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From Reader Review **Secrets of the Heart (A Dirty Little Secret Sequel)** for online ebook

Kiana Donae says

Another wonderfully written story by Sanders. I had the pleasure of reading the first part to this series, Dirty Little Secrets, and I have to say this part is even better. I enjoyed getting to go more in depth to Ivy and Hilary's lives. The banter between them is very realistic.

Again, Sanders, manages to draw you into the story to make you feel like you're part of it. This book stays with you after you close the pages and the story will captivate. Another book well done by the author. Must read part 1 too!!!!

Marni says

Secrets of the heart is sassy, sad, sexy, soulful and a darn good read.

Ivy is that lady I stare at on the street or at a coffee shop and think how does she pull off that look? Where did she get those shoes? Why is my wardrobe so sucky? A fashion forward lady with an eye to the future and career driven, Ivy is going places.

Of course it is never so simple.

Family, love, loss and learning to heal, trust and reconnect become the heart of the story.

Ms. Sanders has a way with words. She colors her characters with style and depth. She creates a tension and a hopefulness laced with pain and humor.

I loved watching Ivy grow and make choices. I enjoyed every heart wrenching discovery and journeyed with her as she made sense of it all.

This is a great book with so many facets to enjoy I will definitely be recommending it.

Oh and can I just say ... Cain = yummy :-)

Hayley Trotter says

I got a copy before it has published and promised to post an honest review of **Secrets of the Heart**.

If you read Dirty Little Secret first, you already know who Ivy is. But for those who don't, Ivy's dad Lucas owns a big communications company and she is trying to make a name for herself without having to use his name to become successful. She works in radio just like Hillary did in Dirty Little Secret (they are best friends) and in book two is now a manager at a new station in Chicago. She is dating a guy named Pete... oh Peter... how you vex me. A big scandal breaks which puts Ivy's career in jeopardy. I'm not going to say anything else on those subjects because I don't want to spoil anything.

Ivy discovers a journal from her dead mom - and mother of mercy - that journal! Ok no spoils. But.. seriously, this was me

So between the journal, Ivy's career problems, and getting her dad to treat her like an adult it makes for a twisty journey that I hadn't been expecting but I really enjoyed.

Falling In Fall Book Blog says

I am very rarely surprised, Fallers. I've done a lot of reading in my time, and aside from that, I'm that annoying person you watch crime shows with that guesses (or at least tries to guess) the culprit in the first five minutes. So when I say I'm genuinely surprised is kind of a big deal. Secrets of the Heart did that for me, which is why I'm giving it four and a half stars!

We're first introduced to Ivy, Hillary's best friend in Dirty Little Secret, as well as her love interest, Pete, who works at the same radio station as both of them. And when they get together, it's SO cute. Pete is the epitome of charming, attentive, and all-around awesome. But do you know who else is awesome, Cain, the local bartender and hottie extraordinaire and absolute sweetheart. Fallers, if at this point, you're thinking, "I really don't like love triangles I don't want to read this book," stick with me. It's not what you think. I can't give too much away, because that would be spoiling it, but this is NOT, I repeat, not a love triangle. What it is is a story about second chances at love even when you think you'd never love again and a story about two people learning how to support each other emotionally . And hot sex. I mean, that's a given.

Like Dirty Little Secret, I felt there was a middle section of the book that floundered a little--not much happened and the plot just kind of stood still. But still, other than that, I loved Secrets of the Heart--and I can't wait for Willow's last installment in the series!

A gifted copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review by Elyssa.

DawnMarie Carpintero says

5 Emotional Stars

This book was given to me for my honest review

Believe the meaning is to accept as true or real. But what happens when we apply it to our everyday lives? Can we take people at face value and believe in what in they say and feel to be true? Can we put our faith in the words? As we believe the sunrises and sunsets everyday because we see and feel the occurrence within the air and in the sky above. Human emotions are not as easily validated because we cannot always see them occurring.

This was the first book I have read by this author.

To the author: Amazing book by far. This review is not of my normal way because this book took so much out of me. The emotional connections that you put forth in this read were like no other I have felt in a long time. You are able to connect to your readers so eloquently with Ivy that tissues are a must for the duration

of the read. You took explosions to another new plateau with Cain the way your readers will connect emotionally with him will be most giving. He stands out by far and reading in between the proverbial lines will be most explosive. In the overall book you have eruptions not just sexual emotions but, soul as well. Major Kudos

To the readers: Sit back and enjoy

Happy Reading

Marie says

I really loved Dirty Little Secret and I must say that Secrets of the Heart was just as wonderful! A continuation of the first book here we follow Ivy's story. I really enjoyed Ivy and Peter! They are truly wonderful in my opinion even if they didn't stay together. Ivy is very strong-willed which reminds me of my sister. Maybe that is why I enjoyed this book as much as I did. Willow Sanders honestly did a wonderful job with Ivy. She has a lot that she goes through but in true Ivy fashion she manages to pull herself through. **I received this copy via the author in exchange for an honest review. Any thoughts and opinions are my own.** This review was first posted at Blushing Reads

Britt says

Full review can be found at: <http://othersideoftheshelf.blogspot.c...>

I received an Advance Reader Copy of this book free from the publisher in exchange for a review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

**FYI – this review contains some spoilers so be cautious if you plan to read this book and don't like things spoiled for you!

Secrets of the Heart is the 2nd book in a series by Willow Sanders. It can be read as stand-alone. This book follows the main character, Ivy, on her journey to find love and balance her career. Ivy is the daughter of a hot shot media mogul and after being used in the past by people to get to her father she has become cautious in relationships. Ivy ends up getting involved with a coworker even though the company has a no-fraternization policy and that relationship ends badly but not in the way you would assume. Ivy finds that things aren't always as they seem as she deal with issues with her father (and digging up memories of her deceased mother) and finds love in an unexpected place.

I give this book 2.5 out of 5 stars. It had a cute story but I overall found it to be a little to "wordy." It could have been condensed some and made a bigger impact. I was happy that it contained humor and that made it worth reading.

Description

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Sloane Kennedy says

When you read this book ... I got it as an ARC ... just know it is going to hit you in your feels over and over again. But OMG you'll be tearing up one minute and laughing the next. I knew from the end of Willow's first book that this one was going to be about Ivy, and while she does have two different love interest's in this book, the way that she and her dad work out their issues is when you'll be reaching for the phone to call your own.

I dont want to ruin all of the gorgeous story weaving from this book, but I'll simply say that Willow's second book is better than the first, and since I really really liked that one, it's hard to get much better. Add this to your TBR RIGHT NOW!

Kathleen R. says

Overall Stars: 4 STARS

Scandal

Humor

Secrets

Round two? Secrets will always be our downfall...

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Really, we are creatures of habit since we believe that secrets help us out. But it doesn’t. Just like her best

friend Hillary, who works at the same radio station, Genevieve risks finding herself in a scandal from past secrets. I'm guessing that this is the part where friendship is important and especially the relationship that you want and need to work out. So how is it, when you are at your worst, you also find the best surrounding you? For that and so much more, *Secrets of the Heart* was better than the first part: no introductions were necessary for the characters, they were done in book 1, recurring characters came back, Willow Sanders worked more magic in her writing since the first book and she never lost her humorous ways when wrote the second book. I'm really glad to see an improvement, adding more of the good stuff, never leaving the readers unsatisfied, and keeping it a light read so we are not bombarded by the darker things that could potentially disturb many readers.

****Received a copy in exchange for an honest review. Read and reviewed by Kathleen for Alpha Book Club****

Eunice Lan says

Title: *Secrets of the Heart*

Author: Willow Sanders

Genre: Chick Lit

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Source: Arc was given for an honest review.

Rating: 5 Stars

Blurb

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Review

I liked the first book but this one I definitely loved it. This book can be read as a standalone because the characters are only interconnected. The story is now about Ivy, Hillary best friend. In the first book I did not like some actions about Ivy but this time the author made me loved her and connect in many ways with her. She has the perfect life that anyone will definitely loved to have but when problems faced her she discovers

that not everything was like she thought. There are always both sides in a coin. I liked most of the characters and there is a special someone apart from Ivy that I loved that in some way I can seem to tell more about because of spoilers issues.

The other part that I liked about the book is the letters that Ivy's mother left her. Since her mother died when she was a little girl, the letters make this book more emotional in a good way. The author did it again, she made me travel and in some way made me feel that I was part and watching every character in their daily actions. This is a new indie author I really enjoyed reading and would loved to read more books about her and maybe other characters and new story scenes. You really need to read this book and I am sure you will love it (hopefully).

Kim BookJunkie says

4.25 stars

What a great story! Once again, Willow. Sanders has created a truly unique story, telling it in an impressively eloquent way! When I first started reading this book, I wondered if it was going to be too superficial for me. Not being someone who pays attention to fashion trends and rarely interested in celebrity gossip, I feared this story might not be a good fit for me. However, as I continued to read, I discovered that there was a lot more to main character, "Ivy" and her story than a trendy wardrobe. In this wonderful sequel to DIRTY LITTLE SECRET, we see Ivy come to understand who she really is and what she really wants in life. Sure, there is some name dropping and designer labels are mentioned every now and then but nothing about SECRETS OF THE HEART is superficial.

SECRETS OF THE HEART starts out lighthearted, upbeat and fun yet there is a shift later in the book.... Family secrets are uncovered, feelings are examined and hearts are mended as Ivy builds some new, deep, meaningful relationships. Basically, we get to watch Ivy mature. Sanders goes deep in this book, writing so well that I often felt the emotions of the characters! The last quarter of SECRETS OF THE HEART was really powerful and moving (by far my favorite part of the book). It was nice to see how versatile Ms. Sanders writing style is.

I would recommend this book to every kind of woman. Whether you shop at Neiman Marcus or WalMart, love MTV or CNN. Regardless of what type of woman you are, you will enjoy Ivy's journey!

Melissa says

This One Will Give Your Heart A Real Workout!

This is another terrific read! I absolutely loved the first in the series and was excited to read this one. I was more than not disappointed, I think this one may be even better than the first! The author has really outdone herself with this one. I was once again drawn right into the story living it right along with the characters and totally unwilling to put it down. Even though this book is the second in the series it would be just great read as a standalone as well, but I do recommend the first book Dirty Little Secrets as well. This book is about Hillary's best friend Ivy. We get to know Ivy a lot better in the sequel and I think Ivy gets to know herself a lot better as well. Ivy has a lot more to her than her enormous wardrobe and expensive shiny things. I went through so many emotions while reading this one, laughing and happy, to sad and feeling all of the feels. There is a reason that the book is called Dirty little secret, there are secrets. I love the different POV's as they

add so much to the story. Even after finishing the story I felt myself thinking about it. I definitely recommend! Thank you to the author for providing me a complimentary copy of this awesome book for an honest review.

Sandie Grise says

Secrets of the Heart review

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Stars- 4

Story is told in- multiple points of view and narrative as well

Series- this is the 2nd novella of a 3 book series's

Cliffhanger- no

Ivy is our main character, she more complex than you're left feeling from Dirty Little Secrets. I'll be honest, I didn't care for the first book in this series, it (for me) didn't have the depth that this book has. Ivy is a lovely young woman who has been hurt by the people (men) who proclaim to love her. She is strong willed and knows the Media business. But she also has other passions (read the book to find out).

I love the book of dreams, in essence it's a series of letters to Ivy from her deceased mother. Admittedly, I did get a bit weepy in a few places in this book. We meet a few male counterparts in this book and we get to understand why Ivy was drawn to them and how they broke her heart. From betrayals from people she trusted to being the one to come through for her girlfriends at the last minute even as she's suffering from heartbreak. Cain, you'll fall in love with this man the more he opens up to Ivy. He is everything noble and honest but also conflicted.

Grab a cup of tea and some tissues and snuggle up with this book!

lil' princess says

Genevieve "Ivy" Hirsch seems to have her life all together, great job, sexy boyfriend, a wardrobe to die for. Underneath her Valentino and Louboutin's life is not so perfect-Ivy's relationship with her father and new step mother are strained at best and an old secret could make or break what little ties they have. As Ivy tries to come to terms with family skeletons her career and relationship take a hit.

Ivy is a fighter but what can a girl do when hit from all sides? Read Ivy's story to find out. Have the tissues ready because Ivy's story is a wild ride.

Ella Drayton says

Willow Sanders has done it again! I loved her first novel, Dirty Little Secrets so much (you can find my review of that book here)! Secrets of the Heart is a continuation of Dirty Little Secrets but it can be read as a

stand-alone. In *Secrets of the Heart* we follow Ivy's story and I have to say that between the two, Ivy's story was my favorite. I love Hillary and Bert but there is just something about Ivy that draws me to her. I was really disappointed when Ivy and Peter didn't stay together because I have a soft spot for Peter BUT I can understand why they didn't and it honestly made the whole book so much better. It is so hard to talk about this book without giving away the details because it is so good!

Ivy is a very strong-willed young woman with a fighter spirit and when her life starts unraveling after the scandal, the secrets she uncovers in her mother's journal, and the strained relationship with her father, I wasn't sure if Ivy was going to make it through it all. True to form, Ivy manages to come out on top and has become a better person through everything she's been through and she's managed to find a sweet, forever love in the midst of it all.

I love Willow Sanders' writing style and her new book does not disappoint. I highly recommend that you check out *Dirty Little Secret* AND *Secrets of the Heart*!

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