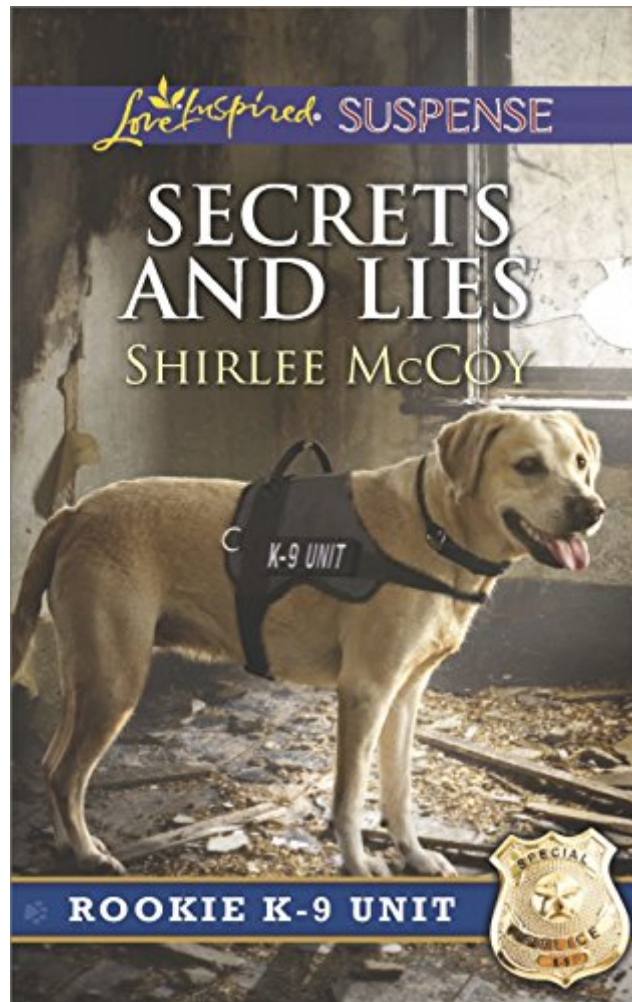


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# Secrets And Lies (Rookie K-9 Unit)



## Synopsis

EXPECTING AND IN DANGER

Attacked in her classroom, widowed teacher Ariel Martin's only thought is for her unborn child. When her student's brother, rookie K-9 officer Tristan McKeller, and his faithful dog save her life, she can't thank him enough. She knows Tristan won't rest until she's safe, but she doesn't want him or his police colleagues digging into her dangerous past. After all, the only person who would want to hurt her is dead—or is he? With her and her child's life on the line, she'll have to trust Tristan with her secrets if she wants to finally get the fresh start she's been desperately seeking.

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## Customer Reviews

This latest installment of the Rookie Canine Unit series is honest, heartwarming and sincere. There is plenty of action. Lots of twists and turns. Ariel is in Desert Valley to escape her past. Canine officer Tristan and his partner Jesse are trying their best to help solve the murders and other crimes that are invading the small quiet town. But mostly Tristan is trying to parent his teenage orphaned sister Mia. Ariel is Mia's summer school teacher, Mia is having serious problems. When Ariel and Tristan try to help Mia it soon becomes obvious Ariel is in even more trouble from her past. Both

heroes are moral, honest and caring individuals. Their relationship is based on integrity and their devotion to help others. It grows to something beautiful and worthwhile, all while moving the plot in a captivating and involving manner. You really care for Ariel, Tristan and Mia and they are developed into people you root for in the midst of all the scary and violent actions surrounding them. Christian based, this story redeems your faith in what people can be. Although all the Rookie K9 stories stand alone, they are much better read in order. So excited to read the concluding book.

Suspense rules the day here as we get to know the intriguing characters that McCoy develops here. I really enjoyed the continued development of the overarching plot of the series while this novel takes us on an adventure all of its own. Subtly vivid descriptions bring this world to life as a sweet romance brings the characters together. The unique plot brings readers and characters together in a suspenseful yet clean novel that alternately had me in suspense and smiling at the sweetness of the characters. I really enjoyed how the characters in this novel were developed. Their individuality worked in with the way that they get to know one another. They were the type of individuals who invited readers into their lives for the short while that we get to know them. All in all this was an enjoyable, sweet, clean romance with a dose of suspense. I would definitely recommend it to others. Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

One of the rare times where my unfamiliarity with the earlier titles in the series have affected the enjoyment of the read. The fifth book in the Rookie K-9 Unit series carries underlying suspense/mystery threads forward from earlier titles while we are dealing with the immediate story of Ariel and Tristan. Ariel is a teacher, pregnant and with an air of mystery. She's in the small town of Desert Valley after leaving Las Vegas after her husband's death. While all of that is on her plate, the town is beset with a rash of crime and it hasn't stopped. Tristan is an officer with a burden, his teen sister is a student of Ariel's and is in the middle of her own teenaged moments. Everything that one would expect from a 14 year old with loss and anger issues comes out at usually directed at him. And when Tristan and Ariel start to form a friendship that just may have some notes of romance, even if Ariel and Mia get along, it's not easy. So what was here did reveal a solid connection with Ariel and Tristan, and the relationships that they both had with Mia ring solidly true. Additionally, Tristan's dog Jesse is wonderful and those moments are clever. But there was SO much going on from the earlier books that a reveal and answer came, but meant little to me in terms of the whole story arc. I'm sure that those familiar with the series felt it

worked well, but there are still so many elements unsolvedâ | I just focused on the relationship and left the rest alone. Best for those who have read the earlier titles in the series, I may find some downtime to grab those titles and start from the beginning. I received an eArc copy of the title from the publisher via NetGalley for purpose of honest review. I was not compensated for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

This is the fifth book of the continuity series, Rookie K-9 Unit. I have loved this series (all of my favorite authors are writing the series) and can't wait to get the next book but now I'm at the point where I hate to get the last book next month because I hate to see it end. This book is well written, action packed, and fast paced much like all of Shirlee's suspense books. I do love her work, don't you? Ariel Martin is a widow, she is pregnant, and is trying to starting over in Desert Valley. She teaches summer school and is grading papers waiting for one of her student's brother to show up for a meeting when she is attacked. The only person who would want her dead was her ex-husband but he was killed. Could it be the same person who had killed several people in the small sleepy town? A rookie K-9 team rescue her but can she keep her past a secret? Rookie K-9 Officer Tristan McKellar was late to his meeting with his sisters teacher. He had already cancelled twice, she wasn't going to be happy with him. As he arrives his K-9 partner alerts to a problem. The very pregnant teacher is climbing out one of the windows as a killer is shooting at her. Tristan and his partner rescue her but he is determined to protect her and her unborn baby and find the answers to his questions. A journey of two brokenhearted individuals struggling to survive the attacks brought on by a mad man. They must learn to trust each other and trust God to help them. God has a plan for these two and it's much greater than they had dreamed. God has a plan for you too. All you have to do is have faith in God, do what He tells you to do, and say what He tells you to say. You will be thrilled by what He has in store for you.

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