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Nikki Wright is desperate to help her brother, Bobby, who hasn't been the same since escaping from a detainment camp run by terrorists in Colombia. Rumor has it that he betrayed his navy brothers and conspired with those who held him hostage, and both the press and the military are hounding him for answers. All Nikki wants is to shield her brother so he has time to recover and heal.

But soon they realize the paparazzi are the least of their worries. When a group of men try to abduct Nikki and her brother, Bobby insists that Kade Wheaton, another former SEAL, can keep them out of harm's way. But can Nikki trust Kade? After all, the man who broke her heart eight years ago is anything but safe...

Hiding out in a farmhouse on the Chesapeake Bay, Nikki finds her loyalties—and the remnants of her long-held faith—tested as she and Kade put aside their differences to keep Bobby's increasingly erratic behavior under wraps. But when Bobby disappears, Nikki will have to trust Kade completely if she wants to uncover the truth about a rumored conspiracy. Nikki's life—and the fate of the nation—depends on it.

## **Disillusioned Details**

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## From Reader Review Disillusioned for online ebook

### Kara says

Wow, this is my first Barritt book and it's SOOOO good! I'm totally with Nikki....my brother is innocent and I'm gonna do everything I can to keep him safe and get his mind restored. There's no way I'm believing anyone else that he's guilty and capable of doing terrorist acts! What a great story and the romance was perfectly written, NONSTOP action and quite the page turner! Loved how the title was explained in the story also and Kade was the perfect hero :)

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### Bekah (WillBakeforBooks) says

If ever a book deserved to be described as starting with a bang, it would be Disillusioned. This story that begins so breathlessly keeps up the excitement, danger, and suspense throughout, leaving readers more than satisfied. I'm so thrilled to be sharing this exceptional read with you today! Let's begin with what this heart-pounding novel is all about.

Nikki Wright is determined to do what is right by her brother Bobby, who has only recently escaped from a terrorist group in Columbia after two years of imprisonment. The return home is far from easy and all Nikki wants is to give him time to heal after his ordeal. But danger is afoot as rumours fly boosted by the media that Bobby is working for the terrorists. While the military is waiting to debrief her brother, Nikki is helping him avoid them since the trauma has him unhinged, acting erratically and experiencing memory loss. But soon they realize that the debriefing is the least of their worries, as Nikki and Bobby run into a group of men who try to abduct them. Enter Kade Wheaton, ex-military and Nikki's former beau. Can Nikki trust the man who wrecked her heart years ago? And is there really an imminent terrorist attack that will threaten the entire nation, or is it all in her brother's mind?

As a newbie reader to Christy Barritt's work, I didn't quite know what to expect. But as soon as I read the back cover, I knew I had to give this novel a try. The author is an undeniably gifted storyteller, proven by her effortless writing style and meticulously plotted suspense. A thrill ride from start to finish, Disillusioned had everything I look for in this genre — believable characters to root for, non-stop action, and clean yet sizzling romance. Nikki is the best of heroines, flawed yet strong, with every emotion she experienced deeply felt. Her past history with ex-husband Pierce added to the complexity of her character, and her struggling faith and the loss of prior aspirations made her all the more human. Kade was just as lovable and a true gentleman, and I appreciated how even though his first instinct was to protect Nikki, he trusted her judgment and guided instead of taking over. Nikki's touching spiritual journey had me anticipating every moment, right down to the little things that brought her closer to God.

Simply put, I adored this book. If you are looking for an exceptional romantic thriller, I suggest adding Disillusioned to your personal library as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to many, many more late nights spent reading anything and everything from this outstanding author!

*\*I received this book free from the publisher in exchange for my honest review.*

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## **Kara says**

I've been a fan of Ms. Barritt's for several years now and she's one of the few mystery writers that can get me to read her stories. I'm not usually a fan of mysteries, but somehow she's convinced me otherwise with her books! :) It's always the characters that draw me in. As well as the edge-of-your-seat tension going on. I've found that it's usually wiser for me to read her books during the day rather than at night because otherwise I'll never get to sleep. And this one is no exception to that rule! We jump right into the action on page one and things never really slow down.

The characters and their relationships and interactions with one another is where Ms. Barritt's writing shines. Her ability to keep the tension building, while Nikki and Bobby navigate who they are and how life's circumstances have changed their brother-sister relationship, not to mention Kade and Nikki balancing their attraction with their desire to protect themselves from each other and the bad guys, comes together to create just enough edginess to keep you off-balance and turning pages. Learning to trust again, falling in love, protecting those we love, all these emotions came into play, as they do in real life, and I loved it! Forced into situations not of their own making, each of the three have to make choices that aren't easy and sometimes have to think pretty fast. Together, though, they are so much stronger and I loved it when they each began to realize that. We need our friends and family around us when things are hard, so I especially appreciated how Nikki strove to do all she could for her brother. No matter what.

The romance was, of course, a very enjoyable part of the story for me. :) There were several very sweet and tender moments that helped break a bit of the tension (which I appreciated, believe me!). And while there were bits that didn't flow as well for me, I was overall quite happy I read this! Ms. Barritt will definitely remain a mystery writer that will always keep me coming back for more. Which is an excellent accomplishment, if I do say so for myself! :D

\*\*I received a complimentary copy from the author via Netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Kim Cesario says**

Giveaway winner, suspenseful but not my favorite

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## **Carol Lee says**

Disillusioned was a very suspenseful book that kept me guessing until the end. Just about the time I thought I had something figured out, it would either turn out to be something else, or right with a twist. I really enjoy that about the author's books and it keeps me waiting for more. I also liked how it addressed how some of the people who come back from the military need help and that there are many different ways to address that. In the book Nikki has to do all she can to keep her brother safe, as well as help him to overcome some of the issues he has had since coming back from Columbia. She is not sure who exactly she can trust, but her brother feels like they can trust Kade, who is a former SEAL. Since Nikki has a past with Kade, she is unsure of working with him, but does what she thinks best.

I received a copy of the book from the author to read and review.

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## **Nancy says**

Another fabulous book by Christy Barritt. The story drew me in and kept me guessing until the end. It was a great "escape" for an afternoon. Love all her books because of her gift for telling a story. Definitely recommend.

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## **Cheryl Baranski says**

Disillusioned by Christy Barritt is a must read book. Christy Barritt will have your head spinning with so many twists, turns, unexpected happenings and heart pounding anticipation. This is the best book yet that I have read by Christy. I love the suspense, intensity, love, faith and devotion in this story. Be sure to order your copy of Disillusioned by Christy Barritt today. I received a copy of this book for my honest review. 5 stars!

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## **Iola says**

Nikki Wright has successfully rescued her brother Bobby from the clutches of Colombian terrorists, but soon finds that's not the end of his trials. Or hers. Not as long as people believe her brother is hiding information, that his amnesia might not be real. And when a kidnapping attempt goes wrong, Bobby contacts the one person he trusts, the one person Nikki doesn't want to see: Kade Wheaton, the man who broke her heart.

Kade is happy to be helping his friend, and happy to be see Nikki again. But not so happy when Bobby starts acting strangely, to the point where even Kade wonders if there might be truth in the rumour that Bobby sold his country out to the Colombians. No matter what Nikki says to the contrary. But Bobby isn't the only problem ...

Disillusioned is Christian romantic suspense at its best, with plenty of suspense, a solid romance, and a very definite Christian theme. No, God doesn't forget us even when we forget about him.

Nikki is my favourite kind of fictional character—intelligent and savvy, but with a vulnerability behind her. And Kade was a great match, protective when he needed to be, but not controlling, and not protective to the point of belittling Nikki's talents.

The writing was excellent, especially the fast pace and the suspense. It was one of those novels you don't want to put down because you want to find out what happens next, but at the same time you suspect that what's coming might be a bit scary or unpleasant, so you want to put the book down.

Recommended for Christian suspense fans.

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## **RellaAnn says**

Disillusioned is a book that will keep you guessing until the very end. Filled with suspense, mystery and

romance it's an all around page turner that you won't want to put down.

Characters are described in great detail and the backgrounds of each are well described, you actually feel like you know each character personally.

Another amazing book by the author.

I was given an advance copy of this book for my fair and honest opinion

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### **Jasmine says**

Is there anyone she can really trust?

Usually when I get a new book, no matter how it arrives, whether I picked it up or in the mail, I have such a large To-Read pile that I can't start on it right away. Disillusioned came in the mail, it sat there all morning, it called to me all afternoon, finally by evening I could resist the siren's song no longer. Whoa! Christy Barritt is one of my absolute favorite authors but she really outdid herself in this one! Hard to believe but it was even better than the book before, Dubiosity, which, until now, was my favorite Christy Barritt book. Disillusioned's heart-pumping danger, intrigue, and romance quickly ratcheted up to favorite status in only a few pages. I've not read many political thrillers, and that's more what this story seemed to be, but I was totally hooked by this one. Not a single moment of dry dialogue, Christy Barritt keeps the tension high and the story moving at break-neck speed. Truly, if you love this author or just love edge-of-your-seat stories you totally do not want to miss Disillusioned! No one are as they seem and the villain may not be who you think it is....

(I received a copy of this book from the author. All opinions are entirely my own.)

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### **Loraine Nunley says**

A suspenseful ride that I really enjoyed being on. Lots of suspense as Nikki and Kade work to keep Bobby safe and find out the truth to clear his name. But is the truth what they hope it is? I thought I knew who the bad guy was, but then I didn't, but then I should have. It made for a thrilling read. Full review is at my website.

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### **Melstitcher says**

Another great book by Christy Barritt. Once I started reading, I didn't want to put it down!

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### **Kim says**

Imagine needing help and having no one to trust and no one who trusts you. That's the story for Nikki and her POW brother, Bobby. Join them on an intense, high risk quest to find answers and avoid capture. Here's another suspenseful tale from fan favorite, Christy Barritt.

\*I received a free copy of the book without obligation. This review is my own opinion.\*

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## **Fiction Aficionado says**

I was expecting to enjoy this novel much more than I did, based on previous books I have read by this author. Admittedly, I have only read a small sampling of her total output, but I definitely remember enjoying 'Dubiosity' (whose main characters play a small role in this novel) more than this one.

The action starts from page one, with Nikki and her brother swamped by media as they leave the hospital Bobby has been recovering in. By the end of the chapter, they're running for their lives, and the action doesn't really let up until the end. But the whole story was weighed down by incessant telling (often to the point of redundancy), a tendency to explain the characters' motivations for everything they said and did (again, to the point of redundancy), and a general lack of sophistication in the writing.

The plot was definitely fast paced, but it got a little cluttered by events that seemed to have something to do with the main plot, but turned out to be nothing more than convenient coincidences - convenient because they kept readers guessing and provided more suspenseful scenes. To me it felt more like author contrivance rather than a natural chain of events, especially when a similar tactic was used to artificially inflate the suspense at the end of a few chapters, closing with an 'oh no!' moment only to have it revealed as a false alarm in the next sentence or two.

There was also a very obvious example of the author failing to foreshadow something that was instrumental to the resolution. I don't want to give anything away, and I suspect the omission was deliberate in order to keep the reader wondering how it could possibly work out for the good guys, but I could almost hear Maxwell Smart exclaiming 'Ah yes! The old \* \_\_\_\_\_ \* trick'. Again, it felt like a bit of a cheap trick to keep the reader in suspense.

The romance didn't exactly get off to a good start with me either, with an über-clichéd moment appearing only 10% of the way through the book. I think I actually groaned out loud when I saw what was coming. I like to feel the tension between the romantic leads in their interactions, but in this novel the majority of the romantic tension came via the characters' thoughts: Kade is still attracted to Nikki but constantly reminds himself he gave up any chance to be with her when he left her to protect her and was unable to tell her that's what he was doing; and Nikki is annoyed that she's still attracted to Kade even though he obviously never loved her at all. And to be honest, I found a lot of their ruminating pretty clichéd and even tending towards cheesy at times. It just wasn't what I look for in a romantic plot.

All that being said, I'm sure there will be many readers who will love this book. I was just a bit disillusioned with the way it all came together.

I know, I know. Dreadful pun. But it was kind of hard to resist...

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## **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

I couldn't put this suspenseful book down and finished it at 4 am! It has a quick and steady pace, well-balanced with thrilling action sequences and moments of introspection on the part of both Nikki and Kade.

The plot is just complicated enough to make me wonder what's coming next, but not difficult to follow. It made me admire the strength of those who serve in the military and the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe. Nikki and Kade have a romantic history that both regret, but for different reasons. The attraction is still there, and Nikki realizes that Kade is still the rock that he once was in her life, but she has serious trust issues after dealing with an abusive relationship. Her transition back to putting her faith in God was a little abrupt and lacking emotion, but she already had a foundation that she just needed to return to. Fans of Christian romantic suspense will love this book!!!

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