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Secret Sisters



Synopsis

No one does romantic suspense better than Jayne Ann Krentz. Now, the New York Times bestselling author of *Trust No One* and *River Road* delivers a novel that twists and turns into a read that will leave you breathless. Madeline and Daphne were once as close as sisters-until a secret tore them apart. Now it might take them to their graves. They knew his name, the man who tried to brutally attack twelve-year-old Madeline in her grandmother's hotel. They thought they knew his fate. He wouldn't be bothering them anymore...ever. Still their lives would never be the same. Madeline has returned to Washington after her grandmother's mysterious death. And at the old, abandoned hotel-a place she never wanted to see again-a dying man's last words convey a warning: the secrets she and Daphne believed buried forever have been discovered. Now, after almost two decades, Madeline and Daphne will be reunited in friendship and in fear. Unable to trust the local police, Madeline summons Jack Rayner, the hotel chain's new security expert. Despite the secrets and mysteries that surround him, Jack is the only one she trusts...and wants. Jack is no good at relationships but he does possess a specific skill set that includes a profoundly intimate understanding of warped and dangerous minds. With the assistance of Jack's brother, Abe, a high-tech magician, the four of them will form an uneasy alliance against a killer who will stop at nothing to hide the truth...

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Customer Reviews

Praise for *Secret Sisters* "A suspenseful, romantic escape." —People "Krentz's focus always is on the relationship between her central characters: Complex, strong-willed and

vulnerable, they're at the heart of what might be her best work yet." •The Seattle Times "Fans of best-selling Krentz's books once again hit the literary jackpot with *Secret Sisters* as the doyenne of sophisticated romantic suspense serves up another irresistible combination of sharply etched characters, suspenseful plotting, smoldering sexual chemistry, and wonderfully written dialogue that snaps, crackles, and pops with the author's distinctive wit." •Booklist "A twisting ride on a bullet train of romantic suspense...an adroit tale of old friends, new loves and edge-of-your-seat suspense...So buckle up and expect to lose sleep, because just when you think you've figured it out, *Secret Sisters* will throw you a new curve." •BookPage Praise for Jayne Ann Krentz and her novels "A joy to read." •USA Today "There's a reason Jayne Ann Krentz sells so many books [She] continues to exhibit a fine knack for entertaining her readers." •Fort Worth Star-Telegram "Incendiary|evocative." •The Seattle Times "A master of romantic mystery and suspense novels." •The Columbus Dispatch --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Jayne Ann Krentz is the author of more than fifty New York Times bestsellers. She has written contemporary romantic suspense novels under that name, as well as futuristic and historical romance novels under the pseudonyms Jayne Castle and Amanda Quick, respectively. There are more than 35 million copies of her books in print. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

No one writes romantic suspense like Jayne Krentz, in my opinion. She has been one of my favorite authors for many years! I buy every book she writes, whether as Jayne Castle, Amanda Quick, or Jayne Ann Krentz. I really enjoyed this story for many reasons, but have to admit, I had a little trouble at the start, being able to connect with the main characters. A really good writer reveals the, "who, what, when, where", at the right time. As even a little was explained about Madeline's background, and later, Daphne's, I was easily able to relate to them, and to admire both. The heroes are both very unique individuals, despite being brothers. They are also boss and employee, of a very small, start up hotel security company. Madeline's hotel chain is their first big client. I really liked all of them very much, and enjoyed the dialog, and interactions between all of them. And then, there are the bad guys...one extremely dis functional family! With looks, charm to spare, and money to burn, what's not to like about the Websters? Well, it turns out that there is a streak of insanity running through one family member, (maybe more than one). While the volatile Xavier is the most

obvious choice for all the murder and mayhem, there are plenty of suspects to add to the mix!The romance is handled well, as usual with this author, and getting two for one is always a plus!There is a lot going on in this story, but, I think it's better to discover it for yourself.Enjoy! Ms. Krentz has written another keeper!

I really liked this writer and the story. A girl is attacked at her grandmother's inn. Soon after, they leave the island planning to never come back. Eighteen years later, the girl is contacted by the caretaker of that inn. He must see her right away. Once she arrives, she finds the man gravely injured. He dies in her arms. Then everything is set in motion. While investigating the murder, the previous attack hits her again full force. She invites the now dead grandmothers chief of hotel security to help her uncover why and who killed the caretaker.This story has it all. Love, murder, arson, con artists, threats and mental illness. The "big" family on the island where the inn is located want her to leave and let the police handle it. Something tells her that it is not in her best interest to leave. But, will she live long enough to solve the crime and get off the island? Once you think that the mystery is solved, there are still more chapters to go. The end is a curve ball.There is violence. There is sex. There is romance. I will check out more of this writer and the other names that she uses.

Clunky. This author has not written anything I haven't read. She's an old favorite for me. I admit to enjoying her Amanda Quick books more than the others. I like her 'darker' grittier' attempt here..... but. There's almost no 'flow'. Early in the book I started over because I thought I had yet another Kindle glitch, like I missed a chapter or 2. Some of the characters were awfully one dimensional. Just not very good. I'll likely still read everything she publishes but I really wish this one had been better. Maybe Jayne Ann needs a new editor or 2.

Another great book by JAK. as usual Jayne has crafted a mystery which continued to surprise me through many of the twists and turns of this story. There is romance, but the story of the history and relationship between 2 girls became my primary interest and kept me puzzling about the people they each have become.Like her other books, this book pulled me in and kept me absorbed from beginning to end. It had all the hallmarks of Jayne's previous mysteries coupled with her sense of people and romance. Thoroughly absorbing book which I expect to reread several times.

Title: Secret SistersAuthor: Jayne Ann KrentzSeries: n/aPages: 352Publisher: BerkleyDate:

December 8, 2015 I have been a fan of Jayne Ann Krentz's books since I discovered her as Stephanie James. People were talking about the early 1980s, so I have been reading her books for over thirty years. In my world, release day is reading day and it does not matter what else is going on: another book, work, Christmas, nothing! If there is a new Jayne Ann Krentz book out, everything stops. I have to read it now. So, why did I not jump on this book as soon as I received an advanced copy? I must have had it two or three weeks before I actually read it. Yes, I had other books I was reading, but that has never made a difference in the past. Why this time? I'll tell you why. The descriptions I read made it seem like she was trying something different with her writing and I did not want anything different. Krentz is a wonderful author whether she is writing historical, contemporary, science fiction . . . or romantic suspense . . . which is definitely what *Secret Sisters* is described as being. I just had a really bad feeling that she was making a major change to her writing style and I couldn't stand it. And I was WRONG! WRONG! WRONG! The book is wonderful. Yes, it is romantic suspense and there is a strong mystery (or maybe more than one), but the romance is integral to the plot. It is more intense than some of her books, but it is not dark. It starts out with a bang and then jumps almost twenty years, but that's okay. It works with this book. *Secret Sisters* is primarily a murder mystery and involves the leading family of an isolated island in the Pacific Northwest. The family consists of a possibly violent, arrogant, womanizing husband, his long suffering wife, two sons, and a daughter-in-law. Every time I was sure who the "bad guy" was, the plot took a twist. Nothing from left field, just nothing I expected. In other words, the plot kept me engrossed. I never did figure out the end until the end. The good guys were likable. The bad guys were NOT. Even the secondary characters felt well developed. All of my fears were for nothing. *Secret Sisters* is a step above and beyond Krentz's other writing and I did not think there was room for improvement. My only problem is it appears to be a stand alone and I would have enjoyed learning more about the characters in this book. Maybe she'll give us more of their story later on. This book was sent to me by NetGalley in return for an honest review.

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