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When her ski instructor husband is delayed from returning to Scotland, it falls to Jude Winters - creative graphic artist, mother and home-maker - to assemble a team of instructors and get the season started for ailing White Cairns Ski School.

It's a challenge that's way out of her comfort zone, especially since even the seemingly confident and extrovert ski instructors are hiding mysterious pasts or secret longings that might threaten the equilibrium of the ski school.

As they battle sabotage, stormy weather and accidents in the first months of the winter season, can she turn things around and keep the wolf from their door until her chief instructor gets back from New Zealand?

"Secrets in the Snow" is a collection of the early season stories from the 'White Cairns Ski School' novella series about a Scottish snowsports school. It contains Episodes 1-3 and 2 short stories:

- \* Winter Arrives (Episode 1)
- \* Skiing with Santa (Short story 1)
- \* A Dream for Hogmanay (Short story 2)
- \* Fear of Falling (Episode 2)
- \* My Snowy Valentine (Episode 3)

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## From Reader Review Secrets in the Snow, Volume 1 for online ebook

### **Kathy says**

I loved, loved, loved this set.

White Cairns Ski School is filled with engaging characters who bring the reader into their lives. Each story is an invitation to get to know them better.

Roz Marshall has created a setting and people that you can't help but want to read more of. I can't wait to read more!

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### **Elaine says**

This is a collection of stories about the people and places associated with 'The White Cairns Ski School'. This collection contains five works, three novella episodes and two short stories. Whilst they could be read in any order, I believe they work best read in the given order as the characters and relationships develop whilst the winter skiing season progresses. The initial work is 'Winter Arrives' but it could also be winter arrives but our chief ski instructor doesn't! It just happens that he's also the husband of Jude Winters to whom the task then falls of organising everything ready for the new season to start, including a team of instructors. This is a lively start with to what proved to be an exciting and entertaining set of stories.

The books have strong characters who are continually developed as you read additional episodes. The setting is spectacular, add in the excellent plot development, complete with intrigue, mystery, accidents and bad weather, all combine to make this a thoroughly enjoyable start to the series. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this and look forward to being able to read further episodes about the centre and the people there. I'll also be looking out for other works by this author who takes her readers into her books, making it feel as if you're actually there, witnessing what is occurring and sometimes actually taking an active part in it! I suspect that with the future episodes in place this could easily become a 5\* series!

Thanks to the author for letting me read an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Roz Marshall says**

Okay, so here's my 'review' of Secrets in the Snow, to give you some background info.

Secrets is the story so far... It contains Episodes 1-3 plus 2 short stories. By the end of the full "season" there will be 6 episodes in total, but I wanted to put out this collection to give people a more economical buying option for these early season stories.

I've also added a Glossary and a list of Characters to the back matter, which might save you some Googling or head-scratching!

Regarding the plot/stories I can't really add anything that I've not said before, sorry!

There will also be a Paperback version very soon.

Currently the eBook is only available at Amazon.

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### **Harmony Kent says**

Secrets in the Snow is a collection of stories from Author Roz Marshall ... some of them featurette length and others short stories. They all blend into one overall tale, which I really enjoyed. Jude Winters isn't so confident, and when her husband leaves her in the lurch by failing to come home from New Zealand, Jude has to girl up and sort out the running of the winter ski school by herself. Her and her newly and hastily assembled ski team are faced with plenty of drama and challenges, and not a little romance is in the air too, just to complicate things even further!

This is a collection of stories from the White Cairns Ski School series, and is set within the early season skiing community in a small Scottish village. If you like drama and romance, as well as a little suspense, then you will love this little series. Volume 1 ends open ended, but not a cliff hanger, and I am looking forward to reading the next in the series. I noticed a few hiccups here and there, but still feel this is a cracking great read. A good 4 out of 5 stars from me.

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### **Shirley McLain says**

This was an easy book to read. I liked the story line and the characters were strong. The story line is about skiing and a ski school which I know nothing about but it was easy to pick up the terminology. I did feel like volume 1 wasn't a story within itself. You will need to read the rest of the series to get the complete picture. Maybe that's the way a series is supposed to work, I really don't know it felt incomplete. That's why I gave it four stars.

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## **Debbie McGowan says**

### **Episode One**

This is an intriguing episode in what I assume will be an ongoing series, with each subsequent novella centring on different characters involved in the White Cairns Ski School. I have to be honest and say that I found central character extremely irritating until the final 10% of the story, when I started to develop some sympathy for her - whether that's misplaced or not...well I guess I'll have to read the next instalment to find out!

All in all a nice little read - not sure that the technical detail on the skiing and boarding added to the story, but it's hard to say when it's the first part of a series. Certainly worth a read and I will be reading more of Roz Marshall's work.

### **Episode Two**

A great story, following on from 'episode 1', with the same characters, but a different focus, so that other characters come to the fore. In this adventure, Fiona takes centre-stage, and we find out a little more about her story - can't say more than that really.

These stories do stand-alone, but work best read in order for the character development.

I'm starting to develop favourites and also hoping for certain storylines to come out in a certain way. Looking forward to episode 3!

### **Episode Three**

Ms. Marshall best have the next instalment well underway already...

Short version: an exciting episode in the ongoing White Cairns series, with some tense moments and great climax-building.

Long version: I'm not into the skiing stuff at all and find these bits quite slow-going, but once I got past that and into the main story - the ongoing relationships, the excitement of the events taking place - the words just flashed by. I forgot I was reading. I love the characters. They're developing really nicely now.

Great story with an excellent ending that will leave you wanting, nay, needing more.

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## **Soobie's scared says**

### **I got this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.**

Honestly, my rating would be **3,5** stars, but I feel magnanimous tonight. ^\_\_^

This book contains three novellas all set in a Scottish sky resort. I have to admit that I don't feel comfortable reading this kind of novellas. Let me explain: I was lucky enough to get three of them together and this

provided a sort of long reading because I had the feeling that I wouldn't have been satisfied by reading them one by one. I would have felt like something was missing. Which is fun 'cause I've been reading comics/manga since I was a kid and I should be used to serialization.

The first pages were somehow difficult to read. There were a lot of names thrown on the pages and I lost control over them. Fortunately there was a list of characters at the end of the book. Still, it was a bit confused. Later in the book, however, I got used to most of the characters and I wasn't confusing them anymore.

With so many characters, it was a bit difficult to give a distinctive personality to all of them but at least, the author managed to make them different one from the other. I do have a soft spot for Debbie and his sweetness.

The plot involve sports and personal development and a little bit of romance. I really like the fact that I got an insight into how a ski school is run. Truth to say, some of the vocabulary was a bit difficult for me. Not because of its British spelling but only because it belonged to a very sectorial English.

I really enjoyed this book and I will definitely reading part 4 of the series: The Racer Trials.

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## **Anniek says**

Jude has inherited a ski school. She lives in Scotland with her husband Allan and her daughter Lucy. Allan runs the ski school and handles everything during the snow season. One morning when Jude is trying to order something she's been told that they'll only deliver after she has paid the out standing invoices first. Jude is shocked when she finds out that there's no more money in their business account. Allan has been working in New Zealand for a while now and Jude hasn't been able to contact him. Because of Allan's absence Jude has to take over the ski school. She has no idea what she's doing, but she has to learn fast since the season is about to start.

Together with her best friend Fiona Jude has to find experienced skiers for the instructor's team. Unexpected help also comes from Mike Cole. Mike has skied in places all over the world and now he's in Scotland to cross this country off his list as well. He steps in when Jude needs someone by her side for the hiring. Together they get the work done and an exciting new team is awaiting the first snow. When you're spending this much time with each other secrets are bound to unravel. Which secrets will come to the surface and which ones will remain hidden?

Jude is modest and not used to being a leader but she's forced to be one since she can't rely on her husband. She takes care of her daughter, makes drawings for children's books and has to run an entire ski school. A lot of people wouldn't be able to manage it all, but Jude does what she has to do to keep her head above water. She faces her problems head on. She's so much smarter than she gives herself credit for. Jude is honest and she'll always take care of everyone who is on her team. I disliked her husband a lot. Who leaves his wife and daughter to fend for themselves? The fact that she couldn't even reach him for advice made me mad. Jude remains polite the few times she talks to him on the phone and I found that remarkable. I wouldn't have been that strong.

Secrets in the Snow is an entertaining read about a ski school. I believe that the characters that Roz Marshall came up with for Jude's team are a real asset. The story has a natural flow and I flew through the pages. In every episode you'll get to know more about the instructors and you get to follow their lives as they work at the ski school. In a team with men and women you know that there will be romance involved. After reading

Secrets in the Snow episodes 1-3 I would love to go skiing myself as well. I'd like to find out how it feels to glide down those mountains. I liked to read about the personal developments of every character and I can't wait to learn more about each and everyone of them in the other episodes of this series.

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