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Matiah says

Elena Bardot's father has been running a Ponzi scheme that came crashing down. As a result, Elena Bardot has been run out of town by the press and is in hiding. With no place else to go, Elena retreats to a secluded home to finish her dissertation for her Ph.D. This home just happens to be owned by the family of one of her father's co-conspirators. Enter Alex Wolfe.

Alex Wolfe is recently released from prison, having been convicted of insider trading. He is seeking a quite life at home in order to regroup from the scandal that ruined his family name. Alex is determined to salvage what is left of his family's businesses and reclaim in rightful place.

At first sight Alex knows who Elena is immediately. Although he is angered by her presence he agrees to let her stay to finish her work. The two share an immediate and undeniable connection. Just too bad that connection doesn't include trusting each other.

I liked the premise of the book. A sort of misery loves company coupling between two consenting adults. I also liked how we see both points of view in the story. The story progressed nicely. There was no immediate love at first sight. Lust at first sight yes, but no wedding bells were ringing. I was very pleased with the character development. Each had their own misgivings but, through the progression of their relationship, worked through them. I recommend this book and give it four stars. Happy reading smut puppies.

iloveladyporn says

I couldn't put this book down once I got started. Elena & Alex had so much going against them I needed to know if they were going to make it or if they were going to have to walk away from each other. The sparks between these two has my e-reader heating up. The questions that were never asked between these two was more than I could take at times but finally things started to unfold and everything was revealed. Lots and Lots of hot juicy sex. I love an ending with a glimpse into the future, which this book didn't have but it was still a good ending.

T.A. McKay says

ARC received from netgalley

A whopping big 4.5 stars for this amazing book!

I loved this book! I really really did!

Elena needs to escape, being in the public eye is getting her down, the hate from them for something that she didn't do is making her life hell. She contacts an old friend and he offers her a place to hide while she studies, no one will find her and she can relax. The only problem is it is in the one place that she really shouldn't be! The home of Alex Wolfe is not the place she ever thought she would find protection.

Alex Wolfe is hot hot hot!! And he is also getting released from prison early. He is ready to take on the

world and win, he wants and needs no one and he is a determined man! Returning home he finds that his solitude will not be happening! What he is surprised the most by though is the feelings he instantly has for his unwanted guest!

The books starts with them trying to stay away from each other but they just cant! Its chemistry....its fate....what ever you call it it is gonna happen.....and when it does its explosive!! I love the feel of the chemistry between them, that feeling I get in my stomach when they whisper things in each others ear, or when he growls or when they just have to have each other! It is....well it is just hot!!

Now dont get me wrong.....I do love the hot bits in this book....but what I love more is the actual story! It is a fantastic story line with great characters! The whole them against the world was fantastic. But life is never that easy is it? In the solitude they are inseparable but when real life catches up will they be able to survive and support each other. The public is shocked to see the two together after everything their past brings to the table. Once life catches up with them it gets to much...it catches them...it breaks them!

This book was so well written that I was totally drawn into the story and wasn't allowed to leave again until I was finished! I finished this book in just two sittings! I would highly recommend this book to all my friends.....it has a little bit of everything and it make it an amazing read! One very happy reader here! <3

Niccisbookblog says

This is the first book that i have read by Kimberly Dean and i was not disappointed, i love the complicated relationship and love between Alex and Elena.

This story is full of greed and wrong doings, endless lies and lack of trust, but some how through it all there is a wonderful love that develops for two people who should be on opposite sides.

Both Alex and Elena are fiercely intelligent people and the circumstances that bring them together should be pushing them away from each other, but the electric sexual energy that crackles when there are near each other damn near burned up my kindle!

This book is very steamy and sensual the sex scenes are wonderfully written but i wouldnt call it erotica, b ut these two have serious chemistry together.

This book has a great range of emotions running through it, mystery, angst, pain, loyalty, love and such sensual romance.

The part where Elena found the secret room in the grandfathers closet had my chin quivering, the cruelty that Alex suffered as a child tears right through you, but also the loyalty and friendship that Lenard showed Alex was beautiful.

I loved watching the timid fragile Elena who was hiding away at Wolfe Manor, grow stronger with Alex by her side throughout the book, they need each other both giving the other the piece they were missing.

Political, wall street books are not my usual read at all, but this book has so much more. Yes the author must have done extensive research into the whole Ponzi scheme, investing ect you could have been sat in a wall street meeting at some points, but the story was so much more than just that for me, it a wonderful romance and a story about friendship under strained circumstances, most of all a great love story with a HEA.

The plot for this book is captivating i couldnt put it down.

I did have a little smile to myself when i read about Alex's grandfathers ending, no less than he deserved i say.

Sharen says

Thank you to NetGalley for the ARC in exchange for an honest review.

This is the first book I read from this author and I am impressed by the combination of mystery, romance and erotica. It was a good balance for me. The book did start off a little slow and it took a couple of chapter to peak my interest; once it did the book become a fast read.

Elena and Alex find themselves drawn to get other at first sight of one another. Both are haunted by the wrong doings of her father and his grandfather, not being able to escape the press their retreat is Wolfe Manor. Alex return after being released from prison and Elena was offered a place to hide from her family's former butler. Romance blossom and the two face the world together while holding on to their own secrets in fair of betrayal.

Hot Stuff Book Reviews says

<https://hotstuffbookreviews.wordpress...>

I received this novel after I requested it on Netgalley. It doesn't influence my review.

When I was browsing through titles on Netgalley, I saw this cover and it caught my attention and once I read the blurb, I knew that I had to read it. I was intrigued, hoping to find a good romance.

While I think Solace in Scandal starts too slow for my taste to accelerate way too fast with the characters' relationship, I was caught into the author's writing. And to be honest, the plot around the Ponzi scheme their families orchestrated is very interesting. It's quite a unique setting and I was eager to see how it would play out when both characters would get closer.

Elena and Alex bring steam to his story, so much so that I can't really see the love. I felt the sexual tension between them, the lust is ever present and well described, but I have to take for granted that they love each other – which is clearly said near the end – and aren't just in lust because that was all I felt; lust. That bothers me a tiny bit and that's why I'm not rating it five stars.

The plot is very well built, well enough to thrill me and to make me want to read faster. The questions aren't answered right away, the answers are brought slowly to build up along side with their relationship. I saw Elena and Alex starting to trust each other, fighting against the world when their relationship was outted and it felt quite real. The author did well and it's obvious that the characterization is mastered.

The ending is almost sudden in a way, but it ends the story perfectly, giving all the answers that arose

throughout the book. But to be honest, I would have loved to see Elena's mother meeting Alex in the last chapter. After all, her mother is an important character who suffered from what Elena's father did and it would have been interesting to see more of her instead of just 'hearing' about her.

This novel is the kind of book I can't really criticize as everything is working perfectly as it is. The small things I pointed out here are more of a personal taste rather than issues within the story.

All in all, it's a very good story with interesting characters brought in a plot not all that common. It's rare enough in the genre to point it out. And it's refreshing! But don't get me wrong, it's not a funny and light story.

The author knows how to write steamy scenes without being over the top and without forgetting the plot. She knows the codes that are common in Romance novels to make it work and her writing style is efficient.

I recommend this book if you're looking for a book in this genre. You shouldn't be disappointed by this stand-alone. I'm pretty sure to read more from this author.

Tina says

This is the first book that I have read by Kimberly Dean, and definitely a page-turner. I am really looking forward to reading many more of her books. The story kept me in its grasp throughout its entirety, and I could not wait to find out what would happen next. The main characters deal with so many emotions while trying to put their lives back together, and the heated passion that ignites between them whenever they are near each other will make you want to keep reading.

Elena Bardot is being hounded by the media because of the Ponzi schemed her father was part of. She goes to the private estate of the man who was involved in the scheming with her father for the quiet and privacy she desperately needs. The only other person on the estate besides herself is the butler, so her time at Wolfe Manor has been very peaceful. That changes when she sees the man's grandson has returned home. She wants nothing to do with him. But sometimes we do not get what we want...

Alex Wolfe was accused of having a part in the Ponzi scheme and spent a year and a half in jail. Now, he's home and he's determined to move on with his life. He did not plan on dealing with Bardot's daughter. They are pulled toward one another immediately and cannot stop what happens between them. Can they put all their hurt and betrayal behind them and learn to trust? Or have they suffered too much to find love with one another?

I was gifted a copy of this book from the author.

Fiona (Titch) Hunt says

I was asked to read this for Netgalley. It started off slow and I was wondering if I should carry on. It's started to pick up a bit later and the characters getting to know one another is an exploration in itself. I found myself wanting to shout at the main characters Elena and Alex for what they was going through.

I loved the sexual heat between them and the way that they hated what each other was at the start. The heat between them for what their father/grandfather had done in the first place was amazing. I highly recommend this book to anyone who likes erotic novels with a twist.

Gayle Pace says

REVIEW

I have never read any of Ms. Dean's books, but this one didn't disappoint. The author wrote a beautiful romance that held on to you from page one until the end. The descriptions of the settings and the characters were so true to life that you actually think you are living this along with the characters. The author gave us the privilege to follow along while Elena and Alex fall gently into a romantic relationship. They both know they shouldn't but the desire was overwhelming.

Elena's father and Alex's grandfather had put together a Ponzi Scheme that hurt a lot of people, that included Elena and Alex. They both try to avoid the desire that was pulling them together but eventually they find the solace in each other and allowing the truths about each other come to light. You can't but help to like and feel for both Elena and Alex. You wanted so badly to help them overcome the obstacles that seem to be in front of them no matter what. The book had plenty of sex scenes but not too many. The author did a wonderful job of spacing them throughout the story. The relationship they had was sensual, erotic, and yet held gentleness. The author didn't make it a torrid affair but a gentle, warm love relationship. Oh, there was plenty of heat between the two but it was paced in the right amount. *SOLACE IN SCANDAL* combined just the right amount of sex within a well written story line. You start with page one and before you know it, you're done. You have turned those pages and lost track of time. Will their love out stand the truth of the greed and lies that are tying them together? In our minds, I believe Elena and Alex will be the *SOLACE IN SCANDAL* for a while to come. They are memorable. I feel this author will be on my reader's list. She didn't disappoint.

I would give this book 4 STARS.

I received the e-book of *SOLACE IN SCANDAL* in a contest by the author, Kimberly Dean. This review is entirely my own unbiased review.

Greed and lies bound them together, but will the truth tear their love apart?

Melissa says

Thank you to Netgalley for giving me the chance to review this title. This was the first book of author Kimberly Dean I'd read and wasn't disappointed.

Elena is hiding out at Wolfe Manor after suffering the backlash from her father's failed business scheme in which he and his partner robbed people of their life savings. His partners being the owners of the estate she's at! But there is no chance of her seeing any of them since her father is dead, the other missing and the youngest play boy billionaire serving time in the local prison for his part in the white collar crime...she's safe, she can finish her dissertation and do a little snooping. Well that was the plan until Alex gets released early..

Alex returns to Wolfe Manor not by choice this place holds so many memories for him and not all good. But it's the safest since the paparazzi are out for blood. After serving time as the scapegoat in a crime committed by his grand father and partner he needs time to formulate a plan and get his life back.

Until he sees her on his dock doing yoga.. she is beautiful, his body having an instant reaction she is also dangerous and knows he has to stay away. But they become magnets that seem to always be attracted and when she rescues him out of a locked room when his claustrophobia gets the better of him.. The wolf in him surfaces and he knows he must have her.

I enjoyed this read the complicated love that is Alex and Elena. A story of mystery of greed, lies and mistrust. They have to put their own reservations aside in order to find out truth from fiction. They are a great power couple, young, intelligent, beautiful brought down by circumstance but willing to stand together in order to survive. I loved the angst the mystery and the romance between them it was so sensual I swear I swooned.

I love reading a book that I feel an author did her research and this was the case here. I could of been sitting in an office on wall street! I felt like these characters knew exactly what they were talking about... I learnt something!! Great writing, interesting plot, well defined characters. Finished in one sitting #WIN!

Nina says

Synopsis:

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My Thoughts:

Solace in Scandal was a well-written romance novel that held me captivated to the end. It had a hint of angst and mystery and the story moved along smoothly with a nice pacing and I loved the vivid descriptions (e.g.

settings) that was provided in the story.

Solace in Scandal follows Elena and Alex where we, the reader, gets to witness their romance blossom into a passionate, seductive and romantic relationship. They're both reluctant and knows better to get involved with one another due to what their families did. But, the magnetic pull is strong and they can't resist the sizzling chemistry that is obvious between the two of them. They have both suffered greatly from the backlash of the Ponzi Scheme orchestrated by Elena's father and Alex's grandfather. As much as they want to avoid each other being close in proximity at Wolfe Manor eventually rids them of their reluctance and soon they're finding solace in one another and discovering the real truths about each other.

I found Elena and Alex to be likeable and compelling characters. I empathized with them and rooted for them to overcome the obstacles thrown their way. Furthermore, I thought the sex scenes were well described and nicely written. They were sensually erotic, intimate, addictive and carried an abundance of heat behind them. The sex scenes between Elena and Alex were plenty, but varied and nicely spaced out throughout the story. With that, the sex balanced out well with the plot. Or in other words, Solace in Scandal provided sex and plot in equal measure.

The plot kept me turning the pages and well before I knew it I finished reading Solace in Scandal in a day. The ending was satisfying – it is just what you would want from a romance novel. I would have loved an epilogue to take the romance a step further, but as it stands, it was a wonderful ending.

All in all, Solace in Scandal was a sensual, passionate and romantic story with just an air of mystery to it. I found myself easily drawn to this author's writing style and will be looking more into her other works.

**I received a review copy from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review.*

CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says

The story started kinda slow for me and I was almost halfway, but I'm persistent and continued reading and I'm glad I did!

This is a story about the two people who has suffered as a result of their family's ponzi scheme. To Elena Bardot, "once her classmates at NYU had figured out who her father was, the attacks had been relentless. The harsh accusations, the scathing stares, the stalking by the press ..." She accepted a family friends offer to stay at the Wolfe Mansion where she can be left alone and she can "lick her wounds and concentrate on her studies." She needed to finish her doctoral degree. But...

Alex Wolfe was released 6 months early. He was sent to prison for a crime he took no part of and paid for his grandfather's crime. He wants to get away from everything and be left alone and where he can control his surroundings, at the Wolfe Mansion.

Two people finding solace in the Wolf Mansion and in each other.

This book is hot, romantic and sexy. And I very much liked it! Your heart will go out to Alex and Elena, on

how they fought against the world and what one would do to protect the ones they love.

Thank you HarperCollins UK, Avon through Netgalley for the arc for an honest review.

Blog/FB Page link : <https://www.facebook.com/SLiTsReaD>

Jeannie Zelos says

Solace in Scandal. Bound by Lies, Torn by Truth. Kimberly Dean.

Arc supplied via Netgalley.

I enjoyed this book, its classed as Erotica and as Romance. Its a very strong romance side, but less so on the erotica side. Its hot, sensual, steamy sex scenes, but not as graphic and in your face as so much erotica is, so don't let that put you off if erotica isn't your thing.

Elena, she seemed so lost and fragile, working on her PHD and hiding out from the press on the Wolfe estate. Seems the butler/manager worked for her family in past when she was a child, and she was still close to him. She was being harassed by the media, and couldn't afford legal representation to stop them, so he suggested she stay at a little used house on the estate while Alex was in prison. It gave her much needed sanctuary.

Alex was released early and saw her doing yoga out by the lake. He didn't know she was staying, and his first instinct was to tell her to go, but then he learns of the problems she's suffered and feels for her so he says she can stay. She doesn't want to be there any more than he wants her there, and yet she can't escape the press who are camped outside the grounds.

They carry on with their separate lives, occasionally meeting up accidentally, then an incident happens that brings them close – yeah..much, much closer; hot, steamy sex closer. Gradually they each learn more about the other, and the preconceived notions they have get replaced by the truth. The time when they are out for a meal and the airhead ex mentions “that Fonzie thing” - well, as a child of the 70's I could picture The Fonz coming along, trademark grin and wrists in the air “heeeeyyy...you talkin' bout me?”

Underlying the hot sensual romance is the story where Alex needs to get back and be seen at work to keep people confident in his company, Elena needs to complete her PHD, and somehow they want and need to keep their romance together. With the media out for blood still, and not bothered who supplies it, there are some difficult times. I understood exactly how cloistered Elena felt, and why she needed to do what she did. Alex, well – I understood too how after his experience he just wanted to protect her, and keep her away from the bloodhounds out to stir up any trouble they could. It was a great romance, bitter-sweet at times when tough decisions had to be made, and I just loved the way the ending tied up so much, and gave answers way and beyond what I expected.

Really enjoyed this story, and the sensuality of the romance. It was just right, fitted so well with the characters and the actions, where sometimes we just get caught up in the drama, act on the moment without thinking things through. I'd happily read this again. Priced at £1.99 for 200 pages/769kb its a bargain for romance readers.

Stars: almost a five, four and a half.

Carolyn says

Solace in Scandal: Kimberly Dean

This is the first time I've ever read anything by this author and she most definitely did not disappoint. I cannot wait to read something else by her!

Solace in Scandal contains everything you would want in a book. Great plot, characters, and if it could, it would have burned my fingers with the hot, sizzling, chemistry going on between these two characters. It was a fast-paced page turner that I could not put down and when I finished I just wanted more!

Bound By Lies, Torn By Truth is such a "Target On" Description. I just kept pulling for these two to get it right. They had so much in common and I knew they would eventually get to there HEA....

Fiordiligi says

Ever since reading Judith McNaught's Perfect, I am a little squeamish when it comes to reading stories, where one of the MCs has been imprisoned for a longer period. Fortunately, the hero in this book, Alexander Wolfe, was only detained for eighteen months, still a long time, but way easier for me to wrap my mind around than five years.

I have enjoyed Kimberly Dean's contemporary romances since accidentally discovering the Ellora's Cave quickie Hypnotica she published years ago. This short novella and High School Reunion are two of my all time favourite vanilla books, I virtually shelf right next to Lisa Marie Rice's hot stuff.

When reading the blurb of Solace in Scandal, I was imagining some hateful, scheming plot full of lies and evil machinations, as I was used to encounter in a lot of old Sandra Brown romantic suspense titles. However, I am very glad to say, there is no false or construed conflict between Alex and Elena Bardot, the heroine. I am a sucker for erotic tension and build up. I prefer reading about the chemistry between two characters before they jump into bed and I absolutely love when the air is sizzling of eroticism and sexual attraction. And Solace in Scandal totally lived up to my expectations. The sex scenes are hot and the chemistry between Alex and Elena is blazing.

The reason why I go with a B grade is the situation surrounding the whole Ponzi scheme Elena's father and Alex's grandfather orchestrated. Admittedly, I understand very little about micro- and macro-economic strategies, but while reading the story, I became very anxious about how the author would give me a satisfying ending. Alex and Elena are the victims of their families' machinations. They are seriously affected by bad press and paparazzis and are daily confronted with the allegation of being responsible for the abstraction of money.

I was wondering if in the end some proof in favour of their innocence would appear, but the solution presented to me turned out to be quite different. Again, I would like to emphasise that I am no economist, but

to my layman's eyes the solution felt rather like a "Deus ex Machina" ploy and not totally satisfying.

However, the reason why I read Kimberly Dean is for the erotic romance, and on that part she totally fulfilled my expectations. B

I got the ebook copy courtesy from the author in exchange for an honest review.