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Five dynamic, powerful and famous couples are invited on the maiden voyage of a Russian billionaire's yacht. Could this be the trip of a lifetime? A Russian billionaire and his state of the art yacht. His beautiful and sexy supermodel girlfriend. And five dynamic, powerful and famous couples invited on the yacht's maiden voyage.

A senator and his lovely but unhappy wife. A very attractive movie star and his needy ex-waitress girlfriend. A famous black footballer and his interior designer wife. A male Latin singing sensation and his older English boyfriend. And a maverick writer with his Asian journalist female friend.

Could this be the trip of a lifetime? Or could this be the trip from hell?

Whatever happens on the high seas doesn't necessarily stay there.

The Power Trip - take it if you dare.

Everyone loved Goddess of Vengeance:

\* 'Lucky's back and she's as fabulous and fiery as ever... I raced through it and was gripped from start to finish. Without doubt, my best book of the year so far' Daily Mail

\* 'Sex, power and intrigue - no one does it better than Jackie' \*\*\*\*\* heat Magazine

## **The Power Trip Details**

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## Jess says

As always, Collins offers some mindless downtime but this might be her most ridiculous offering yet. I mean, *pirates*. I feel that Collins' characters are getting more and more shallow as the years progress (is this a commentary on modern celebrity? I don't think so), and her plots more wafer thin. Personally, I would rather go back to her old school stuff - Hollywood Wives and Lucky - because they always featured at least one redeemable character (nope, didn't even really like the noble Flynn and Sierra) and one could at least pass off the sexism and racism as being of the time.

Well, one doesn't read Jackie Collins for the intellectual challenge.

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## Orbs n Rings says

Listen for the sizzle!

This is the second Jackie Collins audiobook I have listened to and I will have to say I am always impressed by how much work goes into her audiobooks. Jackie Collins has a complete cast for her audiobook series and you really get a complete feel for all the characters through the voice overs. In *The Power Trip* readers listen in anticipation as the famous couples are invited on the luxurious Yacht birthday cruise headed for the Sea of Cortez for Bianca, a supermodel and the high profile girlfriend of Aleksandr Kasianenko, a billionaire Russian Oligarch. Some of the characters that intrigue me are the US Senator Hammond Patterson and wife Sierra who continues with her marriage out of fear for her own life. And Luca Perez, a male Latin singing sensation, who is still best friends with his ex-wife, and lives with his jealous, yet destructive older English boyfriend.

What I love about the Jackie Collins audiobooks is how you really get a feel for the characters by the voice-overs and actually find yourself anticipating what each character (with the bonus of Jackie Collins herself) will say and do next. If you like a thrilling murder mystery with sex, backstabbing, and lots of dirty dirty characters, just like a Hollywood movie then you will love this audiobook. Jackie Collins and her cast of character delivers exactly that and a whole lot more. No worries on a dull moment with *The Power Trip* as the story keeps the reader constantly on the edge. If you are looking to take in this book I would highly recommend the audiobook as you will also fall in love with the full voice cast, which includes the Sydney Tamiia Poitier, Holter Graham and Euan Morton.

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## Joni says

I have to be honest here...don't waste your time. It's been awhile since I've read one of Ms. Collins books and I was very disappointed. I kept waiting for the story to go somewhere and for something (anything) interesting to happen. All you get is the same thing over and over with absolutely no substance. I know (and expect) that she gets down and dirty but how many times can you read about the various couples sexual adventures? After you've read about one encounter between a pair it's more of the same between them over

and over. She keeps using the same adjectives repeatedly. If I had to read about the guys' amazing "packages" one more time I swear I would have thrown up. The plot doesn't get moving or remotely interesting until the last quarter of the book and then it all wraps up rather quickly into a nice tidy package with no surprises and turns out to be a whole lot of nothing! I felt like I wasted my time and the whole story could have been told in less than half the amount of pages. Even if sex is all you want to read about...it's still not done well!

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## **Elizabeth says**

Dear Ms Collins,

It had been about 15 years since I read one of your books. Thank you for not doing anything less than a full Jackie Collins with this one. Anyone else - anyone - I would condemn the predictable plot, the repetitive vocabulary, the cliched sex scenes, the completely 2-dimensional characters and their hugely stereotyped dialogue. But not you. You are a national treasure and I love you.

Best wishes, and I look forward to the sequel (because don't think I didn't notice how you left a few of the characters fates purposely dangling). Your fan since Hollywood Husbands,  
Elizabeth

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## **Cheryl says**

Aleksandr Kasianenko has a big birthday surprise planned for his mistress, Bianca. He is going to throw a birthday bash on his huge yacht named of course, Bianca. Aleksandr invites five couples: Senator Hammond Patterson and his wife, Sierra; movie star, Cliff Baxter and his lover, Lori; celebrity footballer, Taye Sherwin and his wife, Ashley. Singer, Luca Perez and his boyfriend, Jeromy. And journalist, Flynn and his friend Xuan.

Sergei Zukov is on a vengeful mission to eliminate Aleksandr. Sergei has found out some information regarding the billionaire that has him seeing red. When Sergei finds out that Aleksandr will be taking a trip on his yacht, he sees the perfect opportunity to get his revenge.

When I pick up a Jackie Collins book I know what I am in for. It is a bunch of crazy characters, a soap opera style story line, an ending where almost all of the characters have a happy ending...all rolled up into a quick and mindless read. This is not a bad thing. I always need something that I don't have to put too much attention into what I am reading and I know that will leave me saying "Ok, Jackie has done it again".

This book kind of left me disappointed. I found myself wanting to like a few of the characters but I could not stand any of them. Their self-centered images, sexiest behavior, whininess, and plasticness quickly got to me and turned me off. The first 114 pages were spent in explaining each of the couple's relationships and why some of the couples had motive to want to kill each other. By the time that the couples boarded the yacht, I tried to stick with the book but could not. I flashed forward to when the action started with the pirates. The

epilogue sums up the story line in case you missed anything. I would say that the Power Trip is kind of like a guilty pleasure.

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### **Samantha March says**

I received a copy of The Power Trip by Jackie Collins in exchange for an honest review.

Oh, Jackie Collins is a naughty lady. I just can't get enough of her books! While I was initially bummed out that I wasn't going to be visiting Lucky in The Power Trip, I soon got over that qualm. What a juicy tale! There are so many characters and we get a POV from each of them, but in signature Collins style it's effortless to keep them apart. You never know what one of them is thinking or what the next action is going to be. This is a seriously big book, but it took me less than two days to read. It's impossible to put down, and the writing is so smooth yet captivating that you can't help but devour it quickly.

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### **Liam says**

Don't take this review too seriously because I'm clearly not the target audience.

Most of the characters are quite child-like and I'm not really sure who this supposed to appeal to. One good point is that the ending hints at a decent story to come and I imagine the full book is better than this prequel. (Doesn't mean i'ma read it doe)

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### **Heidi says**

I had not read a Jackie Collins book in 20 years and I really enjoyed this book. It's a raunchy and fun story. The great thing about many of Ms. Collins stories is that many of her characters resemble real life celebrities. What fun. There is nothing deep and meaningful in this book, but it was a lot of fun to read and I did like some of the characters and dislike others.

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### **Judy says**

I'm too old to consider anything I really enjoy a "guilty pleasure", so I must say that reading this book was a pure pleasure! I refuse to feel guilt.

Engrossing, wild characters and plot, total escapism, and I really couldn't put it down.

I probably won't remember much about it in a month, except for the fact that I really was caught up in it! I totally recommend this, if you promise not to feel guilty for enjoying it.

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## **Jeanne says**

This was the first Jackie Collins novel I've read / listened to outside of the Lucky Santangelo stories. I must say she had some very stereotypical characters: the overly dramatic gay interior designer; the beautiful model who thinks the world revolves around her (and according to her wealthy, married boyfriend, it does); and the pervert politician who treats his wife poorly (but refuses to allow her the divorce she wants as she is the perfect "future First Lady") and sleeps with whomever he desires. The mixing of 6 couples on a luxury yacht, some with interesting connections (both current and in the past) makes for an interesting story--had to keep listening to see what happened next!! I was a bit excited initially that Jackie Collins was narrating until I learned there were multiple narrators on this story, which caused a little disconnect of the characters as the narrators portrayed some of the same characters which made it difficult to follow which character was being referred to. Definitely worth a listen . . . or read!! 8 out of 10 for me.

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## **Kate says**

Enjoyable, trashy fun.

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## **Theresa Stevens says**

Today is the day I have to return this book back to the library... wow this is the fastest time I have read a book that is not a textbook!

I have read Jackie Collins before.... but the first few chapters of this book 'dateline(s)' took a little getting use to; like an indepth intro to all the characters that were to feature in this 'Power Trip'. And after settling into the book for a good solid 'feet up armchair read' I started to enjoy and really get into the intricacies of the plot.

Alek, Bianca parted maybe just as well as 'miss independent - Xuan, seemed a better fit for him!

Jeromy & Hammond finally got their own type of 'come-up-ence'.

Cliff & Ashley finally realised that the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence!

And then finally the quiet, smoldering hero Flynn and Mrs soft Sierra - both free from their inner demons..... maybe they will come together into another story!

The book was gripping, the descriptive prose had all the elements of desert island, high seas drama, raunchy sex and expensive high roller antics.

When I finished reading the last page I was satisfied.

However, on a proof-reading note... Miss Collins should get a percentage discount off printing as I found a few errors..... 'be(s)' should have been 'he(s)'; and 'through' in one instance I am sure should have been 'thorough'.....

But still a very good read!

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## **Michelle Keill says**

The Queen is back!

I loved this... It was a throwback to the Jackie Collins that had me spending hours reading her book during

my summer holidays from school – it's so good to have her back on form. I'm not sure if it's because she's gone back to the more ambitious, grandiose novels she used to write, or if it's just because this is the first novel in ages not to feature the increasingly annoying Lucky and the rest of the Santangelos (although I do fear we haven't seen the last of them – although Gino will surely be about 1000 years old by now). The characters were typical Jackie, although some of the more odious ones, to me, didn't get the horrible ending I thought she was setting them up for. Indeed the end made me think that maybe she is going for a sequel – it wasn't as neatly resolved as her books tend to be, and one loose end was a real surprise to me. Oh, and by the end I found Aleksandr strangely attractive... Maybe because he made me think of Nico from Grand Theft Auto 4. Which I'm sure is exactly who JC had in mind while she was writing.

(He is kind of hot...)

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## **Book Addict Shaun says**

Jackie Collins is my favourite author. I can still remember the first time I read Chances, it then became my favourite book of all time, replacing The Godfather and it hasn't changed since. Every time I read Chances it is like I am reading it for the first time, and unfortunately the book is that good that Jackie has not beat it and probably never will. However The Power Trip was one hell of a read and I loved every minute of it.

I love Lucky Santangelo and every time Jackie announces a new book I hope it will be about her, so I admit to being a bit disappointed when I first read the synopsis for this book. I didn't feel excited at all and to be honest it sounded boring, but how wrong was I? Authors like Jackie, who have been around for years usually end up churning out the same old rubbish, but this book was fantastic and certainly wasn't a rehash of her previous work. Jackie loves to write, she doesn't need the money so she writes for the enjoyment that she knows she gives to her readers old and new.

I was a bit apprehensive at first about the amount of characters introduced all at once. I like things simple but actually it wasn't difficult at all to follow the characters and remember who was who. Jackie has created a fabulous cast of characters here and as with most of her books you can have fun trying to work out which real life people the characters are based on. Near enough every character was likeable despite the fact they were mostly all self centered rich egomaniacs. The story flowed really well and jumped from character to character and the ending could have been plucked from a film. I loved the setting of the luxurious yacht as well, it certainly made a change from the usual boring LA setting.

Overall I would say this is one of the best books I've read in 2012 (and I've read about 120 this year at the time of writing) and unlike other authors that have been around a long time Jackie shows no signs of losing her touch, as I said earlier no book she writes will ever beat Chances but I hope she continues to write books and one day returns to Lucky Santangelo, who remains and will always remain one of my favourite fictional characters. The only negative thing I could say about this is the bits Jackie included about Angelina Jolie, I know Jackie is a fan and has even mentioned her playing Lucky Santangelo (no, no, no, no and again NO) but I can't bear the woman.

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## **Gail says**

I thought I'd read this after seeing a 5 star review in my local paper by a (usually) trusted critic. I struggled to

get into it until the actual trip, as there were so many characters and the plot didn't seem to be going anywhere fast. I was going to give up on it but am glad I finished it, although its nowhere near as good as Jackie's much earlier work, eg Lucky.

It's mostly a sex romp with a bit of intrigue thrown in for good measure, which is Jackie's trademark, but this one fails to hit the spot, no pun intended! Her earlier works were really good, fast paced and with an air of mystery about them. How times change; and I realise now why I stopped reading her books years ago.

I think this would be okay for a holiday read but that's about all.

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