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#### **Failsafe Details**

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## From Reader Review Failsafe for online ebook

## Sara Cardon says

This starts off quickly and Charlotte is on the run. I really enjoyed the suspense, and wondering who to trust. I like the multiple perspectives. Charlotte is smart, humble, and kind. I love her interactions with elderly people, including how she gets along with Jake's grandma. The details of the CIA, NSA, and tracking people electronically are fantastic. The ending comes together well.

#### Riannon says

This book provided mild entertainment, but didn't stand out to me. There wasn't nearly as much action/adventure/intrigue as I would have hoped for from a spy novel. I didn't realize when I picked it up that the focus would be so much on the romance aspect. Still, the romance was understated and tasteful. Nothing especially irritating about the book, but nothing especially compelling either. A prototypical 3 star rating.

## Lucinda says

2015 Whitney finalist in the Mystery/Suspense category. Will rate after the gala.

### Melanie says

The action starts right away in this book! We barely meet Charlotte Martin and then she is running for her life. We quickly learn that she's smart and creative and needs to stay sharp and trust her instincts.

Jake Bradford is a writer who has returned home because his parents recently died. He finds out that he needs to take care of his grandmother and isn't sure what to do. Charlotte enters his life and it turns out that his farm is just the place she needs to lay low until she can meet up with the people who can help her figure out what's going on.

Jake and Charlotte are both likable. Charlotte was so cute with his grandmother, as she would allow her to "teach" her how to cook and she truly enjoyed spending time with her. They also have a lot in common with their family situations. Their relationship has the potential to change both of their lives but she can't be completely honest with him so there are some trust issues to overcome.

I loved the fast pace and had a hard time putting this one down. I liked that it would slow down a little at times so I could catch my breath before it picked up again. I love Traci Hunter Abramson's books and this one didn't disappoint. If you enjoy clean romantic suspense, this is a great choice!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

## Saralyn says

Enjoyed it as far as this genre goes. It's one of my favorite downtime genres right now. (clean romantic suspense)

#### Katie W says

This story immediately pulled me in. Charlotte is on the run and I had no idea how she was going to escape. Her father was killed and the killers are now after her. Let me just say, I was totally on the edge of my seat.

It's to be expected that someone with that level of training would be a pro at these intense situations, but Charlotte is real. She struggles with knowing who to trust and how much information to give out, yet she is naturally kind and caring--her training can't change who she really is. I would be a mess with all the suspense and unknowns, but Charlotte found a way to reach out and ease the lives of those around her. The way she interacted with and helped Jake's grandma is very sweet.

Charlotte ends up on Jake Bradford's doorstep, in desperate need of safety. Jake has problems of his own and has suffered a sudden loss in his life as well. With that in common, the two of them build a strong connection and had a chemistry that stemmed from awkward interactions. These two were great characters!

I loved the way the story went back and forth between Charlotte and Jake and the killers because it really upped the intensity of the situation. I loved the climax and ending--they both fit the storyline and characters really well. Nothing is over the top and it's really well done.

Content: mild romance (kissing); mild violence (deaths, kidnappings, crime violence--nothing graphic); no language or religious elements. Clean for a reader who can handle intense situations.

\*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review\*

### **Chrissy says**

This was a good romantic-suspense. It had the CSA and NSA involved and a strong heroine spy undercover and a great hero there to help out. Fun times.

#### **Donna Weaver says**

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

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#### **MY TAKE**

I've been a huge fan of Abramson since the first book of hers I read. I liked it so much I read it aloud to my husband. My schedule has been so busy that it's been difficult to "read" books, and I've turned to audiobooks to get in my reading fix. I cannot tell you how thrilled I was to find TWO of her titles now available on Audible. I snapped this one up.

I loved it! Abramson does a great job with not only the thriller/suspense aspects of her stories but also the crafting of her characters. I care about them so much. And this book was exceptional in this. I loved that the love interest was a writer too.

I'm not going to spoil what happens, but there's one tense scene that had me sitting on the edge of my seat all while smiling at the location of the face out. Brilliant!

#### John says

Enjoyed the book. Interesting story. Clean, no offensive language, no gory violence. Some parts were a bit predictable and some of the spy/ tech stuff seemed a bit weak. Overall, enjoyable.

### Maggie says

I read the book Failsafe by Traci Hunter Abramson. This book is about Charlotte Martin who works on a farm in the Virginia country. But she works for her dad, the NSA, and the CIA trying to protect agents out in the field and their identities. Besides the stress in trying to protect these agents, and making sure nothing goes wrong with the computer system, she lives a pretty peaceful life. Until the day someone showed up unexpectedly and shot her Dad and co-worker. They got shot trying to protect her and the agents from being discovered, so they put the system on Failsafe. And she is the only one who knows how to access it and unlock the system. So she ran away from the life she knew. The only other person that she can trust is Ace, and he codes a message in the newspaper that says she can meet him in 6 weeks. Meanwhile on in Jake Bradford's life everything is going wrong. His parents just died in a car accident coming to see him in New York, and his sister blames him for the accident. Then he gets the news that he inherited their family farm, and he has to take care of his Grandmother. He's troubled because he wants to go back to New York but can't find anyone to manage both the farm and his writing career. Then Charlotte conveniently falls right onto his

farm. Charlotte was running away from the people who killed her father and are also coming after her too. She bought a horse and was riding along the country when there was a rainstorm and she hid on a farm not knowing where she was at and with no fake identity or that much money left, when Jake came riding up on a horse and offered to have her stay at his house until the storm passed. While she stayed there, she was under a false identity: Hannah Thompson and she continually started to grow closer to his grandmother when he asked her if she would watch her permanently for him while her would write. Jake and Charlotte started to fall in love without even knowing they would go horseback riding, watch movies, and take care of his Grandma together. But the 6 weeks were coming to and end and she had to go meet with Ace to open up the computer system and save the agents that were in danger she didn't know if she had to start a new life or for now would be safe with Jake on his rural farm. Jake was devastated that she had to go but eventually he let her go and she met with Ace. Ace said that he would let her stay on the farm but would have to take a computer with her so she could find the people that killed her father and wanted to have the system. But one day the people that killed her father came and kidnapped her and Jake so she could unlock the Failsafe. She refused to open the system, and she knew that when she did, she and Jake would be killed. She fought with her attackers and Ace came to the rescue and shot her attackers. Charlotte returns to the farm with a choice either help out the guardian program, go into hiding with a new identity, or live on the farm with Jake. She decides to stay on the farm when Jake proposes. Then Jake suggests that she take the guardian program to the farm and she can work on it whenever she wants. The theme of the book would be that no matter what goes wrong in your life there will always be another good thing along the way of life, even if you don't think that there is. Like the famous quote "When one door closes, another one opens." I would recommend this book to anyone who likes mystery, adventure, romance, suspense, or any spy type book.

## Michelle says

Excellent!! I've never read any books by Abramson although I've heard a lot about her. Sometimes hearing a lot sets me up for disappointment. This book, though, did not disappoint. Right from the first five pages I was hooked. The action started and carried the first portion of the book. The middle slowed down, but still maintained a good pace without dragging. It let the characters and the romance develop. The ending picked up the pace again. I was pleased that even with a heightened pace, the ending did not jump from one fantastic fight and chase scene to another. There was only one at the end. The setting for the ending climax did seem a bit far-fetched, and would have certainly been had it been on film. But, the way it was written didn't leave it feeling too far-fetched. Overall, I'm eager to read more of hers!

#### Maxwell says

Charlotte is a girl who lives on a farm with her father, but really they are agents in a secret program. Bad people want to get into their database, but can't, so they break in after tracking Charlotte and her father. They killed her father when he refused to give them access to the database. The database was locked and only Charlotte can open it. She runs to avoid being caught and finds safety on a farm in Virginia where she meets Jake. They fall in love, but neither know how things will work out and how their situations will change.

I did not like this book because I felt like this book was boring at the beginning and hard to get into. As I read it got better, though. Another thing I didn't like was that the plot was difficult to understand. What motivated the opposing characters seemed to elude my understanding. I also did not get what the secret organization what supposed to do, and why it was so important that they continued to operate. Other than

this the book is great and captivates my attention while reading.

This book would be good for people who might like adventure. It also would be good for people who like a little romance, but not a lot of it. I do not think, however, that it would be the best book for those who only like page turners because it does give lots of events that do not have much, or any action. If you enjoy reading about secret organizations that protect society then this would also be a great book for you to read.

## Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

From the first page this book drew me in and kept me turning the pages to find out how it ends.

Charlotte and Jake have both recently suffered loss. For both it was sudden and unexpected. Both have emotional scars and feel some responsibility for circumstances beyond their control. This is a common bond that draws them together.

Charlotte has deep secrets that she can't reveal to Jake. She is on the run from a security breach that led to the murder of her father and his assistant. I was amazed at how resourceful she is. It was part of her legacy and training from childhood.

This book is full of suspense. There are alternating points of view that show how determined the good and the bad guys are to find her. She is the key for both parties in hiding/opening a top secret computer program. I kept reading to find out who would find her first!

This book is a clean suspense novel. There is some violence due to the nature of the story. It wasn't descriptive. Excellent book!

#### Sierra Lutz says

Failsafe by Traci Hunter Abramson, was an absolutely enthralling book. Charlotte Martin, NSA operative, faces a threat. The computer software system that her and her father designed is threatened and her father and his assistant end up dead. Charlotte must escape those who are hunting for her and the password to the system, which contains top secret information. Running for her life, literally, Charlotte meets writer Jake Bradford. Jake, who's parents recently died, is left with the house and farm as well as the task of caring for his elderly grandmother. Jake offers Charlotte a job taking care of his grandmother. Charlotte accepts, but knows that she can't stay for long, needing to meet her contact. Jake and Charlotte instantly have a connection, and soon both of them are beginning to fall for one another. Charlotte dares not tell Jake her secret, and soon trouble finds her. Jake, who eventually finds out her secret, risks life and limb for a girl he just met. The final face off, which takes place in a toy store, revels someone we never though was behind it. The day is saved, and Charlotte must decide what to do, stay with Jake or keep working on the system. Charlotte, in the end, doesn't have to decide. Jake proposes, and gives Charlotte a way to do what she loves, near who she loves. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who likes romance, action, and danger. This book is hard to put down, and its message of goodness makes it even more enjoyable.

## Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

This was a book I was so happy to get my hands on. I love clean, romantic suspense books and Traci Abramson is one of my favorite authors in this category.

This book was so easy to get caught up in. I was invested from the very beginning and did not want to put this book down. I almost feel bad when I read through a book so fast. What took an author countless hours of time to write, I polish off in a few. I really hope they take that as a compliment though because it is.

I liked Charlotte and I liked Jake. Separately and together. What I liked most about Charlotte was that even though her world was falling apart, she still extended kindness and gentleness to others. She wasn't lashing out to hurt others because she hurt.

The suspense was good- perfect for me because I'm somewhat of a chicken. This suspense was engaging without scaring me silly. :) What a fun book, well written and engaging. Oh, and clean! Yay!

My thanks to Covenant for allowing me to read and review this title for them.