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New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Rebecca York's newest series will keep you on the edge of your seat

There is a spy in S&D systems who is leaking top-secret information that could lead to extreme disaster. It's up to Shane Gallagher to uncover the mole and set things right.

Systems analyst Elena Reyes had no intention of stealing company secrets until her brother's life was threatened by the cruelest of mobsters. When Elena finally confesses her deeds to Shane, he's ready to do everything he can to keep her out of danger. But will Shane's help be enough to protect them, or will his good intentions leave them all for dead?

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Ami says

Betrayed is the second installment in a series called *Rockfort Security* – a romantic suspense featuring the operatives of a security company.

In terms of action, this book offered a lot of it. Right from the beginning, readers were given an action scene that involved a hostage situation, and the hero, Shane Gallagher, smashed through a window to save everyone. Then, after the heroine, Elena, was forced to steal an item from S&D system and ran to Shane's arms because she had a conflict of conscience, scenes after scenes of action were presented – there were guns blazing, bombs exploding, helicopters flying, and dead-bodies counting.

If that was what you wanted from a romantic suspense – well, you got that enough. It kept the pace moving, and I didn't experience a time where I wanted to skim the pages.

Unfortunately, it wasn't very much of a "suspense". Ms. York provided multiple point-of-views, including from the big-bad-guy behind the attempt to catch Shane and Elena. So there wasn't any surprise waiting at the end of the book. Well, there was a '*reason*' revealed why the item was important, but it wasn't shocking. In fact, the final showdown felt anticlimactic.

In addition, these characters seemed to be two-dimensional – Elena was portrayed as an IT employee (who's supposed to be smart, I take it, but it didn't really show on the pages) with good morals, and apparently, a virgin(!), while Shane was an Alpha operative who got burned in the past (yawn!), who seemed good on running away from the bad guys but not so good on planning. There wasn't enough character-driven development that made me feel connected to them – and suddenly I had to believe that they were in love? Cue eye roll. The romance was hasty, uninspiring, and definitely failed to impress me.

So in the end, this story was like one of those action-type Hollywood movies that were big on action but little on substance. It is okay to watch those once in a while as something to pass the time, right? But whether that matches what you are looking for in a book, I will leave it up to you.

A Guest Review for The Blogger Girls

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Kat says

I've read other works by Rebecca York and I am a fan of her writing style but unfortunately that was not enough to make me truly enjoy this book. "Betrayed" starts out with a lot of action and promise but it turned out to be just an okay read.

I tried to get invested into the characters of Elena & Shane but they never showed any growth. The author goes to great lengths to constantly remind us of the fact Elena is supposed to be a smart driven woman who was taught how to keep her head down and avoid trouble but yet she never does.

And from the very beginning Elena & Shane never really trust one another but that doesn't stop them from falling into bed together nor from magically ending up in love.

The book had potential and is still a decent read but one that seems to follow a step by step guide for creating a mystery/romance novel.

During the action scenes the story seemed to be more compelling but when it segued into the mystery or romance parts it left me unimpressed and wanting to skip a head.

After taking a much needed break from the book I finished reading and identified that one of my problems with this story was that there really was no mystery or suspense to it. "Betrayed" has all the right ingredients to be a really good book, but the way they are used leaves it feeling like just an okay and anticlimactic read.

*NetGalley provided me with a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Barb Lie says

Betrayed by Rebecca York is the 2nd book in her Rockfort Security series. I enjoyed the first book of this series, and was looking forward to reading this. Happily, Rebecca York continues with another suspenseful and captivating action packed story. Shane Gallagher, whom we met in the last book is our hero and from the get go, he is the kind of hero we all want to save us, not to mention, totally swoon worthy.

Elena Reyes is our heroine, and she was a sweet and charming one; not the usual kick assed heroines. The story starts with a bang, as while in HR, Elena overhears someone threatening the director, and before she could walk out, they are all hostages. Flying through the window comes our hero, Shane. During the scuffle, Elena manages to help him stop the intruder.

What follows is a very exciting story, where Shane and Rockfort Security have been contracted to find the mole in S&D, who is leaking confidential information about a new product. What Elena doesn't know is that she is one of the suspects, since she works in the IT area, where the leak is suspected. Having been literally thrown together, Shane and Elena find themselves attracted to each other. In a short time, as the danger escalates, someone is after Elena to get them the information they want, and they are threatening to hurt her brother. Shane realizes that Elena is not the real culprit, and works with her to find out who is.

In a roller coaster of a ride, at every turn, they are attacked, and barely escape with their lives. Rather than give any spoilers, I will only say that this was an enthralling adventure, with pulse pounding action. Shane, Elena and the other members of Rockfort Security must be a step ahead to find the true perpetrator. There are also some twists along the way.

The romance between Shane and Elena started off sweetly, as she was a virgin. But then it became very steamy, as they both could no longer hold back their lust. They made a great couple. Rebecca York does it again with another exciting romance suspense that will keep you turning the pages until you reach the end. I

finished this book in one day. I totally recommend you to read this series.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Julie says

Check out my other reviews at Little Miss Bookmark!

Usually I don't pick up a novel that is in the middle of a series if I haven't read its predecessors. But I made an exception for this one and I'm glad that I did. And this is the first book that I've read by Rebecca York ... I'm now looking forward to more things from her. At least the next in this series.

First, I was REALLY impressed with the beginning sequences. She used the word blood spatter. Spatter. Unlike most authors who use splatter or splash or whatever. Hey, don't shy away now, this is just a small part. Very small part and not the focus of the book but it was the use of the correct term that made me love the author in the first handful of pages. Don't look at the screen all weird, wondering why I'M weird. My dad was a criminalist (crime scene investigator) when I was growing up and I had a totally un-normal childhood because of it. For one of my science fairs, I did bullet identification and at another one, blood spatter. Yeah, it was creepy. My teachers probably thought that I was psychotic. But it's what I grew up with ... heading to Dad's lab to check stuff out. Anyway ... that's why I was so impressed with the correct words. It really had no influence on my rating, but I was tickled, so I wanted to mention it.

Okay, let's see ... I really liked the characters. You really got to know where they came from and why they act like they do and all of that. There were some times that I thought their rationalization for some actions were a little shallow. I think that some scenes could have delved even further ... gotten grittier. But it didn't ruin the book. There were a few surprises, for the most part, I kind of picked pretty much everything out. If you can still enjoy a novel when you know what is going to happen, that says a lot. I really wish that we could have gotten to know some of the secondary characters a little more - I would have been okay if the novel had stretched out a little longer so that I had a bit more background.

All in all, this novel got me interested in the series and I'm pretty interested in reading the next one and pretty much anything else that York comes out with.

Paranormal Kiss says

Betrayed is the second book in the Rockford Security by Rebecca York. This is the first time I've read this author and I'm sorry to say that I wasn't a fan of the writing style in this book. In the beginning the story is slowed down by detailed descriptions. I'm talking about step by step descriptions of characters doing ordinary day to day things. I found this to be tedious and boring, in fact I found myself skimming through parts of the book to avoid having to read this.

As for the characters, the heroine Elena makes repeated stupid mistakes. This is a woman who was described as having a strong and conservative moral code drummed into her by her parents from an early age. She has

spent her entire life trying to be someone that would please them. Yet in one night she essentially throws away all her morals and goes against what she was taught. (view spoiler) She was completely naive. I can't tell you how many times I rolled my eyes at her thought processes and actions.

In case you don't realize it by now, I didn't care for Elena as a character and honestly, Shane as a hero wasn't really any better. He didn't trust her from the very beginning and continues to not trust her for a good portion of the book, but it doesn't stop him from getting personally involved with her and from making some stupid mistakes of his own, see spoiler for one. Then after not trusting her for so long he decides she is trustworthy and suddenly he loves her, really? And evidently she cares for him too. The romance just didn't ring true for me.

So plot wise, Shane and Elena find themselves on the run. And they're acting like they have immunity, which a lot of it is self-defense, I admit, and they try to cover their tracks at times, but there is practically a neon arrow pointing to them for a lot of it. (view spoiler)

I almost stopped reading this book halfway through but I persevered and I'm happy to say the second half was a bit better than the first and that is the only thing that kept this from being a 1 star review. Ultimately I just wasn't interested in the story or the characters.

Monica Cardoza says

Not all women are liars, cheaters and whatever other things Shane may think, there are some out there that all they want to do is save their family.

So this is the second installment in the Rockfort Security Series and believe me I'm going to have to read the first book to see how this security company was developed and also need to see what happened to his partner Jack. The tidbits that this story gave it sounded like a great read. Now as for this read I have to say that it was filled with action, suspense with just the right amount of romance. Sure the characters were attracted to each other but this story was more than just them heading to bed. I love that Elena was a woman that loved her family and wanted to please them so badly but sometimes the best thing to do is watch out for yourself.

Elena Reyes and her family left San Marcos and moved to the United States. Her family still believed that they could be in danger so they wanted their children to stay out of the news. Only it seemed it was not going to be possible, Elena was a hero that saved the chief of security at her job during a hostage situation. Now that her position at S&D is known the enemies now know how to get what they want. Elena knew more than what she thought and soon that game and emails would come handy.

Shane Gallagher is one of the founders of Rockfort Securities and he has a new assignment. He is to find out who is leaking confidential information at S&D. Shane is investigating all of the personnel from the IT department especially after someone was murdered. He is attracted to Elena from the moment that he held her after the hostage situation but he didn't know if maybe she was the one leaking the information. Shane just didn't know what kind of mess he had just stepped in and what he would find out by the end. Everyone has secrets.

Elena and Shane go out for lunch apparently for business but then that lead to dinner. She never would have

thought that her brother Alesandro would come to her apartment beaten to a bloody pulp. In the beginning there was something that bothered me about her brother he was so aggressive with her. He was so mean with her and Elena was taking it and not fighting back. I know that when she told her story about how her parents were with her and her brother I understood that he felt entitled. Now here he was asking for help because he got in with the wrong crowd and now he needed for her to steal something, I know that she wanted to help her brother but she should have talked to Shane before doing anything. Now that's where all of the action begins and the fight of Shane's feelings and him trying to figure out if she was actually working for the bad guys. Was she really doing this to save her brother?

Betrayed was a story that blew me away. I could not believe the amount of emotions that went through me while reading this story. I know that I was angry because of how her parents and brother treated her, then came sadness because I never thought the situation that happened would have happened then of course there was happiness because I knew that when all was done Elena would have a man by her side that would stand up to anyone that tried to bring her down. The characters in this story were well developed and the dialogue was perfect. The chemistry between them was hot and steamy.

All I have to say is there are twists and turns throughout the story and to me that was the best part. Never throughout the story did I feel bored or did I want to put it down. So of course I totally recommend this book.

Received ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an Honest Review

Heather andrews says

I decided to focus on the romance part of this book because well that's what interested me the most and let me tell you what Elena has some naughty dreams that include Shane, "I want to kiss you," he said in a gritty voice. "And you want to kiss me." And the girl sure knows how to use your womanly wiles on the boy, "she reached out and cupped her hand over the rigid flesh at the front of Shane's pants. He sucked in a sharp breath as she pressed her palm against him, then grasped him through the knit fabric. With a muttered curse, her raised over her and tugged her sweatpants down and off, before doing the same with his." Elena was just so cute, you could tell the girl wasn't experienced, "she moved her hand, sliding it down his body and pressing it over the hard shaft that stood up against the knit fabric of his sweatpants. He made a low sound as she pressed against him, and she knew he liked her touch. "Can I do the same thing for you that you did for me?" she whispered." I loved reading this book there was adventure, romance, and some naughtiness.

MsChris1161 says

Rebecca York's BETRAYED, the second book in the Rockfort Security series, was a thrill ride from beginning to end. Fast-paced, action-packed, with a hot, handsome, hero and a very likeable heroine, and seemingly no end to the bad guys! I read this book in one sitting because I could not put it down!

Shane Gallagher is one of the partners at Rockfort Security and has been hired by S&D, a software development company, to work undercover as Head of Security and find out who has stolen company secrets and retrieve them. As a former Army Ranger Shane is rugged and well-skilled in black-ops, tracking

criminals, rescuing hostages, in essence taking risks and putting his life on the line to save others. He proves this right from the beginning when he dangles from a rope on the eighth floor of a building to come crashing through a window, save the hostages, and take out the disgruntled former employee. This initial move pretty much sets the pace for the rest of the book.

Elena Reyes is a systems analyst at S&D and at the top of Shane's suspect list. She has the skill set and the opportunity to steal the confidential information from the company, but she is a straight arrow, with strong and extremely conservative family ties, and someone who never takes risks. As an immigrant to this country she has been taught to keep her head down and not bring attention to herself. Yet, to save the lives of her fellow workers she helps Shane save her and the other hostages, putting herself in the media spotlight. And in the sights of the crime boss after S&D's secret program.

Alessandro Reyes is Elena's older brother who can do no wrong in their parents eyes. He never had the same need or drive to work hard to better himself and have a better life than Elena had and instead prefers the easy route to fast cash. Despite his parents' morals, friends, and choices have always been questionable. When he is set up to get himself in over his head by the crime boss who wants S&D's secrets he puts pressure on Elena to find where they are hidden, retrieve them and bring them to him to trade for his life. Creating a moral dilemma for Elena, placing front in center in a web of lies and danger, and running to Shane for help.

During the months Shane has been at S&D he and Elena have developed a strong and mutual attraction. One that neither of them is willing to pursue. One reason being Shane is investigating Elena. After the hostage situation brings them closer, he finally decides to act on his feelings, give Elena the benefit of the doubt and asks her out to dinner. Timing being what it must be in a romantic suspense, this is also pretty the same time all hell breaks loose and her brother's life is threatened and he puts pressure on her to do the unthinkable. In order to protect the woman he has fallen hard for, who also may be the culprit he's been looking for, Shane goes on the run with Elena.

Ms. York's plot is filled with plot twists, a hero and a heroine who can't make up their minds if they can trust one another, and no safe place or safe allies, save Shane's partners at Rockfort Security, and a developing love between Shane and Elena. Even though you pretty much know who the bad guy is from the beginning there are still no small amount of secrets and surprises when it comes to allegiances or who the good guys and bad guys really are. Definitely a very enjoyable page turner! 4 stars

~Complimentary copy downloaded from NetGalley in exchange for a honest review.

Cathy says

2.5 stars

"Betrayed" by Rebecca York. This is a romantic suspense - while there was suspense and action, the romantic side never seemed real. It's the story of Shane and Elena - Shane, a security expert, is a Hero that has been hurt in the past and doesn't trust women easily. Elena, an IT worker, is on his suspect list for a theft at her company. They both had issues with relationships - his from being burned by his ex-wife and hers from a strict upbringing. With those types of hangups and Elena making silly choices that constantly betrayed his trust, it seemed their relationship developed at lightning speed and, for me, it wasn't believable. The writing was also a bit drawn out and, honestly, it was all a bit boring. Unfortunately, this one just didn't live up to what I was expecting -(received ARC for an honest review)

Lover of Romance says

Originally Posted At My Blog: Addicted To Romance

Received a ARC in return of a honest review.

Elena works for a company called S&D, and has worked hard to support herself and not rely on her family. For as long as she can remember she has always felt out of place in her family, and knows that it is up to her to make her own way. So after going to college she has become accomplished. Then she becomes involved in a situation with her brother, who coerces her to take something from her job, and bring it to him. Instead she goes for help to Shane Gallagher. Shane has been asked to investigate a mole in S&D, and one of his highest suspects is Elena, but there is something more to Elena than meets the eye. When she comes to him for help, he can't resist helping her, when danger comes to his door, and he has no choice but find out who is after them. As Elena and Shane come closer to figuring out the man behind the mask, they start to fall in love and Shane will have to put his heart on the line and trust Elena in a way he has never trusted anyone before...will Elena and Shane both survive?

Betrayed is the second book in the series, and the first book I have read from Rebecca York. I was asked to read this in return of a honest review. And I was more than willing, since I adore romantic suspense...and this story definitely fits the bill. Such a intense and wild ride, Betrayed is. I had problem read this one, it was one of the easiest books to read. Engaging and heartwarming, and many emotional moments that just wins your heart. I had such a fun time with this story, and the characters...oh my...I just loved both of them. They were fantastic. The hero is rough around the edges, but has one of the most vulnerable hearts. Shane doesn't trust women, after being betrayed by his ex wife. But then he meets Elena, and with danger at their tails, he suspects her at every turn, but there is something compelling that he can't resist. Elena makes some mistakes, but does it for good reasons, and I just liked her instantly. I felt like I could easily relate with her and she was so easy to love. I love how much she fights for those she loves.

The story is intense, filled with passion and tension, and full of adventure and love. A mesmerizing combination of action and swiftly moving plot. Brilliantly done!!!

Lydia says

“Elena, I love you. I had a hard time admitting that to myself. And it was hard to say it.” – Shane Gallagher

So... I may have been a bit disappointed with Shane's book. Not so much that I didn't enjoy it, mind you. It's just that I had high expectations from the guy and he sort of screwed me over with his antics...

Shane Gallagher is the second member of the Rockfort Security that we read about. He has been betrayed before - cheated on thanks to his dearest ex-wife, lied to, and so on. Understandably, he has trust issues when it comes to women. Enter Elena Reyes, a woman he meets while he's undercover in her company. She has the looks that make him drool, but the package comes with a lot of secrets. And Shane knows that a secretive woman is even harder to trust - especially when all evidence points towards her helping the suspects he's after...

I can't say I couldn't feel Shane when it came to trust the opposite gender. Having a spouse cheat certainly lays a terrible ground for all others to come. So I guess his suspicious nature was reasonable to a certain extent. But there were times where I really wanted to punch him! Even when Elena was obviously not the main suspect, he kept accusing her and treating her like crap. It was the sole reason behind the 4-star rating, mind you!

Elena on the other hand was adorable. I liked her almost as much as I liked Morgan in the first book. Sure, Elena wasn't exactly strong in mind and willpower. Her parents dictated her life even if she wasn't under their control financially or in any other way. Her brother used her like no tomorrow and without finding any resistance. Everyone around her could just threaten her a little, and she would succumb to their wishes. Surprisingly, though, she still found it in herself to raise her head in the end and start taking matters into her own hands, risking her life for the good of her loved ones. And that's where Elena was a bit better than Shane. She may not have been as strong from the start - but she certainly was a fast learner and and she had a big, golden heart, which made up for all her mistakes if you ask me. The woman didn't have a single selfish bone in her body!

The pace was fast, with the main couple constantly on the run. The villain almost won in the end, which was a nice turn of events and showed that Rebecca York isn't scared to be bold about it when it comes to her main characters. She throws everything at them, and still makes them prevail, in a quite realistic manner - losses and all. The dialogues were not as funny as in the first book, but that could have been because Shane was quite the bitter fellow, and Elena wasn't exactly a talker - shy thing and all that. The love scenes were a nice touch, although I still prefer Morgan's deed with Jack - perhaps because he didn't try to guilt trip her or make it seem like something dirty afterwards, I don't know.

I've also read Max's book, and the review will come soon. Stay tuned for it!

"Oh, Shane, I knew I was falling in love with you, and I felt like I was messing it up." - Elena Reyes

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Wendy says

"Betrayed" is a romantic suspense thriller which I won through Goodreads Giveaways and begins when hostages are held at gunpoint at S&D Systems by a former employee. When Shane Gallagher the head of security frees Elena Reyes an IT expert and the Human Resources staff little does he expect to get involved with the beauty who's one of the suspects in a crime he's investigating.

Shane and his two partners, owners of the Rockfort Security Agency have been called on by Lincoln Kinkead, the President of S&D to not only to investigate the murder of the IT employee suspected of stealing the information but to uncover the identity of the mole's accomplices. What they discover is that Elena Reyes is in danger after being blackmailed into finding the information that was lost, and Shane will do anything to protect the woman he's beginning to respect and fall in love with.

The action-packed plot which is intriguing from beginning to end, twists and turns as events unfold. Filled with gun fights, mob involvement and high-level corporate deception, the tension slowly builds then ends in an exciting and explosive climax. After Elena recovers the SIM card with the new product information wanted by a crime boss, the plot begins a roller-coaster ride that doesn't stop especially when her brother is held hostage and tortured to make her comply. As well as a thrilling crime novel, the plot abounds with romance as Shane, haunted by a failed marriage and distrustful of women slowly becomes more and more infatuated by Elena whose old fashion values slowly deteriorate as they grow closer.

The characters like the plot are fascinating and realistic in all their complexity, especially Shane Gallagher a daring, tough and no-nonsense investigator who doesn't always follow procedures. With Elena he's polite and honest but is very suspicious of her motive in helping him especially after she secretly tries to contact her brother. Elena Reyes, the systems analyst who escaped with her parents as a child from San Marcos is smart, clever and resourceful. Although sensitive to her parents favouritism towards her brother, she's very loyal to, but naive about her family. Alesandro Reyes is a user who wallows in his misfortune until he suffers for his misdeeds. Jerome Weller is the cruel, heartless and power-hungry mob boss who will do anything to gain the information he's already sold to a buyer, while Lincoln Kinkead's the sharp, quick-tempered boss at S&D who cleverly tries to mask his dishonesty. All these characters and more add to the passion, intensity, and drama of the story.

This is an exciting and riveting romantic thriller that I couldn't put down. It is well-worth reading and I rate it highly.

Monica Cullip says

Betrayed

Rebecca York (Rockford Security)

This story was gifted to me in exchange for an honest review.

Shane Gallagher works for his company Rockford Security Agency and is brought on board at S&D Systems to solve a security leak of high level information. He has a list of people that he is looking at. Elena Reyes is a loyal family girl. She is constantly helping her brother out of trouble as he is the favorite to her parents. The first born. The son. Elena works as a system analysis and she also knows Arnold Blake the supposed traitor that has died.

Elena manages to get herself into a little bit of a crises as her brother once again comes to her for aid. This time he has gotten involved with the worst kind of people and the only was for Elena to help him is for her to get the stolen disk.

I thought the author did a great job with this story. It is more than just a straight romance it also features a lot of mystery, suspense and action. Elena needs to turn to Shane to help her stay alive as they try to keep one step ahead of those that want to kill them. Who are the bad guys? Who can be trusted? And how do they keep getting closer and closer to them. At one point they are basically swimming away down the river trying to dodge the bullets.

The suspense is high as we wonder if Elena and Shane will ever really make it to safety. What will happen to her brother after the enemies manage to nab him to use for bait.

There also is that little bit of attraction between them. A romantic seed that needs to be acted upon. Elena was brought up very strictly by her parents and has not had any experience in romance. She is deeply attracted to him and yet not sure of what to do and how to act. And what better time to get to know one another as you are hiding out from the world and running for your very life?

I found that this story easily held my attention. The action was very fast moving. Their lives were in jeopardy the whole time and I was always questioning who they could finally trust. You must read yourself to answer the questions and find out if they do get their happy ever after and what cost they need to pay.

Stephanie G says

4.5 Stars

The second Rockfort Security book is a riveting romantic suspense that keeps readers on the edge of their seat. Shane Gallagher is on a case to uncover the mole who is leaking top secret information. Elena Reyes has to steal the information in exchange for her brother's life, so she confesses her deeds to Shane and he's ready to do anything to help her...but it might not be enough.

This fast paced and smooth flowing plot keeps readers on their toes with back to back action scenes, intrigue, drama and romance. The author brings the story to life with well written scenes and details that capture the imagination and the well orchestrated action scenes are exciting and believable. The strong compelling characters are easily related to and invite the reader to join them on thrilling race to stay one step ahead of the bad guys.

The attraction between Elena and Shane radiates heat from every page and the sex scenes are hot and steamy, but the relationship is a slow process due to several issues. Elena's upbringing was very strict and her relationship with her family wasn't the best and Shane has trust issues due to a past relationship, so with Elena's confession, he's not sure if he can trust her not. Then there are the bad guys that are trying to kill them every time they stop for a moment, I think everyone would agree that makes things a little difficult but at the same time it also pushes them closer together.

The author keeps the reader guessing with lots of twists and turns and draws the reader deeper into the story with the captivating men of Rockfort Security. I was completely engrossed in the story from the very beginning and there was no way I could not turn to the next page, I had to get to the end and discover what happened between Shane, Elena and the bad guy. I can't wait to read the next book!

- Eva

Beth says

Betrayed is a high velocity story based around corporate espionage.

Shane Gallagher and his firm is hired to uncover the person(s) responsible for stealing company development secrets. Elena Reyes is in the perfect position to be the person behind these thefts. Shane is magnetically drawn to Elena and his interest isn't just as a suspect. But the deeper he digs the more the clues point toward Elena.

Guns blaze and someone will stop at nothing to get the next best program technology even if they have to kill, betray and blackmail to get it.

Although there is quite a few repetitions in the characters thoughts, both Shane and Elena had some other character issues as well. Shane has serious emotional damage that created major trust issues while Elena is portrayed to have extreme intellect but also an uncanny naivete. That didn't really work for me, you can't be that naïve and be that smart. My biggest character connection issue was the instalove relationship.

Don't get me wrong, I still enjoyed the guns blazing, running for your lives, solve the mystery before your doomed plot. You can't help but be caught up in the fast paced, action packed, explosive scenes. *Betrayed* definitely provides the bang for those of us who enjoy a high speed adventure. I give *Betrayed* 3 1/2 action stars.

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