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Book Reviews



Bradley, P. (2020). *Standoff*. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell. 393 pp. \$15.99. ISBN 9780800735739

Standoff is the first of the Natchez Trace Park Rangers Series by Patricia Bradley. Brooke Danvers is about to be sworn in as a law enforcement ranger with the Natchez Trace Park Rangers when she finds out her father has been killed in the line of duty. Since she is not yet a law enforcement officer, she has to rely on Luke Fereday, an undercover policeman and former high school sweetheart, to do the investigating that the rest of law enforcement will not do. Despite not fully trusting Luke, Brooke must learn to work with him in order to catch the killer and make her town safe. While battling for the truth in the crime, Brooke also finds out information about herself that is completely unexpected and causes her to question her very existence. In the midst of all this, Brooke and Luke manage to forgive each other and fall back in love.

Standoff is a romantic thriller set in the state of Mississippi. It explores an interesting and often overlooked area of law enforcement, that of the Natchez Trace Park Rangers. The possibilities that this topic holds unfortunately were not explored as thoroughly as this reader would have liked. Despite this small criticism, Patricia Bradley created intriguing characters with fully realized histories that readers will connect with deeply. The theme for this book is fighting for the truth despite the obstacles you will face or how uncomfortable it may make someone. Readers of a sensitive nature will enjoy this book because there are no bloody descriptions or questionable morals. *Standoff* will be a good addition to any Christian fiction collection that contains romantic thrillers.

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