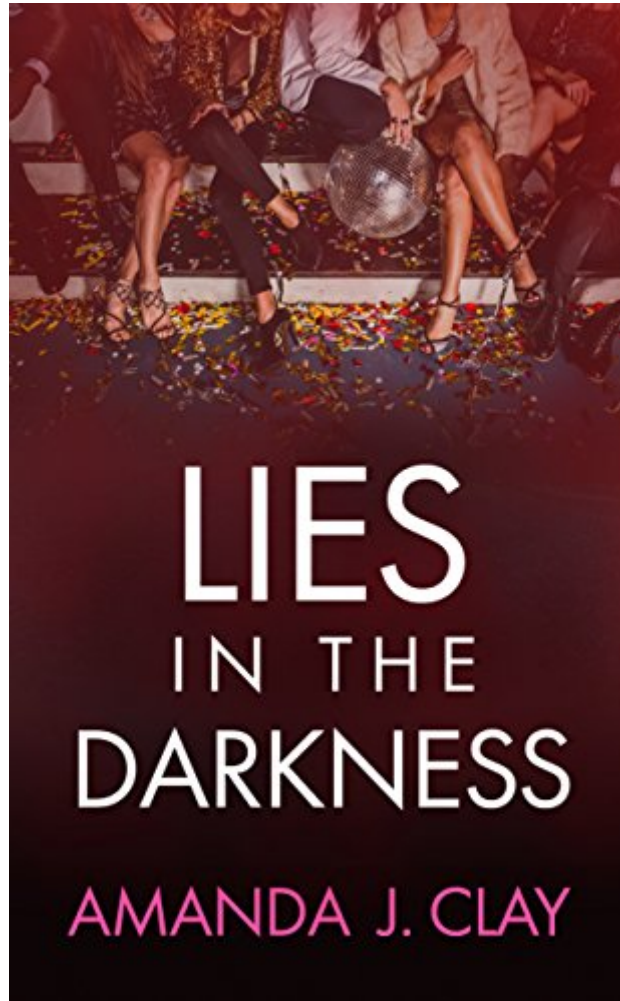




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# Lies In The Darkness



## Synopsis

"Steamy romance meets dark comedy in this sexy page-turner!" "Provocative, hilarious and dark...a page turner!" College bartender Sophie DeLuca used to be a nice girl—but that was before Luke Lamanuzzi tore her heart to shreds. Now she's a walking trail of vodka-soaked destruction, something her sexy, smooth-talking coworker Davis won't let her forget. He might have a secret crush on her—but his playboy reputation would never let him admit it. His best friend Blake's own love of all-nighters and debauchery comes crashing to a halt when a one-night stand backfires. Wise-cracking Cassie seems like she's the one who has it all together, but she's just better at hiding her skeletons. Ungracefully pirouetting in and out of love triangles, drug addictions and unwanted pregnancies, four friends stumble their way through their last year of study and try to grasp the realities of the world on the other side.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are looking for a NA book that is full of college students who are normal, drinking, drama starting young adults, this is the book for you! My liver is aching from the drinking these young kids could handle! Hahaha! There were many characters but this author slowly pulls you in, and had me invested in each one. I even wanted to reach into my laptop and smack a few of them from time to time! All jokes aside, this is a good book. I really enjoyed it. Especially the well crafted wording. Such as: She hated what he did to her. How he summoned to the surface every insecurity that lingered in the depths of her inner self. Or, Sadistic butterflies bred their nasty wings against her gut. Amanda has lots of talent and immense potential. Keep an eye out for this young woman. I know I will, and I will also be reading all her books :) I received this book in exchange for an honest review. India

I'm honestly more of a tv/sports watching kind of gal, but I was looking for a good read while heading out of town where I would have no tv or cell phone access. I started this book on a Thursday and had sadly finished by Saturday. I was surprised at how caught up in the story I became. I hadn't read a book for pleasure in about 8 years and this one took me right back to my college years. Although I had not personally experienced all the chaos in the story, each situation and character was relatable so it was exciting to keep turning pages. I wouldn't recommend this book for a prude or very conservative person, unless you want to push your comfort level with reading about sex scenes or drug issues. However, I enjoyed reading these scenes and reflecting on when life was way less complicated but full of so much more drama! A very fun and enjoyable read!

Often a person will arbitrarily select a book on without any expectations, read a chapter or two, go to bed, then maybe continue the following day. It was my intention to be that person with the purchase of Lies in the Darkness, however, the end result was a little different than expected. After an unknown amount of hours and Caribe coolers later, I completed the book then immediately checked out what else the author had to offer. Some of the content was relatable to my younger days, but I won't go into those details because Amanda J Clay tells a story much better than I ever could.

This story pulls you in from the first page. A fast paced page turner with characters you love and hate. The story has lots of drama, drinking and some very sexy scenes! I disagree with some of the other reviewers regarding too many characters. I couldn't wait to find out what was

going to happen next. This is definitely an adult book! Well written Amanda J.Clay!

Honestly, Lies in the Darkness reminded me a lot of my college days. It was hard to keep up with who was sleeping with who and what happened to this person or that person. Although it was hard to follow at times, the story was really good. It happens a lot that a girl will keep going back to the same guy just to have it end the same as before and get in this loop of breaking up, rebounding, getting back together, rinse and repeat. Sophie has so much drama in her life. It was enough to make anyone go down a spiraling black hole of regret. The only thing I didn't like about this book was the fact that it seemed like the book was about too many people at one time. I feel like it would have been better as a series but I really enjoyed it anyway.

“He lay beside her, a flawed sliver of perfection. Is it Jay or Luke? No, it’s definitely Davis. Talk about angst, and sex, and drugs, and this array of new adult confusion that grabs you, enthralls you and traps you in this wonderfully written emotional roller coaster. Then there’s that special touch of a love story in the center of all the chaos that makes this book sooo good. From the first moment you meet Sophie De Luca you want to know what her deal is, and why she seems so broken. Then you meet Davis Thompson-with that sexy Tennessee drawl and his smooth talking ways, and you pretty much don’t want to put the book down until you find out what happens next. The fact that it’s not an insta-love and it’s more of a love-hate relationship makes the story even better. The characters are amazingly well written, full of depth and personality. From Sophie to Cassie to Blake & Davis, all you want for them is that perfect HEA. The twists and drama of the story and the complexity of the characters keep you wanting more. I am definitely looking forward to reading more of this Amanda’s books in the future.

Lies in the Darkness was an engrossing, fascinating read that I enjoyed immensely. The book charts the lives and loves of a few small groups of college students, connected to each other by friends, enemies, and lovers. In the beginning, we meet Sophie who regrets a drunken encounter with Jay, her ex-boyfriend who is still in love with her. Unfortunately, Sophie’s heart belongs to her off again on again boyfriend, Luke. However the course of true love doesn’t run smoothly and the book is filled with hook-ups, break-ups, heartbreak and betrayal. I found myself truly engrossed in the story as it progressed and became invested in the characters. I wanted to know the outcome of the burgeoning attraction between Davis and Sophie

and what Jay would think if they began a relationship. Would Blake grow up and accept responsibility for his actions and would Cassie get help for her illness? I found myself frantically turning the pages to find out what would happen with these characters and others in the novel like Luke and Heidi, both of whom I disliked, but they were interesting characters none the less. The book was very well written with beautiful descriptive passages, an interesting storyline and compelling characters, many of whom I was rooting for to get their happily ever after. A great read that I wouldn't hesitate to recommend.

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