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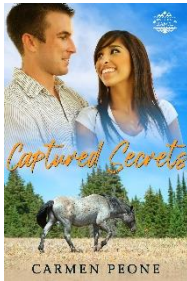
Thank you for considering me!

It would be an honor to come and talk about my Contemporary Western Romance book, ***Captured Secrets***, with your group! This story, and series, were inspired by the death of my niece, domestic violence being the cause.

### What to Expect

- Briefly share what happened to my niece.
- Talk about what abuse is and isn't.
- Discuss ways women can improve on self-care.
- Read an excerpt from the book.
- Sell signed copies afterward.

### About the Book



After her parents die in a horrific car accident, Sydney Moomaw is thrust into running their popular guest ranch in eastern Washington. She discovers that her parents were keeping secrets. Why is the ranch in serious debt? Why did her parents allow the insurance to lapse? Why didn't they tell her about it? And where are their wills? Sydney needs to figure out a way to save the ranch she loves before her sister sells it.

Photographer Trey Hardy arrives at the ranch the same day Sydney's parents are killed. His working vacation plans change when he decides to help Sydney save the ranch. But, his offers to help are met with resistance. Her stubbornness and independence are both maddening and alluring.

Amid the tangle of finances, tensions with her sister, and her own grief and anger, Sydney begins getting threatening notes. They must be from her abusive ex-husband, but he's in jail. Isn't he? When a teenager appears at the ranch insisting she is Sydney's daughter, Sydney finally realizes she'd going to have to start trusting people to help her. Will Trey's plan work? Can they save her beloved ranch? Can she really have the life she's dreamed of?