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From Reader Review Secrets and Lace for online ebook

Josiesbook_escape says

Omg!!! This wasn't what I had expected at all!!! Oh dear god!! I had the honor to receive an ARC of this amazing book and I'm floored. Dori my book babe and one fave author you are one truly one talented person.

This book had me on edge and such a page turner. The story of gripping and suspenseful that I felt like the other shoe was going to drop when I turned the pages. It had all my feels all over. The one day you waited for your whole life may be not your happily ever after.

I could go on and on about this but I would be telling the book to you. I highly recommend this!!

As my 9 word story... Pain will consume me than the happiness I felt

•Cici• Theory of A Dreamer Book Blog♥ says

I received an ARC from Kitty Kats Crazy About Books and Dori Lavelle in exchange for an honest review

Thank you so much to Kitty Kats Crazy About Books And Dori Lavelle for sending me an ARC of Secrets and Lace!! I'm very honored and grateful!!

5 Engaging and Terrifying Stars!!

After having read the Prologue i was instantly hooked and i couldn't turn away from my Kindle. I was scared and on my toes for most of the duration of the story. It was gory, terrifying at times, and so suspenseful. This was such a unique concept of a story and i felt like i was reading something that could easily be made into a Thriller. I kept trying to figure everything out and why someone was doing what they were doing.

There are so many emotions that i went through while reading this that at some points i had to put my hand over my heart to calm the beating due to how intense it was throughout. That ending left me in total shock and I have never wanted another continuation of a story as much as i do to this particular one!! Secrets and Tears can't come soon enough!! Ms.Lavelle you are an evil genius and i can't wait to see how everything turns out.

Chloe Parker was a character that made a living out of exposing others dirty secrets until one day her past came back to haunt her. She was sweet and very kind when she wanted to be. I was very anxious to find out all about her past and secrets. Her journey to finding out the person behind her torment was a thrill ride and often times bone chilling. Chole's caring side that she showed to her mom was so sweet and heartwarming after everything was cleared up. Fingers crossed that everything goes right for her in the next Installment even though danger is always where you least expect it.

I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a read that will keep you guessing until the very end! It was everything i wanted it to be and more! This book is full of surprises and how ones past never stays buried deep for long. In this story actions have consequences and they just might be deadly. One-click this Thriller today!! You won't regret it!! :) 5 Stars all around!!

Jo Overfield says

I received this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review. I have to say, I was hooked from the beginning. Chloe, was the woman every woman wished she could be. She seemed to have everything. One thing she had was a secret. As the book progressed, her concern grew, that her secret would be exposed. The last thing Chloe wanted, was to jeopardize her relationship with her Billionaire finance Miles. Someone began stalking her, and from there the storyline really took off. I kept waiting for answers, but even more questions arose. I was so glued to the e-reader trying to figure out what was going to happen next. When I reached the end of the book, I started to relax, and then the cliffhanger. I did not expect what happened. Wow! This was an exciting book. I'm excited to see what happens in the next book.

Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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Tony Parsons says

Boca Raton Resort & Club was sponsoring the AIDS Gala.

300 PPL, Chloe Parker (narrator, BA, Journalism/ U of South Florida, nee Kelly Pearson), Miles Durant (fiancé, billionaire) & Owen Firmin (Miles's BMF, former business partner) were in attendance.

Misty Cove, FL. Chloe & Miles went to meet her mother (brain cancer).

Chloe hires Lester Reading (PI) to find out what happened to her BFF Stacy Prammer.

Will Chloe & Miles finally get married?

Who on the other-hand is Alvin Jones?

Warning: This book contains extremely graphic adult content, violence, or expletive language &/or uncensored sexually explicit material which is only suitable for mature readers. It may be offensive to some readers.

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written mystery book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great mystery movie, or a mini TV series. To be continued. Cant wait. There is no doubt in my mind this is a very easy rating of 5 stars.

Thank you for the free Author; PDF book

Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

Bianca Lana says

I... wow!! I have no words to describe how amazing this book is. I received a copy for an honest review, just a few short hours ago. I finished reading just a few minutes ago and I am still reeling from reading the book.

Dori Lavelle managed to surprise me yet again with such an astounding novel.

The book captivated me from the beginning till the very last word of the novel.

I cannot, cannot wait to read the next book.

I can pleasantly recommend this book.

Selin' says

I'm giving this book 3 stars based on the ending.

I'm not going to explain what the story is about since the blurb is pretty straight forward, and well I just want to get to the point.

Now at first I really couldn't get into the story. It missed so much depth and emotions I felt disconnected. So many reactions were emotionless I couldn't believe it. Also, so many parts just didn't add up. Sometimes the story went from one thing to another without really getting into it, which annoyed me.

I didn't get a dark romance feeling *UNTIL THE VERY END*, which is quite a disappointment. Based on the reviews I've read, and the warning that was giving at the beginning of the book, I thought I'd feel so much

angst. Well, I didn't feel a thing.

AND, so many things were just unresolved. It dragged on and on, but never really got to the point. I know it's a series, and you want to keep some things for the next books, but still so many events were happening based on something that happened in the past without really getting an explanation.

Even though I had a suspicion at the ending, I still liked how it played out. I did get into it and started turning pages so fast because I just needed to know how It would end. **THAT CLIFFHANGER THOUGH**

For me, the story missed a lot, but the ending saved it from getting a lower rating.

Still, I'm curious for the following books in this series.

Epicbookaddict says

Ok this was a mistaken purchase on my part. I thought I clicked Steel and Lace by Adrian Leigh but got this instead so I thought what the hell, I'll read it.

First of all to write 1st person you really have to nail it for it to come across tight, this did not. The story was interesting but it ends about 2 chapters where the story should've begun. You see the twist coming but not right away. I think the author thought the first part of the build up would be the story arc but honestly I skimmed (a lot!) and don't feel like I lost anything along the way, it was mostly filler. I won't read the next one as I have a good idea of how it will play out already. It's a quick read-or maybe that's because I did a lot of skimming. Lastly this is not a dark romance, closer to the end it becomes a pale shade of gray perhaps.

Jamie (The Kansan Reader) says

Actual rating 4.5 stars

The body could lie, and words could be deceiving, but eyes were the windows to the truth.

I have read Lavelle's work before with her series His Agenda. Loved the series. So I thought I want to try another series from her. I found this beauty and decided why not.

This kept me on my toes. I will be a little biased and say His Agenda is better. I think it has to do with it was the first book series I read by Lavelle.

Chloe is planning her perfect wedding. Everything was going great until one card showed up with a number 30. Chloe at first thinks it's a prank until the next card comes with a 29. No idea who it is or how these cards are getting to her, Chloe starts to think she has a stalker.

Chloe has a secret. One she doesn't want to be let out. Even to her future husband to be.

This wasn't as dark as I thought it was going to be but it is a thriller. Towards the end I started to piece things together and figure out who the stalker is, but didn't expect how he revealed himself. Ends with a little

cliffhanger. Already have books 2 and 3 on my kindle ready to go.

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### **Dita says**

This is my first book from Dori..and wow I loveeee it.

This book is pretty twisted, this book playing with my head from the prologue till the end and i'm loving it, yup mindfuck book is definitely my cup of tea.

This book keep me on edge, I keep wondering what the hell happened in Chloe's past, I keep suspecting everyone, I want to yell at Chloe to spill it all the time, and then in the end bam...shocking.

If you love dark and twisted story that will keep you intrigued and keep you on edge...THIS BOOK IS A MUST-READ FOR YOU...you have to read this

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### **Nicole says**

*ARC kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review*

What did i just read?? I can't even express it with words, it simply blew my mind away. The author created a dark, twisted with many secrets and a lot of mystery background story. Yeah now i became obsessed by the series, i can't wait to see what will happen on the second book (i can't even imagine what will happen).

Chloe Parker has a "very" mysterious/dark past and she "hides" from it very well disguised now to a successful woman with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Media Studies, owns the Sage magazine with a great success, everything seems perfect in her life besides her career she has a wonderful fiancée soon to be husband the billionaire Miles Durant. Well she obviously didn't expect that secrets from the past will come back to hunt her down. I won't say anything else about the story because it's a masterpiece and i don't wanna spoil anything, the author manipulated the story ingeniously you really don't expect what is about to happen, i surely recommend it and maybe at first you'd think that things are calm or even maybe slow but believe me when the mystery takes hold you won't put the book down until you reach the final page and well.. then you will want to jump in the second book right away (I'm pretty sure about that because after that cliffhanger

that's what i wanted to do).

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### **Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says**

Ahhh! And she did it again.

I read this book in one sitting, non-stop!

Dori Lavelle has the ability to hook me since the very first page. She has a way to captivate me with her evil mind. The twists, the theories, argh, when you think you have already figured it out the situation, boom, she changed it.

This is not your typical romance book, this is a thriller, I have never thought I would be reading this books but here I am, loving the shit out of it.

An addictive-page turner story, that will leave you wanting more and not so patiently waiting for the second book.

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### **Paperback Princess says**

Ummm...what?!! Please let book 2 be better!!!

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### **Jennifer Pierson says**

I'm trying so hard to understand WTH I just read. And then to be left hanging like that?! I can't even. Chloe Parker has the perfect life. Her magazine is successful, and she's marrying to gorgeous billionaire, Miles Durant, the man of her dreams. There's one problem, Chloe is hiding a dark past that she's kept buried, so when she starts getting anonymous countdown cards a month before the wedding, she believes she's in danger especially since they are a piece of lace with blood on them. Because of her buried past, she can't go to the cops without losing everything. If that's not enough, Miles is getting very suspicious and subsequently angry. Will Chloe find out who's behind the cards before it's too late?

I'm pretty sure I hit a new level of saying WTF during this story. The character development is great, with an intense, mysterious, and very well written storyline that flows effortlessly. Dori Lavelle's talented and diabolical writing style had me on the edge of my seat cover to cover with non-stop suspense. Her twists and turns brilliantly unravel very slowly, making tons of WTF moments that never let me catch my breath. I'm still not completely sure what is going on, but that explosive ending that masquerades as a cliffhanger, still has me dropping fbombs hours after I finished. OMG the next book can't come quickly enough for me, and



I'm not ashamed to say that I will be lurking everywhere for the date of book 2. HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND!

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### **K. Webster says**

Wow! This story completely took me by surprise. I went into it blind, assuming I knew what type of story I thought it was and boy was I pleasantly surprised that I really had no idea!

From page one, author Dori Lavelle draws us readers in with an interesting story. Chloe is hiding from her past, running a successful yet not necessarily respectable company, and marrying one of the most successful bachelor's in the country. What could go wrong? Well, when special deliveries keep showing up, Chloe must dive right in and figure out if her past has finally come back to haunt her.

This book was an absolute page turner that I read in one sitting. I had to know what was happening. The author did an excellent job of leaving bread crumbs along the way and kept me guessing.

If you like romance with a huge suspenseful element, you'll love this story! I highly recommend it!

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