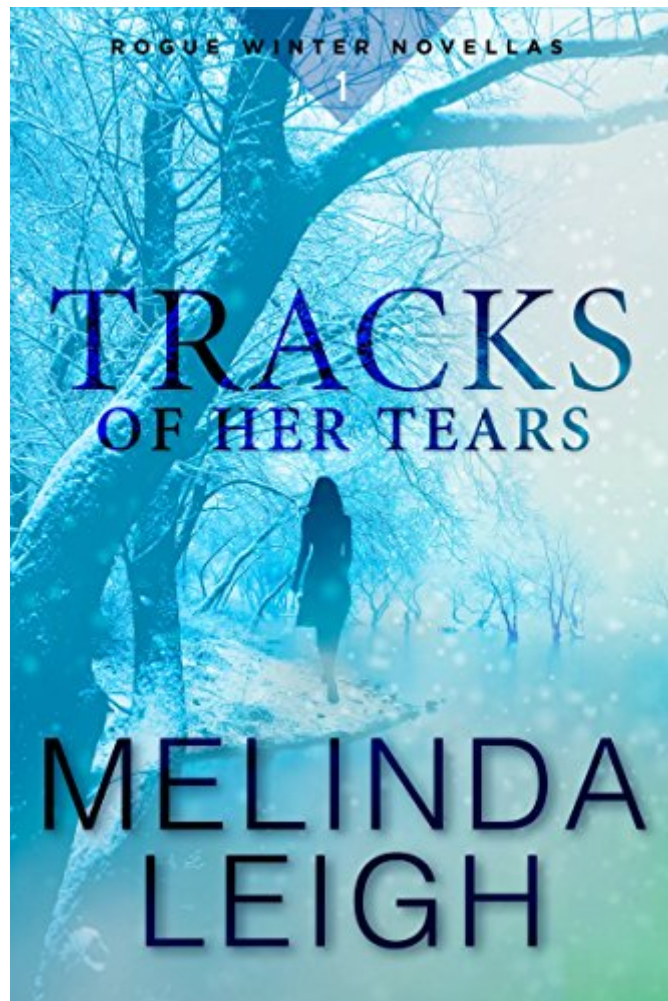


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Synopsis

In the first thrilling Rogue Winter Novella, sleepy little Solitude, Oregon, wakes up to another deadly threat. County investigator Seth Harding intends to spend the holidays with his newly reconciled family, but a few days before Christmas, a homicide thwarts his plan. Seth arrives at the scene and makes a painful discovery: the victim is his brother-in-law's girlfriend. Her apartment has been ransacked and her toddler left motherless. To make matters worse, Seth's brother-in-law, Bruce, is missing. With Solitude locked in a rare, deadly deep freeze and the temperature plummeting, the residents launch a desperate search. Seth calls his wife, social worker Carly Taylor, to take the case so the little girl doesn't get lost in the foster care system. With the holidays near, Carly brings the child home with them to celebrate Christmas. But when the Taylor farm is also trashed, Seth and Carly must race against time and against a paralyzing winter storm to find Bruce and catch a killer in the first pulse-pounding sequel to the Rogue River Novellas.

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Customer Reviews

This is book 1 in the Rogue Winter series, novellas written by Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot. Seth Harding is a county investigator in Solitude. He has been called to a murder scene and the victim is

very familiar. She is the girl friend of his brother-in-law, Bruce. When he tries to contact Bruce, he can't reach him. The victim has a young child who is taken into custody by Seth's wife who works as a social worker. It is just before Christmas and Carly Taylor can't stand the thought of the young child going to strangers right before the holidays. What happened to her Mother? Who murdered her and where is Bruce. Solitude is gearing up for a search ahead of some of the worst weather they have seen in a long time. They are working against the clock. If Bruce is injured somewhere in the open he won't survive long. The book is well written and developed, even though it could easily have been a full length book. A home run as usual for Melinda. Each book in the series takes place in the same town but the mystery is solved at the end of the novella. I am looking forward to reading the next by Kendra Elliot.

This is the first in the Rogue Winter series, and part of a collaboration between Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot. The book features Carly and Seth from the Rogue River series, just a few days before Christmas. I'm not a big holiday fan, so I was relieved that the book wasn't too Christmassy to be honest! Seth has to investigate a murder. Unfortunately the victim is Carly's brother's girlfriend. And now Bruce is missing. This makes him look like he could be the killer? The book was written in a quick-read fashion, and I couldn't wait to finish it, so I could see who the bad guy was! Recommended for anyone who likes a good who-dun-it!

I can't believe more people aren't commenting on the DESIGN of this book! I downloaded it because I'm into romantic "thrillers" that aren't too hardcore right now and these novellas fit the bill. I was fully certain I would "turn off" whatever the motion feature thing was because one of the cool things about books is seeing it in your head. But it added SO MUCH! There are little gifs like movie-scenes throughout the book and it really adds emotion and feel of the book. They're filmed/designed very professionally with a moody vibe and thoughtful scenery and actor choices - I expected them to be cheesy or annoy me because it wasn't the way it was in my head. I was so wrong! (and surprised!) The book itself is laid out very well with a few graphics and changes in background too. The little moments they so insightfully chose didn't detract from the scenes in my head but really jacked up the emotion. The book itself is a quick read with likeable characters, subtle romance, not too graphic anything, and a solid plot like all the novellas in this series. It's definitely not heavy on the character/relationship development or complexity though- its just an entertaining, easy to read, commuter and work break that doesn't make you cringe or roll your eyes. Especially with the visuals it's a super win for me - and on KindleSelect so it's free!

TRACKS OF HER TEARS by Melinda Leigh returns readers to Solitude, Oregon. Leigh introduces readers to the backstory of the Taylor family and adds additional facts as needed to keep readers aware of events as they unfold. In Leigh's Rogue Winter Novella, she features her male protagonist, Seth Harding, husband of Carly Taylor Harding. Seth is a detective for the Sheriff's department, and Carly is a social worker. The storyline begins a few days before Christmas when Seth is called to investigate the murder of a young woman. The pace of the story never stops building from the very first page when Seth finds the murdered young woman is the girlfriend of Bruce Taylor, Carly's brother. The deceased woman is a single mother of a young girl. Seth calls Carly to take charge of the young toddler. The intensity of the plot increases when Seth discovers Carly's brother Bruce is missing. Leigh grabs her readers' interest by putting them next to Carly and Seth as the story develops. The author masterfully keeps transitioning between Seth's actions and thoughts and Carly's actions and thoughts. She keeps the story moving forward, always informing readers of what is taking place. Readers meet members of the Taylor family who are supporting characters to the storyline and are given backstories of each as Leigh brings them into the plot. Leigh introduces antagonists to the story providing their backstories as she introduces them to her readers. The plot is full of action with a murder investigation and unfolding events featuring the close-knit Taylor family who rally to support and care for each other. Melinda Leigh's TRACKS OF HER TEARS Rogue River Book 1 novella delivers is a must read and earns a 5-star ranking.

There are many things that make this novella an addictive read, but the biggest in my opinion, is an emotional connection to the characters. This is my first Rogue River read, so I came in with no history of this small Oregon town, or the characters. There is such a flawless balance between plot and characterization, that story swept me up and kept me reading way past my bedtime. Melinda Leigh is a masterful story teller, and this novella is a delightful snack-size mystery that will leave you wanting more. The next book is written by Kendra Elliot, which I will give a try. I will also be sure to add more of this series to my Kindle.

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