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Elena Waldren has a secret that she's built fences around for the last twenty-nine years and kept from everyone. Through her work with an aid agency, her fears about the plight of a young girl placed with a nearby family finally set her on a quest to uncover the past that she's pushed away for so long. A quest that leads her into the dangerous heart of Montreal's leading crime family, the Lacailles. The Lacaille brothers are at odds over their business aims for the future. Caught in the middle is the money-man holding the key to legitimizing their enterprises, Georges Donatien. But as much as Donatien could be their saviour, he is also the last witness to a murder that could bring their empire crashing down.

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From Reader Review The Last Witness for online ebook

Alf Goodall says

Difficult to read due to the very small print Not sure that Elena's secret is so terribly bad that she could not have shared it with at least her husband who eventually finds out, along with many others. Found the setting interesting as have lived in and visited Montreal. Unfortunately I tend to get started on another book before doing a review by which time I have forgotten much of the detail. Regardless found it to be an interesting story.

Aileen says

Minuscule print meant I gave up on the 2nd page.

Sara says

This was a really good story, with lots of twists. Sadly though its rated pg 30. Also, there was too much of Almost-died-and-got-saved-at-the-last-minute. Still, I enjoyed the story.

Darren says

I got this as a e book from net galley. I enjoyed reading it. It had a good story to it. I liked the variety of characters in it. It is my second book read by this author. I hope to read more books by this author.

Northern Light says

This book took a long time to get going and I nearly gave up on it but I am very glad that I didn't. Once it going it was an amazing adventure encompassing many different facets. From a crime family trying to go straight and not always succeeding to an aid worker kidnapping a child and going on the run. The last few chapters will take you on a roller-coaster of emotions as you try to decide who is telling the truth.

The says

Canadian Crime

I quite enjoyed this though it almost seems like it would have been best if this had been written as two separate books.

The Elena storyline could be quite slow going at times and some of the scenes and internal monologue did get quite repetitive. It was quite well done and it did have some emotional impact though It also took me away from the other storyline

I preferred the Canadian crime elements. It was pretty well written with some interesting characters.

The book picks up a lot towards the end and it was a tense and well worked finish.
The writing is generally competent and effective.

Jack says

The two strands of the story take a long time to come together, but the suspense is there.

Anne Vaughan says

Took a while to get into it had to keep putting it down and going back to it.

Molly says

Could have been half the length. Good story but too meandering and the end tied up too neatly.

Traci Lafollette says

Hard to follow and extremely slow. Took forever to finish almost gave up and probably should have.
