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*Mills & Boon Desire series delivers powerful, passionate romances...*

It has been a year since Jillian Novak ended their affair — a year that left Dr Aidan Westmoreland determined to win back his lover. He knows they don't have to keep their relationship a secret, but he has to follow her around the world to prove it. Fourteen days on a cruise ship — just Aidan, Jillian and the deep blue sea...and a passion that won't be denied.

## The Secret Affair Details

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### **Jennifer Schultheis says**

The Secret Affair is just what I needed to start my December off right. Brenda Jackson continues the Westmoreland Series with another amazing read. In this book, we get to hear how Jillian and Aidan's affair started, along with Aidan's plan to get Jillian back. Jillian and Aidan definitely have a strong attraction to each other. They have plenty of chemistry together, the explosive kind, where they want to tear each other's clothes off as soon as they see each other. Plus they have the same career path, which only intensifies their relationship. One of my favorite parts in this book is when Aidan tells Jillian that "I want to help you, not hinder you." They each understand how important being a doctor is and neither one wants to ruin the other's dream.

Aidan definitely had his work cut out for him, when trying to win Jillian back. Jillian didn't want to budge an inch, but for everyone who is familiar with the series knows, there is no stopping a Westmoreland from getting what he wants. I loved how strong of a character Jillian was but I loved Aidan even more, so I was rooting for him.

The Secret Affair is a must read and so is this author!

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### **Shone says**

Amazing read, "Tis Better To Have Loved And Lost Than Never To Have Loved At All." Both Dr. Aidan Westmoreland and Jillian Novak are living by this motto. The characters in THE SECRET AFFAIR, pulled you into their lives feeling the hurt, pain, pressures and love they were dealing with. Supporting characters gave just the correct amount of encouragement.

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### **Annie says**

The book was overall good.

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### **Kathy says**

This is another installment in the Westmoreland series. The book, though short, is a fairly good romance. It details the secret affair between Aidan Westmoreland and Jillian Novak, both of who are pursuing careers in medicine. The setting of the book, a cruise, was interesting, and it afforded the pair ample opportunity to figure out what was going on, if anything, between them. In the past, thought there had been an affair, they had kept its existence secret from the rest of the family. They ended the affair. Now, to win Jillian back, Aidan finagles things to go on the fourteen day cruise with Jillian. I found the book interesting, but was actually more interested in the cruise aspect than the romance. There was a definite chemistry between the two main characters, which came out throughout the book. However, short of the setting, which I found interesting and enjoyable, this was one more romance, not unlike so many others in so many other books. I

enjoyed reading it, nevertheless, because the author writes well and because the story was interesting. Anyone who enjoys a good romance in a cruise setting would probably enjoy this book. I have not read any other books in the series (there are quite a lot of them!), but will go back to read some of them. I received this from Goodreads to read and provide an honest review.

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### **Alisa says**

I really enjoy all of the Westmoreland family books and this one was another delight. Aidan and Jill have are seriously drawn together and begin an affair that Jill wants to keep a secret because she is afraid of the family's reaction. Well all secrets must come to an end and brought to the light. Well written and enjoyable book!

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### **Susan says**

In previous Westmoreland books there were hints that there was something going on between Aidan Westmoreland and Jillian Novak. Jillian is a younger sister to Pamela, who is married to Dillon Westmoreland. Jillian had had a crush on Aidan, who is five years older, since she was seventeen. At her twenty-first birthday party they discovered that there was something deeper going on.

Aidan is a typical Westmorland man. He is good looking, successful, charming, and has quite a reputation with the ladies. At this time he is finished with medical school and going on to his residency. He has no intention of getting married anytime soon. However, he can't deny the strength of the attraction he feels for Jillian, and goes after her.

Jillian is preparing to enter medical school. She's had a crush on Aidan for years, and having him being a doctor is icing on the cake. She does her best to keep her fascination with him under control, but when a kiss between them burns hot and out of control she's not sure what to do. She wants him, but she doesn't need the distraction. She also believes that if anyone were to suspect something was going on, it would create problems within the family. So she agrees to a relationship with Aidan, on condition that they keep it a secret.

Aidan isn't particularly happy to do that, but he goes along with her. Over the next three years they get together when they can. Aidan spent a week with Jillian, helping her study for her MCAT, where they got to know each other better along the way. But carrying on a relationship over long distances isn't easy, especially when each of them has their own professional stresses to go along with it. There is also the strain of trying to hide their feelings when around the family.

After three years, the stress has reached the breaking point. Aidan has begun to resent her insistence on secrecy. He cares for her and wants their relationship out in the open. He also frequently feels that he's the one making all the sacrifices. He's angry when she refuses to come spend his birthday with him. Jillian is feeling the stress also. She changes her mind about his birthday and plans to surprise him. Unfortunately, she's the one that gets the surprise when she finds him in the middle of a big party, attending by scantily clad women. When she sees one of them all over Aidan, she leaves without seeing him, and later breaks things off with him.

I was a bit angry with her at this point. She ended the relationship without talking to him about what she had seen. She'd always been a bit insecure about their relationship, thanks to his reputation. But they had been together for three years and she should have trusted him by now. I was also a bit disappointed in Aidan's actions, feeling that he made some bad decisions the night of his birthday.

This was all followed by a year of them being apart and miserable about it. I loved how Aidan decided it was time to resolve the issues between them. I really enjoyed seeing the help he got from friends and family, who hadn't been as clueless as he and Jillian had thought. It was fun to see her shock when he showed up on the cruise ship where she was celebrating her med school graduation. Their attraction hadn't decreased over the year, it had only burned hotter. I loved seeing them straighten everything out, with both admitting to some responsibility in their breakup. I loved Aidan's big moment at the end, which was really romantic. The epilogue with Dillon and Pamela was a fun wrapup.

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### **Tamara says**

I like all the Westmoreland Series books. It's kind of hard to rate them as you pretty much know what you're about to read. Most people read these books because they are invested in the series and feel familial with the characters.

We've known for quite a while that Jilly and Aidan had a secret romance going on.... A Secret Affair finally gives us the background to that romance as well as the issues the couple faced.

If you're a fan, this won't disappoint, it also provides a hint to the "other Westomorelands" and a possibility of Bailey finding romance.

I look forward to and will be reading the next one in the series... Which I'm hoping is finally Bane and Crystal's story.

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### **Vondetta Carter says**

Aidan Westmoreland is a sexy Alpha Male who falls for his cousin's sister in law. What hit Aidan, he wasn't sure, but he knew something had changed in his life forever. This story details Aidan's dilemma in keeping secret his relationship with a young lady when she was 21 and her existing crush on him since she was 17. Both are earnestly pursuing their medical careers. However, the agree something between them is compelling them to each other. Ups and downs keep them pulling at the strings

A misunderstanding keeps them apart for a year, however Aidan is "Westmoreland" determined that she will be his. In his pursuit of her, Jillian encounters another piece in the Westmoreland search for others of their clan. More sexiness is on the horizon, I can see.

Ms Jackson, I love these Westmoreland men and you are the perfect storyteller of their tales..

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## **Yasmin Vasquez says**

### **Westmoreland fan**

Okay I'm a huge Westmoreland fan and I was only satisfied with this book. I waited to read Jill and Aidans story and it was just okay. So I recommend this book if like me your a Westmoreland fan so you can complete the series to date but if you have never read any of the Westmoreland books read Adrian and Trinity story of any of the Georgia or Denver Westmoreland books.

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### **Cf says**

This series is becoming childish. This book read like a teenage love affair. I need more of an adult romance and sadly to say this is not it.

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## **Tanya Mayes says**

Brenda Jackson has done it again. I started this morning andI just finished reading this book. I love it the story of Sudan and Jillian was super sexy. It was definitely something about how Aidan carried himself and his swagger. I understood what Jillian felt. The story pulled me in I was happy and sad but fun. The sex scenes were steamy let's just say WOW for that "lap dance" The setting was great made the story interesting. Can't wait to see what cones for Bailey and Bane. Yay it's more Westmoreland's out there the stories won't end. It was great seeing some old familiar names. Will be reading this book again.

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### **octavia cooper says**

### **OMG!!**

Brenda Jackson has long been one of my favorite authors. Her romance novels, the Westmoreland series in particular, leave your mouth watering and heart beating, waiting with baited breath, seriously looking for your very own Westmoreland man. I can only believe that Bailey's and Bane's stories will be as satisfying.

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## **KBeautiful1 says**

Another Westmoreland Hottie!!!! Lord Somebody need to tell me where they are growing these men at?!?!?!

Jillian Novak is the sister to Pam Novak-Westmoreland. Pam is married to Dillon Westmoreland, their story is Book 16. Jillian and Dr. Aidan Westmoreland have carried on a secret affair for 3 years, it was secret because Jillian didn't want her older sister Pam to know about it or the rest of the family. As innocent and Ok

with it as Aidan was about keeping it only between them two, secrets have a way of bringing out the not so great side out of folks. Aidan isn't used to keeping secrets from his family, they are a very big and tight knit group. So him agreeing with Jillian to remain quiet about it was surprising to me because he agreed to it at first.

Jillian is a couple of years younger than Aidan, he desire to keep it a secret at first was all in her mind. Yes Aidan and his twin brother Adrian were lovers of women, neither one of them had no intention of settling down ever. But cupid had other plans and Adrian fell for Trinity Matthews, their story is Book 28. Trinity is the younger sister to Tara Matthews-Westmoreland who is married to Thorne Westmoreland, their story is Book 3. After watching his twin fall, Aidan made his move for Jillian. All seemed right in the beginning until the wear and tear of keeping it a secret and pretty much sneaking around, an unexpected arrival and believing unfaithfulness has caused the split between them.

A year later Aidan puts his plan into action, "Operation Get Jillian Novak Back". Help from family never hurt anyone LOL!!! And Aidan sets out to seduce Jillian "Westmoreland Style" on the high seas of a 14 day cruise. No distractions, nobody else but them. It also doesn't hurt that his good friend Dominic Saxon, who is married to Taylor Steele and their story is Book 5 of the Forged of Steele series is the owner of the Cruise ship he's on and is also helping Aidan get the woman he loves back.

Author Brenda Jackson knows how to effectively write a love story that is full of romance and intrigue. I love how she is able to interweave her characters from other stories and you won't get lost (especially if you have been reading them in order). Her stories remain fresh and exhilarating, I will always buy her books because she is an author whose stories remain consistent.

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

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### **Celeste says**

#### **What's done in the dark comes to light**

Adian and Jillian's love story was just what the doctor ordered, no pun intended. Often when we believe we are doing what is best we find that the truth resides in having open communication. A relationship is built on sacrifices and Adian was ok with them until they became unbearable. The heart wants what it wants, and it's explosive when one discovers it's exactly what they need. Good job Mrs Jackson on another love story that shows what determination, compassionate, will, and most of all love can overcome.

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### **Lisa Wiebeld Coburn says**

#### **So disappointed**

I have read Brenda Jackson books for quite a long time and am getting very disappointed in them. They are all the same and you can guess what is happening after the first few pages. Don't waste your money and I won't be reading the rest when they come out. Was looking forward to hearing about bane and crystal but can just imagine how that's going to go.

