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**Dangerous obsessions take center stage when a former assassin and a homicide detective race against the clock to find a missing girl before she's lost forever.**

Identified as a person of interest in three cold case murders she didn't commit, ex-assassin Leine Basso accepts a temporary position as a bodyguard for A-list actor Miles Fournier as a favor to Detective Santiago Jensen.

Soon, a woman contacts Miles claiming to be his long-lost sister and confides that her daughter has been abducted by traffickers. Leine must confront her own demons as she races to rescue the girl before it's too late.

BAD TRAFFICK named a 2012 Top 5 Indie Pick by BloodWrites and a Top Pick by Night Owl Reviews!

Although Bad Traffick is part of the Leine Basso Thriller series, it is a standalone novel and can be read by itself.

## Bad Traffick Details

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# From Reader Review Bad Traffick for online ebook

## Jim says

Bad Traffick is a great book that sort of sneaks up on you. The plot is solid, taking you behind-the-scenes in the world of human trafficking to the LA police. I had not read the first in the series, but that didn't matter, this is a stand alone story.

This novel has everything you would look for in a great thriller- action and suspense, sprinkled with a little sex and violence. I learned a great deal about the human trafficking industry but never felt like it was preachy.

Miles Fournier, one of the main characters, is a famous, wild actor that keeps the mood light with his partying ways (think Russel Brand in 'Get him to the Greek') and makes Leine Basso, the hired body guard and former assassin, a little tense ... and it's not good if you are a tense bodyguard.

Wrap up these great characters in a thriller to save the life of a young child, and you have the perfect book. Fast paced and ever-changing, I'm sure you'll love this book.

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## April says

Wow!! What a great second book, really involved story line. Warning: There is a very raw scene of a rape. It is a tough bit to read.

Again, there is a bit going on in the story other than the main plot of the sex traffickers. That main plot is actually a fantastic plotline. There are plenty of different angle coming at Leine. Good thing she has all that experience from her old life. Too bad that past is catching up with her too.

The narrative is mixed going from several points of view. It is a terrific device for letting the reader in on all the intricacies of the plot. The switches are very well done and always clear when a new narrator is driving the tale. It is in large chunks, which keeps things from getting jumpy.

There is a bit more smexy time with Leine and yummy Santiago. A fair amount of detail to make a gal hot! Not as much as an erotic romance, but no where near closed bedroom door. While the love seems rather quick, I am willing to follow the lust and attraction between them. I can believe love later on in the series.

I really liked the supporting cast and all the dynamics between them. I can not say I was surprised by any of the turns in the plot. Sometimes that doesn't matter in a great story. I was riveted from beginning to end. I fell in love with shallow actor Miles, especially as he grew and found depth. It is really easy to feel for him and Mara the young runaway. You even feel for Selena, she isn't bad, just doing what she has to in order to survive.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Kristi Alsip, who was fantastic. I was very happy with the change of narrator. She has a swift pace that adds energy to the read at key moments. I loved her voices and the consistency in them. She had great accents and choices to keep the voices distinct. I really hope she stays with the series. Her tone is slightly raspy and hold all the jaded world weariness of the lead character.

Overall, I was thrilled with this book. I did not want it to end. I was on the edge of my seat at the end of the book! Seriously a nailbiter! I hope there are more books to come!

Disclosure - I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts, opinions and ratings are my own.

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## **Jen Blood says**

In this sequel to the critically acclaimed, Awesome Indies thriller SERIAL DATE, author DV Berkom brings former assassin Leine Basso and steamy detective Santiago Jensen together again for a fast-paced, well-written thriller sure to please fans of the genre. In BAD TRAFFICK, Leine— still under investigation for several cold cases that came to light during events in SERIAL DATE— is under orders to stay in LA until her name is cleared. The implication, of course, is that she will stay in town and stay out of trouble. But this is Leine, so you can pretty much forget that'll ever happen. While she's in town flying under the radar, Leine takes a job protecting A-List actor Miles Fournier; not forty-eight hours into the job, a woman claiming to be Miles' long-lost sister shows up on his doorstep. Miles is thrilled. Leine? Not so much. Soon, Leine finds herself immersed in the dark and very real world of human trafficking, as she fights the clock to save a young girl on the run from a depraved villain bent on having the child at any cost.

In TRAFFICK, Berkom does a stellar job of balancing action, multiple storylines, romance, and an admittedly important issue in society today: that of human trafficking. With grace and her usual wit, she manages to convey the seriousness of the issue without making the read too heavy or ever seeming as though she's writing from the soapbox. With that said, this is a thriller in the truest sense of the word: There's sex, there's violence, there's language, and Berkom pulls no punches in showing the darkest aspects of human trafficking. If you're looking for a cozy read to lull you to sleep on a chilly winter night, look elsewhere. This is a fast-paced, gripping, sexy read that had me turning pages late into the night and ultimately dreading when the thrill ride would be over. I love these characters!

Though this is the second in the series featuring Leine and 'Santa' Jensen and there is a residual plotline carried over from the first novel, Berkom brings in enough information that readers can easily jump into the series without having read the first novel. But, honestly, why would you want to? Start with SERIAL DATE, and keep reading! Leine Basso is a whip-smart, witty heroine worth following, her sizzling romance with Jensen leaps off the page, and Berkom— already a favorite author of mine— keeps getting better with every new book under her belt. In case you haven't gotten it so far? BAD TRAFFICK comes very highly recommended by this reviewer.

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## **Roger says**

An entertaining book, look forward to reading others in the series.

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## **Sherry Fundin says**

Judging by the cover of *Bad Traffick*, I think DV Berkom will be having me gritting my teeth and hanging on the edge of my seat, hoping and praying that Leine Basso will find the girl before the traffickers. And I am not wrong.

*Bad Traffick* grabs my attention from the opening page and never lets me go. DV Berkom has the ability to put me in a state of suspense from cover to cover, rooting for the good guys...and maybe one not so good gal, while wishing the worst on the criminals and evil that spread their cancer to the young and innocent.

Leine Basso is an ex assassin and is now working security for an actor, Miles Fournier. His long lost sister comes to him for help to find her twelve year old daughter, Mara, who has been kidnapped by traffickers.

Leine is a strong female protagonist who is a suspect in three cold murder cases. She and Jensen, a detective for the LAPD Robbery Homicide Division, have the hots for each other, but with her being a murder suspect, they have to communicate on the down low. Will Jensen risk everything to be with the babe magnet?

Leine has a special relationship with her twenty one year old daughter, April. They have much more in common than your average mother and daughter. They had both been abducted. Now, April wants to learn "the business." Hmm, could that be a story for another book? I guess we will have to wait and see. In the meantime...

There is much more going on than trafficking and I am very suspicious. Who can you trust? I found myself holding my breath, leaning forward in my seat with my hands tightly clenching the book as over and over again someone tried to kill her. Is it the same person or group? Is there more than one? I know it can't happen, but I find myself yelling and talking to her, because even I do not know who she can trust.

*Bad Traffick* is the second book in The Leine Basso Series, *Serial Date* being the first. They stand alone, so no cliffhangers or waiting to find out the ending. Still, I can hardly wait to begin the third book in the series, *The Body Market*, that sits patiently on my side table saying, "Read me." DV has also just released the fourth book in the series, *Cargo*. All books in the series stand alone.

I received a copy of *Bad Traffick* from DV Berkom in return for an honest and unbiased review.

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## **Jo-Anne says**

Mara is a homeless young girl who is abducted by sex traffickers. When she escapes, they have to find her because the buyer has already paid for her and is impatiently waiting to get his product.

Security specialist, Leine Basso, takes on the job of protecting A-list actor Miles Forunier. Shortly after taking the job, Miles is delighted when he contacted by a woman saying she is his half-sister. But she has a problem that she wants Miles to help her with. Her daughter, Mara, has been abducted.

Miles is so happy to learn he has family that he promises to help find Mara. Leine is not happy with this

situation. At all. They find out that Mara was taken by sex traffickers who want her back. Leine has to find her before they do.

This was a gripping thriller that takes us into the world of human trafficking. I hesitated to read this book because I thought it would be too upsetting. But it wasn't. It was informative and a really good story. I loved how Leine was such a strong, competent woman. It was funny how she tolerated Miles and his child-like ways. I loved Mara. It was amazing how she took care of herself at such a young age. I do wish that I had read the first book in this series first so I had some back story on Leine.

Even though this is a difficult subject to address, I didn't want to put this action-packed book down.

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### **Pamela Arroyo says**

Loved this book. I was hooked right from the beginning and I didn't want to put it down. The main character is a very strong woman and I liked that. Fast paced & couldn't wait to see what was going to happen next. Can't wait to read the next one.

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### **victor says**

Bad Traffick is the 2nd book in the Leine Basso series by bestselling and award-winning thriller author D.V. Berkom and it's one of those stories that will grab you from the first sentences and it won't let go until the last word.

In Bad Traffick we follow the adventures of ex-CIA female assassin Leine Basso as she tries to distance herself from her previous profession. Unemployed, a mother and in love with a Police Officer, she has to figure out her future. When Leine gets a temporary job providing protection for one of Hollywood's most successful actor, she finds herself assaulted on multiple fronts. She has to keep the Star safe, as he fears kidnapping, she needs to keep away impostors and in no time she is pulled into a serious situation involving a human trafficking ring and a missing girl. On top of that, some secrets from Leine's past come to haunt her.

D.V. Berkom has that rare talent to write an intriguing story where things happen so fast and from all sides that you'll not be able to put the book down or to stop listening. There are a few heart wrenching moments, one of them being the scene of a rape that I found very disturbing. I know the World is full of monsters capable of doing such things, I know the statistics at the end of the book are real, but sometimes I don't want to believe such things exist, but hey, I'm the guy who doesn't watch the news exactly because of these reasons. I prefer to keep the distance, to enjoy my books and to see it all as fiction.

Bad Traffick has it all: Gunfights and car chases, movie stars and assassins, beautiful women and powerful men, heroes and scumbags, love and sex. My first book written by D.V. Berkom ended up as a very enjoyable, suspenseful and unputdownable thrilling experience. I rooted for the good guys and hated the traffickers, I really enjoyed the actor's character arc and I'll start very soon with the next book in the Leine Basso series, hoping that it will be at least as good as this one.

The audiobook is performed by Kristi Alsip and she does a great job bringing all the main characters and the supporting cast to life. She reads very fast, amplifying the suspense, adding even more urgency to the already

tense story. She uses different voices and accents to keep the most important characters differentiated for the listener and I can say that it was a very nice surprise to discover a new, talented, narrator. She is perfect for this series and I'm looking forward to listen to more books performed her.

Ladies, thank you for the entertainment!

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### **Debbie Evans says**

#### **Bad arse!!!**

What a great story I couldn't put it down I can't believe this really happens it's sad and these people are really sick sick sick. I never know what is going to happen I think one thing and it's another lol

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### **Cathy Speight says**

After reading the first Leine Basso thriller (Serial Date), I had no hesitation at all diving into book number two. This reminded me of those bath-bomb soaps that fizz and crackle energetically as soon as they touch the water. No sooner had I 'turned' (tapped on the Kindle!) a couple of pages, this burst into a fizz of energetic thrills. Mind you, that's where the similarity ends: a bath bomb invites you to de-stress in its luxurious smelling water. Leine Basso is not the sort of protagonist to let you relax: there's no doubt that, whether she likes it or not, she's quite the adrenaline junkie who takes you on a roller-coaster ride.

I'm totally smitten by this character. In this second adventure, Leine takes on another temporary position looking after the security of an actor, Miles Fournier. A popular one of particular interest to a young twelve-year-old, Mara, an abductee of some unscrupulous traffickers, who has managed to escape the horrors they have in store for her. Mara believes Miles can help her, but when her 'mother' also contacts Miles, claiming he is her brother and hoping he can help find Mara, alarm bells sound for Leine, and she has to draw on her considerable experience to flush out the traffickers in a bid to find Mara before she gets sucked into their web of heinousness.

My opinion of Leine hasn't changed. She's sassy, smart, brave and passionate and doesn't suffer fools (or evil criminals) gladly.

Utterly gripping, compelling, edge-of-your seat writing. I'd say the only problem is, you're left wanting more. As it happens, that's nicely solved (thank goodness) by book number three, which is burning a hole on my Kindle waiting to be read forthwith!

Highly recommended.

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### **Lona W. says**

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. I enjoyed the second installment in this series more than I did the first. It was a very gripping plot and sucked me right in. There was a tough moment of brutality which was hard to get through, but I'm glad I kept going with the story since everything

else was much more of the fun thriller / drama stuff. It was great getting to know Leine better. I do still wish there'd been more on her background in either this or Serial Date. We know Carlos was someone she loved, but it seems like there's so much more to that story, and I'm really wanting to get the rest! I can only assume it will be shared in another book...Her current relationship was not a major part of the story, but just enough to add a bit of heat to the ride. The moments with her daughter gave her a bit of a softer side, and were more realistic than in Serial Date, I thought. Towards the end, everything came together really well. I'm still not sure if her biggest enemy is gone or not, so it's good that there's room for more in that direction. I will definitely be keeping an eye out for any further installments in this series!

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### **May says**

Tough topic to read... sex trafficking is hard to read, especially when it involves children. Well written, fast pace. Leine is a great protagonist!!

My only regret was that I did not read Book 1 first... some of the references tripped me up. So, I'm guessing that I will go back to Book 1 before I search out the next in the series!!

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### **TE says**

Every time I read one of DV Berkom's books, my first reaction is always, WOW! They're always so well written and get me hooked right from the beginning. I couldn't help rooting for Leine and Mara and hoping the bad guys would "get theirs" in an excruciatingly painful way. With a little bit of romance and a lot of action and suspense, Bad Traffick had me on the edge of my seat and running a gamut of emotions. The stats at the end of the book are both sobering and heartbreaking. Great read for 18+.

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### **Linda says**

#### **Fast action filled read**

I was Leary about a book on human trafficking. I dislike cruelty but this presented the problem without graphic description and characters were believable.

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