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A year ago in Afghanistan, Green Beret Heath Daniel's career was destroyed. Along with his faith. Now he and his military war dog, Trinity, train other dogs and their handlers. Though his passion is to be back in action, the medical discharge has forced Heath—and Trinity—to the sidelines. Military intelligence officer Darci Kintz is captured while secretly tracking the Taliban. Only one dog can handle the extreme conditions to save her. Trinity. Only one man can handle Trinity. Time is running out on the greatest—and most dangerous—mission of their lives.

## Trinity: Military War Dog Details

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## From Reader Review Trinity: Military War Dog for online ebook

### Kara says

Wow, this is the kind of book that will make you appreciate military war dogs and their handlers whether you're prepared for it or not! Candace Calvert endorsed this book and this is what she had to say, "Dodge bullets, cling by your fingerprints to an icy cliff--then fall heart first for a wounded hero and his incredible military war dog. You won't sleep, but please remember to breathe." I think Candace PERFECTLY describes what every reader will experience with this book, I made sure to remember to breathe many times while reading this :)

The story becomes so real, I even hunched down every time gunfire came upon the good guys! I actually got tired of the gunshots because it was wearisome for me to see that constant danger for the good guys, but that goes to show how GOOD the writing is :) I couldn't believe anyone would fire at a dog, but that is part of war and one of the many reasons why war is horrible.

There is one torture scene in the story, but it's not graphic at all and the person getting beaten is unconscious for most of it. I couldn't believe her high threshold for pain....shot, kicked, threatened, slapped, punched, electrocuted, and THEN getting through a snow storm and getting caught in an avalanche. My nickname for her was either Mrs. Incredible or Supergirl considering that this brutal environment is what compelled her to believe in God and ultimately gives her the freedom she missed out on while being a spy. She reminded me slightly of Sydney from Alias because she didn't mind getting beat up, but the thought of innocent people being injured or killed on her behalf is what scared her/angered her/pushed her to survive.

My favorite parts of this book were:

Trinity....WOW, what an AMAZING dog!! And we're NOT allowed to pet her?! Loved this canine fiercely and whenever she was in danger, I was HOOKED to the story to see what happened next.

The scene where Trinity, Talon and Beowulf and their handlers all meet one another....WHAT a GREAT scene! Also utterly enjoyed how A Breed Apart team backed up Heath/Ghost, the humans.

Lastly, I loved how Exodus 14:14 was illustrated for Heath after the rescue takes place. That was very precious to me how he learned to let go and trust God and it was exhilarating for him to get this revelation. The author has signed this scripture many times on books I've won from her and it was deeply appreciated how she wrote this scene in :)

God bless military war dogs/their handlers and God bless the author for giving them a voice!

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### Brooke (i blog 4 books) says

#### 3.5 stars

I'm a little new to the military suspense genre. I've heard wonderful things about Ronie Kendig's talent for story-telling, so I decided it was high time to check her out. Although, I'm not a huge dog lover (don't hate me!), I thought Trinity sounded like an interesting book. The story was great! I liked Heath from the very beginning. He's struggling to figure out what to do with his life after suffering a traumatic brain injury and

jumps at the chance to go back to Afghanistan—even if it's simply to talk to the troops. All of his challenges seemed so realistic, and I had such compassion for him! Darci was a unique character as well. It took me a while to warm up to her, but once I did, I loved her! The back and forth between Heath and Darci and the action-packed story made for a great read!

There were a few things that kept me from completely falling in love with the story. One, the vast number of characters! I had a really hard time keeping everyone straight—even more so because many of the characters went by multiple names. The Chinese operatives had such similar names (some even overlapping between first and last name!) ... it was too much for me to keep straight. The story also jumped through so many different people's perspectives that I often found myself having to go back to re-read to refresh what was actually going on; the transitions were not clear. Finally, I found the background story to be a little convoluted. I eventually gave up trying to figure it out and just focused on the current happenings, which helped me keep moving.

Even with these "negatives", the good out-weighed the bad and I enjoyed the book! I will definitely read other books by this author. Now I just have to decide which one to read next! [3.5 stars]

I received a temporary e-copy of this book from the publisher via Net Galley in exchange for my fair and honest review.

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### **Melanie says**

Review on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/review/RLQNJ8T...>

Review on my blog (to be posted 11/28): <http://christianbookshelfreviews.blog...>

Trinity is only the second book I've read by Ronie Kendig (the first being Firethorn), but I can already tell I'm a fan of her work! Trinity had a lot of action, intrigue, and was just an overall great military novel!

I loved Heath's dog, Trinity! She was so well trained and there were some scenes where I wish I could have seen the things she did. :) The characters were nice - I really liked Heath, Peter, and Timbrel (I am really looking forward to her book, as I found her character very interesting and even funny at times). The characters seemed very realistic (especially Heath).

One of the only negatives I had with Trinity was how hard it was to keep track of the characters at first - there were so many characters introduced, so quickly. It did get easier, though, to remember who was who. Also, the story got a little confusing sometimes, but most of my questions got answered in the end.

Trinity had some surprises, intense action scenes, and even some romance! The entire story was really good and I loved the ending. I look forward to reading the next book, Talon, as soon as I can. I definitely recommend Trinity if you enjoy suspenseful reads with military aspects.

\*I received this book for free for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.\*

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### **Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says**

Every book I read by Ronie Kendig just keeps getting better. In Trinity, I wasn't sure what to expect because I knew nothing about Military War Dogs, but since I love all of Ronie's other books, I knew it would be good. But it wasn't just good, it was so awesome I didn't put the book down until I finished it!

I can't say enough about Heath Daniels and his military war dog. I was in awe of the relationship the two of them had and Trinity was just amazing! I grew to love that dog like it was my own! And as usual, Ronie Kendig throws so many twists and turns into the story that she keeps you on the edge of your seat throughout the entire book. I guess you can tell, I love, love this book, just as I love anything that Ronie Kendig writes! I can't wait for the second book in this series to come out so I can meet another K9 friend!

I really recommend this book to whoever likes fiction. If you enjoy dog stories, or stories about war, you will enjoy this one too! Go grab a copy of this one, and watch out for the others in this amazing series from Ronie Kendig.

I received this book from Barbour Books to read and review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 55.

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### **Inspirationalfictionreader says**

Ronie Kendig is AMAZING!! Seriously amazing! Her books leave me literally holding my breath and turning the pages as fast as I can. And let me tell you, there's a part in this story that if you are claustrophobic and scared of the dark (not saying I am or anything ?) well, let's just say you might repeatedly tell Heath to not go there...and then, because he doesn't listen very well, poor poor Darci, she's left - okay can't go there -spoilers! But - so good! Anyway, Ronie creates the best characters, (whom she can be kinda mean to ?, I mean there's this part at the end where I'm literally crying! Ack!!) and she creates the best storylines!

Ronie also has a knack for leaving you hanging. She gets you to a seriously critical point and then ends the chapter! I mean you just can't stop! When reading her books, I have to make sure I have a nice block of reading time set aside. Trust me, you don't want to be reading this story while you are stopped at, say, a traffic light or anything like that because those behind you might get irritated when you don't immediately go when the light turns green- in my defense, it's a really long stop light and it was a critical part of the story! But, I digress! Obviously, I loved this story and highly recommend it. ❤? On to Talon!!

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### **Lauricia Dawn says**

Trinity: Military War Dog was my first introduction to the military suspense genre.

I think I'll have to read a few more Ronie Kendig books from this series to fully settle into the writing style, pace and setting.

However, the characters were well done and interesting, and the two MC's had an adorable relationship.

Now this could be because I need to get used to it by reading more of Ronie's books, but I found it difficult to visualize what was happening a lot of the time. Especially from Heath's point of view.

I found there was lots of detail, but at the same time, some of the basic details you give people so they can "see" what's going on, were left out. It took more effort on my part to comprehend/get into the story than I generally like.

But, the plot was intricate and at one point I felt the emotion bubbling up inside me.

Not my favourite read, but I'm willing to try more of this style in the future.

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### **Katie says**

It is really over?? MUST it really be over??

\*Deep Sigh\*

What a read! It's that kind of book where you are rushing through it, biting your nails as you read as fast as possible in order to see what on earth is going to happen next...yet you're heartily depressed when you reach the end!!

Ah well, every good book MUST come to an end. Sadly! Needless to say, I am looking forward to the release of Talon VERY much!! Both Talon and his owner, Apsen, were characters I wanted to get to know more. Not sure what I make of Timbrel. I have my doubts about that woman... But I'm confident that by the time she and Beowolf get the spotlight with their own book, Ronie Kendig will get me to like her just as much as I like all the other characters brought to life through her talented writing. :-)

Full review to come.

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### **Sarita says**

This was the second book by Ronie Kendig which I read, the first being which was a very fast paced, full of action suspense.

Trinity had a lot going on. There was a lot of characters and stories going on in Trinity, which resulted in a slower pace. The last 20% was fast and full of action. Even though the book was at a slow pace, I did enjoy it and the stories and mysteries in the book kept me intrigued. There was a lot of mysteries which fell into place at the end of the book, which I didn't see coming.

I love dogs, and Trinity was just adorable. There were times I was worried for Trinity's life (I cry very easy

when an animal is in danger), and loved Heath just so much more when he threw his body over hers in order to protect her and where he carried her on his shoulders so that she can rest.

Heath and Darci's characters were also very enjoyable. Both had some issues to work through - Heath not feeling good enough after he was discharged by the green berets and Darci due to her past and her mother's death. The struggles they faced were about their identity and trust and it was great to see them grow and get that answers from God.

The bad guy was just evil with no compassion. Some of the things he did to Darci and his men were just vicious.

The book jumped around a lot from a few characters' view points, and the author did a great job of changing the feeling of each character. I felt like each character had their own feel and identity and struggles and each own received each own voice.

The action, torture and recovery plan were done very well, I felt like I was there with them, planning and hiding and running from the enemy.

It was fun to meet the other A Breed Apart team, and looking forward to their books as well.

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### **Julie says**

I have to admit, when Ronie Kendig announced she was going to do a book series on military war dogs, I was afraid that I wouldn't like it. I have loved everything Ronie has written to date so why would I feel this way about this series? Well, I'm not a gigantic fan of books written about animals. I enjoy pets (I have many of them!) but I'm scared to death of dogs bigger then me!! All that being said, at this point, I believe Ronie could write an instruction manual for just about anything and I would love it!

I started this book and had a difficult time putting it down!! I don't know why I ever doubted Ronie's talent in convincing me that this was going to be a great book!!! Heath "Ghost" Daniels is a former Green Beret who acquired his military war dog (MWD), Trinity. They are asked to work for A Breed Apart, which is a training program for MWDs and their handlers. In return, they speak to troops to inspire them on the field. When an opportunity arises to go on a mission field, Heath and Trinity are all in...until the others are invited too. No one seems to trust Ghost since his accident that left him with a medical discharge and the looming diagnosis of traumatic brain injury.

Darci is an operative who is doing her best to undo a Chinese military operation. She has done many missions before and is ready for this one. However, a certain dog handler and his dog caught her eye early on during a show. The General was not happy to see her distracted so he sent her away. Only when she comes up missing do things really start to go into action.

Trinity is a beautiful dog. I'd still be scared of her but would admire her from a distance. Her job is extremely important and she misses the action that she and Ghost once enjoyed. When given the chance to get back into the field, Trinity is all in!

Trinity will capture your heart right away and will not let go until the last person is saved. I didn't realize just how important these dogs were to the military (sorry, I have a very limited scope of what our military does!).

I didn't realize that MWDs earned ranks along with their trainers. Trinity has a higher rank than her faithful friend Ghost. I have a much greater appreciation now of the military and the training that takes place because of what Ronie has written into her books. She is a "military brat" who extensively researches her subjects before writing on them.

My favorite aspect of this book was that Ronie incorporated another "Discarded Hero" into writing. She always maintains that these men and women in uniform are heroes. That means mountains to me!! While this is a work of fiction, Ronie has you believing that this is a real to life story. The end of the book does provide a story of someone who this is loosely based on.

Thank you, Ronie for yet another great book and for helping me to appreciate MWDs and other beautiful creatures even more!

Many thanks to NetGalley for a copy of this book to review.

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### **Marian Baay says**

About two years ago Green Beret Heath "Ghost" Daniels' military war dog Trinity saved his life from a bomb. He got injured and now suffers from Traumatic Brain Injury. Heath will black out for seconds when stressed out. He's frustrated that he can't go back into the military.

Trinity refuses to work with another handler and so Heath can adopt her.

Now Heath and Trinity are part of A Breed Apart. Heath is starting to feel useful again. A Breed Apart is going on a mission to support soldiers in Afghanistan. Heath and Trinity are going to perform for them. While they are on the military base, Heath meets Darci Kintz aka Jia. Heath finds himself attracted to her and they share some time together. The next day Jia leaves on a mission with a geological survey team. When an attack is reported on the location where Jia last was, Heath finds himself in a lot of stress and worry about her well being.

Heath and Trinity are coming with a Special Forces team to the location of the attack. There begins the most dangerous mission Heath and Trinity ever had. They are going to track down Jia and find out she was captured by a very dangerous man.

Will they come in time to rescue Jia? What will happen when Heath finds out Jia's real identity?

A Breed Apart is Ronie Kendig's new series. Like her other books this is again a rapid-fire read that keeps the readers on the edge of their seat! Nicely done, Ronie!

\*Thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for my review copy. I was not required to write a positive review.\*

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### **Abbi says**

#### **Review originally posted on my blog Christian Novels**

This book was EPIC! Ronie Kendig is seriously one of the very best authors that I've read-and I've read A LOT! Every time I pick up one of her books I'm amazed by how much I'm drawn into the lives of the

character and how superbly written every book is. Needless to say Trinity lived up to and exceeded my expectations!

Heath was the perfect wounded hero. He was equally tender and strong, which is a quality you can't help falling in love with. I loved how easily read Darci and how he was relentless in his pursuit even though she kept pushing him away. The other great thing about him was his relationship with Trinity it was so cool how well they understood each other, the perfect team.

Darci was a little more complicated than Heath but was still a great character. I loved her braveness, no way I could have done any of the things she did! It was cool to watch Heath break through her tough girl persona to the true Darci.

This book kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time, you never knew what was coming! And there were so many cliffhangers it was impossible to stop at some points! If you even sorta like romantic suspense grab this book, you won't be sorry! I can't wait for book two Talon: Combat Tracking Team! May 2013 can't come soon enough!

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### **Beth says**

I think that the author is an excellent writer, but some aspects of this book made it difficult for me to get through and enjoy. First, I think the title is odd and does not make sense. The focus of the story is not the dog, which I think is actually a good thing. (I would not be interested in a book that was entirely about a dog.) The focus of the story is mainly the dog's owner (a veteran with a TBI), an American female spy, and military operations in Afghanistan. It was an exciting story with many scenes of suspense and danger. And here is the next problem. I think that the author tries to build suspense by being deliberately obscure in the details of the back stories. I find that very frustrating, as there are so many characters, and they go by multiple names. For example, the female lead had at least three aliases and it was difficult to keep track of who everyone was, and who knew whom by each persona. Then, I could not understand the back story and actions of the female lead, who was a Christian. We caught a hint of actions she took as a spy that were inconsistent with the Christian faith, but it was never fully explained or disclosed as to what she did and why. Finally, there were many scenes of torture, which I really abhor reading about. I did really enjoy the main male character, and the ending resolved things reasonably well (except for not fully explaining everything). I'd like to read this author again, but I hope that her other books less frustrating.

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### **Tamara Tilley says**

TRINTY, book one in the A Breed Apart series is exciting, suspenseful, and romantic. What else would you expect from a Ronie Kendig book?

Heath Daniels' military career is over. After suffering a traumatic brain injury in a bombing in Afghanistan, Heath is discharged from the army. His only saving grace, Trinity—his military war dog—refuses to be handled by anyone else and is retired, giving Heath his partner back. Together, Heath and Trinity end up at the A Breed Apart training facility where war dogs and their handlers get a second chance to show the world their worth and share what God has done in their lives. Serving as a morale booster and spokesman for the A Breed Apart organization, Heath finds himself back in Afghanistan on the same base with his former team. Angry that God has allowed him to be sidelined, he can't argue the fact that he's not healthy enough to be back in action. Atrocious headaches and unexpected blackouts deem him a risk to himself and the members

of his former team.

But all that is about to change.

When intelligence officer Darci Kintz is captured and missing somewhere in the brutal Hindu Kush mountain range, Trinity is notably the only dog that can handle the extreme terrain and temperatures—and Heath is the only man who can handle Trinity. There is more at stake than just an extraction. Heath and Darci are not strangers, and though their time together was extremely brief, Heath wants nothing more than to find Darci and see if a relationship is in the cards for a wounded warrior and a international spy.

I am definitely on a Kendig kick right now. I guess that's the dangers of buying a whole series at the same time. The A Breed Apart series is just as electric as Ms. Kendig's The Quiet Professional series—they even have overlapping characters. Of course, the intensity is now three-fold since not only do you—as the reader—worry about the two main characters, but now there is a canine involved in every precarious shootout, avalanche, sniper fire, and bombing. I love the characters that Ms. Kendig creates. They are people on honor and integrity, but far from perfect. While Darci's background is rather complex, Heath's is quite simple. He has an uncle back in the states, but it is clear Trinity is his whole life . . . until Darcy comes along and rattles his world.

Next Stop . . . TALON, book two in the A Breed Apart series.

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### **Charity U says**

So I actually started this book way back in February, and was initially a little disappointed. I'd seen SO many people that I love raving about it, and at first, to be completely honest, it was a good book, but I wasn't loving it like I'd hoped to. I read about 60 pages, then had to put it down...and wasn't able to pick it up again until now due to heaps of books for review.

But then. This month. One afternoon I finally had a little down-time from review books, so I picked it up again, jumped back in...and was swept away. Wow. The action was non-stop, whipping through scenes in a very readable way. This is a war story that has alarming suspense (just what suspense should be!) and sweet romance (oh so sweet), all set in the Middle East. This book is definitely heart-pounding, and sure to keep you reading! I know, I was able to put it down at first...and you know? It may have just been my mood that day. But if the beginning feels slow to you, don't worry – it picks up and flies in no time. By the end, I liked it so much that there are two things to note. 1. I gave it a 9.5. And 2. I promptly wrote the publisher and begged for a copy of Talon: Combat Tracking Team to review. And you know what? They sent it to me! Now I just have to start it. :) I'm definitely looking forward to reading more by Ronie!

\*\*I know this is a popular book for review, but I went and bought my copy. As usual, all opinions are my own and no one was making me write a positive review.\*\*

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## **Laura says**

Green Beret Heath Daniels' feels his life is over after he suffers a head injury and is discharged from the military. When he is offered a chance to train other military dogs and their handlers, he jumps at the chance to prove himself and to perhaps be allowed back in the military. Will he and his dog Trinity be able to save the captured Darci Kintz before she's killed or Heath suffers another blackout from his brain injury?

Fans of fast paced military thrillers will love this new series by Ronie Kendig, and animal lovers will enjoy it even more. From the first page to the last, there is one adventure and twist and turn of the plot after the other. What Kendig does well is that action scenes aren't for entertainment purposes only—each event or catastrophe adds a layer to the development of the characters. For example, Darci annoyed me at first, but as she endured being captured and tortured, her character developed into one that I enjoyed.

At the beginning of the book, I was a little overwhelmed with the number of characters. It was too many too soon and they had nicknames to keep up with too. Once the introductions were over and the plot began to develop, I enjoyed the characters, especially Trinity, Heath's dog. Her loyalty and strength made her my favorite character.

Another thing I enjoyed about the book was its ending. I don't want to spoil the ending, but I was happy it wasn't the typical happily ever after. It was realistic and sweet.

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