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What does it take to secure a heart? Find out with the men of Smith Brothers' Security...

Secured Undercover

Fashion Designer Flower Calloway's next big show could make her famous all over the world. However, when she meets the sexy security team who's in charge of keeping the high-dollar fashion safe, she ends up uncovering a few secrets that could break her heart.

Secured Secret

A quick trip to the store for some chocolate therapy, and a fateful encounter with a few gorgeous men shakes up F.B.I. Agent Genie Cook's once secure life.

Secured Wishes

For Jacob and Gracie, it is love at first sight, but it will take more than a few wishes to hold them together when Jacob's career threatens to tear them apart.

Secured Sparks

Twin brothers Weave and Bob are hardened fighters, but two special women are going to have them throwing off sparks instead of punches.

A Secure Heart Details

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Regina Puckett says

A Secure Heart had my heart from chapter one right to the very end. It made me laugh and cry, which I think are very important elements to a good story. It had some very quirky characters that made you fall in love right along with them. Everyone needs to mark this as a must read.

Nada says

Review first published on my blog: <http://memoriesfrombooks.blogspot.com/2011/10/secure-heart.html>

A Secure Heart is a collection of stories centered around the men of a security service company. The characters in the different stories do interrelate. The relationships continue from one story to the next. However, each section of the book focuses on the love story of one character.

A Secure Heart falls into the "adult" fiction genre, a fact I did not realize when I requested the review copy. I normally do not read this genre. However, having received the book, I did decide to read it. I will not comment on those aspects of the book. If that appeals to you, you will enjoy the book. It's not something I choose to read. That being said, I still did enjoy the stories themselves.

The stories each have substance to them. The erotica is part of the story, but it is not the story. Elements of situations the characters find themselves in are real. One story deals with friendship evolving into love. One story deals with the thought of losing a loved one and what you would do to save them. Another deals with infertility and its effect on a relationship.

If this genre is not one you read, perhaps you may be able to look past it and enjoy the stories themselves. If the genre does appeal to you, then you get the added bonus of a good story to surround it.

*** I received this book as part of the LibraryThing Member Giveaway program. ***

Lynn Hallbrooks says

Ms. Parkerson blending of four interwoven stories put me in mind of Dee Henderson's O'Malley Chronicles. The major difference being that Ms. Parkerson's characters have steamy sex and not necessarily inside the boundaries of marriage, either. The first such scene almost gave me heart flutters.

However, like Ms. Henderson's work, Ms. Parkerson has both strong female and male lead characters. At first glance, these characters seem to be superficial and stereotypical. Reading further, you discover the characters are like artichokes. You peel off the layers and you discover their hearts.

The stories also have intriguing layers to them. So if you think you've figured out what's going to happen next, think again. It really is a good read from beginning to end.

Pickapairbooks says

Will tug your heartstrings while making you laugh

Parkerson blends her fictional world of MMA fighters with her Safe Haven project to make *A Secure Heart*. Smith Security Service is run by: Shannon Smith-Bryant and Parker Smith son from 'A Fighting Chance', and Bob and Weave Sparks- Ace and Lucy Sparks's twin sons from 'A Fighting Chance'.

I don't feel like I could do a synopsis without including spoilers and I don't want to do that. Half the fun was guess who would end up with whom. Since this is a Parkerson book I really do not need to add-but I will-that you will laugh (and cry) but you will not be sorry that you read it. 5 stars!

As a side note-my favorite will always be Ms. Parkerson's paranormal sinner series, but if you are a vampire fan like me, then you won't be disappointed; Jazz Anderson makes an appearance in this book, and I'm super excited about her next paranormal that IS releasing in November. I read it on her blog- D**m, I'm excited

Greg says

The writer has done it again.I thoroughly enjoyed the way she mixes humor and seriousness .We get to make some new friends and run into some old ones .I couldnt put it down .Looking forward to see what she does next.

Kat ~ Forever Book Lover ♥ says

I received this ARC copy free of charge in exchange for an honest review.

See my full review at <http://foreverbklover.blogspot.com>

I have never read any previous books from Charity, so I wasn't sure what to expect. It has four different stories that intertwine with each other. I was pleasantly surprised at the depth she was able to give her characters in this novella....

Quentin Stewart says

I enjoyed reading Charity Parkerson's book. This is my introduction to the author I look forward to reading more of her work. The story is several stories woven together around a security company and their contacts with FBI agents who at the beginning of the book are involved in a sting operation. The story evolves into a

variety of love stories as the characters find their one true love as they continue to work around each other.

The reader can laugh and cry with the characters in the book as the author brings in roadblocks to each couple falling in love with each other. A very good job is done looking at how two people can look at the same incident, share the same feelings, but interpret the situation differently and possibly drive a wedge into a blooming relationship. Hopefully some where in the future Charity Parkerson will reprise the characters and the secret underground group that is introduced in this book. Some of their cases would make for interesting reading.

A very interesting and captivating read. Well done.

Lori McD says

3-3.5 stars

Not sure where this cover came from, 'cuz it doesn't match my cover!

Regardless, this is really 5-interwoven love stories in 4 "books" all wrapped up into one. If you think you know who'll end up in each pairing, you're wrong. The book will keep you guessing... OR simply throw you a curve ball, telling you that after a quick introduction of one of the two, that they're married. Yep, just like that.

But it's fun and heart-warming. There's tragedy, sorrow, pain, and heart break; but there's also love, joy, healing, and redemption. It's sexy and funny and sad all at the same time.

This book has a little bit of everything, including faith-spirituality and some paranormal elements. But it's fun and a decent read.

Melanie Adkins says

What do four women who come from very different walks of life have in common? They are each searching for a man to spend their life with. They want unconditional love, friendship and have it wrapped in a nonjudgmental person. Each has her own issues to deal with and finding that special man won't be easy. When love hits though, they know it without a doubt. All of the women are looking for someone with a secure heart. Someone they can count on forever. Now, if only their knight in shining armor will step forward. He might change their life, but they're more than ready for it.

A love story in four parts, this book is tremendous! A Secure Heart will melt your heart as you get to know each of the characters. THIS is what a tasteful, well-written book should look like. I recommend this one if you are ready for that warm fuzzy feeling to just envelope you. You'll find yourself sighing at the romance and blushing just a bit at how active these four women can be. Contemporary yet a touch old fashioned, A Secure Heart is a lovely mix of all you could possibly want in an excellent book.

I only found one issue and it's small. Seemed as though the part 4 was a little more rushed than the others.

I gave this one a 5 books plus out of 5 books because it proved once again romance is not dead!

~Copy of book provided by author in exchange for a fair review~

Marla Blowers says

Charity Parkerson author of A Secure Heart did a wonderful job getting her audience to relate to each and every character in her novel. Parkerson was able to combine love, death, suspense and yes lust into the mix. No time to get bored with this book, no grass will grow under your feet while reading this novel. She brought us into the lives of couples who had known each other their entire lives before falling in love, and couples who experienced love at first sight. There is a touch of psychic ability, but not so much that it is hard to believe. We felt the pain as friends and family struggle to hold onto the bonds they once shared. I look forward to reading her newest novel Wicked Sinners which I am told releases in November.

Shirley says

A fantastic book. Loved the way so many stories are intertwined with each other with such brilliant skill. There is so much of depth in each character, unlike what you get to read in usual romances. I loved it the moment i started reading it. Charity has done a brilliant job and i would like to read her other books as well. I would highly recommend this books to everyone.

Melissa says

A Secure Heart written by Charity Parkerson is a brilliant book that involves hot security men and FBI agents and the women they meet, fall in love with. I rate this book 5 stars as I found myself smiling, laughing, giggling, crying, shocked, surprised and I was left yearning for more.

I hadn't heard of author Charity Parkerson before, but I am sure to pick up one of her books again. I like the way she writes as its very easy to understand and of course the men are so hot and wow. Jacob, Shannon are hello! Congrats Charity I enjoyed the book and I got lost in your world. I am grateful I won a copy of your book through librarything. Looking forward to reading more of Charity Parkerson.

Helle Gade says

This is the second time I've read this book and I loved it as much as the first time I read it in 2012.

I'll NEVER forget it. I can't rember the last time a book made me laugh and cry. A Secure Heart has it all, love, passion and tears.

This book consists of four stories. Secured Undercover, Secured Secret, Secured Wishes, Secured Sparks.

I highly recommend this book as well as the authors other books. You won't be disappointed.

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

I was first introduced to Charity Parkerson's novels when I went hunting in February 2012 for unread Werewolf & Shapeshifter books, for a group challenge on that enormously creative site, Goodreads. I found Ms. Parkerson's "Society of Sinners," and I was floored! If I could have awarded 12 or 13 stars instead of 5, I would have. So I'm enormously pleased to have her request a review of "A Secure Heart."

That subtle humour that makes me chuckle at the same time I'm smiling over the characters; those delicate brush strokes painting in the protagonists and the secondaries; that homespun wisdom (feeling beautiful improves one's perspective and beams through her or his life); all this clues me as to what special author I'm reading.

Maybe it's not etiquette to laugh out loud at a romance-but I can't help myself. Charity is hilarious! Also touching, heartwarming, special, enjoyable, and A DON'T MISS EVER AUTHOR!

"A Secure Heart" (yes, the title does have resonance in each of the four stories, Gentle Reader) is woven from four divergent but linked stories. Each one is a gem-but if I had to choose a personal favourite, it would be the first and the fourth, which really tugged my own heartstrings. If you enjoy your romance well-plotted, well-characterised, steamy but heart-entangling; if you love good writing, a sense of humour, an author who knows her stuff and knows her readers, RUN, DO NOT STEP, DO NOT WALK, DO NOT WAIT to your nearest available book outlet and GRAB THIS BOOK (and if you haven't already, get her "Society of Sinners" series too). Face it, Gentle Readers: Charity Parkerson rocks!

Julia says

"A Secure Heart" by Charity Parkerson is written in a unique way, as a collection of four separate but linked stories. Each of the stories centers on a woman's yearning for love, friendship, acceptance, and unconditional love. In each of these quests for "a secure heart," there are heartbreaks, joys, suspense, sensuality, and humor. I loved all the unexpected plot twists!

The characters are well-developed and believable, their flaws making them even more realistic and easier to relate to. The connections between men and women in these stories are multiple and intricate – and that's why, at times, these four stories feel like a unified novel, filled with intrigue and suspense.

The titles of each of these four linked stories seem sweet, innocent, and romantic: "Flowers," "Chocolate," "Wishes," and "Sparks." But Charity Parkerson doesn't shy away from portraying love and romance in a realistic, lifelike way, with impulsive encounters, regrets, and hope. Not all characters are good people in the conventional sense, but all of them are appealing and interesting to follow. Good read!