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Firefighter Colton Sparks is beautiful, brawny, and lonely? Colton, a die-hard romantic, is looking for a Hallmark worthy happily ever after, but finding Mrs. Right has been as fruitful as playing the lottery. It's no secret that he dreams of white picket fences, finding love, and having a family. He has the white picket fence, he just needs her.

He's every woman's dream; they just aren't his. A total man's man with testosterone driven tendencies smothered in a tough guy exterior, he has a soft spot...animals. He understands being the one nobody wants, so he rescues animals that aren't perfect to the rest of the world.

When a beautiful woman comes to town, he thinks he has found her. Megan Johnson is stunning with a regal quality that doesn't live in small mountain towns, and a mystery that has him intrigued. She also happens to be his neighbor.

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Hidden Details

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Pamela Johnson says

I received an ARC for an honest review. This is the second book of five about McKenzie Ridge and is as romantic as the first. This book highlights the romance of Colton and Megan and has everything you could want to read about in a book. Great job Stephanie St, Klaire, you rock McKenzie Ridge. Can not wait for the next books in this series.

Sallie says

I received this book as an ARC for an honest review.

You get a glimpse at the end of the first book of the chance encounter of Colton and Megan. In book two see very quickly that Megan is hiding something huge. She's taking care of her nephew after losing her sister. You got to admire her for that even if you want to smack some sense in her for keeping Colton at an arm's length. She fights him off at every turn but Colton is one hot firefighter determined to get the girl. It's full of suspense and dangles a carrot in your face with guesses of what happened in Megan's past. The ending with shock you all. You don't see the train wreck until it hits. Will Colton be able to save the girl everyone in McKenzie Ridge has fallen for?

Elisa Hordon says

Sizzling, Sexy, Spectacular, Sweet, Seduction and a wonderful story to.

Colton and Megan

The first time he saw her, he knew she was the one, he also knew he would wait forever for her.

I think what I love most about Stephanie's books it's not just the happy endings it's so much more, these stories are written with heart, the love between everyone in McKenzie Ridge is pure and unconditional, no matter what, they take care of their own and that's something special, what's more the author makes you believe it, you become part of the town as you read you become family, so with every new story from McKenzie Ridge it will always be like coming home.

I love the added mystery, thriller aspect to the scorching, steamy romance.

Lucy Berson says

ARC given for honest review

This was the 2nd book in the McKenzie Ridge Series. I was looking forward to this book as soon as I

finished Rescued. I was not disappointed!!!! I fell in love immediately with Colton Sparks from the beginning. I absolutely love how this entire town of very close friends always comes together. You fall I love right along with Colton and Megan.

I am looking forward to see where Blake and Jessie end up!!!!!!

Well done Stephanie St. Klaire, looking forward to see who is next!!!!

Jennifer Aldrich says

Hidden is the second novel in the McKenzie Ridge series written by Stephanie St. Klaire. Rescued was the first novel in the series which was amazing, but Hidden is even better. I don't know if it is because as a reader we have met many of the characters and fallen in love with them already, but I absolutely loved Hidden. Colton is such a hot man with a sensitive side that speaks to every woman. There is just enough mystery to keep the readers interested as well. While being the second book in the series, this novel can be read as a standalone novel.

Hidden has a very interesting plot. Stephanie did a spectacular job of keeping the readers interested while giving them bits and pieces of imperative information to help them put the pieces of the puzzle together. I have to say this plot was one of the more interesting plots that I have read in a while. I loved the mystery of this book. I knew right away that Megan had more going on than anyone realized, but I didn't expect some of the events that transpired. I love when a book catches me off guard and throws some curves in my way. The main character Megan is developed nicely. She has a long journey ahead of her at the start of the book and I love that readers were able to go on the journey with her. Colton develops a bit as well, but his main job in the book is to act as a catalyst for Megan to do some developing herself. I love their interactions with each other. Colton is one of my new book boyfriends for sure. He is described as attractive, but that is not what made me fall for him. He had me at animals. So as to not reveal too much, I will leave it at that. He melts my heart.

There is plenty of heat in this book. Stephanie sure knows how to heat a room up and make a girl blush. The interactions between characters is wonderful. I love how she allows the characters to develop and bond organically. I hate it when authors force the heat in books and rush the romance. Stephanie does not do this, which leads to a sweet yet spicy romance story. I also love all the humor in the book. All of her characters are funny and love to have a good time. I really felt like I was reading about down to earth people who could be friends of mine.

Overall, I absolutely loved Hidden. Stephanie St. Klaire is an author to look out for. She has a unique take on romance novels while throwing in a dash of mystery and action to give a girl everything she needs in a book. Her characters are relatable and very likeable. Stephanie transports you into her world and allows you to imagine you are a part of her tight nit group of characters. I would and have already recommended this book to others!

Ratings:

Plots: 5/5

Characters:5/5

Heat:5/5

Writing Style:5/5

Overall:5/5

SOMDReigel says

Hidden is the second book in the McKenzie Ridge series featuring a small town mountain community set in Oregon. It can be read as a standalone but the series has recurring characters so I would recommend starting with Rescued, book one. Hidden is a romantic suspense full of danger, twists, secrets, and steamy chemistry. Hidden is the love story of Colton, a firefighter and Megan, the owner of a florist/coffee shop. Megan is new to the small town and has secrets. Colton is drawn to her and determined to help while he doesn't really know what she's hiding. Megan wants to protect him and her new friends by keeping them at a distance. There is fun banter between the characters and some wonderful animal friends add to the charm. All the characters are well developed and interesting. The characters grow within the plot, friendships deepen, and St. Klaire lets relationships and love happen realistically. This is St. Klaire's second published book and proves that there's a bright writing future in store for her.

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest opinion. (NOTE: I'm buying the eBook to support the author).

Mel says

Loved it.....

This is book 2 in the McKenzie Ridge series and follows the story of Colton and Megan.

Colton Sparks is one of the towns firefighters and is easy on the eyes. He has a heart of gold and a protective streak a mile long. When he meets Megan and her nephew Jax protection is high on his list, along with getting to know the gorgeous neighbour and her adorable nephew.

Megan is new to town, only been here a few months, and is still trying to find her place. Meeting Colton, the gorgeous firefighter, was not in her plans. When strange things start happening she tries to separate herself from Colton and the town to protect them.

Can Colton and Megan be together while fighting demons from her past or will events dictate her life and make her run, leaving Colton and the town far behind?

This book was suspenseful, beautiful and addictive. I couldn't put it down until I had finished reading it. I loved the dynamics not just between Colton and Megan but with all the secondary characters too. The old biddies and the other people in their group of friends.

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK to people who love romance, action and who love to guess about the unknown factors. This book has it all.

Margaret Neal says

Hidden is the second book in Stephanie St Klaire's McKenzie Ridge series. I have been impatiently waiting to read this book since finishing Rescued, and I wasn't disappointed. This time around we get to watch Colton, a McKenzie Ridge fire fighter and Megan, the "new girl in town" as they find themselves drawn to each other. The chemistry between them is off the charts, and melt your panties HOT.

When Megan's past refuses to stay hidden, the close knit group of friends she has come to know and love as if they were her real family come to the rescue to save one of their own. Stephanie has pulled another 5 star story out of her hat. This book grabs your attention right from the start and doesn't let go. I love, love, LOVED IT.

Kelly says

ARC given for honest review.. that being said..

This is book 2 in the McKenzie Ridge series and follows the story of Colton and Megan.

When I read the first book in the series (Rescued) I thought nothing would be able to top it. Boy was I wrong.

Hidden is one of those books that once you start reading you can't put it down. I will definitely be going back for seconds.

Pam says

Hidden is Stephanie's second book in the McKenzie Ridge series & her second published book. Colton is a firefighter & is hot, sexy & determined. One way or another, he is going to get to know Megan, even if only as friends. Megan has only been in town for a few months but loves the town. No one knows what brought her into town but they all like her even though they sense she has secrets.

It really feels like Stephanie is a seasoned, established author rather than just publishing her second book. Her writing style is descriptive & well established. The plot is easy to follow with twists, turns & surprises to keep you on your toes. There is a intense, sexy, hot chemistry between Megan & Colton that defies common sense with the secrets Megan holds. These characters are complex & driven. Stephanie has a way of developing the main characters & supporting cast that enables you to see the friendship, concern & love they have for each other. I was drawn into the plot right from the beginning & couldn't put it down until the end. I hate the wait until Book 3!!

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest opinion.

Jill says

This is the second in the series. This story deals with Colton and Megan. Colton is one of the firefighters and longing to find the one he is meant to be with. Megan is his neighbor whom he rescues one night and brings home to his cast of animal characters. she isn't too sure of his animals. she fights her feelings for Colton (first female I wanted to knock upside the head). Megan has secrets and doesn't want to put Colton or the friends (who have become family) lives at risk. This is a great follow up to Rescued (which if you haven't read yet, you should). You fall in love with the cast of characters. I loved the whole book.

Kris Woltzen says

I received an ARC of this book for a honest review. Wow, this book is amazing lots of romance, secrets, adventure...love love love. I am in love with Mckenzie series can't wait for the next one. Colons and Meg's story is great love that instant attraction and need to protect each other. I don't like to give away spoilers in my reviews but I will say u will not be disappointed at anything in this book. Another great book Stephanie

Beth says

BOOK REVIEW: Hidden

BOOK SERIES: A McKenzie Ridge Novel #2

AUTHOR: Stephanie St. Klaire

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CLIFF HANGER: No

5 Stars

SYNOPSIS:

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MY THOUGHTS:

I loved this book! It had it all! A beautiful love story, humor, suspense, action, intrigue, secrets, and a great cast of secondary characters including a host of rescued pets with loads of personality!

The synopsis sets up the story line very well so I am not going to give you any more! This book had me from the start and I didn't want to put it down. It had a lot of feels to it and you were rooting for the charters through their trials and tribulations.

Colton Sparks

Colton is my new book boyfriend! I adore him! He is a man's man, but he is so sweet and caring, and he has a past that breaks your heart. Megan is a great heroine and she has secrets that she is keeping and she wears the worry on her beautiful face. Colton reads her very well and he gives her time to reveal her secrets to him without pushing her.

Megan Johnson

I love the town of McKenzie Ridge and the author paints a great picture so you can see the scenes unfold. The cast of secondary characters' returns and they build on the first book. There are new characters introduced as well. You could read this as a standalone, but it's better to read Rescued first for the backstory.

There is so much I want to tell you, but I don't want to give any spoilers away because you really need to read this great new series! I highly recommend this book!

ARC kindly provided by the author for an honest review.

Lola Kyle says

I received an advance reader copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

This gift of gab. That's how the writer describes her talent. I agree. The playful banter and the ability to relate to the characters she's shared with us has been a breathe of fresh air. Granted I did have a hard time thinking that anyone one man is that perfect. I have relished in the fact that in this world it did exist. Even more impressed with the plot and the fact that there was no insta love. This author has won me over even more than she did with rescued. Because of the book being too short for my liking. I wont go into much detail about the story line. I rather leave that pleasure up to you. However! I will say that this was a well written book. The characters developed and matured before your eyes. You couldn't help but laugh at Rambo the guardian rooster and Doug the cross eyed goat. I mean it. Freaking hilarious! I do declare that Stephanie St.Klaire has written another amazing book.

Wendy Hedges says

Review Hidden by Stephanie StKlaire

started 21/06/16

finished 22/06/16

5*

Arc copy for an honest review.

I love this group of amazing characters, all working in Fire, Police or Ambulance departments. Linked together through work, friendship and community. They are loyal and loving, supportive of each other and those around them. Each have their strengths and insecurities, problems or difficulties from their backgrounds. They have taken newbie “Megan” into their group and friendship, an attraction is building between Colten and her, but she is fighting it and trying to keep her past a secret. Colten’s deep love of animals, especially damaged ones starts to break down her barriers and bring them closer together.

The animals bond with Megan and little Jax, but Duke takes it on himself to be her protector, almost as though he senses she needs one. With her past trying to catch up this story starts taking a few twists and an unexpected turn. A hidden mystery, strange happenings, threats and fear start to grow. Violent and sexual content in this tension building story, but there is also some fun and laughter. Great interaction with the animals that I loved, they are each brilliant characters on their own even with their different handicaps. But they really help to make this book special, and show what an amazing man Colten is, having overcome his own problems and grown past them.

This book is an interesting mix of mystery, romance and horror, I often found myself tense and on edge sensing that something unpleasant was coming and fearful of what that would mean. It is told in alternating characters, fast paced and flows smoothly through the chapters. I love the almost fierce loyalty the whole community shows to those they take on as their own, standing up to whatever forces try to take them away or threaten the town. This is a great follow on to Rescue the first book in this MacKenzie Ridge series and I look forward to reading more in the future.
