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Secrets In The Snow, Volume 1: Early Season Stories From White Cairns Ski School



Synopsis

It's the start of a new season at White Cairns Ski School in Scotland and co-owner Jude Winters - mother, home-maker and graphic artist - has been landed in it. With their usual manager stuck in New Zealand, she's been saddled with recruiting their team and running the ski school. But she has no idea what she's doing. Fortunately there are friends on hand to help - for the moment - but each of them has their own struggles. Wandering Kiwi Mike Cole has put his globe-hopping ski adventure on hold to help Jude get things into shape. But he's still on the run from his past and feels the rest of the world calling. Seasoned instructor Fiona Easton has faced heartache and loss, and hopes being back at work will help her recover. But tempestuous weather and troublesome pupils create a life-threatening situation she struggles to overcome. Juggling a disparate batch of new instructors learning to work together would be hard enough, if it weren't the least of Jude's worries. Battling accidents, equipment shortfalls, and even sabotage, Jude and her team take on one problem after another to keep the ski school going - and the season has only just begun. Please note: British English spelling and grammar PG/PG-13 "Secrets in the Snow" is a collection of the early season stories from White Cairns Ski School, a novella series about a Scottish snowsports school. It contains Episodes 1-3: Winter Arrives (Episode 1) Fear of Falling (Episode 2) My Snowy Valentine (Episode 3) Episode 4-6, and 3 short stories are also available to complete the series.

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Customer Reviews

This was an easy book to read. I liked the story line and the characters were strong. The story line is about skiing and a ski school which I know nothing about but it was easy to pick up the terminology. I did feel like volume 1 wasn't a story within itself. You will need to read the rest of the series to get the complete picture. Maybe that's the way a series is supposed to work, I really don't know. That's why I gave it four stars.

Jude has inherited a ski school. She lives in Scotland with her husband Allan and her daughter Lucy. Allan runs the ski school and handles everything during the snow season. One morning when Jude is trying to order something she's been told that they'll only deliver after she has paid the outstanding invoices first. Jude is shocked when she finds out that there's no more money in their business account. Allan has been working in New Zealand for a while now and Jude hasn't been able to contact him. Because of Allan's absence Jude has to take over the ski school. She has no idea what she's doing, but she has to learn fast since the season is about to start. Together with her best friend Fiona Jude has to find experienced skiers for the instructor's team. Unexpected help also comes from Mike Cole. Mike has skied in places all over the world and now he's in Scotland to cross this country off his list as well. He steps in when Jude needs someone by her side for the hiring. Together they get the work done and an exciting new team is awaiting the first snow. When you're spending this much time with each other secrets are bound to unravel. Which secrets will come to the surface and which ones will remain hidden? Jude is modest and not used to being a leader but she's forced to be one since she can't rely on her husband. She takes care of her daughter, makes drawings for children's books and has to run an entire ski school. A lot of people wouldn't be able to manage it all, but Jude does what she has to do to keep her head above water. She faces her problems head on. She's so much smarter than she gives herself credit for. Jude is honest and she'll always take care of everyone who is on her team. I disliked her husband a lot. Who leaves his wife and daughter to fend for themselves? The fact that she couldn't even reach him for advice made me mad. Jude remains polite the few times she talks to him on the phone and I found that remarkable. I wouldn't have been that strong. *Secrets in the Snow* is an entertaining read

about a ski school. I believe that the characters that Roz Marshall came up with for Jude's team are a real asset. The story has a natural flow and I flew through the pages. In every episode you'll get to know more about the instructors and you get to follow their lives as they work at the ski school. In a team with men and women you know that there will be romance involved. After reading *Secrets in the Snow* episodes 1-3 I would love to go skiing myself as well. I'd like to find out how it feels to glide down those mountains. I liked to read about the personal developments of every character and I can't wait to learn more about each and everyone of them in the other episodes of this series.

This is a collection of stories about the people and places associated with *The White Cairns Ski School*. This collection contains five works, three novella episodes and two short stories. Whilst they could be read in any order, I believe they work best read in the given order as the characters and relationships develop whilst the winter skiing season progresses. The initial work is *Winter Arrives* but it could also be winter arrives but our chief ski instructor doesn't! It just happens that he's also the husband of Jude Winters to whom the task then falls of organising everything ready for the new season to start, including a team of instructors. This is a lively start with to what proved to be an exciting and entertaining set of stories. The books have strong characters who are continually developed as you read additional episodes. The setting is spectacular, add in the excellent plot development, complete with intrigue, suspense, mystery, accidents and bad weather, all combine to make this a thoroughly enjoyable start to the series. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this and look forward to being able to read further episodes about the centre and the people there. I'll also be looking out for other works by this author who takes her readers into her books, making it feel as if you're actually there, witnessing what is occurring and sometimes actually taking an active part in it! I suspect that with the future episodes in place this could easily become a 5* series! Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley, too for letting me read an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Secrets in the Snow is a collection of stories from Author Roz Marshall ... some of them featurette length and others short stories. They all blend into one overall tale, which I really enjoyed. Jude Winters isn't so confident, and when her husband leaves her in the lurch by failing to come home from New Zealand, Jude has to girl up and sort out the running of the winter ski school by herself. Her and her newly and hastily assembled ski team are faced with plenty of drama and challenges,

and not a little romance is in the air too, just to complicate things even further! This is a collection of stories from the White Cairns Ski School series, and is set within the early season ski-ing community in a small Scottish village. If you like drama and romance, as well as a little suspense, then you will love this little series. Volume 1 ends open ended, but not a cliff hanger, and I am looking forward to reading the next in the series. I noticed a few hiccups here and there, but still feel this is a cracking great read. A good 4 out of 5 stars from me.

I loved, loved, loved this set. White Cairns Ski School is filled with engaging characters who bring the reader into their lives. Each story is an invitation to get to know them better. Roz Marshall has created a setting and people that you can't help but want to read more of. I can't wait to read more!

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