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From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Release Me* and the rest of the Stark series comes the scintillating first novel in an all-new trilogy, perfect for fans of *Fifty Shades of Grey* and *Bared to You*!

## **Dirtiest Secret Details**

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### Rodrigues Elsa says

Opah saudades de ler um livro da Julie Kenner que me roubasse todas as horas disponíveis do dia :)  
Opinião já a ser editada :)  
a ser publicada no Efeito dos Livros lá para....sexta :D

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### Jan says

We're star crossed he and I. like a living breathing Shakespeare play. and what I want, I can't have.

Part one of this dark edgy book is filled with promise.

Told in third person, sometimes first person so as a reader I struggled with this at times I suppose it depends what you prefer and I prefer first person hearing the characters thoughts and feelings.

A dark and deep read, the characters Jane and Dallas were taken as children held hostage in dark cellars, the book takes you briefly to past experiences and the struggles and memories in the present.

Even now as adults both struggle to move on. Dallas has set up a vigilante secret organisation were tactics, his kidnappers groups and findings are discussed, this is how Dallas has found his way to deal with what he suffered along with his now reputation for being a lady's man losing himself in countless faces.

Jane writes as her escape, writes about kidnapped children and organisations.

It's a complexed read and difficult to summarise.

Since freedom three things keep them apart.

One: The sins and secrets they shared in the dark

Two: The memories they evoke when together

And Three: the fact that they are brother and sister by adoption.

Jane: What was perfect and right and saved us in the dark is forbidden in the light.

It's not a romance read, yes it contains sex and a relationship but I found it to be a book I really had to concentrate on and found myself re reading lines.

Not my usual romance hearts and flowers or alpha read but lovers of complex gritty and gripping reads full of mystery will love it.

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### **Anna says**

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### **☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says**

We already met Dallas in some of the Stark/Steele books - he's one of the most famous billionaire playboys America has ever seen.... heir to a department store fortune.

Dallas Sykes is the King of Fuck.

But he only lets the world think he's that mega-rich playboy heir. (well, of course he does all the sexing and playboying - but it's not who he really is - it's just the picture of a guy he wants the world to think he is...)

His whole goddamn life was an act. A facade. He was damaged goods. As broken as a man could be.

In reality he has much more important work to do.

Ever since he and the love of his young life Jane were kidnapped 17 years ago - when they were 15 - it's his one goal in life to find and kill the people responsible for the horror they had to endure.

He's started DELIVERANCE - a group of very talented and resourceful mercenaries/agents, whose mission it is to rescue kidnapped children, and finding and executing the bad guys.

But as I said - nobody knows that.

Not even Jane. The one girl he's always loved, but will never be able to call his own.

But now her professional life as a true-crime writer, and his professional life, are about to cross paths....and not in a good way....

**What will happen to Jane & Dallas?**

**Will there be a HEA?**

**Will everybody die at the end?**

**Or will there be a horrible Cliffhanger?**

**I'm not telling you that of course ?**

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**SUCH A GREAT & EXCITING START TO A NEW TRILOGY!!!!**

I was expecting some fast romance thingy...but this is sooo much more. Much deeper and more exciting and suspensy and moving and EROTIC!!!!

**DALLAS SYKES** Phew!!!!

I loved every second of this book.

Dallas is so amazing - after everything he went through, he's still this amazing, but also very broken guy... He loves Jane sooo much, but for so many reasons they can never be together. But he still does everything in his power to find the bad guy that took them, so that they can both finally heal from all that happened back then... He once promised her he would always protect her - and he will never stop.

And poor Jane - so in love with Dallas - but even without all the other things stopping them from being together, she thinks she's not good enough for him, because she blames herself for some things that happened... And he thinks his dark sexual needs would be too much for her...Ugh those two - we just want to go in to this book and hug them and put them in a room together until they finally get everything they ever dreamed of...

But grrrr - it's a trilogy - so it will take us forever to get to a HEA!!!!

I want/need/HAVETOHAVE book #2 NOW!!!!!!!

Dirtiest Secret was an extremely erotic and sad & exciting romance. About dirty family secrets,

about the past & the present, about family & friends, about love & hate & forgiveness....and revenge!!! ?

...and even if the story wouldn't be interesting at all - you still don't want to miss reading it - you'll sooo fall in love with Dallas Sykes too? ? ?

Now please hurry with book #2 Julie- I NEEEEED to read it asap!

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### **Bj says**

4 "King of Appearances" Stars!

J Kenner is known for her alpha dominant heroes and Dirty Secret certainly features one of those. However, this may be the rawest, most angst-filled love story yet.

However, readers should be cautioned to only undertake this emotional journey if they love dark romances and subjects that broach taboo and forbidden themes. That said, like smoke and mirrors, not everything is what it seems, so you will want to give this story a chance to play out before drawing any conclusions.

Dallas Sykes is a famous, rich bad boy who is an infamous player. All the women want to be with him--even if he doesn't do repeats--just to be seen with him, except for one: Jane.

Jane still longs for the comfort and feelings that only Dallas can give her. He was there during her/their worst hour and she still regrets leaving. But with a past as twisted as theirs, can their ever be a second chance?

In the end, the tortured beginnings of this unfortunate couple won me over and had me rooting for them to finally find happiness. Ultimately, however, only you can decide if their union is a sin or sinfully wicked. And be forewarned, to get the full story you will need to read the entire trilogy.

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## Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

### 3 STARS

I love this author and her writing style but this story was ok for me. I can't explain what my problem was but something was off for me! It's difficult to say anythin about the story because whatever I say will be a spoiler so I'll keep everything simple. The characters confused me.

Overall it was an ok story for me!

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## Pam says

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## Gretchen (About That Story) says

Holy wow! **This was awesomely intense, passionate, and erotic.** I don't even know what to say or how to explain what I'm feeling but I pretty much inhaled it. Fantastic story I couldn't put down. Loved it!

I don't normally read anything with the word "taboo" involved because I'm a chicken like that, but I love J. Kenner so I decided to go for it. I was not disappointed. Everything was so well developed with this great build that had me on the edge of my seat. When I got to that taboo thing, yup, I totally freaked out! But I trusted in the author - and I am so glad I did - because it was explained and I was good to go. I got an amazing, full story, that was well crafted. **It was full of passion with strong characters who are scarred and have a lot of secrets.** It was beyond great!

The story has this powerful build. Not in your face, but this low key feeling that was under my skin, making me get wrapped up in the lives of Dallas and Jane. It was awesome. Loved the character development as their histories are revealed. **It was captivating, heartbreaking, loving, and sensual.** I had so many questions. Some were answered but not all. I cannot wait for the next book!

Loved the characters involved. Dallas is sexy and commanding but so scarred and broken. I loved every single bit of insight into him. Jane was a wonderful woman. I loved her strength. There is this insatiable need between the two. This crazy want and desire that they fight. This push and pull that creates this amazing build full of need was crazy. **There is this level of eroticism happening that I can't explain because it's so understated but it packs a powerful punch.**

The writing was superb. Loved the changing POV's and how their past was recounted. There are so many well thought out, well connected details. I love all those elements, they really drew me in. There is this great

mystery-suspense element happening as well and I just didn't want it to end.

I just need more. That's all there is to it. I am so glad I stepped outside of my box and tried something new because J. Kenner created an intense world full of want, need, and mystery that I can't get enough of.

*Complimentary copy received for honest review.*

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### **Danielle says**

I haven't been on the fence about many of the books I have read but I found myself falling into that category with this one.

Dallas and Jane were best friends when they were younger but they also became step siblings. They had strong feelings for one another but they knew nothing could really happen until they both get kidnapped. Things change between them and they loose there virginity to each other.

Now after years of keeping themselves distant from each other Jane decides she needs to get Dallas out of her system once and for all but Dallas is worried about what will happen to the family if it's all found out.

As in great Kenner fashion this is looking like this entire story will take 3 books. A lot actually happens in this book. Secrets are unfolded, forbidden love and family issues.

If you have read Kenners other books you know how complicated her characters can be with what they went through or what they are going through. This book is just like them but one thing I loved about this book was how different it was. Sure the characters are a bit complicated but I actually enjoyed the journey that Kenner took them on.

At first I was like Dallas is a complete player/asshole but as I continued to read I realized that's just how he deals and copes from what he has been through (and that is a lot). I was actually surprised by the end that I actually loved Dallas the best in this book. He was my favorite character.

Even though I'm wondering about the kidnapping and who was actually behind it I'm more wondering how these two will end up with a HEA. It looks like a lot and I mean a lot is going to happen due to the ending and how it ends on a cliffhanger. For that reason I am excited and very impatient to read the next installment in this series.

\*Be warned this book may not be for everyone. This book contains sex and material some might not be comfortable with.\*

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### **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

I really struggle with rating this book. It's good. Like 5 stars good. There is just one issue that almost ruined

the story for me. The OW were so over the top in this book, it was a huge turnoff for me. I want to love Dallas but it's not easy when he's with so many women. By the end of this book I sorta get why it was there...just wish it was tamed a bit. Since it was so blatant and in your face, it almost overtook the heart of the story. I do think this book leaves off in a way that it won't be in the rest of the series. I hope! Don't quote me on that since I haven't read them yet, but I do think it's worth it to continue. The heart of the story is very good and I really do want to finish out the series to find out what happens.

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### **MissCherry says**

No conocía a esta autora pero por la sinopsis me lancé a la piscina. Me encanta la erótica pero las que tienen un corte BDSM me suelen aburrir, con este no me ha pasado en absoluto. La historia de Dallas y Jane es efervescente, original, muy elegante y con muchísima acción. Vaya, que ha sido un disfrute de lectura me lo he pasado genial leyendolo y el cliffhanger final es ¡GORDISIMO! así que si o si me leeré el segundo. Empieza fuerte desde el principio y de primeras parece una cosa, pero según avanzas la historia va desvelando unos matices y una trama que de primeras no te puedes ni imaginar. El tema del secuestro pasado está llevado muy bien, las escenas de sexo son elegantes, están bien encajadas y son sexy sin ser burdas o vulgares como pasa en algunas novelas eróticas. Destacar también que aunque en la sinopsis se da a entender que entre los protas hay parentesco, no es así (lo digo para los lectores reacios al rollo incesto), ambos tienen padres diferentes y son "hermanos" por adopción, no por nacimiento. De personalidades también anda el libro bien servido, Dallas no es el típico dominante insensible y Jane no es la panfila inocente. Ambos son conscientes de su sexualidad y entre ellos hay una muy buena química. ¡Sin duda lo recomiendo!

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### **XxTainaxX says**

I am a J Kenner fan but this one was difficult for me. The OW in this are so blatant and there are so many that it's really hard to see past that. I get that he's broken. I get that he's traumatized. I get that what Dallas and Jane went through is unspeakable and that their love is taboo but come on. Jane is basically a doormat who lets him do what he wants with the OW and still seeks him out. The plot is interesting, Dallas' promiscuity aside. I really wish that it wasn't such a big part of it because I would have enjoyed it more. I am hesitant to continue this series but will reassess after trusted friends read the next. I must give kudos for the sensuality in the writing. It is very very sexy. Safety: OW OW OW, did I mention OW? No OM but there were some during their separation. No condoms. There was definite sexual abuse though rape is not explicitly mentioned. No physical abuse. H pushes h away a lot.

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### **Ezinwanyi says**

3.5 stars

An intriguing taboo love story but it was mired in a kidnap subplot as well as a bdsm subplot. It was well written but the pace was slower than I would have liked. There wasn't really romance, it was more like dark and erotic passion. I suspect more romance will come in book 2.

Dallas Sykes is known to the general public as “The King of F\*\*k”, the billionaire and uber playboy who has and will sleep with anyone. But behind the mask lies a lonely man who desperately longs for only one woman. He uses his time, money and influence to fight behind the scenes as the founder of Deliverance. A mercenary group dedicated to rescuing kidnapping victims and returning them to their loved ones.

Jane Martin has been working for ten years to exorcise the demons from her traumatic kidnapping where she was held for ransom with her brother Dallas. Now she is taking up fighting vigilante groups that focus on the reward money as opposed to the actual kidnapping victim.

Dallas and Jane are doing their best to keep busy because they feel bereft without the person their heart desires the most. The angst of the situation kept it suspenseful. I was hopeful because it was clear there would be healing once Dallas and Jane surrendered. To deal with their yearning, Dallas and Jane begin sexual play that is both erotic and very sensual.

I felt like a voyeur but I also really wanted some resolution for Dallas and Jane after their traumatic experience ten years ago. This coping mechanism would be bad press for the family’s business if it were to be exposed but it was just what the two of them needed.

What I didn’t like the build of the forbidden issue perhaps because I didn’t find it so unthinkable. Such emphasis was placed on it when it was clear that the hero and heroine were undeniably drawn to each other. The story flowed much smoother when they gave in to their feelings.

I also didn’t like the relationship with the parents as there seemed to be full acceptance and love without strings.

I look forward to the resolution of the mastermind of the devious kidnapping as I have my suspicions. I also look forward to Dallas and Jane finally coming to grips with all they have been running from.

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### **~IreneOust~ says**

I picked this up because it was suggested to me by my trusted sidekick, TeriLyn. Once again, she proved that she knows me well because I LOVED this!

I am not a fan of reviewing series so I'll keep this short and sweet.

'Dirtiest Secret' was my first book by J. Kenner ... I know. I KNOW! Trust me, it won't be my last.

To enjoy this story fully, one needs a VERY open mind. I don't know about other books by this author but this one took me down one hell of a rabbit hole and I LOVED EVERY MINUTE! When reading taboo, I prefer to be ALL in. As in 'BRING IT ON'! The dirtier, the better. And this is exactly what I got with this novel. FILTHY, WRONG & OH SO HOT! Throw in a great [suspenseful] plot, fabulous writing and an array of colorful characters and you have a winner. At least in my book.

Bring on the next installment because I have a TON of theories running through my head and I can't wait to find out which of them [if any!] ends up being the right one!

Cheers!

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**Maria Sol says**

La verdad es que al décimo capítulo ya había perdido todo el interés por esta historia....fue otro NO para mí...

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