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Winter of Secrets

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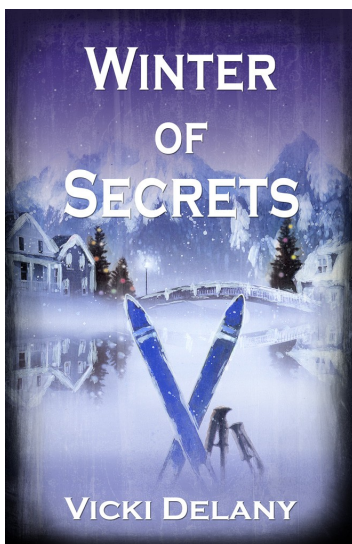
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Sometimes the smallest towns have the darkest secrets.

"Artistry as sturdy and restrained as a Shaker Chair" Publishers Weekly Starred Review of *Winter of Secrets*



Siblings Wendy and Jason Wyatt-Yarmouth and their friends are in the peaceful mountain town of Trafalgar, B.C. enjoying a two-week vacation. Tragedy strikes the group of privileged students when two of them crash through the ice into the frozen river.

It's Christmas Eve and the snowstorm of the decade has settled over the peaceful mountain town of Trafalgar, B.C. Constables Smith and Evans have a busy shift, attending fender-benders, tumbling pedestrians, and Christmas tree fires. At the stroke of midnight, they arrive at the scene of a car accident: a vehicle has gone off the snowy road into the icy river. An accident. But when the autopsy reveals a shocking secret, Constable Molly Smith and Sergeant John Winters are plunged into the world of sexual predators, recreational drugs, privilege, and high-living.

Meanwhile Charlie Bassing is out of jail and looking for revenge, a handsome Mountie is giving Molly the eye, and her mother, Lucky, is cheerfully interfering in the investigation. And all Molly Smith wants to do is ski powder.

Valley of the Lost is the sequel to *In the Shadow of the Glacier* and *Valley of the Lost*. Delany's previous works, *Scare the Light Away* and *Burden of Memory* and *Gold Digger: A Klondike Mystery* also show an attention to detail and description.

Publisher's Weekly gave *Winter of Secrets* a Starred Review, saying "Warmth and menace, past and present, are nicely balanced, with a denouement that's equally plausible and startling. This confident performance is sure to win new fans to the series"

And the Globe and Mail said "This terrific little confection will satisfy the most demanding fans ... and makes a great gift."



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