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Award-winning author Sandra Orchard draws readers into a world of rogues, red herrings, and romance as she unfolds the continuing story of amateur sleuth Kate Adams.

Blind Trust Details

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From Reader Review Blind Trust for online ebook

Kav says

Bind Trust is best read as the second book in the series. Having said that, it does read well as a standalone, however obviously acts as a spoiler to the mystery in the first book.

I think Orchard has created a new genre...suspstry? Or myspense? A suspense/mystery hybrid. :-) Whatever you want to call it, this is a page-turning read. The author's detail-oriented, steel-trapped mind is scary! How she keeps everything straight as she weaves the current plot and overall series arc together is beyond me. I'm just glad she does! Honestly, my mind was reeling by the end of the book. And the end? Sob, more of a cliff hanger!

Kate and Tom are back dancing around a relationship. One step forward, two steps back. That's all right, I know they are destined for each other. Can't wait until the next book to follow their romance to its rightful conclusion.

If you like a good mystery with a liberal dose of suspense and dashes of humour and light romance then Blind Trust is definitely the book for you!

A Reader's Heaven says

(I received a free copy of this book from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.)

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2.5 stars

I have to say that I was a little disappointed with this book. After reading Deadly Devotion, I was looking forward to more of the same. And, in some ways, that's what I got. The suspense (such as it was) was there, Kate's character continued to grow and the romance between her and Tom blossomed a little more.

But it felt like the quality of the writing had changed. It was a little less tight, the dialogue was nowhere near as crisp as the first book and it felt a bit like a filler story. The ending was terrible. I figured this was going to be an ongoing series but to leave the ending with no resolution to any of the plot threads is absolutely infuriating to me. I am now less likely to read the next book.

Paul
ARH

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

“Kate's not sure how deep this deception goes--but she'll do whatever it takes to find out. Kate Adams had no idea she was carrying counterfeit money and can't believe that it came from her sweet elderly neighbor. Or that it has landed her in the middle of another of Detective Tom Parker's investigations. Determined to prove her neighbor's innocence, Kate stumbles into a pit of intrigue far deeper than a two-bit counterfeit operation--and one that strikes too close to home for comfort. As family secrets come to light, her world--and her budding romance with Tom--begin to crumble. To Kate, it's clear that she won't be safe until she uncovers all of Port Aster's secrets. But then will it be too late for her and Tom?”

Series: Book #2 in “*Port Aster Secrets*” series. Review of Book #1 [Here!](#)

Spiritual Content- Many Prayers & Thanking God; Scriptures are remembered, quoted & mentioned; Church going; A few talks about God & forgiving; ‘H’s are not capital when referring to God or Jesus; Many mentions of prayers & amens; Mentions of God; Mentions of Bible reading; Mentions of church, pastors & mission meetings; Mentions of missionary/priest; A few mentions of those in the Bible; A mention of a religious woman.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: two ‘idiot’s and seven ‘stupid’s; A few mentions of curses (said, not written); Pain, an attack, blood, car chases, fighting & passing out/blackness (semi-detailed); A car crash, injuries, an explosion, screams & remembering it all (up to semi-detailed); All about counterfeit money & counterfeiters; All about deaths, murders, victims, arrests, accusations, fires, prison & criminals; Nearly all about Book #1’s murder (thought suicide), body, the killer, poison, deaths & attempted murder (up to semi-detailed); Many mentions of threats & a hacker; Many mentions of blackmail & spying; Mentions of a terrorist & a bomb; Mentions of poisoning; Mentions of gunshots; Mentions of drugs & drug dealers; Mentions of shoplifting & thefts; Mentions of nightmares; Mentions of revenge; Mentions of gossip & rumors; A few mentions of those in died in the line of duty (barely-above-not-detailed); A few mentions of chemical gas; A few mentions of gambling & debts; A couple mentions of cigarettes; A couple mentions of jealousy; A mention of boys trying to shot a rabbit;

*Note: A couple mentions of *GQ* & *Dolce and Gabbana*.

Sexual Content- a cheek kiss, three almost kisses & a semi-detailed kiss; Wanting to touch and kiss & staring at lips (semi-detailed); Remembering a cheek kiss & an almost kiss (barely-above-not-detailed); Noticing & Smelling; Blushes; Mentions of dates, dating, boyfriends & girlfriends; Mentions of a betrayal; Mentions of reputations; Mentions of flirting & blushes; A few mentions of an unmarried couple moving in together; A couple mentions of a wife leaving her husband for another man; A bit of love, falling in love & the emotions.

-Kate Adams, age 30

-Tom Parker

P.O.V. switches between them & a stalker (a handful of times)

361 pages

Pre Teens- One Star

New Teens- One Star (and a half)

Early High School Teens- Three Stars

Older High School Teens- Four Stars

My personal Rating- Four Stars

Oh my goodness, that ending! I am so glad I have the next book in the series because, *oh*. Y'all, this book made me completely giddy and I literally couldn't read fast enough! I've really been enjoying this series due to all the interesting facts about poisonous plants and such.

Link to review:

<https://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot.com>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

Wilani Wahl says

Another awesome page turning book by Sandra Orchard. This is the second book in her Port Aster series. It is best to read the books in this series in order. I loved this book. I loved the mystery and suspense. I loved that this book ended with a cliffhanger. I am also glad that a copy of the third book should arrive in my mailbox any time. I can't wait to read and see how some of the threads in the first book will end up. In addition to the great writing and suspense, I also love the spiritual thread in the book.

Dana Kamstra says

I can't help but reference book 1 in this series. Where the first book started off slow, this one had me turning pages faster than I could read them. Well, not really because that would make the book hard to read. But, this novel was quite eventful.

I didn't have the same problems with the characters. I have spent enough time with them, that they felt quite a bit more fleshed out by now. Their words and actions felt quite natural. The relationship between Tom and Kate was also a treat in this novel. Some novels rush the romance factor, but that certainly isn't the case with this one.

The mystery in this novel kept me guessing. The description from Amazon couldn't be any more dead on in the number of "red herrings" in this book. There is always clues pointing in one direction when they really add up to something totally different and unexpected.

My one complaint for this novel is that I felt like it stopped in the middle of the story. While it picks right up

after the conclusion of Deadly Devotion, it ends with a lot of loose ends. But I bet that was intentional, because a third book is in the works, and I can't wait to see how all of the ends are tied up.

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My Book Addiction and More MBA says

BLIND TRUST by Sandra Orchard is an intriguing Christian Mystery set in Port Aster. #2 in the “Port Aster” series, but can be read as a stand alone. See, “Deadly Devotion”. With family secrets, commercial crimes, counterfeiters, just a drop to what is to come. You don’t want to miss a moment of this fast paced tale of a budding romance, danger, betrayal, and intrigue. Kate must uncover all of this small town secrets in order to be safe. But will she and her new-found romance with Detective Tom Parker survive? You must read “Blind Trust”, will will not be disappointed, especially, if you enjoy small town secrets, mystery, suspense and a bit of romance. I would highly recommend. I can hardly wait for the next installment.
Received for an honest review from the publisher.

Coming in June from Revell Books, a division of Baker Publishing Group

Rating: 4.5

Heat Rating: Sweet

Reviewed by: AprilR, Courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

Cindy says

ARGHHH I was NOT ready for this book to end. And that is the only thing wrong with this book is it ended in the middle of the story. Now I eagerly and not so patiently wait for the next book. I loved this story, and read book one and remember being frustrated too. LOL what can I say I am not a patient person. Sandra Orchard is a great writer that leaves me hanging and waiting eagerly. In my opinion this book does not stand on its own, there are lots of references to the first story, but reading that book is more than helpful to understand the dynamics of this book. This reviewer gives this story a 5 star rating and a gentle nudge to hurry up with book 3 :-)

This book was provided by Revell for review purposes only, no payment was received for this review.

Brittany says

Blind Trust is another exciting suspense in the Port Aster Secrets series. It is book two and picks up fairly close to where book one ends. It can be read as a stand alone, but will make so much more sense if you read Deadly Devotion first.

The author kept me guessing through most of the book and certainly adds in many twists and turns. It is hard for Kate Adams to know who to trust. She is a character who wants to think the best of everyone, but is learning throughout this series that people are not always who they seem to be. Sometimes she makes

decisions that seem naïve and ends up in trouble. Thankfully she has a handsome detective in love with her. He willingly comes to her rescue! Blind Trust was another enjoyable addition to the series.

Just a little heads up to readers who do not like cliff hangers...

These books do tie up a part of each mystery, but there is an overall thread to the story that flows from one book to the next. This would have bothered me some if I couldn't move straight through each story. But, since I did, it has been very nice to have these books so closely linked.

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

JoJo Sutis says

I love love love this Port Aster Series from Sandra Orchard and Blind Trust is an awesome addition!!! This series has everything that a good mystery lover wants. It's fun! Quirky! Suspenseful! Mysterious! Romantic!

Kate is an amazing main character....I love her!

Sandra has done a fantastic job in creating a phenomenal series and I cannot wait for what's coming next!!! I highly recommend to read book 1 before you pick up this one.

Sarah Grace Grzy says

[Also, KATE'S DAD!!!! *squeals* I was skeptical at first, but I quickly grew to love him. (hide spoiler)]

Doreen says

“Blind Trust” is book two in the Port Aster Secrets series. While there are lots of hints at what took place in book one, things will make so much more sense if you read “Deadly Devotion” first. It’s worth reading them in order.

Also, reading them in order adds to the groan factor when Kate finds herself in police custody for passing counterfeit bills. Not again!! The book leaves you wondering if this just coincidentally happened to her or if it’s related to the events in book one. Really, this series is one long story that is broken up into parts which makes the abrupt ending so dissatisfying. I wanted to know what was going to happen right away!

This book is very suspenseful. There are always lots of possible villains for the wicked deeds. Just when you think you’ve got it figured out, there is a twist or a turn that points you in a different direction.

This book explores issues of trust and betrayal. If you say you trust someone, how much “benefit of the doubt” do you give someone when they do something you really disagree with.....ostensibly for your protection? It doesn’t give easy answers. It is a struggle for Kate and I expect that will continue into the next book.

I really enjoyed the mystery and suspense in this book and can't wait to read the next installment. Thank you to Revell for providing me with a free copy of this book for the purpose of this review

Jalynn Patterson says

About the Book:

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About the Author:

Sandra Orchard is the award-winning author of several inspirational romantic suspense/mysteries, including *Deadly Devotion* and *Blind Trust*. Her Love Inspired Suspense titles have garnered two Canadian Christian Writing Awards and a Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award. Sandra has also received a Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense. In addition to her busy writing schedule, Sandra enjoys speaking at events and teaching writing workshops. She lives in Ontario, Canada. Learn more about Sandra's books and check out the special bonus features, such as deleted scenes and location pics, at <http://sandraorchard.com>.

My Review:

Kate Adams can't believe she was caught trying to pay for her neighbors groceries with counterfeit money. And if that wasn't bad enough, she is again sitting directly in the middle of another one of Detective Tom Parker's investigations. Kate doesn't really relish the idea of being questioned by him once again or the idea of him questioning her poor, elderly neighbor. That sweet neighbor of hers could never be a part of anything as crooked as this situation.

According to Tom Parker, Kate's elderly neighbor knows exactly what is going on. She has even taken to lying to save herself. But why? Why is she lying? Tom hates to involve Kate but he needs some help on this, and she is the only one that can help in this situation.

****Disclosure**** This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from Revell.

Katy Lee says

The suspense kicks up! Sandra Orchard really stepped up the suspense with this second book in the Port Aster series. The first in the series, "Deadly Devotion," was a great, well-developed beginning to the series that laid the foundation for the three books so well that I cracked open "Blind Trust" and jumped right into the excitement without a moment of delay.

Kate Adams, amateur sleuth is caught in the middle of a case again that has nothing to do with her...or does it? She's about to find out. "Blind Trust" ends with a great cliffhanger leading into the third and final book. The back of the book gives the reader a taste of what's to come, but it's not enough, I say. Looking forward to it, Sandra!

Dawn says

Kate Adams would like nothing better than to live a peaceful life immersed in her research and the budding relationship with Detective Tom Parker after the past few months of trying to solve the murder of her friend. Yet, trouble has a way of finding Kate. This time it's counterfeit bills that she accidentally uses to purchase groceries for her elderly neighbor. As the case to find the counterfeiters unfolds, Kate soon finds herself in the midst of another police investigation that soon turns deadly. Long held secrets are revealed as Kate and Tom race to find this new threat to Kate.

I enjoyed reading the first book in the series when I was able to review it. This one was just as much of a page turner. The story moves along quickly and the characters had a bit more depth to them this time.

I still love Tom. I love how he strives to have Kate's best interests in heart. I do think that those two need to sit down and have a good conversation, but their relationship is progressing nicely. I look forward to seeing how it progresses through the series.

This was a pretty fast read for me. While by no means is it my favorite one, it was still good. It'd make a perfect read for a lazy summer day or the beach.

I received the Kindle version of this book from Revell Books via NetGalley for the purpose of reviewing. my thoughts and opinions are my own.

Recommended to fans of Irene Hannon, Love Inspired Suspense, Lynette Eason, romantic suspense.

Rating - 4 stars

Kathleen Friesen says

This is a difficult review for me. I've read and enjoyed several books by Sandra Orchard, so I expected more of the same: great pacing, well-drawn characters, and tight tension. And in this book, those aspects did not disappoint. I'd already decided this book rated four or five stars when I hit the end. The end? To be honest, I was furious. Books that end with cliff-hangers and without wrapping up storylines, especially the main story, leave me cold. And angry. So instead of four and a half stars, I have to give Blind Trust only three stars.

