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Sherry's life lay in the hands of the man she loved the most ... and trusted the least

Two weeks before he was to marry Sherry Grayson, Clint Jessup disappeared without a trace. Now, suddenly, eight months later, he's back with no word of explanation. Only an impossible request: trust him.

Trust him despite the devastating past ... and an inexplicable and increasingly frightening present. Whatever secret Clint is hiding, it's changed him. And it's about to change Sherry, sweeping her and Clint into a terrifying whirlpool of pursuit and intrigue—one where death and deliverance teeter on a razor edge of circumstance that can either restore or forever destroy Sherry's faith not only in Clint, but in others, and perhaps in God himself.

Blind Trust is part of the Second Chances series by award-winning suspense novelist Terri Blackstock. Combining fast-paced reading with realistic characters and situations, Second Chances takes readers to where the conflict between good and evil becomes the proving grounds of faith.

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Carolyn Wylie-mcelroy says

I HAVE SO ENJOYED THE FIRST THREE BOOKS IN THIS SERIES!!!!

I have loved getting to know and learn more about these friends and family members!!! In this one, Blind Trust, Clint and Sherry are days away from their wedding when Clint disappeared and Sherry thinks he has given up on them. Eight months later he comes home and tries to get Sherry to understand and forgive him. God is so good and gracious with second chances, which is what this series is all about. Come enjoy!!!! C:o)

Edie says

Great book.

Excellent read. Good characters and plot. Good clean Christian based mystery. I read all of Terrell Blackstock's books. First rate author.

Holly says

Terri Blackstock is a wonderful author! This is one of her older books, and as good as it is her newer writing is better.

Eight months ago, Clint disappears just two weeks before his wedding with Sherry, with no explanation he was just gone. And now he's back still without an explanation for why he bailed. Sherry is understandably hurt, angry and distrust the man she thought she knew.

The action is fast paced with a lot of action. I thought I had a couple of things figured out but in typical Blackstock fashion she has a couple of expected twists.

One of the things that is really neat about this series, Second Chances, is what Terri shares at the beginning of each book in the series. She shares how when she wrote them early in her career she compromised her beliefs in the stories. Later in her career she was given the rights back to these books and the opportunity (The Second Chance) to retell the stories.

A wonderful story. The first person who reads this review and emails me at books@magnusonhouse.com with your mailing address I'll send you my copy of this book.

Shelly Pyszka says

Awsome great nook

Alaina says

So far the best book in the series so far

Kay says

Written in 1990, this mystery involves preventing a massive embezzlement using a weakness in a bank's automated system. At the time this book was written, this was a relatively new type of crime, which may have helped garner an Anthony nomination for the author.

A bank official hires PI Catherine Sayler to track down a bank employee who has vanished and is suspected of plotting to use his knowledge of the system's weakness to pull off a major heist when payment for a corporate takeover enters the bank's coffers in 2 weeks. The suspect is closely tied to a group of Vietnam Vets from Modesto, and finding him involves delving into highly traumatic past events.

The San Francisco setting is inherently appealing, and the writing is solid.

Nola Redd says

Two weeks before their wedding, Sherry's fiancée vanished with no explanation. For eight months she worried over him, hoping for some explanation, some communication. Now he has returned, with the thinnest of explanations and a declaration of undying love. How can Sherry trust someone who ran out on her and broke her heart?

In *Blind Trust*, Terri Blackstock's third novel in the *Second Chances* series, Sherry must struggle between her feelings of love and her sense of abandonment. She longs for a logical explanation from Clint that will make everything okay – like, he was captured by crazed aborigines and hauled away to an island at spearpoint. But she comes to believe that Clint stood her up, practically leaving her at the altar.

Despite her sense of grief, Sherry must confront the fact that she dearly loves Clint and wants things to work. But the love of her life is acting strangely – and bringing his new friend, Sam, everywhere he goes. Life turns upside down when Clint kidnaps Sherry and her roommate, dragging them away on an unexplained trip that strikes fear into the hearts of both women. Still Clint provides no explanation for his disappearance, or even for her imprisonment. And Clint must watch the love in her eyes become anger, fear, and distrust.

Terri Blackstock combines some of the more criminal elements I enjoy in this primarily romance novel, heightening the suspense and tension within the storyline. However, too much of the story is told in the form of the flashback; Sherry finding he was gone, Clint remembering why he left, and both recalling their first meetings. The flashbacks break the flow and drama of the story, making it feel more disjointed. The break in structure was even more noticeable because it came in the middle of such a tense storyline.

I also enjoyed the connection between the four novels in the series. Unlike most series, the protagonists change with each book, but since most of the characters are the same, we still have a strong sense of

continuity. For instance, the second novel is based around the theme park one of the main characters from "Invalid Entry" bid to build. That contractor is Sherry's brother, and Sherry's roommate was an animator who played a central role in book two, "When Dreams Cross". Furthermore, her roommate goes on to become the roommate of the main character in the final novel, and that same main character plays a definitive role in the escape scene of Blind Trust. I enjoy the centralized characterizations along with the different protagonists, because it gave the author so much more to work with – and allowed her to keep the 'happy ever after' she was looking for in each story.

The romantic portions of the novel and the criminal portions meld well together, with the spiritual aspect wrapping the entire package and drawing it together. Sherry's faith in both her earthly and her Heavenly Father waivered as she struggles through her crisis. Only with divine help does she manage to fit her life together again.

Geneva Stokes says

Beautiful story of love, forgiveness and making memories.

Lisa Slough says

This is my favorite from the Second Chances series by Terri Blackstock. Sherry Grayson has picked up the pieces from her broken life when Clint Jessup abandoned her eight months before on the eve of their wedding. Now he's back with an element of danger and urgency which has no explanation. While I enjoyed the entire series, this one is edge of your seat thrilling to the very end. Plot twists, romance and reconciliations, and most of all the God of second chances in control reminds us that love is forgiveness and understanding. I highly recommend this book (and series) to anyone looking for Christian romantic suspense. Yes it does exist!!!

Sarita says

This was my favourite of the series so far. This was filled with action and suspense. There was a lot of the mystery I guessed correctly, but Terri still threw me with a twist at the end.

I liked Clint a lot. Sherry I found harder to like, mainly because of her feeling sorry for herself most of the book. I adored Sam and actually like the parts between him and Madeline the best (even though it was more insta-love which I generally don't enjoy).

The theme of forgiving as God forgives, and God being faithful when we are not, was delivered strongly in this story.

Terri's latest works are better, but this was still a good suspense which I really liked.

Chris says

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Julie says

As a woman, I did not appreciate the way that the men in this book treated Sherry at all. Assuming that they know what is best for her without asking her, and just waltzing back into her life and expecting her to forgive is unacceptable. I get it was a tough situation, but pushing yourself back on her the minute you arrive back in town is NOT acceptable. Think about what she has been through. I did not like this one at all. I've enjoyed some of Terri's other books, but this is definitely not my favorite. Not sure if I'll finish the series.

Karen says

BLIND TRUST is not my favorite Terri Blackstock novel. I enjoyed the author's *Cape Refuge* series and the stand-alone book "*Emerald Windows*". In *Blind Trust* I simply could not make myself like the heroine, Sherry. For much of the book she can not see beyond herself and is selfish. I wanted to shake some sense into her. The premise of the book is interesting. It just needed a better main character.

Erika Hayes says

another great book! this is not my favorite series from Blackstock but I've found I like all her works. Enjoyable read.

Dianne Sidebottom says

this is another review of mine that disappeared. This was an ebook from the library and I read the series one after another and was written sometime ago. (On thing I like about ebooks you can read earlier stories that are not in print anymore). This was a drama and mystery. Sherry was in the series from the beginning with her brother Wes, she has a relationship with her dad as Wes did not. Sherry's dad has a major part in this story and the result of his decisions causes doubt and confusion as the chapters reveal his part with Clint.
