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Synopsis

Barrie Travis is a damn good reporter stuck at a low-budget television station when the First Lady calls her and offers her the opportunity of a lifetime. Stunned by the loss of her infant son, the president's wife hints he may have been murdered. Barrie sets out to find the truth, fighting for the exclusive story with the help of Gray Bondurant, a mysterious former presidential aide. Soon they unearth White House secrets that, if exposed, could topple the presidency. And certain powerful parties want nothing more than to see the scandalous past and a certain young reporter dead and buried. Fast fun with a wild twist at the end. • Cosmopolitan • A plot-wise, entertaining yarn. • People

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Customer Reviews

Watergate, Schmatergate, get a load of this: a dead infant, a sleazy president, a manic-depressive first lady, an aide that makes G. Gordon Liddy look like a wuss, murder, adultery, a thousand skeletons peeping from a thousand closets. Exclusive moves so quickly because somebody is always doing something bad. TV journalist Barrie Travis interviews the first lady, a Southern belle still mourning the death of her infant. With a mixture of horror and self-interest, Travis perceives the slightest hint that the first infant didn't merely die, but was murdered. But by who, and why? As you can imagine, that's when it gets messy. The book might capsize under the sheer weight of seamy scandals and sleazy characters were it not for the almost-supernaturally spunky Travis and her somewhat reluctant love-object, craggy ex-Marine Gray Bondurant. Bondurant left the White House under a cloud. Was he the first lady's lover? Travis and Bondurant come together to solve the

mystery, of course. If you read fast, you might just keep up. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The newborn son of the president and the first lady has died suddenly. Was his death a tragic consequence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)-or was it murder? Brown (The Witness) pulls out the stops in this nimbly plotted political thriller that pits a down-on-her-luck TV journalist against a popular chief executive. Barrie Travis is looking for her ticket out of a second-rate Washington, D.C., TV station, but she has a reputation as a screw-up with little credibility. When First Lady Vanessa Merritt hints to her that the baby's death may not have been due to SIDS after all, Barrie has the big story she needs-but who will believe her? Before Barrie can learn more from the First Lady, President David Merritt sends his wife "into seclusion," where she's heavily drugged and kept under close guard. Determined to uncover the truth, Barrie travels to Wyoming to question the man rumored to have been Vanessa's lover and possibly the father of her child, military hero Gray Bondurant. After a sexually charged meeting with the reclusive Gray, the reporter returns to Washington to find her townhouse bombed into rubble and the FBI asking too many questions. Can she, with Gray's help, rescue the First Lady and expose the president's secret? Despite merely serviceable prose, Brown's intricate weave of false leads, sinister motives and long-hidden truths is engrossing. Major ad/promo; Literary Guild and Doubleday Book Club main selections; author tour. (June) ~ FYI: Brown, 47, didn't publish her first novel until age 33. She's now written 60 novels, several under the pen names Laura Jordan, Rachel Ryan and Erin St. Claire. In the past five years, 24 of her books have made the New York Times bestseller lists. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I like most Sandra Brown books I "read" during my commute. I found myself staying in my car to listen to the story after I reached my destination - which I can only recall really having done with Envy! This one was very long - about 45 chapters, which I love because I like to get invested in a story and get to know the characters. I like the heroine because she was smart but also "normal" and made mistakes - but she didn't let them get her down. Overall, great book and worth the extra money because it was very long. I strongly recommend if you typically enjoy Brown's novels.

*Another one of my personal favorites being an excellent romantic suspense by legendary bestselling author Sandra Brown. Having all the trademarks of an excellent thriller, this book was impossible to put down!.....Thinking that her career as a broadcast journalist was going nowhere,

Barrie Travis couldn't have been more wrong even if she tried. Contacted by Vanessa Merritt, The First lady of the United States to ask if she could see her in an unofficial manner took her by surprise and pleased at the same time. She needed this interview or meeting whatever it was to help with the slope she was in with her job. Losing her only child to SIDS, Barrie thought maybe that is what Vanessa wanted to talk about but when she asked the very question to The First Lady, she insinuated that the child had been murdered. Sitting there speechless, Barrie just watched as Vanessa stood up and left the way she came in knowing full well that she should let the matter drop, but the reporter in her couldn't and wouldn't. It has always been rumored that former Marine and national hero Gray Bondurant was at one time Vanessa's lover and father of her child but for some unexplained reason, he quietly left the responsibilities of his job in Washington and went into seclusion never to be seen again. These were all facts that Barrie was discovering and she made it her quest to find Mr. Bondurant where his last known whereabouts were in Wyoming. Finding his house was easy enough but finding him was another story except when she finally did, she never expected it to turn into a sexual interlude. Being gruff, rude, indignant and any other word she could come up with to describe him was pretty lenient and too good for him! Damn him! Why won't he talk to her because of what happened between him and the President? At one time, he was President Merritt's top advisor. Were the rumors true about him and Vanessa? Regardless, Barrie had returned to Washington but little did she know that her life as she knew it was about to be over. Not only was she being stalked but someone was trying to kill her. When her dog accidentally goes into her house first, there was a heartwrenching explosion and as quick as he went into the woodwork to hide, he made it just as quick to come to the surface for Gray Dourant was there saving her life. Now homeless, Barrie and Gray go to longtime friend and father figure Daily Welsh. Believing in Vanessa Merritt all the way, Gray also had his reasons and motives for the truth to come out. On a journey for the truth, Gray, Barrie and Daily will take a road but in doing so, they will soon know all the sleezy and sinister secrets, , menacing danger and all the evil tendencies that went along with it and giving Barrie the "Exclusive" of a lifetime!.....this book was excellent!...and just when you thought it was over, it isn't!.....thank you

I have read a few books by Sandra Brown and the results have been patchy - a few were pretty readable but most have been pretty ordinary. This e-book is a reissue of a 1996 publication and is not one of her best because the plot is so over-the-top. Barrie Travis is an ambitious TV reporter at a B grade network working hard to make a break. One day the First Lady calls her to arrange a personal chat which hinges on the recent death of her young baby from Sudden Infant Death

Syndrome (SIDS) and hints that the baby may have been murdered. This starts Barrie on a one-woman crusade to find the truth. On the way Barrie encounters Gray Bondurant, a former presidential aide. After a passionate first encounter both Barrie and Gray are up against the President's current unscrupulous aide and his henchmen, and even the President himself. The plotline is ludicrous, finishing up with The President trying to destroy not only his manic-depressive wife but anyone else in his way. On the sidelines is the father of the First Lady, a powerful senior Senator who is as shady and corrupt as the President. An Editorial Review sums it up beautifully - "a dead infant, a sleazy president, a manic-depressive first lady, an aide that makes G. Gordon Liddy look like a wuss, murder, adultery, a thousand skeletons peeping from a thousand closets". No wonder I thought the plotline borders on the ludicrous. Sandra Brown is a prolific author of 77 romantic and thriller suspense novels who writes to please her wide audience. Sometimes she meets her target with me, but not this time.

I really like this author. Some really good twists and turns. Other than the first encounter with Gray and Barrie, which was rushed and undeveloped for any significance, I grew to like the characters. I have read a few and will seek more of Sandra Brown's stories.

I've read several books written by Sandra Brown and most take place in Texas where she resides as do I. This book was very interesting in that it takes place in Washington D.C. (I also lived there for several years). This is a book about crooked politicians that include the president of the United States. I enjoyed it immensely and it has a grain of truth. Granted our current administration is guilty of a lot of things but I doubt the scenario written about in this book is one they are guilty of. There is also an unexpected twist at the end that leads the reader wondering what really happened. Enjoy!!!

I thought this was a well written and exciting story. I have read many Sandra Brown novels and greatly enjoy her writing. In this novel she tells the story of uncontrolled political power and the underestimated news reporter searching for the story of her life that will jumpstart her career. Career driven and somewhat emotionally scarred Barrie Travis is a loveable and relatable heroine, there were times throughout the story where I could feel her emotions and couldn't help but laugh or cry with her. And Gray, her male counterpart, is a hardened and strong ex-military man, with just enough emotional insecurities as to make him loveable. The plot has several unexpected twists and turns, sizzling romance, and an ending that will leave you wanting more. I couldn't put it down!

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