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Jack O'Malley is a fireman who is fearless when it comes to facing an inferno. But when an arsonist begins targeting his district, his shift, his friends, Jack faces the ultimate challenge: protecting the lady who saw the arsonist before she pays an even higher price.

Introducing the O'Malleys, an inspirational group of seven, all abandoned or orphaned as teens, who have made the choice to become a loyal and committed family. They have chosen their own surname, O'Malley, and have stood by each other through moments of joy and heartache. Their stories are told in CBA best-selling, inspirational romantic suspense novels that rock your heart and restore strength and hope to your spirit.

## **The Protector Details**

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### **Hannah says**

I really enjoyed this story a great deal. It's pleasant to see improvement in Henderson's writing style; there are still errors, and some places where the meaning is obscured, but not on every single page.

What gets me every time is these incredible characters. I wish I could meet this family! And I loved all the precise details about what a firefighter does each day, how the shifts work, how the firemen interact with each other...I learned quite a lot of interesting details. I also loved that it took some serious guessing to even narrow down who the culprit might be. I'll probably be reading Rachel's story next week!

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### **Sarah says**

I loved this one so much. Somehow, I forgot to mark it as read when I read it in December.

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### **Ashley Carmichael says**

This is actually my favorite in the series mostly because the plotting is a little more complex (firefighters seeking arsonist in a whodunnit fashion). Plus, Jack and Cassie are great, not at all annoying, characters that I can really get behind. The romance is a little redundant, but you come to expect that a little with these books from the get go since you kind of know the idea is that the OMalleys are all needing Jesus and Jennifer is kind of central to that, but I think there could have been a different approach rather than the same ol plot line, which having dated a nonchristian and also having friends who are very ade entry against Christianity-- is a fairytale. A beautiful one, but the issue of faith and conversion is just so much more complex than what I've tread on these novels. Don't get me wrong. They're great reads and I enjoy them. But it's the Christian authors struggle---breathing life into complex faith issues.

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### **Olivia says**

A great story; intense like the others. One thing I liked better in this one was how the romance wasn't as heavy and focused on. I was partly surprised at who was the arsonist, although I considered him at the beginning. You will love Cassie, who is partly deaf, and bares the scares from being trapped in a fire. And you will like Jack for his strength, but also for his good jokes and teasing.

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### **Ellen says**

I had some mixed feelings about this book compared to the others in the series. Comparing it to the earlier books, I didn't feel *\_The Protector\_* had the same power as the other books. I didn't feel like I got as deep a look inside what made Jack tick as much as I did for his siblings in the earlier books. Then again, maybe

that's reflecting Jack's own character as so distinctly different from Marcus, Kate, or Lisa. I was deeply moved by the danger and sacrifices that firefighters make, even brought to tears a couple times about Cassie. Plus, I have to give cheers to Dee Henderson for keeping me guessing about who the bad guy was! Several times I thought I knew--afterall, I felt like I was getting to know her style and all her little tricks... NOPE! Some clever twists kept second-guessing until I ended up following a red herring instead of guessing the real culprit. So in the end, it earned my respect and a good rating!

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### **Courtney says**

This is the only book in the series that made me badger my kids with "whodunnit" comments. It has me reading more than I should at one sitting. Jack and Cassie's romance was more realistic, unique, and natural than any of the others in the series. A mini-plot with Rachel and her future love interest intruded on Jack and Cassie's story. Jack's character was more detailed and defined than Marcus' male character sketch in the *Guardian*, but Henderson still piggybacked off of the female's viewpoint enough in typical chicklit fashion to agitate me. This is the tightest suspense plots in the series, and I enjoyed it.

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### **Brooke (i blog 4 books) says**

Another great visit with the O'Malleys! Jack is primarily portrayed as a prankster, a funny man in the earlier books, but we get to see much more of who he is in *The Protector*. The relationship between he and Cassie was beautiful, and it was nice to see a romantic relationship develop around someone who wasn't your typical beauty.

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### **Randy Tramp says**

Jack O'Malley, fireman, faces his greatest challenge when an arsonist targets his district, his shift, and his friends.

The Omalley's are an inspirational group of seven.

I've enjoyed the books in this series. My brother is a firefighter. *The Protector* reminded me of the stories my brother would tell me.

Sprinkled with the Word of God, put this read on a higher level. Encouraging and inspirational.

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### **Victoria says**

This books was very good! I immediately knew who was the arsonist and I was right! I loved the romance in this book. Jack is one of my favorite O'Malleys just because of his personality. Highly recommend it!

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### **Susan says**

This is the second time I've listened to this book. An outstanding series. I love all the O'Malleys, their story of how they became a family. The spiritual side of these books are marvelous and uplifting. I always look forward to books by Dee Henderson, both new and old.

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### **Andrea Cox says**

While Jack and Cole were a smidge more controlling of Cassie than I liked, this book is still one of my favorites. There's just something about firefighters that I can't help but admire. The way they risk their own safety and lives in order to save others is reminiscent of Jesus's sacrifice to save me, and I think that is one reason why I've read this book three times now (as of 1/24/18). The O'Malleys are one of my favorite fictional families, and it's always a pleasure to read their stories. It's fun to talk about them with real-life friends too.

I was not compensated for my honest review.

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### **Victoria Lynn says**

I liked this book very much! Jack was one of my favorite characters from the get-go of the series, and I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him better and to understand some of his quirks. Cassie was also a very relatable character, someone I saw a lot of myself in actually. Unfortunately, I had a hard time understanding the plot because I took a week long break smack dab in the middle of the book. Not a great idea! LOL! But the story was great and I loved it! I can't wait to have this series on my bookshelf. Another thing worth mentioning is Dee Henderson's descriptions of a firefighters life. I have always been immensely grateful for the people who sacrifice their lives and time for such a noble profession. I was fascinated by the details and incredibly thankful for the individuals who do this for a living.

Includes: a (view spoiler) Actually one of the tamer and cleaner O'Malley books. Recommended for ages 14+

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### **Emily Gillespie says**

I find all of Dee Henderson's books extremely well written with characters that you come to know, love, and connect with on some level. The story lines are also intriguing. The religious aspect of the books can distract from the overall story, but if you consider the characters' value of religion itself, it makes sense that it is mentioned so often.

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### **Jessica says**

I loved the character of Jack...throughout all the series...his character made me laugh with his antics. His story showed the person under all the jokes. He fought God a lot too....Cassie shows him God throughout the story....the part where she pleads with him not to go to Hell...really touched me....Cassie being a burn victim herself knows the feeling of being burned....it struck a cord with me that she's a knows a little of what Hell will be like and how awful it would be....I can't explain it...it just got to me....Jack is just an endearing character....

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### **Rachael says**

Really enjoyed this one. Jack just may be my favorite male O'Malley, though that's a tough one.

The mystery plot was great, characters very well done, and I love the strong faith theme. There aren't as many Christian books nowadays with the strong salvation message in like these classics! Very glad I decided to go back and re-read. Thoroughly enjoying them.

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### **Sarah Grace says**

Wow! I loved this book! I am always hard-pressed to find clean-by-my-standards-of-clean suspense\mysteries, so I was very excited when my sister recommended this to me!

The O'Malley family is a very unorthodox, but very sweet family! I love their close-knit and caring relationship. It actually reminded me a lot of my family. Jack was a phenomenal character, and my favorite of all the siblings, I think. I really enjoyed reading his story.

The plot\mystery was well thought out and very suspenseful. It left me guessing numerous times! (And I'm usually pretty good at guessing the culprit. ;) It was a shocker when I finally got the end climax scene!

CONTENT NOTE: (view spoiler)

All in all, a very good book! Definitely something I would read over and over again! I read it in literally 24 hours, if that tells you how good it was! One thing I really liked about it was that I could just pick this up, and understand it, even though it was in the middle of a series. Highly recommended!

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### **Ed says**

This is another fabulous novel in the O'Malley series. In all of Dee Henderson's O'Malley books you find lost people turning to Christ. I like the deep circumstances that the Lord brings upon people to help them see the need for salvation. You can learn a lot about counseling people through these novels. These books are fiction, but you can learn much about the Savior through the experiences of the characters in these books. The Bible is referred to often throughout her stories.

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### **Victoria says**

The action is just right, and the O'Malleys are awesome. But come on now, is EVERY book in this series going to center around a Christian "not dating" (but totally dating) a nonchristian, leading naturally and necessarily to a conversion?

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### **Lesley Nowlin says**

I was really enjoying the O'Malley series until I got to the protector. Fortunately, with this series, a reader can skip a book and still follow the series. This was not one of the better books in the series. So, if you find yourself struggling to complete this novel, skip it. You will not miss much in the story. Dee Henderson is one of my favorite authors. However, I think she got carried away with religion in this one. The novel was more about Jack accepting Jesus into his life. The religion aspect totally over shadowed the arson investigation and budding romance between Jack and Cassie. Which, by the way, I didn't find this romantic union to be very believable.

I have two books remaining in the series, I sure hope they live up to expectations.

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### **Notbagels says**

This was probably my least favorite, although there's nothing wrong with the story. It's just, at this point in the series, I'm a little bit over "protector must save damselgirl from badguy threat." Just once, I'd like the girl to do the protecting. Which, okay, Cassie kind of did. Whatever.

I was also a little worn out on the "Non-Christian \_\_\_\_\_ O'Malley meets Christian love interest; finds Jesus, too" storyline. How about meeting a non-christian and seeking Jesus together? How about finding Jesus in a sibling's book and wrestling with being a new Christian in a new relationship in their own book (spoilers, that's the next book)? OR! Having a very new faith and falling for a non-believer from you life before Christ and not knowing quite how to approach it all? That might have been more interesting. There are just a lot of situations to explore here and Henderson uses the same plot over again. But! I liked Jack and I do love me some firefighters, so overall, it was good. Just a little redundant.

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