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The world-renowned Reverend Curtis Black's daughter, Alicia, is all grown up and even more trouble than her father. The apple certainly doesn't fall far from the tree in this new novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *Sin No More* and *Love and Lies*.

Alicia Black Sullivan swore to never repeat her father's mistakes: she would never break any promises, she would never be unfaithful. And most important of all, when she got married, it would be for good.

And she really does love Phillip, the assistant pastor of her father's church. She just happens to love money — and the things it can buy — as well. Alicia was born to the good life, she's entitled to the best, and she'll do anything to get it. Even if it means piling up thousands of dollars in debt. Even if it means denying to everyone — even herself — that her love of shopping has gotten way out of control.

Before long, Phillip begins to wonder if marrying the woman of his dreams was a huge mistake. Alicia has similar thoughts. Deep down, though, she knows a whopper of an emotional bill is coming due. And all the regrets in the world won't change the fact that she may be more like her infamous father than she could have imagined — or feared.

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Chivon says

This is the second Kimberla lawson Roby book that I have read and unfortunately, I started with the follow up book Be careful what you pray for, and then I read this one. I thought it was very well written, it kept my attention. I couldn't wait to see what happened next. Now I would love to go back and read all about Rev. Curtis Black and definately looking forward to any new books coming out. Ms. Alicia is definately a piece of work and her character made me so mad!

Gabriella says

This was another fun audiobook, though I am sad to say I have now used up my free Audible trial! Anyway, here are some short notes:

1. Alicia seems much older than 22...not in a mature way, but in a way where she's not at all similar to someone just graduating from college, and more so similar to a disgruntled housewife.
 2. I know she's supposed to seem like Curtis, but really, she just seemed like a childless version of Charlotte...this is NOT a compliment.
 3. I was really looking forward to the incorporation of Tanya back into the Curtis Black series, but was sad to say she just became another two-dimensional mother offering phone advice and affirmations...sad she got NONE of her mom's good sense!!!
 4. To Kimberla Lawson Roby's credit, this *was* a great escape from Charlotte and Curtis' melodrama, and she did introduce some new plot features, such as crippling credit card debt! Excited to see where her retail therapy will take us next...
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Denise says

For me this book was an absolute train wreck, I loathed most of the characters and their choices. I just couldn't look away. While talking about this book with a friend, she mentioned Telenovela and that describes this book perfectly! I would describe this as an urban/Ugly Betty caricature of the tv series Dallas, although unlike those shows, this new show would portray most of the female characters as self-involved, incredibly weak willed, and only motivated by shopping (to be fair therwe was 1 exception) and the male characters as being motivated by beautiful woman (no need to have similar intellect, values or morals) no exceptions. This book is part of a pretty long series, that seems to be pretty popular, and given the other reviews, I would say most people like exactly what I don't and that's why the world goes round.

Kim says

Like father, like daughter. This follows Curtis Black's oldest child as she gets married. She is so her father's child!

Nandi Crawford says

First of all, I cannot relate to a person like this much, as well as wonder how a person cannot be satisfied on seven G's a month, or having a hundred thousand Gs as a budget for your wedding, but hey that is me and I won't hate. Yet, I will say that this sister is spoiled. I feel that when you take care of your kids and do everything including pay their credit cards and such, your not allowing them to be responsible. In this case, the good Rev Curtis Black is back, but this time they on the kids now. Alicia, all grown up, marries his associate Pastor Philip, who is content with his job, wife and what he has, but Alicia still grumbles about him getting his own church or more money. Oh well... so she hits the malls, spends up a fortune on clothes, making her husband more exasperated than need be, then she turns around and lie and cheats on him with someone I wouldn't say is an upstanding member of the community. Needless to say, things get ugly progressively, and our heroine is wondering how in the heck did I get here? as well as placing blame on her daddy's doorstep. A good interesting read. made me want to say, Thank You because for what I got.

Bernadette Gerbe says

Are you kidding me? How does this book possibly have a 4.5 rating!

Pam says

I was disappointed with the ending. She doing all that shopping and no mention of getting some serious help?

India Noble says

I am only on Chapter 20 of this book as of 4/13/2016, and I can only tell you...I am HIGHLY pissed off with Alicia! She's very stubborn and ungrateful. I love this series so far, but Alicia makes me want to mess her up deeply!

Michelle Leonard says

I cannot relate to Alicia at all. I had a hard time making it through this book because her choices and self-centered attitude just turned my stomach.

Amanda says

Another enthralling read in the Curtis Black Series. Kimberla Lawson Roby doesn't disappoint.

SD Johnson says

This book was quite different. It borderlines on a slow saga in which I felt Kimberla struggled with piecing together in chapters 1-19 or either I was just missing and longing for more Curtis Black and Charlotte. However, at chapter 20 the booked changed. Suddenly, I didn't know if I was reading THE BEST OF EVERYTHING or SISTER SOULJAH'S THE COLDEST WINTER EVER...lol.....

The book ended up being mediocre at best for me. However, I could be biased in character creation. In KLR's earlier novels, I found the persona of Alicia to be boring and one dimensional and quite honestly she was a character that I didn't mind being exterminated. She could have stayed away at college forever and became a career student. lol....

Unfortunately, I still feel the same about her after reading this book. The 3 stars are just for effort, it wasn't a bad book, I just expected more since I know KLR is that great of a writer. The characters just lacked luster in the book and no one but the Kings lived up to true character development.

Nochu says

When desperate times call for desperate measures, the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree. Alicia Black Sullivan is all grown up and married. Being the daughter of the Reverend Curtis Black, does being Daddy's Baby Girl live up to the standards of being the preacher's daughter and the preacher's wife? With Alicia, its her way or no way at all being married to Phillip.

Kimberla Lawson Roby had an excellent concept but it did not measure up in this novel with Alicia. We were thrown into her adulthood. We never went on the journey with her throughout college. I must say I was very disappointed with this novel. The plot was not very interesting and the usual drama was not there. Of course everything was very predictable. It did not hold my attention. All Alicia did was go shopping, and did more shopping, and more shopping. If you still want to read this novel, check it out of your local library. Save your money.

Martine says

This girl needed plenty help!!! Who spends their whole \$5,000 limit on a card in one mall in one day?

Crystal says

Too predictable and the main character was annoying.

His Wife7474 says

The Black Family is back in book #6 of the Rev. Curtis Black series. This book focuses of Curtis' daughter, Alicia, and her new husband. It seems that Alicia has picked up many of her father's selfish, trifling ways! She is newly married to Philip, her father's assistant pastor, but she isn't happy with what she thinks is a lack of ambition in Philip. She wants him to minister at his own mega-church so that he can bring in the mega-bucks. Philip is content with his nearly 6-figure salary, and he wants to stay under the tutelage of THE Reverend Curtis Black so that he can glean all he can before striking out on his own.

Makes sense to everyone... except Alicia.

We also meet Levi, who turns out to be one of my favorite characters.

Alicia's impatience and selfishness lead her into debt, the bed of another man, and handcuffs. Want to know how it plays out? You have read the book!

I really enjoyed this book. It was fun seeing how Curtis' kids have grown, and the paths they choose. Enjoy!
