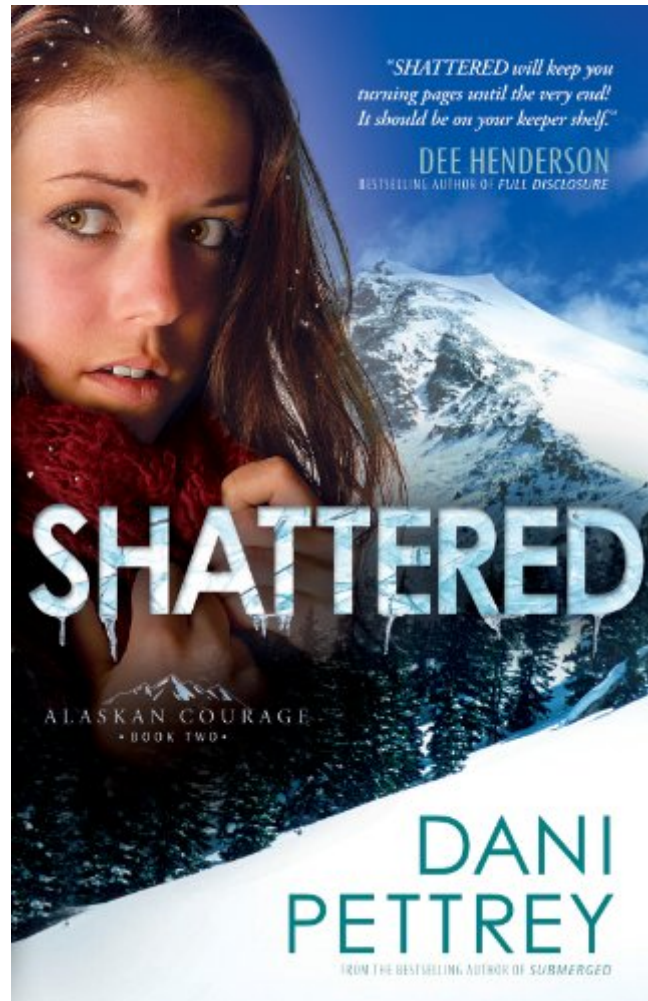


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# Shattered (Alaskan Courage Book #2)



## Synopsis

A Thrilling New Romantic Suspense from the Genre's Newest Star Piper McKenna couldn't be more thrilled that her prodigal brother, Reef, has returned to Yancey, Alaska, after five years. But her happiness is short-lived when Reef appears at her house covered in blood. A fellow snowboarder has been killed--but despite the evidence, Reef swears he's innocent. And Piper believes him. Deputy Landon Grainger loves the McKennas like family, but he's also sworn to find the truth. Piper is frustrated with his need for facts over faith, but he knows those closest to you have the power to deceive you the most. With his sheriff pushing for a quick conviction, some unexpected leads complicate the investigation, and pursuing the truth may mean risking Landon's career. With Piper waging her own search, the two head deep into Canada's rugged backcountry--and unexpected complications. Not only does their long friendship seem to be turning into something more, but this dangerous case is becoming deadlier with each step.

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## Customer Reviews

Piper McKenna would make a great friend: trusting, devoted to her family, sweet, dogged about her

beliefs, and right now she believes in her brother's innocence. She strives for open communication in relationships, while Landon prefers not to lay all his cards on the table. It doesn't help his cause when he's forced to investigate Piper's brother for murder. I have a feeling I missed a major event introducing Piper and Landon's story in the first book of Pettrey's Alaskan Courage series, *Submerged*, but that didn't detract from my enjoyment of *Shattered*. *Shattered* picks up with Landon's realization that he's way past the friend stage with Piper, but she doesn't have a clue about her feelings, or his, yet. The author did a fabulous job with characterization. You either loved characters, like Piper, or you hated them, like Meredith. The dialog between Piper and Landon was fun and witty, and in some spots, laugh out loud. I loved getting to know the rest of the McKenna family, too. The first few pages required a second go-through to familiarize myself with everybody and what was happening, but then, WOW! It's been a long time since I enjoyed a book this much, a book that made me forget about watching my favorite television shows, cooking dinner, picking up the grandkids from school, you fill in the blank. The suspense, while not nail-biting, was enough to keep me turning the pages, and the romance satisfied my sweet spot. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series which I'm fairly sure will feature Gage and Darcy's romance. And YES, I liked this book so much, I already scooped up *Submerged*. Disclaimer: A huge thanks to NetGalley and Bethany House Publisher for providing me with a free advance copy in exchange for my fair and unbiased review.

In this exciting sequel to last year's *Submerged*, Piper McKenna is in for a surprise when her estranged brother, Reef, shows up at her doorsteps covered in blood. The very same night, not too far away, a young woman is found murdered and two witnesses confirm that Reef was at the scene of the crime. Despite the fact that Reef claims he is innocent of the murder, the sheriff arrests and charges him with murder. Piper's relationship with her brother has many flaws, but she believes that he is telling the truth. She tries to get her friend, Deputy Landon Grainger, to help her prove Reef's innocence, but Landon is bound to enforce the law and is put in an awkward position. To help her brother, Piper must uncover a mystery that will take her deep into the backcountry of Canada as she tries to unravel who the real killer is. I loved reading the first book in the series, *Submerged*, and I eagerly signed up to read the sequel, which I received free in exchange for my honest review. A majority of Christian fiction series has different main characters for each book, so it was a nice surprise to find Piper McKenna back for another round of mystery and suspense as she tries to prove her brother's innocence. Author Dani Pettrey does a great job of crafting an intriguing plot that kept me guessing until the very end. I can't wait until the third book is released.

Piper McKenna loves her brother. So when he shows up on her doorstep covered in blood, she firmly believes he's innocent. Convincing Deputy Landon Grainger of that is something else entirely. Landon's trying to do his job, despite the fact that his boss is pushing for a quick conviction and that the evidence all points to Reef McKenna, brother of the woman Landon loves. When Piper launches her own investigation, Landon realizes that he has to keep her safe from herself. Yet someone is determined to pin the murder on Reef and will stop at anything to see that justice isn't served. Will Landon and Piper be able to get to the truth before something else happens? And when will they admit their feelings?

I read the first book in this series, *Submerged* and loved it. The McKennas remind me of Dee Henderson's O'Malley family. Like those in the O'Malley series, this book stands alone. It is helpful to read the first in the series, but not necessary. Romance, suspense, and adventure all abound in this book. I loved that the characters are believable and they obviously love their family. There were very few things that I didn't enjoy about the book, and I am looking forward to the next book in the series. I'm hoping it will be about either Gage or Kayden. I read this book for pure pleasure. My thoughts and opinions are my own. Recommended to fans of romantic suspense, Dee Henderson, Irene Hannon, O'Malley Series Rating - 4 stars

I read *Submerged* (book one in the Alaskan Courage series) last year and loved it, so I knew going in that *Shattered* was sure to be a treat... and it was fantastic! The mystery was very good and I seriously had no idea who the killer was or the reason for what was going on. I was surprised when everything was revealed, as it was such a great plot and I did not see it coming! Love when that happens. :) After being introduced to Landon and Piper in book one, I could hardly wait to read their story and it was well worth the wait. All of the main characters were great, but Landon would have to be my favorite - probably because his feelings were just so real and I couldn't help cheering for him. I found it particularly interesting to learn more about Gage and Reef - Piper's brothers. Kayden also intrigues me and I wonder what her story is... can't wait to read their books and find out! I loved the way the characters interacted with each other (especially the McKennas and Landon) - there were quite a few scenes I found very funny... I couldn't help but chuckle. :) The romance in *Shattered* was soooooo sweet - it was great to see the characters grow closer and closer to each other. I also really liked the subplot romance story and that Cole and Bailey (the main characters from *Submerged*) were in *Shattered* a lot. All in all, I loved *Shattered*! If you enjoy romantic suspense novels with some inspirational elements, then I think you will really like this book. I recommend reading *Submerged* first so you'll know the backstory.\*I received a complimentary copy of this book

for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.\*

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