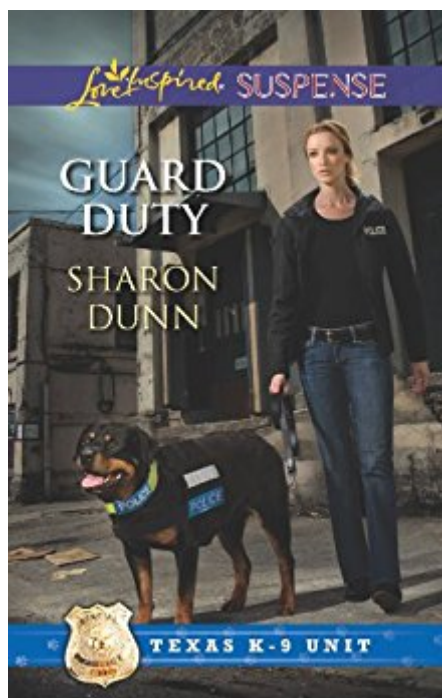


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## Guard Duty (Texas K-9 Unit Book 3)



## Synopsis

"If you tell, you die." As a potential murder witness, rookie K-9 police officer Valerie Salgado is living with a death threat and caring for her young niece. And things get worse when FBI agent Trevor Lewis comes to Sagebrush, Texas. In exchange for her help on his case, Trevor offers Valerie protection, but Trevor has more walls around him than a maximum-security prison. And now Valerie must convince him that she, her niece and her K-9 partner would make the perfect family for him, if they can stay alive. Texas K-9 Unit: These lawmen solve the toughest cases with the help of their brave canine partners

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## Customer Reviews

I kept trying to suspend my need for a little realism in romance writing, but I gave up. The girl in the story is a rookie cop with the custody of her baby niece. Her life is in serious danger, her niece has no one else and does she take time off from work - no, only she can find the bad guys (with the help of a cute FBI agent). Off she goes and has the bad guy take away her gun no one, but twice (at last

count). Another time the bad guy is arrested but then gets away (have we heard of handcuffs??). Somehow this girl thinks that doing things by herself is showing great police procedure. I am sorry she would be fired in a heartbeat for the things that she does. The fact that she is the only guardian for a baby that has no one else and takes the risks that she does made me not like her. It seemed like she was closer to her dog than her niece. Final thing, I enjoyed the first 2 books in the series. But it still bugs me - this is supposed to be south of San Antonio, Texas I believe. Somehow what I've seen of the area doesn't seem to conducive to a forest, except maybe of cactus. These stories seem to be written for 12 year old girls who won't know the difference.

Likeable characters. A story-line that hasn't been too over-used. A functional pet. An adorable baby. What else could you want in a story? Seriously though, this was a pretty good book. It had a reasonable amount of suspense and romance. There wasn't really a Christian message to this book. It just had Christian characters who pray once or twice during the story. Oh, and limited amounts of violence and no swearing. Christian and non-Christian readers would be able to enjoy this book. The heroine was likeable. She knew how to do her job, but also knew when she needed to back off and let someone else help her. She also takes on the responsibility of her niece with joy and cares about the people who she serves. The hero was also likeable. He wants justice for the death of a rookie cop who was murdered on his watch, but isn't bent on revenge. I would have liked to see a little bit more of their relationship being developed though. Some of the book was repetitive, but not too, too bad. (Spoiler: They see the bad guy, he gets away, They see the bad guy, he gets away etc.) All in all it was a pretty good book to read.

Guard Duty by Sharon Dunn (thanks for this story!!) Have you ever seen something and kicked yourself later for not paying closer attention? A body is found inside a building. Valerie wishes she had engaged a woman the woman coming out of that building the night before. Valerie flumes at the thought of being under police protection since the threats have been coming in, but she is now raising her niece. FBI agent Trevor Lewis knows the a lot about his ability to relate to Bethany, Valerie's guardian and her dog Lexi. Canine Officer Lexi a Rottweiler trained to apprehend and protect shows us just what a canine partner will do for her handler. Trevor and Valerie are real people with hurtful pasts. Valerie is now raising her niece after her sister died.

I was a little disappointed with this book. Seemed they had too much trouble getting the bad guys, too much happened with her dog. It was frustrating to read, especially when they finally caught the

"bad guy" only to have him escape. However, it is part of a series I like and will finish the series. I did like the twist about who the "bad woman" was, that was a surprise.

The storyline was pretty good. The dialogue was believable and the main characters were likeable and pulled you in. Some of the action was not too realistic. But, I didn't buy the story for true to life police action. The story was fast paced and the love interest didn't develop so fast I couldn't buy it. The continuing story developed nicely and really piqued my interest for reading the next book. I loved how the author gave you another piece of the puzzle to the syndicate. I would read this author again because of the believable personalities of her lead characters. I also appreciated that she didn't resort to flowery comments like "you are the love of my life and hold my heart in your hand". Just good old fashioned straight talk that a real cop would say. Too often a writer suddenly turns a strong personality into a prose spouting namby pamby.

I enjoyed this book. There was no bad language, no sexy love scenes...my kind of enjoyable reading. I enjoyed having Lexie (the K-9) in it and her interactions with everyone. There was a lot of action taking place so you couldn't get bored. I'm not good at expressing myself after reading a book but take my word for it, I'm sure you'll enjoy this one.

Two people, Valerie & Trevor, with very different backgrounds are drawn together by dangerous circumstances. Valerie & Trevor are very likeable characters. Valerie, whose sister recently died, is raising her sister's baby daughter. I love how she is learning to be a mom & balancing that with a dangerous job. It is heart warming to see how Trevor, who is very unsure about children, warms up to Bethany. I enjoyed how the relationship grows. Lexi is a police dog & loving pet. As a pet lover, it was a little hard to read when Lexi was in danger. All in all a good mystery & romance. It is refreshing how a good story can be told without graphic sex & foul language. That's why when I just want to read something light, I enjoy quick reads like those from Love Inspired.

Guard Duty is another awesome romantic suspense book in the Texas K-9 series written by author Sharon Dunn. Each book wraps up an episode but all are part of a bigger story.

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