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**Will the revelation of a 16-year-old secret shatter--or mend--a fragile marriage?**

Like all marriages, Elle and Logan Butler's has its ups and downs. Yet they hang together, even as his political campaign escalates. But Elle has a secret that haunts her, one that she never thought would be revealed. It's a secret that has driven her from God and kept her from sharing her whole heart with the man she loves.

But now the secret must be told.

The news rips Elle's world apart as she struggles with painful memories and paralyzing fear of what will happen when she tells Logan. Every secret has consequences, and this one could destroy everything they've built.

## **Test of Faith Details**

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### **Kathy Harris says**

Loved it! Highly recommended!

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### **Cassie says**

I wouldn't say this story is light-hearted but it did explore a serious issue in a way that did not feel heavy.

I really enjoyed it and it is one of the best I've read so far this year. It's not without flaws certainly, but I couldn't put it down.

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### **Beckie Burnham says**

Test of Faith by Christa Allan is my book club's August selection. If you have read this novel, please let me know what you thought.

Elle Butler has a secret that she thinks will never need to be disclosed, even as her husband Logan begins his campaign for State Representative. But an unforeseen tragedy exposes the long hidden truth with repercussions felt in her marriage, relationships and her husband's political future. Elle gave up faith long ago and is not sure what to expect from God — can she trust that He will be there for her?

Test of Faith is another great book from Christa Allan. I love how she takes difficult subjects and personalizes them with flawed and very real characters. This is the greatest strength of the novel. Some characters, like Elle's sister, shine. You just have to love her support and wisdom throughout Elle's life. Others, like those in real life, disappoint with their hardness and unforgiveness. And others will surprise you, making you smile at the revelation of their true colors. Test of Faith also elicited many emotions too. I was in turn mad, frustrated and touched. The faith journey that Elle takes is true to life as well. I liked how she reached out to God even though those who represented Him had let her down.

I can't wait for our group's discussion. I know we will be have a lot to talk about — judgmental attitudes, forgiveness, sanctity of life. I loved this book and think my group will too.

Recommended.

Great for Book Clubs.

Audience: Adults.

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### **sue says**

As I've never read anything by Christa Allan before I wasn't sure what to expect. It was also Christian based too, which I don't mind as long as authors don't keep bashing it down your throat and use it as an excuse to 'preach'.

This was NOT like that. I really, thoroughly enjoyed this book.

I found it a bit slow to take off at the beginning, but as time went on and you stick with it, then it opens up a brilliant crafted read.

This is a woman who has a good life, good home and a husband with a high powered career, in the Political limelight and of course, that means she is too.

When they married, they sort of agreed not to have any children, her husband, later in the story tells us why. However, she gets a bit maternal and would like to pursue that avenue but of course, its a dead end.

Later comes a 'blast from the past' that could really rock her and Logan's world.

There is a lot more to this story, but to tell you would spoil your read.

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I was granted a complimentary book by Abingdon Press via Net Galley in exchange for my honest review. This does not reflect on my opinion or viewpoint of what I read.

I would highly recommend this to you, as I said, its a bit slow in the beginning but its well worth it.

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### **Sheri says**

This novel has an incredible premise. I couldn't put it down until I finished it. I had no idea how the conflicts would be resolved, and couldn't wait to find out. This would likely make a great movie.

And as if that's not enough, the writing is incredibly fresh. So many original phrases to surprise and delight the reader. Can't wait to read another Christa Allan book.

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### **Andrea Vrtikapa says**

Good story...and didn't go exactly like I thought it would until the very end.

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### **Tracy Haynie says**

Good read...

if you can make it through the maze of details. There were so many time I skipped whole paragraphs of detailed background information. Don't get me wrong it was a great story. It seemed a bit slow at times. Wanted more emphasis on Elle's conversion.

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### **Joy says**

Politicians lives are an open book. Elle's husband is a man of faith running for office. Any secrets in their lives must be handled smoothly which is not a problem for the most part, but Elle has a secret even her husband doesn't know. As she faces the consequences her life begins to fall apart.

Christa has written another fantastic book that you don't want to put down. It's easy to get drawn into the character's lives and feel their emotions. This one is a must read!

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### **Amy Roelant says**

Have read better by this author. Main character not that likable (liked spouse better). Hope their child adjusts to living with them and that all have learned.

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### **Pat says**

A marriage with a secret. When circumstances lead to the secret being revealed, pain and heartache follow. Can Logan and Elle's marriage survive?

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### **Andi says**

I am a huge fan of Christa's, I have read everything she has written, and this book is my absolute fave.

With Elle and Logan barely hanging on during his political campaign things quickly escalate when Elle is faced with her secret of 15 years.

In this novel, Christa gets to the heart of things, bringing both Elle and Logan face to face with their fears from their childhood. The emotion in this story is real, and can be felt through the pages. Elle is someone you want to cheer for, Logan you want to strangle. As the book came to a close I had tears in my eyes.

She has set this book up for a sequel and I really hope there is one. I highly recommend this one.

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### **Ruth says**

Test of Faith is a heartwarming read that I am pleased to recommend. Grade: B+.

Full review at <http://rannthisthat.blogspot.com/2014...>

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**Angela Good says**

LOVED EVERY PAGE!!!!

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