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## Shattered Silence Details

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## From Reader Review Shattered Silence for online ebook

### Kav says

"Some secrets should never be kept." Isn't that a great shiver-up-my-spine tag line? I can't get enough of Marta Perry's brand of romantic suspense! And she delivers another stellar read in this conclusion to her Echo Falls series. No worries if you haven't read Echo of Danger and Sound of Fear (though you really should!) because Shattered Silence reads fine as a standalone. And aren't those titles perfect for this genre?

You might say a series of unfortunate events places Rachel at exactly the wrong place at the wrong time and thrusts her into a world of danger and intrigue. Enter PI Clint -- cold, calculating and cynical. He's good at his job because he concentrates on just the facts...which are leading him to the conclusion that Rachel is up to her neck in her ex's illegal schemes. There's such a contrast between these two -- mild-mannered kindergarten teacher vs tough-as-nails cop. Let's just say their first encounter doesn't go well. :-)

When Rachel is threatened in her own home she flees -- heading for the one place that makes her feel safe -- her grandparent's farm. Although she was raised Englisch by her troubled mother, she spent carefree summers living Amish with her extended family. It is to them she turns to...and brings peril to their door.

Great suspense, an awkward, wary romance and plenty of action and tummy-whooshing moments as danger dogs their heels. And while not technically a Christian Fiction selection, Rachel's Amish family provides plenty of food for thought when it comes to faith and trust and living right. Like this sage advice from Grossmammi:

"Poor child. She spent her life looking for happiness. But happiness isn't something you find. It's something that comes along unexpected when you're doing the right thing." (p 151)

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### Book Him Danno says

Shattered Silence is a slow paced mystery that readers find themselves more interested in the characters than the mystery as the story moves from character development, mystery, excitement and back to story and character development.

While the story is very slow as Rachel Hartline is trying to figure out what her ex husband is up to readers are introduced into the world of Amish Farm that will bring readers into a new world where languages are different and life moves slowly.

Shattered Silence is a stand a long novel with a Happy Ending that readers will love.

Thank you to Netgalley and Harlequin Books for the advance copy.

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### Brooklynsmom55 says

The third book in the series did not disappoint. Thoroughly enjoy Marta's books.

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## Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

This story opens with Rachel Hartline trying to get her ex-husband to sign off on the documents to put the house they still jointly own on the market. He's promised to sign off, but he's made plenty of promises throughout their marriage, and seems to have kept very few of them.

But then, as Rachel tells herself frequently throughout the story, addicts lie. And her husband is addicted to gambling. He's also always expected her to believe him and cover for him, so when she finds him in his boss' office copying files from his boss' computer, he expects her to believe him and cover for him one more time.

And he still doesn't sign the damn papers. But he does leave her holding the bag, so to speak, when his theft is discovered and everyone wants to retrieve the documents he copied – especially his ex-friend and extremely antisocial boss.

That's where Clint Mordan comes in. Said boss has hired his private investigations firm to discover the stolen documents – and Rachel is the first and best suspect. If not for the theft itself, then certainly for helping out her ex. She seems strangely protective of the man – more than seems logical to the initially skeptical private investigator. Most ex-wives wouldn't piss on their ex-husbands if the men were on fire, so Rachel's reluctance to cooperate seems suspicious.

At least until her house is broken into and she's attacked. Whatever is going on, someone seems determined to get something out of Rachel that she doesn't have – and not just Clint.

But in the process of following Rachel from Philadelphia to her grandparents' home in the tiny Amish community of Echo Falls, Clint figures out that whatever loyalty Rachel might still feel, it doesn't include lying or covering up for her ex-husband.

And while Clint may indeed be paranoid, there is certainly someone out to get Rachel. And it isn't her ex.

The longer the case goes on, the more that Clint and his partner realize that their client is keeping them in the dark. And the more protective of Rachel Clint becomes. And the more she trusts him, in spite of her fairly awful track record with trusting men.

But can either of them trust the feelings that have arisen in the midst of so much terror?

Escape Rating B+: I seem fated to read the final book in one of Marta Perry's trilogies without having read the first books first. And to those books turning out to be the right book at the right time each time.

I was interested in Shattered Silence because of its ties to the Pennsylvania Dutch community without being fully set in that world. My husband grew up English in and around Lancaster Pennsylvania, so the Amish background always piques my interest. This story felt like it did a particularly good job of opening a window into that world without pretending to tell a story that is part of it. The times that I've read Amish-set books out loud to him he usually finds the descriptions pretty laughable, but that wasn't the case here.

Just as I read and enjoyed How Secrets Die without having read the first two books in the House of Secrets trilogy, I read and enjoyed Shattered Silence without having read the first two books in the Echo Falls trilogy. In this case, the series seems rather loosely connected, sharing Echo Falls as a location without sharing other elements of the stories.

Shattered Silence turned out to be great romantic suspense. The danger reaches out and grabs the reader from the very beginning, with an exasperated Rachel discovering her ex in the middle of something highly questionable, and moving on from there as Rachel is forced to jump out of the frying pan into the fire.

I also liked the way that while she ended up in trouble over and over, she did not come off as too stupid to live as is so often in the case in "heroine in jeopardy" type romantic suspense. The mess is not her doing, and the mistakes she makes seem realistic. She lets her guard down repeatedly, but only when she thinks she's in a safe place or that the danger seems over.

The interlude at grandparents' farm provided a marvelous break in the tension while showing more interesting facets of all the characters. That she and Clint turn to each other in the midst of all of the drama, but also feel reluctant to trust and worried that the heightened tension of the situation is causing them to act out of characters felt right.

The resolution to the mystery felt right, as did their earning of their HEA. And while Rachel bore part of the responsibility for ending up in that final confrontation, she was equally responsible for helping to rescue herself. And that's the kind of HEA I always love!

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## **Meagan Myhren-bennett says**

Shattered Silence

Echo Falls #3

By Marta Perry

Rachel Hartline's marriage has ended and as soon as she gets her husband's signature she can sell their home - the home she can't afford on her teacher's salary - the home she put so many hours into. But getting Paul's signature is no easy task and this attempt to get it is about to put her smack dab into the latest of Paul's schemes - one that could very well implicate her in a crime and places her in danger.

Clint Mordan is determined to get to the truth of what Rachel knows and just how deeply she and her "ex" are involved in this theft from his company. No matter how Rachel tries to avoid him and his questions he won't be put off.

When the situation takes a dangerous turn Rachel returns to the only place she ever called home. But will the danger that drove her from her home find her in the Amish community she used to love? And will those she loves be in danger now as well?

Shattered Silence is a romantic suspense that has an Amish element to it, but it isn't an Amish fiction per say. The suspense is a constant almost throughout the whole story with the romance just a tad behind. The whole corporate espionage element was an intriguing twist - was he or wasn't he guilty? And as to the guilty party or parties, I have to say truly evil and uncaring - not anyone I'd care to associate with.

This is the third book of the Echo Falls series which I did not know before reading this book. I no way did I feel lost as if I had missed out on something, perhaps as this book deals mainly with Rachel whose life was outside of Echo Falls has a bearing on this. But be assured that this book can stand-alone. This book is an easy read and the suspense won't keep you awake into the wee hours of the morning unless you just decide to keep reading the night away. Fans of Love Inspired Suspense will want to pick up this one.

I was provided a complimentary copy of this book by the publisher through TLC Book Tours with no expectations of a positive review - all opinions expressed are my own.

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## **Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says**

### MY THOUGHTS ON THIS BOOK

It's been a while since I've read a Marta Perry book, and I loved and enjoyed Shattered Silence just as much as her other books! This one had me biting my fingernails a bit! Rachel Hartline is trying to round up the information to make sure all ties are over and done with between her and her ex-husband. But going to his business to have a paper signed out her in the wrong place at the wrong time. But the last thing she wanted to do was get in the middle of a business crime. But thanks to a nosy private investor, she keeps being pulled into the problem, one step at a time!

I was so wrapped up in this story that I didn't want to stop reading for anything! Rachel was such a sweet person, and didn't deserve being the target of the PI, and whoever else was after her. Her only hope was to go visit her mom's family, the family her husband wouldn't let her have anything to do with. This sweet Amish family took her in and lived on her, giving her the love and strength she needed. But circumstances happened that proved this wasn't to be. But who could be after Rachel?

I love this cast of characters created by Marta Perry! They were believable, some were loveable, some not, just as real life. And each played their parts so well as this horrific story unfolds on this journey with Rachel and PI Clint Mordan. As circumstances bring these characters through the twists and turns, Ms. Perry weaves it all together, revealing the good guys and the bad, taking us to an ending that will shatter your mind. This is an awesome read folks! If you are looking for a good clean, suspenseful read to enjoy, this is your read! And check out the other books in this series!

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## **Cheryl says**

I liked this book. The change of location to Amish country is what I enjoyed the most. Rachel may have been away a long time from her family but I didn't feel like she was an "outsider". She fit back into her family and their ways pretty easy. Although, it did help that she knew the language. Clint on the other hand was the "outsider".

Yet, I do have to say that I wished that Rachel was more assertive. It felt as if she would not have been able to take care of herself, if Clint was not around to save her. However, on the other hand; Rachel did help Clint to solve the case. Despite these elements, I did enjoy reading this book. It moved along at a good steady pace with not a lot of downtime.

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## **Diane Chartrand says**

Being the last in a three book series, I found it very slow and lacking enough tension as there had been in the first two. I hope this author goes back to her usual way of writing. I have been reading her books for several years and this is the first one that didn't keep my interest.

## Julie says

My review for Shattered Silence by Marta Perry will be featured on The Harlequin Junkies Website in the very near future. For other awesome romance features and reviews- click this link:

<http://harlequinjunkie.com/>

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## Marti says

Shattered Silence by Marta Perry was a clean contemporary romantic thriller. The story highlights the main character, Rachel. Her ex husband seems to have disappeared with key information about his company's newest ideas. Rachel was the last to see him as she wanted him to sign the paperwork to put the house on the market. Only that brief meeting starts a series of events that has caused Rachel to be attacked which sends Rachel on the run to her family to hide. Only she is not even safe there! Meanwhile a private investigation firm is also tracking down Rachel's ex-husband and are determined to keep safe.

I loved Rachel's family and how caring they were. I loved how Clint fit in with her family and how he was not perfectly suave, but a character struggling to find his way forward. Rachel and Clint work to figure out what happened and what would happen next. Rachel was determined to hear and speak the truth. Clint often had his foot in mouth.

Shattered Silence is the third book in a series called Echo Falls. Marta Perry has written a book that brings you along on an adventure with twists and turns. The story certainly shook Rachel's trust, but allowed her to find a new path. Shattered Silence was a good read.

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## Books and Spoons says

With the ascended tension of the investigation and the sweetest love story developing in the shadows of it, the Shattered Silence captured my mind, vastly entertaining and holding my interest with the frantic search for the truth and near escapes from the potentially deadly attacks.

I loved how the graceful homecoming for Rachel Hartline to her Amish roots made me smile and brought so much joy to the story, while the intensifying suspense put me on the edge, only hoping for the best.

Rachel is a strong and capable, smart and independent heroine who was easy to like, admire and relate to.

From a young age, she has learned not to trust easily, being let down by the ones who should love and care for you the most. But that has not made her bitter or hard, quite the opposite, she is kind, resilient, considerate, generous person, all the trades she learned during her summers at the Amish farm with her grandparents.

Clint Mordan is a complex, wounded hero. What at first seemed like a cold and hard man, goal oriented with no sympathy, turns out to be a considerate, kind, gentle, fiercely protective hero, who would do anything and risk everything to keep Rachel safe, and alive.

I enjoyed how the story was built, how the moments of fear, dread, and tension take turns with the adorable times with the family at the farm. The tale is well written and had such an easy flow to it, the development of the plot was so effortless and smooth, going from fun and enjoyable to frightening and even deadly without

missing a beat.

The characters were well thought out, the protagonists had depth and stood out, they had a tangible chemistry in between them, while the story held in the clean and sweet category when it comes to the romance.

Shattered Silence is an entertaining, dramatic, and thrilling story, suitable for all suspense as well as romance readers. It has an intense, arresting investigation, splendid and touching romance, and a homecoming that will remind the readers of the importance of a family, of the people who will always be there for us, a life-lesson of trust and forgiveness served as a side dish.

~ Four Spoons with a teaspoon on the side

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

Shattered Silence is the third book in this series, and while each can be read alone, they are all equally good. This story the author has given us a divorced woman who soon finds herself in trouble, and this is all due to her ex-husband, and because of what happens is thrown into the company of a private investigator, and back to Echo Falls, her sanctuary and home to her Amish Grandparents.

There are so many bombshells here and most you won't see coming, so be on alert, and hope for justice to prevail.

Once you turn the first page you will be hooked and looking for answers, just what is going on, and how will this impact an ex-wife?

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Harlequin, and was not required to give a positive review.

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