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Sultry Latina bounty hunter Marisela Morales is back, taking on the Boston elite -- and her gorgeous ex -- in a red-hot, roller-coaster adventure from USA Today bestselling author Julie Leto. Three months into her training for Titan International Investigations, Marisela Morales needs some R & R, and the tuxedoed hombre de misterio sending her scorching glances across a crowded ballroom looks like he'd be happy to fulfill her needs. Closer inspection reveals that the masked man is danger with a capital F -- as in Frankie Vega, her ex-lover and Titan colleague. But before their reunion reaches the boiling point, a senator is shot and Marisela must confront a female assassin with a wicked reputation -- and a link to Marisela's old life. Working under Frankie provides Marisela with plenty of aggravation, along with some sinfully sexy after-hours benefits, but she'll need to keep her mind on the job if she wants to beat the demons from her past...including an irresistible man who betrayed her...and a killer chica who's her biggest challenge yet.

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Brittiany says

I really like the main character, Marisela. She's a tough cookie, and I like strong female roles. Her romance with Frankie definitely intrigues me. Their hot and heavy relationship is exciting, but I'm more excited for one of them to finally admit there's more to it than that.

The story pulls you in, but the characters keep you. It was definitely a page turner. I wanted more so I immediately purchased the third in the series.

Brenda says

This is the second book in a series with Latino heroine Marisela Morales, a former gang member turned private security team member in an elite firm with her sexy former boyfriend. It's fast paced, sexy and thought provoking. I love Marisela because she is a unique heroine who is compassionate, strong and independent. She doesn't see the world in black and white because she's seen too much betrayal in her life. I hope we get a third story to find out what happens!

Silver James says

Dirty Little Lies thrusts the Latina private investigator into the world of high-stakes politics, Boston blue bloods, and an assassin with an agenda only Marisela Morales might understand. Frankie Vega still has her back, and lots of other places. Their attraction is still as seductive as a slow salsa on a hot Miami night--tough given the setting is Boston. The fact that her boss, Ian Blake, still wants Marisela brings out the machismo in both men and oh I do love a good fight between "hound dogs."

This second book in the series is full of action, twists, and a few tugs on the old heart-strings. Makes life hard for a tough chica like Marisela. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and it definitely goes on the keeper shelf.

Amanda says

I love reading about Marisela and Frankie's relationship and watching them both try to find themselves. After spending most of their lives on the wrong side of law, they're both struggling to figure out what they want and how to get there. As long as they end up there together, that's all that matters to me. Really. If Marisela ends up with Ian after all this, I'm going to borrow Marisela's gun.

Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Marisela Morales is a private investigator for Titan International. She's called to Boston office of Titan to guard borrowed jewelry for the Boston elite. While doing guard duty is reunited with Frankie and stops assassination attempt on Craig Bennett. Titan is hired to investigate the past and find the hired gun. The only clue to the case is a note saying "Remember Rebecca Manning." Marisela is frustrated with both Frankie and Ian Blake neither guy will give an inch to her. Marisela is always going to want Frankie as partner in the bedroom but he needs to let her make her own choices even if it means including Ian. Ian is learning to trust Marisela's instincts while investigating this particular case. Marisela and Frankie must dig up the truth that is long over due in being brought to light after fifteen years. The key to gaining that truth is Tracy Manning, who is being protected by her brother Parker Manning, and no one knows where she's at. Meanwhile the assassin is looking to recruit Marisela in her mission of revenge. What does "Remember Rebecca Manning" mean? Will Tracy be found? What is the truth? Will Frankie accept Marisela's choices? Will Marisela be recruited? Your answers await you in Dirty Little Lies.

I have to say I'm impressed with Marisela's character. She is such a raw and rough character that knows all about making bad decisions and choices then facing the music so to speak. I personally think she gets to be a grittier character through out the whole book. I love alpha male characters in general but Frankie and Ian both have egos that could fill up a small bathtub. That being said doesn't mean I hate their characters just the opposite. You can almost see the internal struggle in each of them. I hope to see more of these characters.

Sara says

This book has everything that i need from it.

sex, lies, mystery, intrigue and some Latin music. I can perfectly imagine myself in the setting, dancing to the pulsing beat and just enjoying the hell out of life.

All I could think about at the end of the book was that I found a new series to follow. Forget all about Janet Evanovich and her recent disappointments, Julie Leto more than makes up for it!

Jo Notary says

388pgs, Romantic Suspense

DIRTY LITTLE LIES--Book 2: The line between right and wrong blurs when justice is on the line.

Staying alive isn't easy when people with guns tell Dirty Little Lies...

--A disgraced bounty hunter faces down a deadly assassin.

--A brush with death changes the rules for friends with benefits

--Should she stop the seasoned killer's quest for vengeance...or join her on the hunt?

Christy says

I enjoyed this more than I expected to, although I would say it is more action with some sex and sexual tension thrown in than vice versa, which was the opposite of what I expected. It was well-written though, and I really liked the story. Marisela is a bad, gang-girl turned special-ops-style-PI/bounty hunter. It's an odd combo, and her training wasn't explained in this book; as this is the second book in a series, I suspect it was covered in that book. I liked Marisela's character and the plot of this book. There was a lot of action and mystery. I only wished the focus had been on her relationship with Ian and not Frankie. A lot of other reviewers are rooting for Frankie, and maybe if I'd read the first book, I would be too. I'm just not that impressed with their chemistry and connection in this book. It was ok, just not compelling. I was more interested in her relationship with the assassin than her relationship with Frankie, and I kept hoping that Ian would act on his interest in her. I can't decide if I need to read the rest of the series or if I should just say this was a good book and move on.

Rhonda says

What an awesome 2nd book of the series. I love how we are delving deeper into Marisela's brain. The nonstop action and sweltering sex scenes kept me reading this book until I was done. I couldn't put it down!

Victoria says**

Fast-paced, easy read, good story line. I had not read the first book which might have helped me with the history between the characters but I don't think it was necessary although now I want to read the first book & the third book.

Moon Love says

Well I'm glad I didn't wait too long to read the sequel to Dirty Little Secrets. It was a fast paced, action packed read, and I finished it with in about an hour and half after I started it. Sadly this is the last Marisela Morales book published, even though it ends on a note signaling there would be more to come.

Chasidy says

Nothing is hotter than a chick who flaunts her sexuality to get exactly what she wants. Marisela Morales is one of Titan International's Private Investigators. As kick ass as women go, Ms. Morales is the epitome of women who work hard, and play harder.

Frankie Vega, the *caliente* latino, who just so happens to be Marisela's ex-boyfriend/lover stirs up trouble in ways that are too hot to not follow through on.

Before things heat up between these two, an assassin is set loose in Boston killing their elite and bringing

forth an old case. It's up to Frankie and Marisela to figure out what's going on before the heat becomes too much to handle.

Kristina Simon says

Marisela and Frankie are back (they first showed up in *Dirty Little Secrets*) and they're hotter than ever. Awesome romantic suspense.

Amy H says

this book is the second in the series and i must say i am a little dissappointed. there wasn't much romance in the partners like the first and in the end of the book nothing changed, and left a lot of questions unanswered. but it was a great crime/mystery book

The members of Titan Int'l, a security corporation, are hired to oversee security at a fundraising event. During the event, Congressman Bennett is shot and would have been killed had Marisela Morales not distracted the assassin. The assassin is carrying out a revenge hit for a murder that Bennett seems to have committed but gotten away with. After the shooting, Titan is hired by the Senator's wife to stop the assassin.

Marisela Morales is a former street gang member. This is no Stephanie Plum who leaves her gun in the cookie jar. No, Marisela Morales fought her way out of the gang and pulled herself into a better life. Part of this is owed to Titan who employs Marisela. Titan is run by twins Brynn and Ian and employs various individuals including enigmatic Max who seems to get sexier with each word he does not say. Brynn, by virtue of being born first, is really the leader of Titan. But before Brynn came stateside to throw her weight around, Ian was in charge. Ian and Marisela have been dancing a tentative and flirtatious tango that hasn't really gotten past the intro steps.

Ian isn't the only man in Marisela's life. Frankie, with whom Marisela ran with on the streets and to whom she lost her virginity, is her current partner at Titan. Marisela isn't sure that Frankie is her future. She also isn't sure that he is her Right Now but it's hard to resist the moves that Frankie puts on her.

The plot moves quickly and the action scenes are well executed. I appreciated that you dealt with some deeper issues such as the rightness of revenge killings and Marisela's own questionable morality. The assassin is a fully fleshed out character and I couldn't help but sympathize with her, just as you wanted me to. I also liked how the women play such strong roles in this story from Marisela to Brynn to the assassin. I loved the Spanish phrases used as endearments and come ons and in sexual play. It really made for a fully developed experience.

While this story is focused on Marisela, we do get glimpses from Frankie and, on rare occasions, Ian. Max is a true mystery man which makes him all the more tantalizing to the reader. I am not a big fan of the multiple partner offerings, but it works for me because neither man to whom Marisela is attracted is perfect for her. That makes it believable for me that she would be uncertain of her own feelings.

Jennifer Wardrip says

There's just something about a woman with a gun. Kick-butt heroines that shoot first and ask questions later have always appealed to me. Whether they attire themselves in red miniskirts and four-inch Ferragamo's, urban chic consisting of broken-in blue jeans and ratty t-shirts, or do their best work dressed in nothing at all, heroines that take control of their own lives and work to make a difference in the world around them are nothing short of my idols.

For Marisela Morales, working for Alberto Garcia at AAA-Able Bail Bonds has finally brought a sense of belonging to her life. A Cuban-American woman who found herself all too often on the wrong side of the law when younger, Alberto offered her a haven-a real job, something meaningful that would keep her busy and off the streets. Once she turned twenty-one, Marisela became a bond enforcer. For seven years now she's tracked down outlaws dumb enough to jump their bail and brought them back to justice.

This time, the bail-jumper is someone who hits a little too close to home. Francisco "Frankie" Vega is Marisela's past-a young punk who later turned his life around to spend years in prison as an undercover DEA informant. Now, though, Frankie is out, and after two years back in the real world, he's been busted for possession-and unwisely skipped his bail. So what if the chemistry is still there? Who cares that Frankie's first words to her in ten years are "I remember when you used to stroke me like that?" And really, what difference does it make if his striking good looks and snake-charmer charisma make her eyes roll back in her head and the hairs on her arms stand up? Marisela has hunted down Frankie to do a job, and that job is to return him back over to the authorities.

But love dies hard, even that brought about by circumstances of a hard life of two dispassionate youths. The chemistry between Frankie and Marisela is still there, and they're both finding it hard to turn off. Frankie has no idea that Marisela isn't Alberto's secretary, has no clue that she packs a really big-and really illegal-gun. Marisela doesn't realize that Frankie is dealing with bigger issues than just jumping bond. All in all, what they don't know about each other is more than what they remember.

Together, Marisela and Frankie must overcome their shared history, rebuild their trust and broken hearts, and stop a handful of bad guys along the way. Action-adventure mixed with passion is always a heady mix, and this book is no different.

Take a dash of Stephanie Plum, throw in the spunk of Eve Dallas, mix it up with some Cuban food and a gallon of margaritas, and you've got a true winner in DIRTY LITTLE LIES. This book was an excellent start to what will no doubt be a long-lived series-one that you won't want to miss an episode of.
