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Wealthy, powerful Grant Thorne is used to getting what he wants, and he wants Blaire, the beautiful angel who saved his life when he was injured in a blizzard. The CEO of Thorne Industries and the son of a Senator, he lives his life in the public eye. Convincing the reclusive artist to be a part of his world won't be easy, but determination fuels his pursuit.

Blaire Callahan had escaped her dangerous past to create a new life for herself, or so she thought, until one night she rescues a handsome stranger who rattles her quiet existence. Their chemistry is undeniable, but is it enough to risk her heart and give up the safety of her remote sanctuary?

Dreams of having a life together come to a screeching halt when the couple is photographed at a political event. And when Blaire suddenly vanishes, Grant begins unraveling her past, and realizes the woman he fell in love with was never as she seemed.

Can a woman held captive by the lies of her past really have a future with a man who's captured her heart? Or will her dangerous past catch up with her and jeopardize their future forever...

## **Captive Lies Details**

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## From Reader Review Captive Lies for online ebook

### Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Captive Lies by Victoria Paige is the story of Grant Thorne and Blaire Callahan. Blair ends up helping to save Grant when he is found in the snow. From their they start to have feelings for each other. Blair unknown to Grant has been hiding from a dangerous past but takes a leap of faith to be with Grant. But then her past worries start to come back to her and she leaves with Grant in pursuit. Loved both characters and hope to read more books by Ms. Paige!

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### maggieandteddy says

Ahhh ! What can I say? I love the strong but elusive heroines in Ms Paige's stories. Blaire. Her story is told in 1st person POV. An artist, an enigma. Not in your face, but kinda kick-ass. Grant. Told in 3rd person POV. He's alpha, strong, possessive. He wants/needs Blaire. A lot of twists and turns. I kept switching my sympathy. I truly wanted these two to have their happy ending. But how can they? They start off polar opposites, but are so magnetically attracted to each other. Insta - love/lust? Maybe, but boy that gave them more time to explore and me to read about. Very sexy steamy. Their chemistry really kicked in. So much intrigue & suspense. I had a flash- back reminder of the Jennifer Garner TV series called "Alias". Sydney was the main character. Up close, she was so sweet & tender. The next minute, she's high kicking some bloke's carotid! The lesson is: Never under estimate anyone! Especially Ms Paige's heroines! I highly recommend this book . I received an ARC from the author. My review is my opinion.

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### Cindy Fong says

What a rush of a story! There is something for everyone in this. Mafia ties, intrigue, political posturing and finally a love story all tangled together. Grant and Blaire met by chance but their relationship was tested time and time again but they always managed to come out stronger.

This is an action packed, page turning read with larger than life characters and a kick-ass strong female lead. The players will have you guessing who is bad or good. The interactions between Grant and Blaire will have you swooning in their love story.

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### Ms. D. Reader says

Romance, Suspense, Mystery! 4½ Passionate Stars!

Another enjoyable romantic suspense from Victoria Paige that includes some mysteries to solve along the way. That dash of mystery is becoming a familiar element in Ms. Paige's romances with characters that are not always who they seem and sinister motivations and secrets that continue to be revealed up until the end.

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Blaire Callahan is an intriguing and talented artist who tries to avoid any kind of personal relationships because she is hiding from her dangerous past. She can't resist the pull of Grant Thorne and the feeling is definitely mutual when they meet near her reclusive residence in the mountains where he has an accident and needs help. While Grant recuperates, there is a strong spark of attraction and that "something special" persona makes Blaire unforgettable and compels this alpha male to pursue a serious relationship.

Blaire soon agrees to move in with Grant because of their strong feelings as well as the protection he can offer if trouble arises. She is willing to take a chance rather than lose him. Grant is the CEO of his own business and the son of a senator. Blaire finds it difficult coping with his political and business world and the possibility of exposure that she has avoided for years. Even though she wants to be with him, she soon becomes afraid of putting Grant and his family at risk if her presence becomes known to her past enemies now that she is no longer in hiding. She has run before, but she has no idea how determined Grant is to keep her in his life. He refuses to let her go.

Falling in love and staying in love is not easy when secrets are exposed and dangers are around every corner. Blaire fears her enemies will destroy any happiness she has found with Grant. As far as Grant is concerned, he has already claimed Blaire and she will just have to learn to trust him and the protection he can provide despite her fears. His possessive and sometimes overbearing ways cause a lot of tension and disagreements in their developing relationship. Grant tends to micromanage and compartmentalize every aspect of his life instead of communicating and sharing decisions with Blaire. Blaire is too independent and spirited to tolerate that for long and clashes are inevitable.

There are some harsh confrontations and heartaches as they work through their issues. This causes immense pressure while trying to stay safe and eventually solve the mystery of who is trying to capture Blaire and use her to get vital information. These two have a hard time compromising because they are passionate, strong-willed people. They feel very deeply for one another and need to work out their issues in order to have a lasting bond. The alternative would be separation, and that is too devastating for them to contemplate. This part of the story was very relatable since couples often need more direct communication and a willingness to change hurtful behaviors in order for readers to actually believe there can be a believable HEA beyond the pages of the book.

The Russian mafia's constant pursuit of Blaire for information and then elimination and the political pressures made on Grant's family provide an interesting romance and a well-crafted suspense plot. I liked the loyalty that Blaire and Grant had for one another from the beginning despite family members or other people trying to sew the seeds of doubt or sabotage their trust. It was refreshing that this couple didn't fall for the shade thrown their way. Deep down Grant and Blaire believed in one another in the midst of overwhelming odds. It was a pleasure to read about the growth in their journey despite the turmoil and dangers that kept trying to destroy them. I loved that the heroine was strong, brave, and confident enough to depend upon her own skills when facing tough situations. I liked that Grant could remain possessive and protective, but still make changes that the heroine needed so he could become a better partner in a lasting relationship.

I recommend this story if you like intelligent suspense with an intense love story. Victoria Paige always comes through with interesting characters, passionate and steamy love scenes, and carefully researched plots that keep you turning the pages.

I received an ARC for my honest opinion.

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**Stacey is Sassy says**

### **He just needed to tone it down a bit...**

I hate to say it, but I think I might (MIGHT) be over bossy Alpha males. Or, maybe this was just an extreme case of \*TOO BOSSY FOR HIS OWN GOOD\*. Unfortunately, the hero had me swinging from I want to smack him for being too bossy or gag him for his lovesick corniness. I never, never, never thought the day would come that I would roll my eyes from the excessive amount of sexy times in a book. Seriously, this guy was permanently aroused and ready to bang her against a wall.

*Captive Lies* was a little too long for me and I felt like the first half of the story dragged. I found myself looking for distractions and wishing they would just HURRY UP. There were scenes that were overly descriptive but had no relevance to the plot moving forward. For me, a suspense must maintain a certain pace to keep the heart pumping. I needed to be on the edge of my seat, predicting the next move and hoping I was prepared for an attack. It wasn't until the second half of the story that I reached the high and my heart started pumping. There was too much unnecessary angst to keep the plot flowing in the first half.

I enjoyed it by the end, especially when Victor Baran and Gabriel (Sully) Sullivan dropped in. Those *Guardian* men make my heart flutter just by walking into a room. Their bossiness is controlled and completely alluring. I would follow their instructions without question...and love every minute of it. Unfortunately, \*TOO BOSSY FOR HIS OWN GOOD\* didn't have that same allure.

Once we are introduced to all the players, it didn't take me long to work out who the baddies were and I was gobsmacked that the heroine didn't work it out sooner.

I have been a huge fan of *Victoria Paige* for years. While this story didn't work for me it will not stop me from reading her future work. If you love OTT bossy Alpha's, who lose their mind when their woman's life is in jeopardy, *Captive Lies* might be perfect for you.

*Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.*

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### **Fatimama says**

Hero fits the alpha j/p trope. He does a dick move at one point and heroine gets hurt emotionally and physically after.

In theory, I should have liked this book but I didn't.. maybe it's the writing style that just didn't gel with me..

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### **Hana ? says**

Great read with a delicious alpha male. I love Victoria Paige's heroines, they always have so much depth to them. They are always strong and independent, and that wasn't any different in this story. Loved it!!!!

## Aysha says

4.5 stars! Once in a while you come across a book that makes you remember why you love reading. This was that book for me. Frigging loved it

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## Laurie says

One of my beta reads... I really think you guys are going to love this one. VP can write one hell of an alpha male.

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## Zita says

Her secrets won't change his mind...

The woman Grant Thorne craves has left him and he doesn't know the reasons why, the secrets he's sensed she kept finally sent her running and him on a mission to track her down. His first stop being the mountains of Colorado where the memories of how they began assail him. This reader loves it when a story begins with suspense and an enigma, an obsessed hero is on the hunt for his missing woman, an alpha male amok but not due to ego, he really cares about this woman and unless she turns out to be a serial killer he'll protect her. The prologue opens in the present and then we see the past where the protagonists met to get context to the relationship before the story moves forward.

After an accident on a snowmobile in a blizzard left him injured, Grant awakened in a remote cabin to see the beautiful face of an angel, one of two people who rescued him. He's the CEO of his company, as well as the son of a senator so he's not an unknown figure to them. Until the storm dissipates and roads are cleared he's snowbound with this woman who intrigues him like no other has and an older man who lives nearby and is highly protective of her. They are both reclusive in nature and though grateful to his saviors Grant wants more with this woman, there's a passionate connection between them he needs to explore and he's a man who goes after what he wants. Little does he know that what she keeps hidden is the obstacle that will eventually derail them. He can't protect her from what he doesn't know.

The artist Blaire Callahan is a recluse in the mountains. With her protective friend and neighbor Liam they find a man in the snow. They should leave him for he represents a serious danger to them but she finds that idea inhumane so they take him home and attend his injuries. He's a known figure and that is worrisome, they are snowbound until the weather eases. She finds herself inexorably drawn to this man and the heat his presence elicits within her. She has much to hide, secrets she cannot share, her isolated life a self-imposed exile. The plan is to return the man to town as soon as possible, she couldn't predict his persistence afterwards; he's a hard man to say no to when she doesn't really want to. He has the means to protect her but can it work? Can her guise stand up around him considering who he is?

This was a most enjoyable read, this book had an involved, captivating, storyline, a steamy budding relationship with seriously stubborn protagonists who looked to protect each other and would go to extremes to do so. I liked the push and pull between them, the personal growth each exhibited and finally the trust in each other once her secrets inevitably came to light. They had to literally fight for what they wanted, and it was time for Liam's wren to fly on her own. There's some serious kick-ass action and fitting cameos of characters from the Always series.

An advanced reading copy was obtained from the author.

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### **Laura Elizabeth says**

Another good one from Victoria Paige. Good romance, sexy times!

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### **Vee Paige says**

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### **Victoria says**

**4.25+ RATING-** Captive Lies was a great weekend read. I had plans to meet some girlfriends for brunch and was sad to have to put this down and admit to picking it right back up as soon as I got home. This is probably the best writing from this author that I've seen. I usually hate stories that jump back in forth in time and I was a little peeved when I realized there was some back and forth. But the author kept it to a minimum and I didn't think it was disruptive to the story line at all. In fact, the story was well paced and the writing very readable. The author didn't skim on the steam either! The hero was Alpha with a capital A. Over the top, obsessive, instant everything and I loved him! The heroine was sassy and held her ground quite well with him. No untried virgin either which was nice. Overall, I'd recommend this to readers that enjoy guilty pleasure romantic suspense stories with crazy in love stalker-like heroes, lol. If you have't read this author before and are wondering where to start, Captive Lies would be my recommendation!

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### **nicklein says**

2:30AM Thoughts:

Not my first all nighter and definitely not my last. Hello, research paper. But this was one of the happiest all nighters ever. Thank you, Ms. Paige. I needed this.

Now, back to my sad and depressing medtech student reality.

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## Page says

Easily this author's best work (imo). This author is a friend of mine and therefore I am often witness to the vast attention to detail she gives to every character and plotline. It pays off when she hits the publish button. Well researched, well written, flawless editing.

Congratulations on another wonderful accomplishment.

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