

## **SHADOWS AND RUINS**

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Emma Baker's life hasn't been easy. Tragedy and trauma have shaped the woman she is. She has a fighter's spirit, a vulnerable heart, and she is determined no one will break through the walls she has constructed. She hasn't felt the love of her family since she was a child, her father's constant degradation is a strong force to prove him wrong, that she can be an expert in what he views to be a purely masculine field. Emma's best chance to move up in the archeological world is at Sadie Cutley's mine, to find a treasure of legend.

Shane O'Donnell is retired SIA, and wants nothing but the peace and quiet his ranch can offer him. But when Emma and her boss start digging around on his property by mistake, he has to make them leave, and the sooner, the better.

Emma realizes Shane is hiding secrets behind those enigmatic eyes and his rough exterior to warn off the world. She knows he has information about the treasure. Shane has a bigger secret than just Sadie's lost treasure, one that he has to keep to protect every person around him. The insidious evil of the Shadow Realm is a constant threat to the well being of Gambit Creek, and Shane is the only blockade between humans and hell. Except when he can't resist the pull of Emma's lips, the silky feel of her hair, his protective circle narrows to just one person.

Denise Agnew has created a well written, suspense romance with wonderfully developed characters. The character growth is easily identifiable and the constant attraction between Shane and Emma was sizzling, enough to strike fire on the sun-drenched Colorado plateaus.

### **4 Kisses**