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Shellie says

Book two of three. Now that Jayce and Leah have reconciled their past, and come to a happy arrangement for their future, you would think all is right and well. However, with the revelation that Jayce has an identical twin brother named Chance, Helaina Beecham, who is still trying to solve the case of the murders and robberies sticks her nose in places it does not belong, and soon finds herself kidnapped by the very man she was trying to bring in. Jayce sends Leah home to Last Chance so that he and Jacob can go after Chase and bring Helaina home. However, Chase beats them 'home' and takes Leah with him. Now, it is a race against time as Chase threatens the lives and virtue of the two women, one of which has come down with a serious, life-threatening case of pneumonia.

You would think that being rescued would solve all your problems. It doesn't. Leah is pregnant and not sure who the father is, Helaina is in love with Jacob, but still goes home to NYC. Jacob and Jayce join the expedition team they were supposed to join in book one, and end up stranded in the middle of who-knows-which-part of the ocean when their ship hits ice. The captain of the ship is a bit insane after the death of his wife. He has no desire to get them unstuck and on their way home.

Leah decides to try and find the men. While in Nome, she runs into, no one other than Helaina who has come back to Alaska to try and win Jacob! Book two ends with Leah and Helaina standing under the Northern Lights comforting each other on the loss of their men and contemplating how to go about getting them back. Bring on book 3!

Lorraine says

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REVIEW: The author left us hanging at the end of Book 1 of the Alaskan Quest series and picks up right where she ended in Book 2. Book 2 continues to tradition as she leaves us once again hanging at the end of Book 2. The story line continues full of adventure as well as highs and lows with the characters continuing to grow and change due to their experiences in the Alaskan frontier. My favorite character is Leah because she experiences both fulfillment with her marriage to Jayce but depths of despair when things go wrong in her life. Yet she still manages to hold on to her deep faith. I enjoyed how Helaina grew as she developed in her faith and recognized her own strengths and weaknesses. I look forward to seeing what happens between her and Jacob in Book 3 of this series. Good series that definitely keeps the readers' attention.

Libby says

The second in a Historical fiction series set in Alaska in the early 1900's before American entered WW1. Tracie Peterson is a good writer and the books appear to be well researched. There is some hard subject matter in this book - spoiler alert-- dealing with rape though it is not explicit but could be hard for a woman who has been through the experience though in that the question is posed that how could God let this happen to a follower of Jesus. I thought the author dealt with the emotions well though maybe worked through them a little fast

Lonnie says

I think I have underestimated Tracie Peterson as an author...she keeps surprising me! I'm finding her books are more action adventures, then anything else. Alaska is a harsh place, especially in the early 1900s, and Peterson tells it like it is. Her characters go through some tough trials and she doesn't sugarcoat the issues. If you don't mind some preaching in between, this is worth reading. There are some profound truths found within this story.

I only wanted to read the second book, because the first one left you hanging with the kidnapping. So, I starting reading and Helaina and Leah's stubbornness nearly drove me crazy! However, by the end of the book, they liked each other and I liked them. Now I just have to read the 3rd book to find out what happens with Jacob and Jayce!

Kathryn says

Leah goes back to Last chance as Jacob and Jayce have asked her too, but when she gets there, her friends say that Jayce is there. She soon finds out it isn't Jayce, but Chase who has come to stock up on supplies and dogs. He convinces Leah that he has Jacob, Jayce and Helaina and that if she doesn't cooperate they will die. She goes with him. After many days, they meet up with where Chase left Helaina, she is sick but alive and they set out again. Chase had lied about Jacob and Jayce, he didn't have them, but they are fighting the elements to catch up. Chase is vicious in his attempt to hurt Jayce and takes advantage of Leah. Leah has a hard time understanding why God would desert her when she has been going her best to treat Chase with kindness. She blames Helaina for the troubles too. When they escape they leave Chase drugged behind on the trail. They meet up with the rescue party and they know that something has happened to Leah because of her anger, but she is keeping quiet. Jayce leaves to go after Chase and Leah is not happy. Jayce finds Chase, but only to have him reveal on his death bed the hurt he has inflicted on Leah. Leah thinks that once Jayce knows the truth he won't love her anymore, but Jayce feels guilty because he wasn't there to protect her. They overcome the feelings overtime only to realize that Leah is pregnant, but who is the father. Jayce relates that he is the father no matter what and then she has twins. Helaina leaves back to New York but is torn between her love for Jacob and her love of the convenience of living in a city. She leaves, but finds that with her new faith in God and love of Jacob, Alaska is where she should go. She goes back only to find that Jayce and Jacob are on a ship stuck in the ice with no way of rescue. Leah and Helaina find strength in each other as they wait until the thaw of the ice. Jacob and Jayce are trying to survive with the little supplies they have and prepare to abandon ship. Sigrid, Emma's sister from Minnesota comes to stay in Alaska as a teacher while her sister goes to the states for a visit. Will Jacob and Jayce survive the winter in the north? read the next book.

Guitargirl says

It was very interesting and I enjoyed it a lot!!! There is tons of conflicts going on into the next book and I can't wait to begin it!!! :-)

Caitlyn says

This book wasn't as clean as I wanted it to be, if I wasn't really invested in the characters this would probably be a dnf, but somehow I finished it. This book was a let down that ended in a cliff-hanger! I am glad I got this book from a library and did not buy it because this book did not live- or read- up to its first book. I just am a little disappointed in the content, I started reading CHRISTIAN FICTION to get away from crazy YA CONTENT, and I get worse in a Tracie Peterson novel, really? Sure it was just one page, but honestly I don't know how I finished this novel, I guess I wanted to see Chase brought to justice? I guess I'll read the next book because maybe it's not another disappointment. Plus Leah and Heliana became REALLY, EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING.

Content- Moderate?

Rape that is not described in detail, I didn't know what happened until after it when a character is seething. . .

A pregnancy

vague sexual references

Nikki says

After a lengthy journey traversing the Alaskan territory newlywed Leah Barringer Kincaid walks into her home to discover her husband's identical twin brother Chase, a murderer, whom both her husband and brother are chasing. Kidnapped by Chase who preys on Leah's protective instincts she is reunited with the insufferable Pinkerton Agent Helaina Beecham whom Chase had already kidnapped. Leah wants only to escape but Helaina's focus is solely on bringing Chase to justice. When Helaina falls critically ill, Leah attempts to reason with Chase in trying to bring him to an understanding of her loving God but after Chase sexually assaults Leah even her faith in God in letting such a monstrous thing happen to her is severely tested. Partly blaming Helaina for all the bad things that happened to her, Leah's faith in God, her rage over the injustice done her and her battle for vengeance vs. forgiveness would be tested in innumerable ways as would her husband Jayce as he continues the pursuit of his brother.

Rita says

Another great read by Tracie Peterson! This is book #2 in the series Alaskan Quest and it picks up right where book #1 ends. So you should really read #1 Summer of the Midnight Sun first to understand what is going on in Under the Northern Lights.

Aspen says

Worst. Book. EVER!!!! I was so (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) disappointed! The first book in the series was amazing! One of the cleanest books I have read! So much promise! And then, out of the blue, the main character gets raped?????? Seriously! I was hoping to enjoy this book!

Tracie Peterson, I am disappointed.

My biggest disappointment was that now, can I trust a book written by her to be clean? The answer is no. I can not any more.

I am also disappointed in the publisher. I thought a Bethany House book would be clean and not...this!

It is a lot to say when I don't finish a book I once was so captivated by!

I value my time and energy a lot so to read a book filled with more sin than necessary is stupid!

I suppose the plot was okay...but because she threw in that one little paragraph, the book goes from PG to....PG-13.

I was searching for a good book to recommend to my friends who are younger (like 12-13-14) but this is not one!

And I was hoping for a sweet romance!!

If you are like me, don't waste your time/money.

Abigail says

I love Tracie Peterson. I think I have said this is just about every review I do for her books. But I really do love her books they are amazing and have such great plots and plot twists that it keeps the book going and it doesn't really get slow or become boring. I am really glad that my library had the next book in this series because let's just say that there was a cliff hanger like last time and I am totally freaking out about it! Cannot wait for the next book!!

Bridget says

Very good book that will keep you on the edge of your seat from the very beginning.

Camille says

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I received this entire series for review purposes from Bethany House Publishers. I am under no obligation to write a positive review, just an honest one.

Under The Northern Lights is the second book in Tracie Peterson's Alaskan Quest series. You can read my review of the first book in the series, Summer of the Midnight Sun, by clicking [here](#).

Under The Northern Lights picks up right where Summer of the Midnight Sun left off, which is good because it left off with a huge cliffhanger!

WARNING! SPOILERS FOR SUMMER OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN AHEAD!

I wanted to give you a heads up because to discuss book two, I have to give away parts of book one, so stop now if you want to read the first book first!

At the end of the first book, we found out that Helaina Beecham has been kidnapped by Jayce's brother, and now she must be rescued. Jayce and Jacob head off to try to find Chase and save Helaina, while Leah Barringer Kincaid (who is now married to Jayce Kincaid) heads back to her home.

Shortly after arriving, her neighbors tell her how Jayce is there too, and anxious to see her dear husband she runs home, only to find out that it is not Jayce, but rather Chase, his dark and twisted twin. Now Chase has Helaina in hiding and has taken off with Leah, but Leah was unable to inform anyone in town that it was, in fact, Chase, that she was leaving with because he threatened to kill them all if she so much as breathed one word.

Leah is trying to figure out how to escape without endangering the lives of everyone she knows and loves, but Helaina is far more determined to capture Chase, even though it would be safer to escape and leave Chase behind. But Helaina is falling steadily more ill, and Leah knows her time is short, their lives depend on her quick thinking.

Will Leah and Helaina escape from the grasp of Chase? Will Helaina's insistence that they capture Chase, rather than just escape be their downfall? Just how dark and twisted is Chase, or is there a chance of redemption? Will Jayce be forced to make the ultimate choice to take Chase's life, even though he is his own flesh and blood? And just what happened between Chase and Leah that seems to have affected Leah so deeply?

Read Under The Northern Lights to find out!

This second installment was a great followup to the first book in the series, though I didn't enjoy it quite as much. It seemed to drag slightly in a few places.

However, what I did really like about this book is that it addresses some very serious and nitty-gritty topics.

As a result, I would say that this book probably has at least a PG RATING.

Why? Not because of in-depth descriptions of interactions between characters during their intimate moments, but because

SPOILER ALERT

At one point in the book, Chase actually forces himself upon Leah, raping her. While Tracie Peterson does not describe the event in great detail, the idea of rape is a much more adult concept, regardless of how much the actual event is described. But it is a pivotal part of the book, because it greatly affects Leah (as it would any woman!) and severely shakes her faith in God. So much of the story is Leah trying to find a way to recover her faith in God that has been so damaged and battered.

END SPOILER ALERT

So, I highly recommend this book, and indeed, this entire series! I look very much forward to reading the third and final book in this series, which will pick up right where this one left off. Just know that while it is a beautiful story in some respects, it tackles some very serious topics (hence the PG Rating) that cause some characters to question their faith in God.

4.5 out of 5 stars!

Abigail says

Although I am a Huge fan on Tracie Peterson this book did 2 unforgivable things to the character I loved...Leah Kincade.

First, she was kidnapped by her husband's Evil twin brother. Yep, an evil twin.
Second, despite her prayers and trying to not set her captor off, he still attacked her. As in forced her. And she was only married what, a month to the good twin when she is stolen away.

And at that point I had to stop reading for about a week, I was so upset and hurt for her, and this is just a Book. A christian book!

So now, once the evil twin is killed, she has the agony of recovering and wondering who's the father of her baby.

Yes, it all works out in the end, but I wish I'd known where the author was going so I was more prepared for the emotional wrenching.

I loved almost every other part of this book. So, a lower rating than usual just because it was disturbing at times.

Julie says

I liked this book well enough. I'm giving it 3 stars because it dealt with a very difficult and touchy subject matter and it wasn't dealt with very realistically from my point of view. It was resolved way too easily and should have been explored with more depth and reality. Not that I disagree with the concept Peterson puts forth for overcoming trials and suffering. I just felt like she simplified it too much.

Other than that I enjoyed the book and plan on reading the next book in the series to find out what happens to everyone.
