christy Barritt has woven in a little bit of romance for the fans of romance. Luckily, Willa and Declan has a past, so there romance doesn't swerve much from reality. I enjoyed returning to this story and familiar characters who have appeared in other Carolina Moon novels by Barritt. I wish it was a normal novel length. Who knows maybe Barritt will come back to this couple in a future book.

I received a complimentary copy of Taken by Dark from Christy Barritt, but the opinions stated are all my own.

Phyllis says

Too Short Novella

As always, Christy wrote a story that draws you in. I like her longer novels, and this was just too short for me. I also didn't like that two main characters were given names starting with the same letter. I read fast and skim names and don't like to have to slow down to determine which character it is. Not anyway near my favorite Christy Barritt book.
