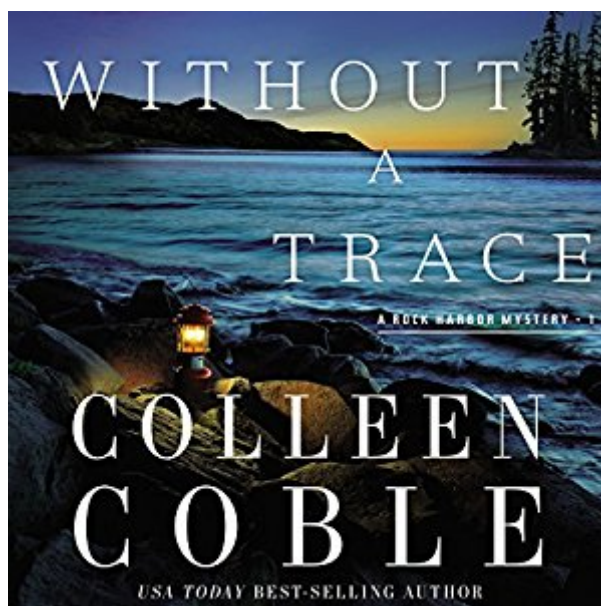


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# Without A Trace: The Rock Harbor Series



## Synopsis

When a plane carrying Bree Nicholls' husband and son disappears, her life changes forever. Her relentless determination to find them starts an investigation that links their disappearance to a violent crime threatening to tear the peaceful town of Rock Harbor apart. Mystery fans will love this exciting new series from best-selling author Colleen Coble. Set in the untamed beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Rock Harbor Series is full of suspense and romance, drawing you into the life and operation of a canine search-and-rescue team as it unravels the secrets of an enchanting wilderness.

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## Customer Reviews

**Characters:** Right away when reading this book I was overwhelmed with the number of characters in this story. There were a few who turned out to be quite important later, but I feel like I was introduced to every single one in the first few pages. It made it hard to get into and I found myself flipping to the synopsis to remind myself who the main character was. However, once I moved into the story quite away and I could clearly remember who was who, I loved getting to know Bree. She was a fascinating character caught between believing lies, wanting to be liked, and trying to be her own person.  
**Storyline:** This is where the novel hooked me. Right away, the novel jumps into a search for two missing kids. It was fascinating reading about Bree and her friend Naomi searching with their dogs. Soon there is what appears to be a murder and things only pick up from there.  
**My Thoughts:** I really enjoyed this book. I found the setting and storyline to be unique (and I love stories

written in my home state). My only complaint goes back to being introduced to so many characters so quickly. Having finished the novel, I understand why- nearly all of them are quite relevant to the plot and are necessary. I look forward to reading the other books of this series in the future.

Colleen Coble's "Without A Trace: The Rock Harbor Series" was a heart rending; heart warming tale of a young mother & wife's tragic loss. This 29 year old woman & her dog, Samson are a heroic search & rescue team in the upper peninsula territory and together live in a restored lighthouse. I did find a few grammatical errors but decided the story still warranted a 5 star rating. This story will takes you through the gamut of emotions, anger, betrayal, grief, sadness, anxiety, happiness, contentment, hope, peace, faith, joy and love. The other characters, of which there are many in this book, keep you guessing and wondering if there will ever be a truly happy ending. To find that out you will have to read this excellent book for yourself just beware of the many villains it seems to contain.

This was a great mystery with enjoyable complex characters. Part of the mystery you know the answer to but part of it remains just that, a mystery, almost till the end. The interaction of the quirky characters helps to paint a picture of small town life where everyone is in each other's business. The only reason I didn't give it a five is because of all the religious references. Im assuming this is just how the author writes. Always referencing God and putting in bible quotes in some places didn't really enhance the story and sometimes seems improperly placed or almost forced as if the author was just trying to incorporate it in there somewhere. I'm not against or have a problem with religion being referenced in a book but it has to lend to the story and here I just didn't get it. If your not religious or dislike that, I wouldn't read this one. It won't keep me from reading more of her work as the story and characters themselves, stand on their own.

I love all of Colleen Coble's books. The mystery is great, the character development is true to life, and the Christian impact is insightful. I buy every book I find of hers. While this book is part of a series they are good stand alone novels too. Having a friend who has a search and rescue dog makes these novels even more interesting. There is good factual information about the process. Read it. You won't be disappointed.

Mature writing evidenced by well-rounded characters that it's very easy to care for and bond with. A mystery that pulls you in from the first page. And great window dressing, of course, for fans

of small town settings. I even found myself drawn to the personalities of the dogs! Now that's good writing, lol. The pacing marks this as more of a cozy mystery than a thriller, but I was nonetheless surprised at how much drama leached out of each page. Backstory was slipped in rather seamlessly, lending the "full body cabernet" feel to the writing. The author sneaks in some sly humor amidst all the drama, not enough to make this a comedy-drama, but enough to indicate once again a certain writing sophistication and characters that come to life in his hands with that much more appeal. You can't skim this book or let your attention lapse. There's just too much information squeezed in ever so tightly. I was amazed at how many characters I was introduced to in the first couple chapters, and yet was able to keep them sorted and had a very clear sense of each; a very hard thing to do and another great testament to the skill of this author. This is a definitely writer to watch and a series to jump in on. Not too much by way of caveats, other than to say the book is longer than it appears. The print is a good deal smaller than what I'm used to seeing pop up in my cloud reader. But that's just that much more book to get lost in and a problem easily remedied by boosting the size of the text into something more in your comfort zone. There were times when I wanted to scream, after so many chapters, "This is really enough characters to introduce me to and to ask me to track, thank you! And could we just get on with advancing the mystery." But if you're willing to work a little harder than normal, and take a slightly more leisurely, rainy day pace, this is still a great book with a ton of atmosphere. Disclaimer: I'm so used to the breakneck pacing of thrillers that read like high-octane Hollywood movies that this may well have been more of an adjustment for me than it will be for you.

A clean and wonderful story of a love that will always be with you. The love Bree has for her child Davey, gives her the reason to continue to search for the plane in which her husband and child disappeared. As the search continues into months, she has family and friends who give her hope and God has a plan for her even though she does not know it. Her life as a search and rescue person along with her dog Sam, brings her into contact with many people. She is encouraged to start a training facility for teaching others about this passion of hers in search and rescue.

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