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February Four says

I wasn't aware that these were Christian romances, but thankfully there was no preaching. I liked the setup and plot enough to stick with it, and it was certainly interesting enough.

Patricia Shull says

This book is part of the Love Inspired series from Harlequin. The story starts out with a woman named Julianne Grace who is running from someone chasing her. She approaches a company and is looking for a man who was associated with her fiancé. She slips past the guard at the gate and runs for the building and ends up running into the man she is looking for. Bradley Stone used to be a commander for the Navy SEALs team that Julianne's fiancé Darrell was a part of. She is trying to find answers because she was told that her fiancé was killed in a training exercise and she distinctly remembers his funeral and everything. As Julianne tells her story to Bradley, doubts start crossing his mind. When he takes her back to her car and it is vandalized, he realizes that she is in serious trouble but he still doesn't think it's Darrell. Bradley starts to help Julianne out to figure out what's going on when things just start to fall apart. His secretary disappears, his house is burglarized and he suffers from carbon monoxide poisoning, someone is shooting at them, they are followed to various locations. To top it off, the Mexican drug cartel, The Amigos, are after Julianne but she doesn't understand why because she's never even heard of them. As events start to snowball into one big messy puzzle and evidence starts to build up against Julianne, Bradley is more determined to prove her innocence, but before he starts to doubt her innocence as well. A very good book to read and with the twist and turn of events it doesn't feel like the story line is dragged out, so it made for a quick read. I would very much recommend it.

Emilie Hendryx says

Second in the Security Experts series, Christy Barritt does it again with Lifeline! Her first novel in this series, Key Witness (find my review here) introduced us to Eyes, a private security organization. In Lifeline, Eyes once again plays a role in the novel with familiar characters Elle Phillips and Mark Denton (from Key Witness).

Julianne Grace doesn't trust men, and for good reason. Her ex-fiance, Darrell, was abusive and, when he passed away in a training accident, she couldn't help but feel relieved. The only trouble is that Julianne has reason to believe Darrell didn't actually die. There have already been two murders and Julianne fears she will be the next. In a panic, Julianne turns to the only person who can help, Bradley Stone.

Bradley works for Eyes as a security analyst and was there at the time of Darrell's accident. If anyone can shed light on the reality of Darrell's death, it's Bradley. But how can he believe Julianne if he saw Darrell die with his own eyes?

Will Julianne and Bradley discover the truth behind Darrell's accident in time to save their lives?

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this novel! It held me captive with wonderful, descriptive writing and action-packed suspense. The danger was almost palatable! I completely recommend this novel to anyone who is interested in romantic suspense done right.

Originally posted on my blog: <http://eahendryx.blogspot.com/2013/09...>

I received a free copy of this book for review purposes, but was under no obligation to read the book or post a review. I do so under my own motivation and the opinions I have expressed in this review are honest and entirely my own.

Tonja Saylor says

Julianne Grace thought her troubles were over when her abusive ex-fiance, Darrell Lewis, was killed in a SEAL training explosion. But, now two years later she is convinced Darrell is alive and has killed two people and she is his next target. She turns to Bradly Stone, Darrell's commanding officer for help. As Julianne and Bradley edge closer to finding the truth about Darrell they also draw closer to each other.

I really enjoyed this book. Most of the time I have the ending pretty much figured out long before finishing the book, but this one had me hooked until the last page. I would highly recommend Lifeline by Christy Barritt. I'm also letting my 13 year old daughter read this one.

Amy Woodley says

Enjoyed this!

I enjoyed reading this one. It was action packed with romance. I have enjoyed The Security Experts series so far.

Ginger Solomon says

Lifeline by Christy Barritt was so good I stayed up until I couldn't keep my eyes open anymore. When I woke the next morning, after only a few hours of necessary sleep, I had to finish it.

Ms. Barritt rolled all the suspense and romance you could want into one excellent story. The question of who-done-it is left hanging throughout, and you're never quite sure if you have the answer or not. At least I wasn't.

How many ways can I say I loved it?

I received this book from the publisher/author for purposes of review. The above is my honest opinion.

Laura says

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LIFELINE is the second book in Ms. Barritt's Security Experts series, but it easily stands alone. Fans will want to read Key Witness though, simply because it's a good book.

Bradley Stone thinks Julianne is crazy. How is a dead man possibly murdering people—and threatening Julianne's life? Not possible—and yet, it is. The person behind the texts and acts claim to be doing it for love—but if you loved someone would you try to kill them? LIFELINE is nonstop action from page one. Readers who love suspense will want to read this one. A page-turner. \$5.99. 224 pages.

Grace says

This author has written a lot of books. I first read two of her books some years ago, Hazardous Duty and Death of the Couch Potato's Wife. The first I really liked, the second less so. Since I heard that Hazardous Duty was being made into a movie I thought I would read another one of her books to see how she had evolved as a writer. I should have been forewarned as the CF series is called "Love Inspired Suspense". I should have known it would be a superficial love story emerging from a long string of murders and continual doubting on the part of the two emotionally crippled main characters.

I am not an editor but I would have loved to have gotten hold of this book before it was published. There were too many clichés and then too many awkward phrases in trying to avoid clichés. This phrased was used two times. "Her hand covered her mouth, covering the O of horror." What does that even mean? And then, "His gaze soaked her in." That hurts my eyes when I think about it.

A lot of things didn't fit for me or were unexplained. I don't have time for all of them. The first was how she got her Bible. She had hiked for miles, when her car ran out of gas, not even bringing a coat, but the next day she was sitting on the couch, in a borrowed apartment, reading her Bible. Where did that come from? Another was when Bradley showed Julianne a secret weapon, a small explosive that when lit would explode in five seconds. I think that is what it was supposed to do. Well, "it ignites", is that the same as explodes? Her response is, "That sounds amazing." That is not how I would respond. She later uses this secret weapon, that is just lying providentially in the car trunk, to get Bradley out of a sealed house that is full of gas! Beyond wondering how Bradley would fair in the explosion, I wondered how she got the trunk open so quickly and then how she found a way to light the explosive in the few seconds she had to save Bradley's life.

I have little patience with books which have so many murders that you lose count. At one point the book mentions "John's murder". Who was that again? I had lost track of all the murders. There were 7, no, 8, I think.

Bradley and Julianne are trying to keep a low profile, behind security guards and intricate home alarm systems, but they are talked into a bonfire on the beach by friends. They have a homicidal maniac, I mean, someone with an "oppositional defiance disorder", after them, who doesn't care who he kills. Talk about easy targets.

And then the not-so-sage advice about relationships, "Once you find the right one, all those old bad relationships are worth it." What? Let's think about this. Julianne is sitting there, terrified, stalked, emotionally and physically scarred her by a "bad relationship". That all goes away when you meet the right guy? All those murders are worth it?

Then in the final scene you have one of the bad guys saying, "...but I have never actually harmed a living soul". But apparently he did and when confronted he says, "I had to." Hmm.

When I was trying to find the publication date I saw that "Harlequin" was cleverly hidden from those of us who use a Kindle. Gasp! All is explained.

Judine Brey says

I enjoyed seeing Elle and Denton again in cameos, but Julianne and Bradley held center stage well. That said, the whole idea of Julianne running from her supposedly dead fiance took too long to get going. Also, Bradley went from cold and impersonal to comforting way too quickly. The drug cartel felt like one twist too many.

Penny says

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Julianne Grace doesn't want to ask Bradley Stone for help. But desperation propels her toward him. He's not sure he can help. Too much hurt and baggage weigh him down. Trouble is... a relentless predator won't let them rest.

The author delves into the ugly truth of physical and mental abuse in this fast paced, edge-of-your-seat suspense. Packed with emotion, the story leads the reader through fear and horror as the characters fight for their lives. What I like about Christy's books is that she always weaves in a thread of hope. Even as my heart fluttered and I shuddered at the terroristic circumstances that surrounded Julianne and Bradley, relief washed over me as their faith kept them calm and guided their path.

As Julianne faces unexpected and close to impossible circumstances, I love seeing her change from frightened and fragile to strong and courageous. In the midst of these incredulous conditions, Barritt knits in a story of love and respect between two injured hearts.

Carol Nicolas says

When two people who work with Julianne Grace are murdered, she is devastated, but when she receives a text message, "I did it for you," she suspects that her ex-fiancé is not dead after all, and that she is his next victim. She goes to security specialist Bradley Stone for answers and ends up in his protection when her car is blown up and gun shots are fired. Bradley has been through his own losses, and he prefers a solitary life, but he finds he is falling hard for this woman. But the closer he becomes to her, the closer to death they step. I enjoyed this book. It moved quickly and kept me turning the pages until the end. Fun!

Sandra Webb says

A real page turner....lots of action and twists and turns. And of course love and an HEA ending. Loved this book!!!

Bekah (WillBakeforBooks) says

I really enjoyed this Love Inspired Suspense novel, more than most. The writing was impeccable. Loved Julianne and Bradley together. The suspense was enough to keep me up reading. Interested in reading the rest of the Security Experts, especially if they're anything like this one!

Julia Lance says

Wow this book was awesome! It's been over a year and a half since I read book one in this series but I remember it was amazing and have been meaning to get this one to the top of my list for a while...Let me tell you it DID NOT disappoint! It was full of action and suspense and had me on the edge of my seat. I fell in love with the characters and hope they will show up in number 3 which is going towards the top of my list as

well! Julianna was able to escape an abusive relationship when her fiancée suddenly died but then 2 years later she finds herself running for her life again and weird thing is she thinks it is him again....trust me is a great read! Great job Christy!

Doreen Marr says

Lifeline is the second in the Security Experts Series (or the third if you count Last Target, which introduces some of the same characters), and it doesn't disappoint. Julianne Grace feared her ex-fiancé for good reason. Then he was killed in Navy Seal training activity. His Commander himself, Bradley Stone, came to inform Julianne of Darrell's death. But Julianne has reason to suspect Darrell is not dead, and she fears for her life. She runs to Commander Stone for help, hoping he'll believe her. He thinks she may be crazy, but wants to protect her. The events following cause Bradley to waffle between believing her that Darrell is alive and wondering if she is causing all these things to happen to get secrets from his latest project. Lots of adventure, suspense, and twists and turns as Julianne and Bradley are attracted to each other, yet suspicious of each other as well. What is real and what is not? Who can they trust? Is Julianne losing her mind? Is she a spy? Read and find out!
