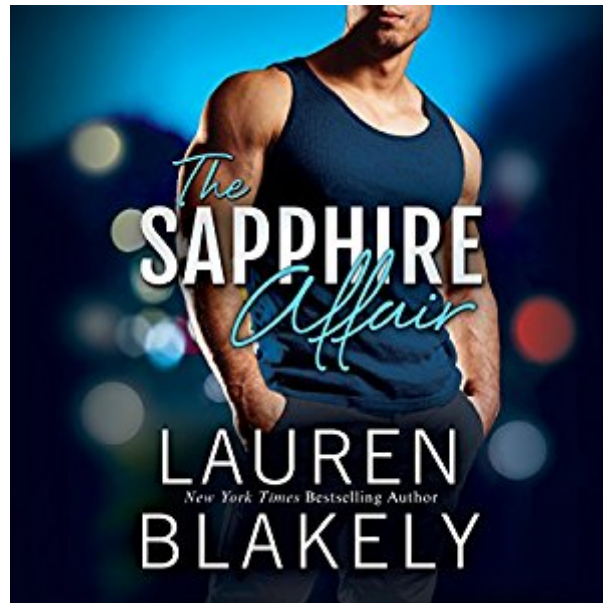


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The Sapphire Affair: A Jewel Novel, Book 1



Synopsis

Seduction hotter than stolen jewels in this new series from the New York Times bestselling author of Big Rock. Bounty hunter Jake Harlowe knows how to track a criminal. So when a group of swindled shareholders hire him to trail their former CEO, Jake expects a quick trip to the Cayman Islands to close another case. Until a devastatingly beautiful woman gets in the way. Steph Anderson is visiting the Caymans for a rock climbing and dive trip - or so she tells Jake. She's really trying to find out whether or not her stepfather embezzled money from his company. The last thing Steph needs is the distraction of a sexy, charming man whose kisses drive her wild. Soon, the pair discover they're after the same target - and millions in jewels. While Jake can't be certain Steph isn't working for her stepfather, and Steph can't be certain Jake isn't after the diamonds for himself, they can agree the heat between them is intense, and neither can deny the passion for long. But the morning after, Steph discovers that she just might have slept with the enemy, and now she'll have to outwit him to get everything she needs....

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Customer Reviews

Three things about Lauren Blakely:1. Lauren Blakely has an amazing talent of infusing her romance with suspense. The Sinful Night series is the perfect example of hot romance and the love stories of the Sloane siblings integrated with the epic mystery of their father's death. The Sapphire Affair is another great example of her ability to integrate the two.2. She can write an epic sex scene. Her men are always wonderful dirty talkers, which in the romance genre, is a must for most readers.

Jake does not disappoint!3. Lauren Blakely's plots are always complex, especially in the suspense-romance genre. There are many sub-plots to her main romantic plot. Her ability to weave these plots together seamlessly and among multiple books speaks to her ability to create engaging stories that draw readers in to the mystery being solved as well as the romance. Three things about her characters:

1. Jake is the best kind of hero. He cares for his family, rights wrongs perpetrated by criminals, and knows how to take care of a woman with a 3:1 ratio (this is very important). He is a giver, and what is better than that?
2. Steph is a heroine that the reader can respect, and this is incredibly important to me as a female reader. She is not only fighting to build her business back up after her ex-boyfriend destroys it, but she is also trying to rectify a wrong that has been committed against her mother by her step-father, who is no longer with her mother. Her ability to claw her way back to success makes her an admirable heroine in my book.
3. Their chemistry together is palpable. The banter between Jake and Steph creates great sexual tension, and, when they finally get to act on their desires, it explodes off of the page.

Intrigue, mystery, stolen jewels, seduction, banter, chemistry, passion - Lauren Blakely's *The Sapphire Affair* has it all! Steph is rebuilding her adventure tour business. She is more comfortable in the water than anywhere else - it is what calms her, centers her. Her next tour is in the Cayman Islands, so she decides to head down a few days early. Sounds like a sweet spot to kick back and relax before her business begins. One teeny tiny problem though - she isn't headed there for some nice vacation days but to SNOOP! See her stepfather, the man she considers a father, the one who raised her and helped shape her, yeah well he may have embezzled 10 Million Dollars from his company! The one who her mom, who he recently divorced, gave him the start up capital for. Steph needs to know the truth. And if he did this she wants to get the money back for the company and for her mom, who was left with nothing from their marriage. At a bar where she was hoping to get some info, she meets a sexy tourist, Jake. Their chemistry is out of control! However, they soon find out they are on the Island for the same reason! Jake is a bounty hunter who has been hired to recover the stolen money. Will they be able to work together? Will they be able to trust each other? Will they make it to a bedroom? One of the things I loved most about this book is that while the backbones of it are the suspense and mystery surrounding the missing 10 million dollars, the banter between Jake and Steph gave it a light fun feel too. You could just feel their chemistry and how much they enjoyed being together. And let me tell you, they are HOTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT! This is book one of two in the Jewel series and it was a fabulous start. You get sucked in, attached to them and you are left wanting more.

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