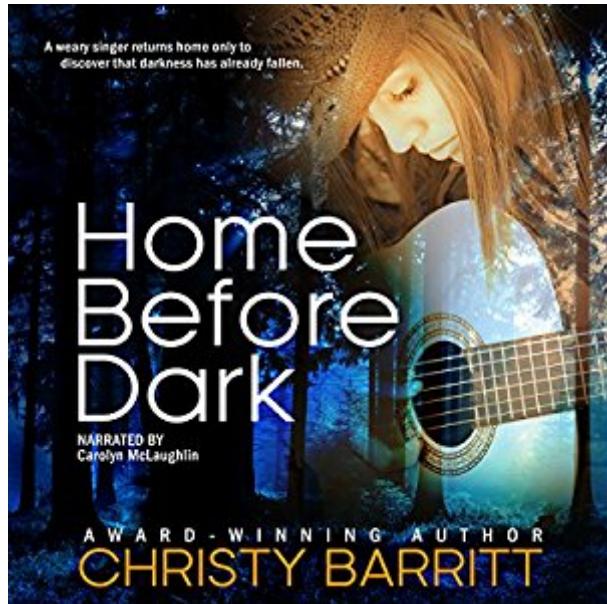


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# Home Before Dark: Carolina Moon, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Nothing good ever happens after dark. Those were the words country singer Daleigh McDermott's father always repeated. Now her father is dead, and Daleigh fears she has returned home too late to make things right. As she's about to flee back to Nashville, she finds a hidden journal belonging to her father. His words hint that his death was no accident. Small town mechanic Ryan Shields is the only one who seems to believe that Daleigh may be on to something. Her father trusted the man, but Daleigh's instant attraction to Ryan scares her. She knows her life and career, however dwindling it might be, are back in Nashville and that her time in the sleepy North Carolina town is only temporary. As Daleigh and Ryan work to unravel the mystery, it becomes obvious that someone wants them dead. They must rely on each other - and on God - if they hope to make it home before the darkness swallows them whole.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I thoroughly enjoyed the way this book started out with the suspense that kept the reader guessing who were the good guys and who were the bad guys. There was romance mixed with soul searching while maintaining the sense of danger lurking. A fast moving book that I couldn't put down. Anyone who enjoys a thriller romance that keeps it clean will like this book.

I love all Christy's books and could not put this one down till I came to the satisfying end. Lots of suspense that keeps you guessing to the end. If you love a good clean mystery with a touch of

romance, you won't want to miss this one.

This was very easy to read and enjoyable. I found myself reading and reading at night until tiredness finally forced me to put my kindle away, which in my opinion is a good story. However, as far as a suspenseful story goes it's a bit weak and the ending is rushed (after reading Nora Roberts, it's hard to imagine anyone doing a better job of romantic suspense). But I liked the good clean romance, Ryan was a likeable hero and Daleigh was a strong heroine I could easily rally behind. I was more interested to see how their relationship panned out. All in all a likeable story, cliff hanger chapters and great characters and a great example of letting The Lord guide you.

A small, seemingly peaceful town is the setting for this suspenseful winner from Christy Barritt. Young country singing star Daleigh becomes an amateur sleuth as she looks into the death of her dad. Frictions with her older sister come to a head early on. The relationship with her long time boyfriend starts unravelling, and her career path is in question. Add to the mix a sensitive and attractive mechanic who turns up at just the right moment, and you have the elements for a wonderful story. What I loved: The action moves along quickly, and the characters seemed nicely developed. This was a clean story: no bad language or sex scenes. What was just okay: I figured out the bad guys pretty fast. Details didn't add up: Type A older sister would have found Dad's journal where it was, etc. The ending seemed a bit rushed, and the HEA moment a bit too contrived. This is described as a 'Christian Romantic Suspense', and technically this is true. However, readers who are desiring a strongly Christian book with scenes of salvation and talk of Christ's redemptive sacrifice will be disappointed. Daleigh and Ryan are churchgoing people who struggle with integrating faith and prayer into their daily lives. There is no preaching in this book, which was appealing to me, but I know that some people reading books labelled as Christian are looking for a heavy emphasis on Jesus, and they will not find it in this novel.

Home Before Dark ~ what a wonderful story that brings together romance and mystery, two unbeatable qualities in my mind. And on top of that, it is a clean story, my favorite kind. The characters are very loveable, just regular people that we could run into in our daily lives. This Christian romance mystery and the characters of Daleigh and Ryan are endearing. The road the author takes us down is filled with intrigue, impossible to read and not become involved with the characters lives. I highly recommend this book and was fortunate to read an advanced copy in return for my honest opinions.

The contrasting characters of Daleigh and Ryan really make this a great read. I totally enjoyed learning more about how the music industry works for a "budding" and for a "somewhat" successful musician. Having also just visited Nashville, I loved the contrast between Nashville and her small hometown. Christy Barritt did a great job showing that "when there is a will, there can be a way" for everyone to be happy and in control of their lives in a way they want so they are happy and content.

This isn't the normal type of book I tend to read but it was a good story n I figured out the real killer as soon as he was introduced into the story. Finding the real killer early didn't ruin the book for me tho it stayed interesting until the end n I would like the story to continue. I think a lot more can come after this novel...I really would like a part two

I think another reviewer summed it up best saying, "Eh. That's how I felt about this book." Having read a few other books by this author I grabbed this when it was cheap, and threw it into my light reading Kindle list. For a clean murder mystery with a bit of romance this book just didn't have it. My reading preferences run all over the place, and while I will leave review books I enjoyed, I struggle with leaving reviews for books I didn't enjoy. A ways through this book I stopped reading it and filed it under "Try Again" because I was struggling to get through it. I read another book, started another but this kept showing up as unfinished on my Kindle's home screen so I gave it another try and stuck with it thinking maybe as I finished it I'd be able to change my overall feelings. The book felt like it was crammed with too many possible story lines, many of which were hardly touched upon while some were given too much information. It felt like a few of these story lines could have been thinned out, so detail could have been given to the other areas of the story. With all of those lines though, the mystery angle was the weakest, despite having promise, and it felt forced into the last bit. It was by no means the worst thing I've read, but, it felt incomplete and forced. If it was the first thing by Barritt I'd read I would probably not be inclined to read anything else.

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