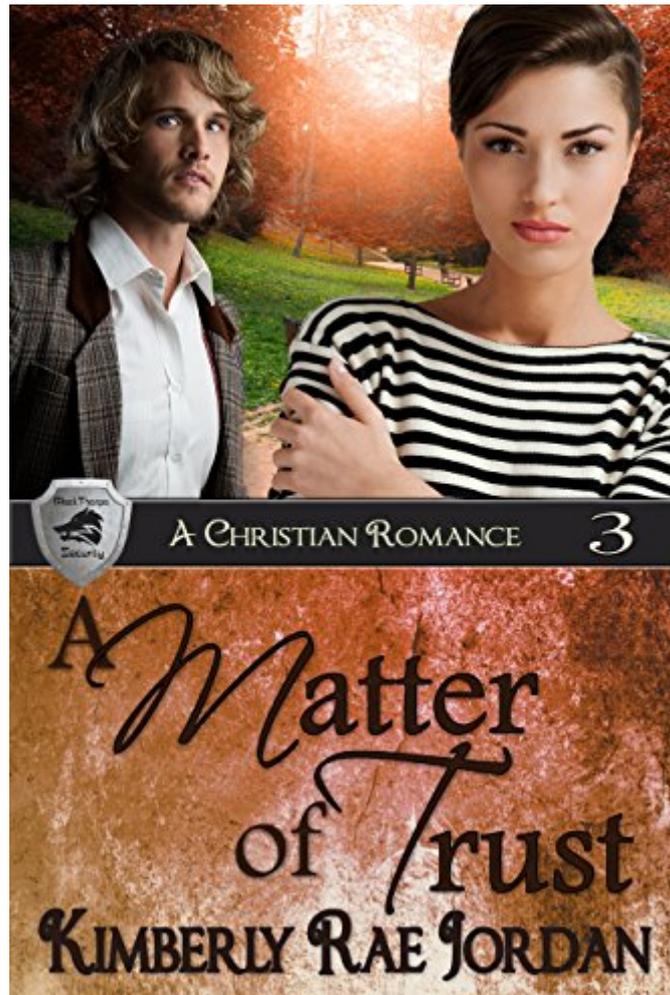


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Synopsis

A MATTER OF TRUST is book three of the Christian romance series, BLACKTHORPE SECURITY by Kimberly Rae Jordan. Follow the lives of the men and women working for BlackThorpe Security as they face the challenges of life, faith and love. The BlackThorpe Security series is a spin-off from the Christian romance series, The McKinleys. If you haven't read those yet, check out book one - THIS TIME WITH LOVE: A Christian Romance - and meet some of the characters who will continue to appear in the BlackThorpe Security series. Melanie Thorpe believes that love and marriage are fine for other people "people who don't have the kind of baggage to carry around that she does. Over the years, she has done what was necessary to protect herself, and she never takes anyone at face value. Her choices make it difficult to let anyone get close but she has a handful of people she counts as good friends. As she watches some of those friends fall in love and get married, Melanie finds herself wondering if it might be worth taking a chance. Is there a way to have a relationship without ever revealing the past that has shaped the way she lives her life now? Tyler Harris has been married before, but when his wife divorced him after an explosion left him with a double amputation below the knee, he wasn't all too keen to rush into another relationship. Six years later, his life is full with his involvement at his church, his job and his large group of friends. He's been happy with the many friendships he has "including one with Melanie Thorpe" but when he begins to feel more for her, Tyler wonders if it's worth risking a friendship for the possibility of love. If Melanie was able to trust a man, it would be someone like Tyler. She has long admired him, but lately "with love blossoming all around her" she's starting to feel things for him she never thought she'd feel for any man. But can she trust him enough to share about her past? When a tragic event brings secrets to light, Tyler struggles to understand Melanie's trust issues even as he tries to encourage her to not only trust him but God as well. Will she take a chance on Tyler? Or will her determination to keep herself safe send him away? Stayed tuned for the next Christian romance book in the BlackThorpe Security series early 2016. If you enjoy heartwarming Christian romance with a focus on love, faith and family, be sure to check out these other books and series by Kimberly Rae Jordan. Other Christian romance series by Kimberly Rae Jordan: The McKinleys Home to Collingsworth Those Karlsson Boys Other Christian romance books by Kimberly Rae Jordan: Faith, Hope & Love Marrying Kate

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Customer Reviews

Melanie and Tyler have been friends for quite a while, but are now both ready to pursue something more, if they can learn to trust each other, even with the scars of their pasts. (Though reviews are inherently subjective, I prefer to provide some organization to my opinions through the use of a personal rubric. The following notes may contain spoilers.) Plot and Setting: 3.5 -- Plot has unique elements and no major holes, but a few shaky bits and/or a slight lack of focus. The story itself is very well-told. I do wish Alana's abduction was not left unresolved, especially since we're told that this is a stand-alone story. Setting is believable. Timeline may be a bit hard to follow. This book has good consistency in timeline within itself, but not so much with the previous books in the series: the party that ends books 1 and 2 and begins this one was originally described as 6 months after May, which would be November -- but in this book, several weeks after that party, it's October (preseason basketball and Canadian Thanksgiving) and we don't hit November till nearly the end of the book. Characters: 5 -- Relatable, realistic, interesting, dynamic characters. Melanie was abducted at age 16, and 14 years later is obsessed with making herself safe. She falls apart a bit when she realizes that even her extreme preparation is not a guarantee of safety. Tyler is a double amputee

with 2 prosthetic legs. Most of the time it's just his new normal, but he does carry doubts about its effect on romantic relationships. Even minor characters have depth, as do the relationships between characters. The friendships and interactions with coworkers and family members are well done. I enjoyed the contrast between Tyler's mom and Melanie's mom, though her mom aggravated me.

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