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"He's going to find me," Sarah whispered. "He's going to find me before you do."

One wrong step in Los Angeles leaves Alex Pascal scarred and traumatized, unable to continue the career she loves.

In England, a drunk driver shatters Sarah Kent's family.

For Sarah, exploring the North Cascades is an opportunity to regain her health and her confidence, while Alex has already abandoned LA to make the mountains her home. Drawn to the beauty and history of Desolation Peak, Sarah is hiking alone when a storm leaves her stranded. Determined to track her down, Alex heads into the wilderness, never anticipating the terrible danger she will face. Because Sarah is already running for her life, fleeing from a ruthless criminal with a mission to complete and nothing left to lose. With everything stacked against them, neither woman expects to survive, let alone fall in love.

All they have to do now is find a way out.

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From Reader Review Desolation Point for online ebook

Kirsty says

Absolutely bloody brilliant!

I actually had to slow myself down while reading this book, so I could take everything in. I thought Snowbound was a stonking good read but this book blows it out the water!

Loved it!

Bethany says

Update

First day of a 14 hour car trip from Dallas, TX to Ft. Collins, CO with my wife and 2 dogs, the wife says, "Got anything to entertain us?"

Why yes, yes I do :-D

Immediately downloaded all audiobooks by Cari Hunter, and the wife choose Desolation Point to be the first. She doesn't read - ever - so I was surprised that she LOVED this book just as much as I did. As soon as it ended, she asked me to start "that other book with the cop and the doctor that you raved about". And so I did.

Well it's official. I have a serious love affair with Cari Hunter's novels. My wife is gonna be jealous!

Seriously - go read this book and then go read all the rest of Hunter's books. Now.

Agirlcandream says

4.5. Great book. I got two of my favourite genres, thrillers and lesfic romance in one well written novel. Mixed in with the danger from human sources and natural ones the reader gets two strong women with interesting back stories who learn to lean on each other for support while battling the bad guys. I liked the "across the pond" debates between Alex and Sarah but more I liked the way both women were portrayed supporting each other during the fun times and the harrowing times.

My favorite line in the book comes when Sarah says to Alex "Why don't you let me be the butch today." so she could care for Alex who was busy trying to be strong for the two of them. Such a sweet moment. Add in the almost non stop action and I found it hard to put this book down.

D. Leigh says

Cari Hunter knows how to write a thriller. This book had excellent pacing, great twists and turns and even an "oh crap" moment. It took me a chapter or two to really warm up to the two main characters because there's a lot of action in those chapters to lay out the back story. But as the story continues, the characters develop well and you are easily caught up in the flow of things. This is the second book from this author, and I've enjoyed both. She's someone to definitely keep an eye on as her talent continues to develop.

Jem says

Two women from opposite sides of the Atlantic meet in the desolate wilderness, and battle to stay alive against their two most dangerous foes--nature and man.

The first few chapters setting up the backstory and alternating between the two ladies were a bit predictable and almost perfunctory. But when they finally meet, and the rain starts bucketing down, our ladies are in for the most harrowing rollercoaster ride of their lives, and we are in for a very suspenseful, effective thriller.

The author rains bruises, cuts, scrapes and bullet wounds on our heroines all over and again and again. Despite how they must look covered in muck and bruises(literally black and blue!), they manage to fall in love. Lots of exciting twists and turns, although the biggest one you could smell a mile away if you paid attention.

I loved how the author managed to let the ladies resolve their impossible situation (view spoiler) And who can not but adore Sarah's lovely Britishisms... (if this ever gets an audiobook release, I'll be first in line 8-))

Farah says

From the reviews that I read before braving myself to read this book, I knew that reading this will require a buddy. Since my Lesfic introducer/friend said that her stomach wasn't that strong to read it, a selection of horror movies, a quarter bag of Ruffles and an extra spicy+cheesy ramen accompanied my gritty read.

Almost everything was against our strong willed heroines.

1. Desolation Point - where almost nothing magical happened.
2. The weather - a storm, surprise - surprise
3. The bad guys - No sexual assaults, other than that, they held nothing back.

Based on those not suitable for anyone elements above, who am I to take away the enjoyment out of the hs when they discovered that they'd been put as a pair in the next challenging moments of their lives where they

clicked immediately. Neither Alex nor Sarah turned into Ripley/Lara Croft. They both struggled for survival, made efforts to keep each other calm even though they were both terrified and in pain throughout the book. If Ms.Hunter added illustration into the story, Alex and Sarah would be chased by the locals with torches and pitchforks for looking like Frankenstein after all their ordeals.

The only break that they had was, their companionship.

Ms.Hunter, an amazing author. If you're looking for shrimp and grits kind of stories then look her up.

Basma says

Not a direct review of this book (which was a quick, intense and an okay-ish read) but thriller, crime and mystery books are not for me and that's mainly because I never find myself actually reading the entire book and enjoying it because my eyes are scanning the lines so quickly trying to find out what is happening to the characters, if anyone will get hurt and how will they be safe. So basically I ruin the entire reading experience because I can't help but jump ahead. It's a very hard habit to stop.

Eva says

I don't really understand why this book received so many good reviews. I was really bored and was tempted to leave it unfinished.

The story is not original at all: girl hiking in the mountains encounters a butch hiker; both get into trouble, and fall madly in love while escaping from the bad guys; end of story.

A part from the predictability of the story, the writing is not bad, the dialogues are actually decent, but the worst part for me is that nothing in the story seems credible to me. Neither the thriller, nor the love story.

T says

Action packed and great narrator (thank god). Finished this in one sitting.

Terry Baker says

After suffering the terrible tragedy of losing her mother and her younger sister to a drunk driver, almost losing her own life and being abandoned by her step father, Sarah Kent feels she owes it to herself to travel the world. After leaving her home in England, Sarah eventually arrives in the North Cascades. Sarah is trying hard to get her life back on track and regain her health and confidence.

Ex Los Angeles cop, Alex Pascal, leaves Los Angeles after a traumatic attack on her life. She no longer has the confidence to be a cop. Her colleagues are just not the same towards her. She can't bear the looks of pity any longer. Alex makes her home in Desolation Peak away from the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles and the dangers of the criminal world.

Sarah and Alex are destined to meet after a storm leaves Sarah cut off from civilization. When Alex hears of Sarah's plight, she is determined to find her and heads off into the wilderness.

When Alex finally discovers Sarah, she finds that Sarah is running from a dangerous, murdering criminal who has already killed without any regard for human life.

The two women set out on the run, trying desperately to stay one step ahead of the perpetrator. Will they succeed?

It isn't long before both women begin to feel the magnetic pull of attraction. Is it possible to fall in love while they are trying to survive? Will Sarah and Alex manage to escape with their lives unscathed?

Let me start by saying, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is an extremely well written, page turning adventure romance. I simply couldn't put this book down and read well into the night.

The suspense and tension along with several OMG moments had my heart racing and left me breathless.

The two main characters, Sarah and Alex are well formed and multidimensional. Both women have suffered mind and body altering experiences, which in my opinion, helps them to form a close bond from the outset.

I love the way Cari Hunter laid out their stories, so that we got to know each of the characters backgrounds as well as their story together in the present day. It certainly helped me to understand Sarah and Alex and how their backgrounds formed them into the women they'd become.

Another thing I enjoyed about this book is the way Cari Hunter portrayed Sarah who is English and Alex who is American. I'm English and have many American friends, their dialogue is very much the same as between me and my friends.

Although most of this book is a serious story, there is a great sense of humor throughout. Amongst all the devastation and pain Sarah and Alex suffer, the humor really shines through and takes the edge off the terror.

The scenic descriptions were excellent. I lost myself in the mountains with Sarah, Alex and the baddies. After I'd read the book, I Googled Desolation Peak. The area was exactly as I'd envisaged it.

This is another book to add to my re-read list.

Serena says

Let me first start by saying that this book is of high quality, especially within the lesbian genre. If you are looking for an exciting thriller then this is a must.

Personally, I was not completely happy with this book. Actually I had the same problem than what I had with reading *Snowbound*, a book also by Cari hunter.

For me the balance between romance and thriller/action is very important. Unfortunately for me there was not enough romance and there were little to none intimate scenes.

The story and the characters would have been perfect if there had been more chemistry and romance. The scene's between the main characters were missing the passion I love to read.

I personally thought *Snowbound* is slightly better.

Samantha Luce says

Very enjoyable romantic adventure. Interesting characters. Lots of danger. Some humor. nice romance. 4 solid stars!

Jessica Nguyen says

It's very hot, cute and believing how Alex and Sarah fell in love with each other. The plot was a page-turner as well. I wish I could have read more of them being together (because it was so cute and hot) than them being captured and tortured by those bad guys and have been suffering because of it.

Just a man's point of view says

Edit: Audiobook version of a very good quality. Nicola Victoria Vincent is a great narrator, with a nice british accent

This was my first Cari Hunter's book, a very enjoyable reading indeed.

It reminded me of *Die Hard*, only set in the mountains and with two nice and brave lesbian ladies instead of Bruce Willis.

You know what I mean, one of those stories where the hero (or the heroines in this case) deals with an impossible situation of extreme danger and barely survives with the most terrible physical wounds and unbearable psychological burdens, but at the end finds the way and the time to kick the butts of all the evil guys.

So, more or less, this is *Desolation Point*, which is a bit predictable, but has a great rhythm and brings adrenalinic fun to the reader.

Also, the evil guys are a little bit too standardized. The classical, violent, hateful bastards, so you're not too worried when they meet their fate at last.

The romance is very well done. The main characters are both nice, intelligent and lovable. A good compromise of strength and fragility. I'd say butch and femme, even if my impression is that Alex is a quite feminine butch, and Sarah a tough femme, so this is interesting.

They become a couple quickly, but it works because we can see they are kindred spirits and the heavy load both of the past and the present plays an important part in getting them together, connecting first their survival and then their life.

Now I'm curious about the sequel!

Amanda says

My wife and I listened to this on audiobook. She couldn't wait and listened to the second book without me. I have to say this book made my stomach hurt. It is intense, as in I am glad it was an audiobook because I would have skipped pages to see what happened kind of intense. We would both try to decide how many hours of sleep we "really" needed to determine if we could stay awake another hour to listen. This was only my second Cari Hunter book. My first was Snowbound, I don't remember it but I gave it an awesome rating. I have now purchased all of her books on audiobook. I used to think I didn't like mystery/thriller but recently I have read several really good books. I am really excited to listen to the rest of her books.
