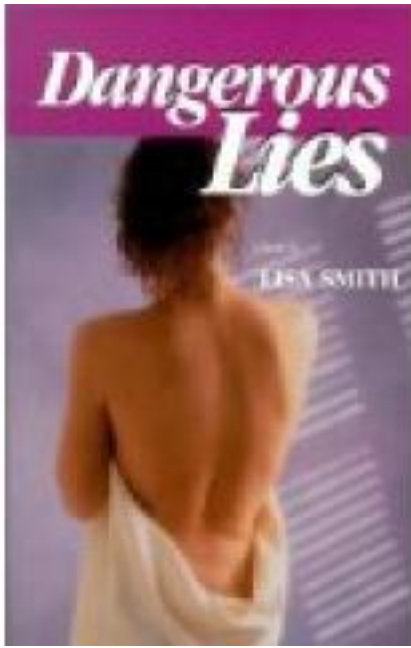


Dangerous Lies



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Alternately raw, romantic, funny and terrifying, is a sexy new thriller by Lisa Smith. Smith is a first-time author with a wry wit. an unblinking eye and a fresh contemporary voice. Using short chapters, she captures scenes the way a skilled news photographer uses a camera. follows the lives of two people who grew up in

Queens when organized crime was at its height. Assistant District Attorney Jake Stern was raised by loving grandparents after losing his family to a fire. A tall, powerful, college athlete known for his success with women. Jake hides a crippling fear behind a stone-faced mask. Bettina (Tina) Berenson is a shy, bookish girl rejected by both parents until at thirteen her father recognizes her seductive beauty. An immature likable man who admires gangsters, he takes Tina to the track, to prizefights, and to nightclubs, reveling in the attention she generates. When her father dies the lonely fifteen-year-old is easy prey for a dashing charismatic crime-lord. Banished from her family, Tina becomes the mistress of several successful gangsters.

Jake and Tina meet at the trial foretold in the prologue: Tina, the key witness against a powerful vicious gangster, and Jake, an ambitious prosecuting attorney, who envies her courage, is repelled by her past, and is obsessed by her physical presence. But Jake must keep her alive. Someone is trying to kill her.

A fast-paced tale liberally laced with delicious tidbits of humor.

Intriguing complex characters are Ms. Smith's forte. She has an uncanny ear for dialogue that is both authentic and telling.

It is a rare book that portrays the many sides of sex: exploitative, funny, detached, controlling, touching, erotic, brutal, and finally - romantic, has it all!

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