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From the internationally celebrated author of the Original Sinners series comes a brand-new tale of betrayal, revenge and a family scandal that bore a 150-year-old mystery

When Cooper McQueen wakes up from a night with a beautiful stranger, it's to discover he's been robbed. The only item stolen—a million-dollar bottle of bourbon. The thief, a mysterious woman named Paris, claims the bottle is rightfully hers. After all, the label itself says it's property of the Maddox family who owned and operated Red Thread Bourbon distillery since the last days of the Civil War until the company went out of business for reasons no one knows... No one except Paris.

In the small hours of a Louisville morning, Paris unspools the lurid tale of Tamara Maddox, heiress to the distillery that became an empire. But the family tree is rooted in tainted soil and has borne rotten fruit. Theirs is a legacy of wealth and power, but also of lies, secrets and sins of omission. The Maddoxes have bourbon in their blood—and blood in their bourbon. Why Paris wants the bottle of Red Thread remains a secret until the truth of her identity is at last revealed, and the century-old vengeance Tamara vowed against her family can finally be completed.

The Bourbon Thief Details

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

?????????!! **The Bourbon Thief** (stand-alone). Epic family saga about an impossible love & the end of a bourbon empire!

“And fate is just another name for a train that cannot stop until it reaches its final destination.”

The Bourbon Thief (stand-alone) is an epic family saga of how a bourbon empire came to be no more. After being caught **stealing a million-dollar bottle of bourbon** from Cooper McQueen the mysterious Paris claims the bottle is rightfully hers.

And so we are swept back four decades in time to heiress **Tamara Belle Maddox**'s love affair with the off-limits **Levi Joseph Shelby**. A **forbidden love** in every sense of the word; she was white and he was interracial; she was sixteen and he was twenty-eight; she was about to inherit a fortune while Levi was working as the stable guy...

“The truth is like bourbon—it'll burn going down.”

It's a story with just as many villains as innocent participants caught in a game of greed, lies, betrayal, death, blackmail and secrets... dirty, shameful secrets. A spell-binding tale of **love, resilience, vengeance with a bit of a curse**.

The Bourbon Thief, told in multiple POVs has epic written all over it! A mixture forbidden and against-all-odds, with the burden of legacy, it's a **fight for love and quest for truth and vengeance**. All consuming, intriguing, heart-wrenching and inspiring all the way to its bittersweet end.

*“Love what they destroyed.
Destroy what they loved.”*

Hero: ★★★★★

Heroine: ★★★★★

Plot: ★★★★★

Storytelling: ★★★★★

Sexual tension: ★★★★★

Sex scenes: ★★★★★

Story ending: ★★1/2

OVERALL RATING: ????????

Angst: | **HIGH FOCUS** |

Darkness: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Humor: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Kink: | **HIGH FOCUS** |

Romance: | **HIGH FOCUS** |

Sex frequency: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Suspense: | **HIGH FOCUS** |

TheCrazyWorldOfABookLover says

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Excerpt--> <http://www.tiffanyreisz.com/the-bourb...>

"And bourbon's like the truth, you know? The first taste burns, but once you get used to it, it's the only thing you want in your mouth."

After I finished reading this, a friend asked me how it was.

Was there a happy ending? She asked.

Was it dark?

What genre is it?

I had no idea how to answer any of those questions.

Was it a happy ending? Yes. No. Sort of?

Was it dark? Yes. No. Sort of? I wouldn't call it dark. But scandalous. And sometimes disturbing. And some things that happened were just plain outright wrong and **I asked myself what the fuck was wrong with me since I was enjoying it.** *Especially after that last bomb Tiffany dropped. I am STILL not over that.*

What I do know is Tiffany Reisz can weave one hell of a story and this had shock after shock after **SHOCK.** I couldn't put it down, even though some may call it slow placed. I was obsessed with the banter of the hero and heroine and while some may not consider any of this humorous because of the dark and vengeful underlying tone of the plot, I did laugh multiple times at the quick witted dialogue between the two MCs.

The premise of this book revolves around a long lost bourbon company, Red Thread, that was originally founded and owned by the Maddox family for generations. Many years after Red Thread's demise, a woman

named Paris tracks down the last remaining bottle and tries to reclaim it by telling the sordid tale of the company's origins and how it all eventually fell apart. From here the story unravels and as I mentioned above, *a lot of insane and disturbing things occur.*

"Perfection is for heaven, and when you tried to bring perfection to earth, you paid a heavy price."

There were so many elements to this story, and I was extremely impressed with how the author pulled them all together. Throughout the book there was this anxious, heavy feeling that I couldn't shake, so I was waiting for that inevitable shoe to drop. And when it dropped, **HOLY SHIT DID IT DROP.**

This is not your typical love story. This is not your typical drama. ***It was right and wrong and mysterious and delightful and tragic all at the same time.*** I also found it extremely interesting this story was inspired by true events and the author was able to conjure such a wicked tale from them. I would most definitely recommend it to those who aren't afraid to read something that is outside of the box and a little outside of their comfort zone.

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Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

5 Stars!!

"Fate was a train that didn't stop until it reached its final destination."

'The Bourbon Thief' was pure and simply captivating. This story was so different from what I had expected and from what I've read before, but I can't complain because I totally loved it. From beginning until the end, I was mesmerized by its quality, by its originality and by its complexity. Mrs. Reisz delivered a tale about secrets, revenge and lies that will blow you away. Filled with suspense, mystery and romance, this author's newest story will keep you at the edge of your seat and will capture your heart with an enthralling love story.

"...bourbon's like the truth, you know? The first taste burns, but once you get used to it, it's

the only thing you want in your mouth."

When Paris, a beautiful, sexy, determined woman spends the night with Cooper McQueen and she's caught soon after trying to steal from him a million dollar bottle of Bourbon, she decides to tell him a haunting, gripping story that she's convinced he'll never forget – Tamara Maddox's story.

"The Maddox family is cursed, they say, and I believe it. And once you touch one, get inside one, the curse is in you, too."

Once upon a time, Tamara's family was one of the wealthiest family in Kentucky. Heiress to the distillery that became an empire, Tamara, a sixteen years old girl dreams the stable man, Levy, a mixed-race man to finally notice her, to realize that she's not a little girl anymore. Tamara's life changes irrevocably when she discovers who her family really is.

Wow! What a story this turned out to be. Captivating, intense and so gripping, *'The Bourbon Thief'*, a story within a story was wonderful, told in such a way that will blow your mind. Once again, Mrs. Reisz proved what an amazing storyteller she is. I'm not lying when I say her storytelling was pure and simple effortless and her writing was simply flawless. She totally left me speechless with this story that I'm still thinking about even if I finished it several days ago

"Perfection is for heaven, and when you tried to bring perfection to earth, you paid a heavy price."

If you decide to give this book a try, my advice is for you to go in blind, because this is a story you will want to savor. To fully enjoy the mystery, the suspense and the romance you will want to discover Maddox family's secrets on your own.

The plot was fantastic, rich, well developed and amazed me with its twists and turns. I loved every single one of them and I loved how most of them kept me at the edge of my seat. The mystery and suspense aspects were fantastically done, but I have to say my favorite was the romantic aspect. The romance here was beautifully written and I have to admit I rooted for these two endearing characters, Tamara and Levy from the very beginning. Tamara was such a unique character. I loved her. Her character is written in such a way you will be drawn to her immediately. As the story progresses you will love her determination and her strength as much as I did, but you will also fall hard and fast for Levy. Levy was a great hero. He completed Tamara in every way and proved more than once what an amazing man he is.

"I didn't know who I was before you. I don't know who I would be after. But while I was with you, I knew myself."

These two characters' love story kept me intrigued until the end and I have to say I loved them together. Their banter, in fact all their interactions were fantastic, their sexy times hot as hell and their connection as the story progressed palpable and so well done.

I can't recommend this one highly enough. If you want to read something different, that for one reason or another will keep you at the edge of your seat pick this one up. You won't regret it!

"As long as nobody gets hurt and it doesn't spook the horses, do what you want and keep the details to yourself."

Tiffany Reisz says

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(US only)

A Family With Bourbon in Its Blood, and Blood on Its Hands

Excerpt:

“On December 10, 1978, two very important events in the history of Red Thread Bourbon Distillery occurred—the Kentucky River broke its banks and crested at a record forty-eight feet, and the granddaughter of George J. Maddox, the owner of Red Thread Bourbon Distillery, turned sixteen years old. That was the beginning of the end of Red Thread.”

“What was? The river flooding?”

Paris gave him a smile, smile that made him momentarily rethink his decision to not call the police.

“Tamara Maddox.”

Excerpt:

“Good Lord, why on earth did I think marrying a teenager was a good idea?” Levi asked to the sky.

“I didn't think you believed in God,” Tamara said.

“I don't but I'm starting to see the appeal. Something to be said for having someone to hash it out with when one's high-strung overwrought born-again spoiled rotten child bride gets her dander up for no good reason.”

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

**★It's LIVE! Amazon US * Amazon UK
(Spoiler Free Review posted 28th June)**

The BOURBON THIEF is pure brilliance.

“...they were born to be together.”

An enchanting tale of betrayal, secrets, lies, revenge, mystery, and scandal. Tiffany Reisz once again captured my imagination, engaging me in the world of THE BOURBON THIEF and a 150 year old mystery. The scandalous tale of Tamara Maddox, heiress to the bourbon empire, is at the heart of this tale and unravels at the hands of Paris as she slowly reveals the story details to Cooper McQueen. And so, the story within the story is told. The present day showcasing a unique tale of the past all crafted with incredible atmosphere, hope, vengeance and love. There are times I didn't know where the story would take me, it kept me on the edge of my seat ensuring my high engagement with the happenings as I contemplated the future of the characters within both the past and present.

The third person narrative is executed to perfection allowing me to understand the viewpoints of the main characters depicted within the prose. I learned all about their history and status in the story as pieces of the puzzle took their amazing shape and made my mind work overtime as I attempted to pre-empt what may happen. I felt the frustration at the race inequality that is eloquently illustrated within the tale and also ran riot in our society in recent history. The bourbon legacy and all entwined with it, the good, the bad and the downright ugly is shown to the reader as the writing canvas is painted with words that create the most brilliant, fascinating story.

Love is a beautiful feature within the prose; I felt it and basked in the relationship that showed me this love. Equally, the dynamic of Paris the story teller and Cooper the listener is utterly electric and I would love to experience even more from these two characters.

Tiffany Reisz once again proves herself as a master story teller with THE BOURBON THEIF. It has a historical, timeless feel to the narrative, yet much of it is set in the 80's. A story that has provenance and one that vitally needs to unfold naturally and be discovered organically by the reader. I have so many thoughts and feeling that I'd love to share but alas, if I do I will spoil so much of the discovery and sheer wonder of this story. THE BOURBON THIEF is a story I highly recommend to all readers who enjoy perfectly crafted stories of LOVE, HOPE and VENGEANCE.

NOTE: THE BOURBAN THIEF is a **STANDALONE** but I'd love a follow up of certain characters, I feel there's certainly scope for Tiffany Reisz to tell us more about their lives and loves.

Advanced copy received via NetGalley for my honest review thoughts

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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

4,5-5 STARS

"They call bourbon the honest spirit.."

Such an interesting, mysterious and mesmerizing story. I never doubt Tiffany Reisz and her storytelling ability, she has yet to let me down. I went into this one, sure that I would find yet another amazing book and I was right!! She has done it again with this captivating and unique story! Her stories always inspire me. I adore her way of telling stories, they completely captivate you, and leave you thinking about her books, long after you reach 'the end'.

"The truth is like bourbon- it'll burn going down."

The Bourbon Thief is full of surprises and some twists and I can honestly say, I didn't see them coming! Before you start this book, be prepared to read a book like nothing you've read before. It's brilliant, addictive and different from her other work... What are you waiting for??? Buy it you will not be disappointed!!

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warhawke says

Genre: General Fiction

Type: Standalone

POV: Third Person

Rating:

Cooper McQueen had a love affair with bourbon. As a proud bar owner, he was looking to expand into distillery and had his eyes on the iconic Red Thread bourbon company which ownership is a mystery. One fateful night, a beautiful woman in red lured him into his bed, only to disappear with his prized bottle of the original Red Thread by morning.

Paris Christie only had one thing on her mind – to avenge for her family. And the bottle of bourbon held the key to it. In order to get it her way, she regaled the tale of affairs and betrayals from the Red Thread's inception to its demise with the key players of teenage girl, Tamara Maddox of the family who owned the company and the family stable man, Levi Shelby.

Before reading this book, I wasn't completely sure what it's about but when it is written by my favorite

author I knew it wasn't even a risky undertaking and I was right. And true to the author's signature style, this book told a story within a story. The book started in the present with Cooper and Paris and progressed and merged with the story of Tamara and Levi in the past.

“You’re boring the hell out of me. I liked it better when you were a spoiled rotten brat.”

I absolutely love Levi. He was snappy and snarky but with a good heart which reminds me of Nora, my favorite female character ever from The Original Sinners series by the author.

Tamara was young and had to carry her family burden. Even though at times she acted her age, she was strong and determined. She had great chemistry with Levi and their banters were highly entertaining.

The Maddox family is cursed, they say, and I believe it. And once you touch one, get inside one, the curse is in you, too.

The story was absolutely engaging and told in a somewhat slower pace to make readers satisfied yet crave for more. The scandalous family drama ranging from heartbreaking to downright disturbing fully immersed readers into the Red Threads legacy.

The Bourbon Thief is a richly layered tale of family, money and power with a splash of romance guaranteed to satisfy like the smooth burn of a prized spirit.

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?Flo? the coffee addict says

5 **bourbon and blood STARS**

“The Truth is like bourbon - it’ll burn going down.”

WOW, just wow. What a book. In some ways a complete departure from the authors previous work and yet uniquely recognizable. I love Tiffany Reisz and once again she delivered a captivating story; with suspense, mysteries, so many secrets and such excellent writing. Truly gripping. I read it in one sitting, for the life of me I wasn't able to put it down.

So, about the story. I'm not sure if I even want to give away too much. Let's just say it is about bourbon, about families, their secrets and most importantly - it's about revenge. Other than that, go in blind and enjoy the ride. It's so worth it.

If you love the Original Sinners series by Ms. Reisz you should give this standalone southern gothic a try, but be warned it is different. If you've never read anything by the author, this is a good place to start. She spins exceptional tales and really sucks you in from the first page. And when she spits you out on the other side you might find yourself changed a little bit and most definitely stuck in book hangover land. Just like me right now. ;)

Truly a book to read and something that will go on my 'best of 2016' shelf.

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Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

5 No One Does It Better Than Tiffany Reisz Stars

A story within a story with a possibility of another story. The masterful mind of Tiffany Reisz does it like no other. The Bourbon Thief is told as a story from the past, a past intertwined with the present. The past is needed in order to obtain the first bottle ever made of Red Thread Bourbon. A bottle significant to rectifying past sins. But in order for a mysterious black woman named Paris to get that bottle, she must tell the owner of the bottle, Cooper McQueen, the story of the downfall of Red Thread Bourbon. And so the tale begins.....

The Maddoxes have bourbon in their blood—and blood in their bourbon.

Two events change the course of Tamara Maddox's life. She is only heir to Red Thread. Levi Shelby is the the stable hand at her farm. Their age difference of 16 and 29 is not significant to me. It's just the way it is and it works. The author weaves their story as one of convenience but it develops into something rich and captivating. Their development, their situation, their lives in Kentucky and South Caroline is full of determination and strength to rectify the past and make amends. Their relationship transitions into something more, something deep and emotional. But the journey they embark on is not easy, it's shroud in secrets and lies. It is all fascinating, scintillating, eerie and it's just a Wonderfully Exquisitely Well Written Book!!!

You really must experience this story in its pure version. I'm saying that not knowing much and letting the

story unfold before your eyes is the best way to experience and absorb the sheer genius of this story. Sorry but there is no way to tell you more about the story without spoiling.

In closing, this story is Tiffany Reisz at her finest. She tells a story that completely holds you captive. It's an unveiling of layers, slowly, deliberately, keeping you mesmerized...page by page, chapter by chapter. The sins of the past lurking at every corner. Secrets and lies create twists and turns that leave you breathless. The telling of a story within a story done ever so BRILLIANTLY as only Tiffany Reisz can.

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Alessandra Torre says

Awesome read. It's like a gothic love story. It jumps from past to present as it unfolds the story.

I discovered Tiffany Reisz through the Original Sinners series. This was VERY different but a rich and entertaining read. Not erotic, just a great story.

Wendy's Thoughts says

5 and Counting for Storytelling at Its Finest Stars

****** plus IT'S LIVE!!!**

Everything we learn and know has come from storytelling in one form or another...It can be institutionalized and carried out through organizations or can be whispered while on the knee of your Granny....My point is all of us are storytellers of varying degrees and we do it every day.

Yet, when we come across someone who has that knack of relaying an experience... of holding everyone in the palm of their hand...all sitting forward wanting to know what happened next....we know the telling will be great and thankful to have experienced first hand.

Tiffany Reisz is one of those people. She has the gift of enticing and teasing without us feeling like she is manipulating us just for fun and games...we feel encouraged to become involved, to care and be one with the characters... and whatever they are feeling... we do too.

Now most readers familiar with her past works know how talented she is...for she took ideas and concepts in **The Original Sinners Series** which may not have been mainstream and made them romantic... she showed how erotic storytelling could be just as heartfelt, literary and of substance than any other genre...and that is not easy.

With this new, stand alone novel, she has ventured out into "women's fiction" with a strong dose of sensual romance. This book does not take the usual road; it cuts its own path with the use of real pieces and the thought of....and it is good....very good, in deed.

The premise has to do with a long lost Bourbon company, Red Thread. It was created owned by the Maddox family for generations and there was only one bottle left in existence; the original first bottle, over 150 years old. Cooper McQueen bought it at auction from the owner...or did he...as he now has a woman named Paris claiming the bottle belongs to her.

It is in this moment... a willingness to hear what Paris has to say to prove ownership where the real story begins... For Paris will dole out pieces of lore...the threads of history.... of this company, the Maddox family and what happened to cause Cooper McQueen to listen.

And just like Cooper, we do.

We are taken back to a time in Kentucky where the powerful perpetrated taking without care or shame. No matter if it was land, money or human property...We are told of sins and the ways of the times with this Maddox family...

For this was "a family with Bourbon in its blood, and blood on its hands."

With Paris telling Cooper the tale, we learn of everything...yet in her telling we are first taken back to a time not so long ago ... to where we pick up the Maddox family trying to continue the bloodline ... to keep Red Thread going forward with the sons of George Maddox. Her way of telling causes us to feel the heat of the summer... hear the trees rustling and feel the rush of young spirit flowing through the veins in our heroine, Tamara...

We are there every moment....and how this is done will rock your reading world. You are immediately immersed in the personality of this girl. You understand right away her mindset... how she thinks and communicates.

You understand the pressures and pain of her rich spoiled life...for it is like that Bright Candy Apple on display at the gourmet store...all glowy and pretty...shiny and perfect in its hard shell covering... not a crack anywhere...yet when you break it open... the apple inside is rarely fresh and tasty... it usually is mushy and bitter. This is what Tamara was surrounded with...a family life filled with confusion and pain from loss already at the young age of 16.

She, however, was not at all like the diseased core of her family....she was strong and able to pull it together at times so horrific...had the ability to see clearly what she needed to do to survive and be the person she needed to be. We are told of everything she experienced and as I said before...we experience it right along with her.

There are others in the story...important pieces to this magnificent puzzle....but I will leave it for you to experience every fantastic moment. Some of this tale will shock you, some will delight in the way you are there during a love story so sweet and confounding at the same time. All of it will Never bore you and cause you to put the book down.

As I mentioned before the blurb had been written, Tiffany Reisz had stated this was based on a true story. She touches on those facts at the end of the book. The amount of research and details to bring this to life had to be extensive. It was all worth it.

This is a stand alone novel...however, in my heart of hearts... I would love to see more about Paris and Cooper....and with Ms. Reisz' fertile imagination....one never knows....

~~~~~ Before Reading ~~~~~

*I am in shock right now as I just received the nod to read this!!!*

*So very excited!*

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When I first heard of this from a short comment giving just a hint of this book being based on a true tale about Kentucky Bourbon, I immediately started searching news articles etc... to try to get an idea of what Ms. Reisz could be working on.

I read profiles of the Jack Daniels company and all of the shenanigans the original family and new owners were doing. I learned of how this company was structured, how birthright and gender played a serious role...It gave me food for thought but not a true picture of what Ms. Reisz's intentions were...

Ah, but now we have the Blurb... the Holy Grail of what she has deemed fit to tantalize us with...To hint at the possibilities and have the clear understanding of how deep this tale will go...

For it is the way of Reisz to tease, cause wonder and then so artfully deliver her vision.

I am a patient person, Ms. Reisz....work your magic, weave your tale...June 2016 will be here soon enough...and I will be ready.

A gifted copy was provided by Harlequin (US & Canada) Mira for an honest review.

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Candace says

Another fantastic story by Ms. Reisz! I love her 'Original Sinners' series and I was curious to see how she would do with such a different type of story. While many authors struggle with making this type of a transition, choosing to stick to the same genres and writing similar stories, Ms. Reisz transitioned flawlessly.

'The Bourbon Thief' is storytelling at it's best. I was completely enraptured with this story from start to finish. The narrator for the Audible edition was fabulous, adding a richness to the characters and story. I put my headphones on and got lost in this book for the day. Everything else ceased to exist. It was that good.

The story spans several different eras. The story begins in the present day with the femme fatale, Paris, getting caught stealing from the wealthy Cooper following a one night stand. It quickly jumps back decades, as Paris tells the story of the young Tamara Maddox, the sixteen year-old heiress to the Red Thread Bourbon empire. Glimpses are offered of the distant past as well, going back to the beginnings of Red Thread Bourbon during a time when slavery was widespread in the South.

Sometimes spoiled and bratty, always stubborn, Tamara proved to be a spirited heroine. Despite my initial

reservations where she was concerned, I grew to love Tamara in no time. She was an incredibly strong and loyal character. I admired her tenacity and her commitment to do the right thing, even when that resulted in significant personal hardship.

Tamara's life was perfect by all outward appearances. She seemed to have the world at her feet and was an object of envy. However, behind closed doors her family life was anything but perfect.

Levi took longer for me to warm up to. He was gruff and, understandably, more guarded than most leading male characters. As a result, it took longer to get to know him. I also felt like he was unnecessarily cold to Tamara at times. Of course, I usually side with the heroine in my stories.

I don't want to give too much away, because I think this story needs to be experienced. It is one of those stories that makes you thankful for what you have and drills home the message that the grass isn't always greener. Sometimes a palace is just a bigger prison. You never know the truth of a person's life, unless you've lived that life.

I enjoyed every minute of this story. I highly recommend it to anyone that enjoys great storytelling. The ending alludes to a sequel, which I'll grab up immediately. However, this book reads easily as a standalone and it doesn't leave you hanging.

Julie says

The Bourbon Thief by Tiffany Reisz is a 2016 MIRA publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I have not read any books by this author, was totally unfamiliar with her work, having chosen this book based solely on the synopsis. Since this book is SO good, I decided to see what other novels, this author may have written....

Okay, I can't really see myself reading any of Tiffany's previous titles, but if she writes anymore books like this one...

Kentucky, outrageous wealth, horses and bourbon make a powerful blend, but spike the punch with a little scandal, dark and dirty family secrets, and the most potent ingredient of all- REVENGE- then you got yourself one toxic concoction, one sure to leave you very intoxicated, and maybe even a little hung over. But, if anyone were to ask me if would ever drink from this deadly potion again, the answer would be a resounding – YES!

For Cooper McQueen, very few women can compete with his love for good bourbon. But, when Paris walks into his establishment, she commands his undivided attention in a way no woman ever has before and the night is just getting started.

Cooper can't get enough of Paris and she is more than happy to oblige, leaving him spent and exhausted. But, the spell is broken when he wakes up to find she has stolen a million- dollar bottle of rare bourbon. But, before she can make a clean getaway, she finds herself detained, with Cooper demanding an explanation.

Thus begins the spellbinding tale of Tamara Maddox, the sole heir to the Red Ribbon Bourbon dynasty,

which built its foundation way back in the last days of the Civil War with money tainted by wicked deeds and spite.

The family's success comes at a high price, and by the time Tamara is sixteen years old, any hope of a male heir is fading rapidly. The desperation to bring a male child into the family will set off a series of unfathomable events that will blow the doors wide open exposing years of lurid secrets, lies and cover-ups, prompting Tamara to exact the ultimate revenge.

Whoa! This is one wild tale and no, it's not always pretty, but as twisted as this sounds, it's my kind of story. I really liked this novel, which is deeply steeped in southern history, with just a little bit of a Southern Gothic slant, which is kind of rare these days.

"A family with bourbon in its blood, and blood on its hands"

This story blends history, mystery, suspense and romance together to create an unusual love story, told with a deft skill, which created a fireside atmosphere, while throwing explosive twists and turns at you, which had me sitting bug eyed, and slack jawed, with my heart in my throat, wondering what could possibly happen next. Trust me, Paris really knows how to weave a tale.

This story is unconventional, the characters vastly different from any you have ever encountered before, something which I really need right now, in order to keep my attention and avoid burn out on the same old, same old.

I loved Tamara, who set a course for new generations that will go a long way towards eradicating her tainted heritage. She was funny, smart, and tough, full of determination and grit.

Likewise, her beloved Levi, was the cool ointment in her life that healed her troubled soul, gave her hope, stability, peace and happiness.

Controversial... yes, very. But, did they do the right thing? Definitely. Do I want more like stories like this one?

PLEASE! Please, bring Paris and Cooper back for more great fireside tales. I'll have my bourbon in hand, ready to lose myself in another one of Paris' riveting stories.

Jennifer Kyle says

5 *Unforgettable* STARS

"A family with bourbon in it's blood, and blood on their hands."

Everything Tiffany Reisz writes is captivating and this standalone that spans generations is no exception. Fans of the author will inhale this intense page turner while new to the author readers should give this a go if the size of the Sinner Series and/or subject matter of the series has held them back. This story played out so

vividly with heartbreak, suspense and mystery while unveiling slowly the fate of a family who made their money from selling bourbon. Today the only thing remaining is one bottle in Cooper McQueen's private collection.

"That bottle belongs to my family. You will return it one way or another."

Apparently I'm going to give it to you by morning in exchange for a story. That's quite a feat."

"It's quite a story."

Cooper McQueen spends the night with a sultry woman named Paris who is after the remaining bottle worth millions but when caught she tells a tale of the Maddox family of love, loss and money that is unforgettable.

"The truth is the hardest thing to say."

The story switches to Tamara Maddox's pov set in 1978. Tamara is young girl who is celebrating her sixteen birthday. Tamara is in love with the family's stable man and her portion of the story takes off from there. Tamara and Levi's (Swoon, I loved these two! Each and every interaction, their banter and sex scenes. He calls her Rotten –I adored this nickname.) as well as the backstory of the original the Maddox family's start in the business is masterfully written and will have you on the edge your seat the entire read!

"Love what they destroyed. Destroy what they loved."

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Rachel Reads Ravenously says

5 stars!

"As long as nobody gets hurt and it doesn't spook the horses, do what you want and keep the details to yourself."

Tiffany Reisz yet again delivers an enchanting and haunting tale of love and family, and how family legacy can affect one's fate. The Bourbon Thief begins when a man named Cooper spends the night with a femme fatale named Paris, and wakes up to discover she tried to steal a million dollar bottle of bourbon from him. When he confronts her, she tells him the tale of the downfall of Maddox family and the events leading to the fire that claimed their bourbon factory.

Switching from present day point of view to that of Tamara's in the late 70's and early 80's, we are presented with a captivating story of love and suspense of young Tamara and Levi.

"I'm riding in the wind with joy at my feet and freedom in my hair."

This was one of those books where once the story began I was sucked in and wouldn't look up from my kindle. After the introduction of Tamara and Levi, I found myself completely invested in their story, as beautiful and haunting as it was. What was interesting to me was the mystery aspect, which isn't a typical suspense novel but a question of what would happen to these characters based on all of the elements coming to play against them.

There were lots of twists and surprises, some I guessed at and some that felt like a punch I was so shocked at them. Ultimately Reisz delivers a beautiful story of love, heartbreak and family and it's a story I could see myself reading again and again.

"I know I love you. You're perfect and handsome and I think about you all the time and I want you all the time and I love you."

"All the time?"

"All the time."

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