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The hat. The gun. And the will to protect.

Showing up to investigate a double homicide, Sheriff Phoenix Cade almost comes out of his boots when he sees the blonde--the only witness to the crime--covered in blood. He'd danced with her a few nights before and had every intention of getting her number until she threw up all over his shoes. Hell, his shoes would wash...

Ria Portman has spent the better part of six years convincing her family and friends that she could take care of herself. The accident took her sight, but it didn't take her independence. There were a lot of things she'd learned over the years, especially regarding men. They said they could handle her disability, but truth was, they lied. When her assistant and client are murdered in her studio she will have to rely on one man—the one man who makes her want to trust again.

Phoenix is over his ex, but since he caught her cheating he's compared relationships to playing with fire. It's only a matter of time before a man gets burnt. Yet, Ria is different. She's beautiful, smart, challenging, and doesn't need him...even when she does. He should keep his head on straight because the killers want her dead and it's his job to keep her safe. However, he's realizing, a man in love becomes a giant. He'll protect Ria with a force unlike any that has ever been seen before.

## **Protected by the Lawman Details**

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## **From Reader Review Protected by the Lawman for online ebook**

### **Victoria says**

3.25-3.50 RATING- I really enjoy reading story lines that feature a blind heroine so was excited to read the blurb for this one. Overall, it was an okay read. Nothing very memorable or exciting. I'm not sure that I've read anything from this author before but for some reason was expecting this to be a little more steamy than it was.

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### **CarolKat says**

I requested and received an ARC of this book. I am reviewing of my own volition.

One of my favorite things about this book is the heroine. She's smart, tough, feisty and blind. Ria lost a fiancé because of her blindness, but not her ambition. She left the big city with her sister, to start over in her old family home.

When she meets Phoenix Cade, she doesn't know he's the sheriff every woman wants. All she knows is she's attracted to him and she hopes never to run into him again after she embarrasses herself.

None of that seems important after two goons kill her assistant and a client at her home office. Saving herself by hiding on the shelf under her massage table, it was pure luck she wasn't discovered and killed.

One of the things the bad guys don't take into consideration is the acute senses of a blind person. Everything is more enhanced to make up for the lack of sight, so while she is unable to visually identify them she can give some definite insight into them.

The heat ratchets up a notch as Phoenix takes her into protective custody. His family cabin becomes the scene of their budding romance.

As the layers are peeled off this mystery, betrayal and heartbreak ensue.

Very well written with edge of your seat suspense, extremely hot make-out scenes and so much more.

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### **Gladys says**

Protected by the Lawman is an entertaining and well written read. This romantic suspense offers a gripping storyline and engaging characters. Ria and Phoenix have great chemistry and I just loved them together. I love a book that is created to showcase what I consider "reality based characters". Ria is smart, sexy, sweet, feisty and blind. Phoenix, is strong, tough and a hero to his core. I loved the steam and heat these two created and enjoyed the softness Ria brought out in Phoenix. A very pleasurable read that I highly recommend. I'm posting a voluntary review after reading an advance copy of this book.

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### **Pauline Frost says**

This got a five star from me because of the suspenseful plot with well developed characters you relate to. Ria and Phoenix have hurdles to overcome but resolve so they can move on and live the life they want. A well written perfectly paced story pulling you in from the start.

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### **Elaine Swinney says**

I was given an ARC copy of this book and I voluntarily chose to review it. I loved it. Rhonda Lee Carver is one of my go to authors, I know when I see her name on a book I will get a great story. I do like a story where the characters have some flaws either physical or emotional, this one falls into that category. A well written story. I encourage everyone to get this book, it's worth your time and effort. A couple of plus factors, he's a cop and a cowboy everyone knows that alone makes for a great story.

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### **Rhonda says**

Whenever I want to read a good cowboy type story, Rhonda Lee Carver is who I think of. Her stories are easily read and contain some really hot and steamy cowboy loving!

Ria is blind from an accident and when her assistant and a client are murdered in her home, Sheriff Phoenix Cade puts her under his protection. She's been on his mind every since they shared some dances at the local bar. But both have insecurities about relationships and they both struggle with their feelings while Cade struggles to keep Ria alive. The killers are after her and want her dead. Will they both come to terms with their feelings for each other before the killer finds her? A good book and I HIGHLY recommend this one to all you cowboy fans!

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### **Dianne Kenes says**

I really enjoyed this story! Loved Phoenix and Ria many twists and turns plus romance. I felt this was one of Rhonda Lee Carver best stories she has written. Read it and find what happens to these two characters and a great murder mystery too. You won't be disappointed!

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### **Vickie Raynor says**

The suspense had me quickly turning pages! In between all the suspense, murder mayhem and friends drama, an exquisite romance emerged. Gripping story throughout. Book gifted to me!

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### **Deborah says**

OMG, I couldn't put it down. There is nothing sexier than a man in uniform. Throw in a damsel in distress and you have the perfect story. Phoenix was through with women. Ria was through with men. When something threatens Ria, Phoenix takes her into hiding. Will the two stubborn and spirited people, learn to trust again, while trying to keep Ria alive? This is a must read.

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### **Ginny Pearson says**

Phoenix is the sheriff. He decides to stop at the bar his buddy owns. He is teasing Phoenix about getting out more. Tate tells him if he dances with a woman, he will back off. Ria is blind. This happened by being in a car accident. Her sister tells her she needs to find someone. She can't believe when she is asked to dance. Now Phoenix is taking her to his cabin to protect her from the men who will be coming after her. While she is held up there, they realize they are falling for each other. Now Phoenix just has to catch the bad guys so they can see if they can take this to the next level.

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### **The Redhead says**

Sheriff Phoenix Cade is a natural protector. Ria May seem like she's fragile on the outside but she's a confident capable strong woman. She just happens to be blind due to an unfortunate accident.

Rhonda Lee Carver did a great job writing Ria's character and described how a blind woman deals with everyday life She made me want to be Ria's friend. Ria is such a wonderful positive person.

The instant chemistry between these two is fun to read. I loved reading about how they get to know each other. Plus who wouldn't want a sexy sheriff protecting them. Must read.

Great start to a new series.

I can't wait to read about more Wyoming Lawmen

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### **Stacy Jordet says**

What an emotional and satisfying read this was.

This is the first book in a new series and this book hit it out of the park. I loved the characters, story line, the mystery and the sexy times.

Ria was a wonderful leading lady. Ria is blind but yet she doesn't let this stop her from doing anything. She is a little tired of her sister and parents babying her because she is a strong, capable and independent person. She runs a successful business, has some wonderful friends and is just an all around amazing person. An incident happens at her place of work and it puts her in path of the hot man she recently danced with.

I loved everything about Sheriff Phoenix Cade. I loved his dedication to family, friends and his job. I loved that there were references to him being a hard nosed man throughout the book yet you saw his softer side. I especially liked his interactions with Ria. Even from the beginning he never saw her blindness as a disability more so as a strength to the type of woman she is.

I really enjoyed this book and can't wait to read more.

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## **Two Crazy Ladies Love Romance says**

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If you are looking for a awesome an old fashion romance with some suspense I recommend you pick up a copy of Protected by the Lawman, your favorite beverage and a nice comfy chair because you will not be able to put it down.

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Review by Mel

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## **Cheryl says**

Ria and Phoenix

She's blind from an accident yrs ago, feisty, independent, capable, strong, & being hunted by killers. He is strong, fiercely dedicated to protecting those that need it & will do anything to protect her. They have smoking hot chemistry and I loved this story's great characters and start to a new series! Great HEA! I received an ARC to read and review voluntarily.

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## **Melissa Morr says**

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