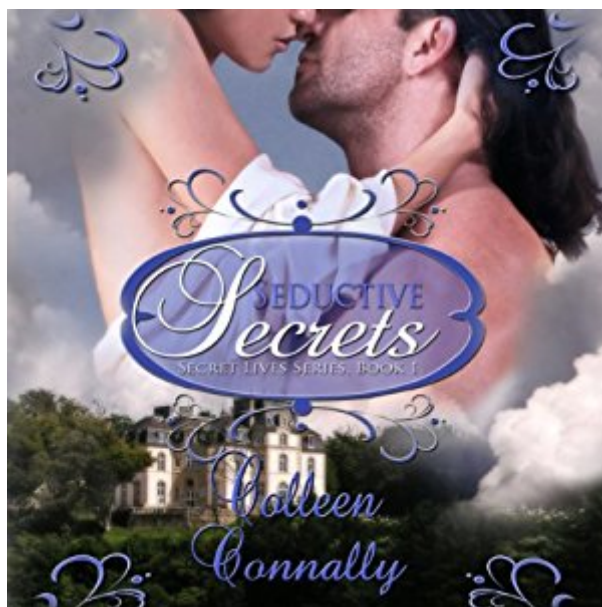


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# Seductive Secrets: Secret Lives Series



## Synopsis

Someone wants Alyce Hythe dead... Shunned from London society for being the daughter of England's most notorious spy, Alyce Hythe desires only to clear her father's name. For years, she has been hidden away from all prying eyes, given a new identity and told to forget who she was. But strange things have been happening causing old rumors to once more be whispered. Long has Lord Julian Casvelyn lived with guilt brought on when his brother was murdered by England's most infamous traitor. But one eventful night has changed everything Lord Julian believed about his brother's death. Never did he suspect the woman he has just saved from certain harm is the daughter of that man. Now Julian is caught in midst of a conspiracy and desire for that woman. Thrown together by fate, the two search for answers long denied them and along the way discover a love that can free them both.

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## Customer Reviews

This book had potential. It had an interesting story line, with good potential for intrigue and action. But most of the intrigue seemed to go on behind the scenes. Solving the "mystery" just seemed to fall into their laps after weeks of, apparently, not much real action - or at least little that we were privy to. And I get tired of those books where the minute the hero meets the heroine, all he thinks about is getting her into bed, honorable or not. And why, when every time the heroine turns around she is crying, is she always "horrified" to feel tears threatening? You'd think she'd be used to them by now, since she seems to cry every time anybody says three words to her. Overall the action was

predictable, boring and not particularly believable. And as far as I can tell, the H&h met about 4 times (with her mostly trying to avoid him and be angry when she couldn't) and they were in bed together, declaring their love. Not much build-up or suspense there. And as for TSTL heroines go, what was she doing trying to get herself and those around her killed so many times? She knows the bad guys are after her, so why is she always running off without her protectors? But my biggest problem with this book, and why it felt like I had to beat my way through it, was the writing itself. (And why did I bother to beat my way through? Because I ALWAYS finish a book. It's a sickness.) I'm convinced that English is not this author's first language - or that she had terrible grammar teachers. The prose is so tortured and awkward, and I'm not sure she knows the meaning of a lot of the words she uses. She needs to look up the meaning of the word "renounced" (which she used multiple times) - I'm pretty sure she meant "denounced".

What made me want to read "Seductive Secrets" was the idea of the plot. The idea that a strong female lead was taking control of her destiny in trying to clear her father's name. Yet, even with a great idea for a plot, the story was almost unreadable for a few key reasons. Perhaps my biggest problem with "Seductive Secrets" was the fact that I kept expecting Alyce to be a strong female lead, and yet she kept depending upon others to do her bidding. Now, I'm not against the power of connections/friends, but it seemed odd that she would passionately proclaim her father's innocence and then leave it up to others to determine facts and details of his death. Even though Charles was her best friend and truly wanted to help her, I wanted to see her spread her wings more and be independent. I think if she had been more fierce and proactive in discovering the details of her father's death, the plot would have expanded nicely. Inconsistencies. After reading the first few pages, it is evident that the characters are speaking with English accents. Despite this, I found myself reading sentences that sounded like things you would hear an American say. Example: "It seems a strange situation that her family has no knowledge of where she is at." Huh? This type of phrasing is typical of American adolescents, not 'ladies' or 'dukes' of the court. I also felt like she kept summarizing key information that we as readers needed to know in our comprehension of the plot. Another example: "Julian needed only to implement the plan that the three had strategized about during the last week. Earlier this morning he paid visit to Mr. Edwin Lavery, his solicitor, ensuring all his well-laid plans were in place. Receiving the information he needed, Julian now walked straight to his intention." Huh?

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