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Morgan Alexandria moved to Virginia to escape her past...but her past isn't ready to let her go. Thanks to her ex-husband's shady dealings, someone's after her, and if it weren't for Jackson Sharo, she might already be dead. Can Morgan trust Jackson? Maybe not. The former big-city cop is practically a stranger. But trying to handle everything on her own just leads to new disasters. And without Jackson's help, she could find herself running right into a trap....

## Running for Cover Details

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# From Reader Review Running for Cover for online ebook

## Paula Legate says

This was one of those books I couldn't put down. I stayed up all night just to finish it. There was not a place in the book, to stop for the night... I love action packed, romance suspense books, and that's what this book was start to end. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did!

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## Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says

I liked this one, I thought it was pretty good. It kept me reading and I was wondering how everything would wrap up. The story takes place over maybe three days and to be honest, I didn't feel like a whole lot happened. There is a lot of inner thought, with a focus on Morgan's past relationship with her ex Cody (and her siblings she was separated from as a kid), Jackson's feelings of guilt over his sisters death and their mutual desire to ignore the attraction between them.

The mystery was kind of bleh and I thought wrapped up pretty quickly. The romance was pleasant, but nothing that gave me butterflies or really held my interest. The characters were likable enough. I'm not a huge fan of Christian fiction (I usually end up reading it mainly because I know it'll be clean), but I thought those elements were handled pretty well here (course I usually skim over the churchy stuff). (view spoiler)

Overall, it was okay. I liked it enough that I'll probably check out more from the series.

### Content

Romance: Clean

Violence: Mild

Religious: Moderate

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## Kim says

Meh. Not sure this book gets a full three stars but I checked out the version with Heroes for Hire 1&2, so since I'm going to follow through and read #2, this one must have been interesting enough to round it up to three. Hopefully it gets better from here.

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## Pascale says

I very much enjoyed this story. It moved at a quick and steady pace. It was the perfect length - not too long and not too short. It is a clean read with good morals and a Christian theme throughout without being too preachy. This was my first time reading this author's work and I would definitely read more by her. There was a good element of suspense and action but nothing that kept me up at night. Very good piece of writing.

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## **Jacqui Burn says**

**Great storyline. Kept the suspense right to the end.**

All people who love romantic suspense will enjoy reading this story. Would like to find out what happened to her siblings in the next few books

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## **Sandra Webb says**

Loved the storyline. Great characters. Also a great start to this series. Ready to start book #2.

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## **Deloris Mercer says**

### **Fantastic book**

Thank you Ms. McCoy for writing such a great book. Lot's of twists and turns, and a sweet romance. Great characters.

Will recommend it to anyone.

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## **Christine says**

Good story; fast read.

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## **Sarah says**

Actual rating 2.5.

### **Thoughts and Plot**

Morgan Alexandria is going to die. She wakes up on the floor of her kitchen, with two thugs rummaging through her apartment. She tries to make an escape, running down the stairs to her gallery but gets caught...and then an innocent bystander walks in...

Jackson Sharo just wanted to buy a wedding gift, but the gallery owner seemed desperate to get rid of him. Something doesn't seem quite right, so he decides to check it out, and gets caught up in murderous mystery.

That's how the synopsis should have read.

Morgan moved away to Virginia to escape her old life and the shadows that surrounded her ex-husband who is now in jail. But the past won't stay in the past and her ex-husbands shady dealings come back to haunt her in the form of a mysterious disc that people are willing to kill for. If Jackson hadn't stepped in, she might be

dead. Now if she could only get him to leave, for his own safety.

Jackson, however, has other ideas. He promised their mutual friends he'd look out for Morgan so they could go enjoy their honeymoon without a worry, and that's exactly what he's going to do, even if Morgan doesn't like it. Nevermind that she's denying the mutual attraction between them.

Things that annoyed me, the Instalove and near instalove shared by the two characters. The man's ability to ignore all the "I said no and leave me alone" conversations he had with Morgan. I understand she's in danger, but near stocking is not nearly as good and persuading her she actually needs help. And who goes to church when they know people are after her and probably stalking her family.

Also, what a jerk husband and friend. (You will have to figure out yourself what I mean by that.

This was an alright Let Inspired Mystery Romance. Shirlee McCoy continues to deliver a readable romance with touch of Christian values that aren't completely rammed down your throat, but there to highlight some of the good qualities. Her writing usually lands her solidly between 2-3 star ratings with me and I know if I pick up on of her books, chances are high I'll want to finish it.

### **In Conclusion**

A solid showing by Shirlee McCoy, with some nice suspense built in. Not the greatest, but a decent enough fluff read

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### **Judy says**

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Jackson Sharo is in Lakeview, Virginia for the wedding of his friend, Jude Sinclair. At one time he was New York Detective with Jude now he works for Kane Dougherty at Information Unlimited as a PI. He forgot his wedding gift back in New York and notices the light on at a local gallery. The woman who answers the door looks in bad shape, she tells him she is closed and to come back tomorrow. After she closes the door he checks around the building and is heading back to check on her again when she runs into his arms.

Morgan Alexandria was going to die. The brutes who broke in and beat her would not leave her alive. Her ex-husband, Cody, had told these men she had a disk she did not have. When the doorbell rang and there was a handsome stranger on the other side she hoped he would see something was wrong, but she would not endanger him. She had a gun on her and knew the men would kill both of them. When she found another chance to escape she ran outside and right into the strangers arms.

Jude & Lacey would be married in twelve hours and then on their way to Paris for a honeymoon. When they came to the hospital and seen Morgan they were going to postpone the trip until she was safe again. Jackson promised he would stay and look after her, Morgan knew that was another empty promise from a handsome man. She had learned her lesson well from Cody, the man who was now in prison for killing his own business partner in cold blood. After the wedding when Morgan headed to the airport to go visit her parents in Spokane, Washington she could not believe that Jackson stayed by her side, he actually was keeping his word.

Trouble follows the pair to Chicago and Washington. Morgan thought she would be safe in her Aunt Helen's out of the way cabin in Washington but no where was safe from these men. And being with Jackson seemed to be the most dangerous of all. Morgan had fought long and hard to be independent again and yet she found it so easy to lean on Jackson and let someone help with her burden.

A secondary story is that Morgan was abandoned at age nine in Latvia. Her younger sister was adopted out several months before her and her older brother had still been at the orphanage. She has been searching for them for at least a decade. She also never allowed herself to be a part of the Alexandria Family, she always felt a part of her was missing. Jackson's sister had died a few years earlier and he carried the guilt of not being able to save her.

This is the first book in the Heroes for Hire series and I am looking forward to reading all the books in the series.

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### **Krista says**

If I could've, I would've given this book 3.5 stars - and here's why. I liked this book. It wasn't the greatest book I've ever read, nor is it the best book by Shirlee that I've read; but I liked it. There's nothing I hate more than cliché romance novels, and this one had only a few of those moments. Overall, a suspense-filled book with a good romantic story-line. The ending wrapped it up a bit too neatly and quickly for my taste, if I may say so without giving anything away. I would've liked to find out more bits as the story went on, instead of seemingly all of it in the last page or so. BUT, I don't want to discourage anyone from reading it; if you like Christian romance books that aren't preachy or too cliché, you'll probably like this book, too. (I Highly recommend 'Fugitive', also by Shirlee McCoy - it's the best of her books I've read so far, and definitely one of the best Christian romance novels I've ever read.)

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### **Trewen says**

Who on earth is knocked unconscious by bad guys, wakes up and has instalust?  
And the dialogue? Don't get me started.  
just no

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### **Bailey says**

I seriously enjoyed this book. I love that we were able to see into the minds of Morgan and Jackson throughout their first three days together. It made the journey much more interesting and compelling than just listing the events alone.

I will most definitely be continuing the Heroes For Hire series. With an action packed debut such as this, the rest of the series MUST be great.

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## **Michelle says**

Heroes for Hire

Book 1

I was excited to begin this new series. After reading the first chapter, I realized that this book is related the the series, "The Sinclair Brothers," which I haven't read (The third brother's wedding plays a part in getting these two together - I don't think they are mentioned anymore in the series). Also, the "Lakeside" series is linked as the story begins in Lakeside. Therefore, I'm guessing all three stories are linked. You don't have to read any of the previous series, though, to read this book. It looks to me like the location is changing in this series (New York, maybe)...

With that said, this book captured my attention right away by beginning with a half-beaten woman laying on her kitchen floor while two men tore apart her house and held her captive. Enter ex-cop, Jackson Sharo who runs in to rescues her, then becomes her protector as she travels cross-country to hide from the men who want something of her ex-husband's. The author does very well in taking us from the scenic Lakeside, Virginia to Washington, and even introduces us to New York through phone calls to Jackson's boss. Where will this story end?

The romance was sweet as well. Jackson acted on his feelings, but Morgan just wasn't sure she could ever get involved with someone again after the pain her ex-husband had put her heart through. Both would need to put their trust in God again so they could move on.

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## **charmaine White says**

**Good Read**

Lots of action,mystery and suspense even some laughter.But still a sit on the edge of your seat thriller.I'll be looking for more of this series.

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