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## Red Dahlia Details

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## From Reader Review Red Dahlia for online ebook

### Ashley says

\*sigh\* I just want to marinate in my happiness for a little while...

Full review coming after release!

UPDATE: From the blog

I just have to say, I was SO terrified for Dahlia in this book! I wasn't sure how things were going to go down in a few different areas of her life, and I just wanted her to be happy, and to get all of the things she deserves. Don't get me wrong, Dahlia has definitely made some mistakes in the past, but she really has grown and changed. Plus, some people did some REALLY awful things to her, and those situations needed to be remedied.

Vi's life has been taking a step forward in Dahlia's books, and it's driving me mad that I can't figure out what's really going on with her! And I'm pretty sure Dahila and Lily are going to have some role in fixing what's going on with Vi. I really hope Vi's books come out soon! I NEED to know what all this craziness going on behind the scenes in the book is really about! (Plus, a secondary character that showed up in this book...let's just say I think he's going to be a vital character in Vi's series. And I really like him!)

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### Laura Greenwood says

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Red Dahlia in exchange for my review.

Dahlia was left reeling after discovering the truth that was hidden from her by both her mother and her husband Shane, that their daughter, Marissa, was alive and hadn't died like Dahlia had been told. Searching for her takes Dahlia to England, where she meets Thomas, a friend of Vi's, and discovers far more about Vi than she ever knew before. Meanwhile, Lily is still being hounded by her ex, Gustavo, and when Dahlia runs into him things take a turn no one had expected. But sometimes going back to the beginning is all that it takes to be happy...

This is the sixth book in the Gilded Flower series, and the third in Dahlia's story, and personally I think that you do need to read all of the books, in order, to make sure that you fully understand the story. The story itself shows messy love lives, and I think that's what makes the series so great; the characters aren't perfect and the relationships they have are far from perfect, but it feels like you're there in the story.

What I really liked about Red Dahlia was that it did seem to be less about sex. There were still sex scenes in the book, and the other books weren't just about sex either, but I thought that the rest of the storyline got more engagement this time. Dahlia's storyline has had a lot of shocks, in all three of the books, and this tied up several of them, as well as bringing Dahlia back to her normal self.

The interaction between Dahlia and Gustavo was good, and actually I think it showed a lot about Dahlia's character and just how much she is willing to do for other people. It also showed more about Gustavo's character, then again I decided I didn't like him way back when Lily was with him.

There was more about Vi revealed in this book as well, which hasn't done anything to make me less curious about her, and in fact, since Thomas the PI was introduced as well, I've just become more intrigued as to what exactly she's doing...I can't wait for her books to see what will happen then.

I think that the ending to Dahlia's story was satisfying...I can't really say happy because in one aspect of her life there wasn't really a happy solution for anyone (though the love life aspect gets a massive thumbs up!) but I do definitely feel that the way that that issue was resolved was the right way.

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### **Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says**

When I read a serial like this , actually reading this whole series about Lily and Dahlia I always have to stop and THANK GOD my parents are loving and have always been fantastic !! I cannot imagine growing up with twisted evil parents and I know it happens in reality so this isn't just a book thing. Damn Dahlia's mom is a piece of work , the father no better but this mother I want to just take her out with the trash. Who does that to their own kid , I mean really , just who.....

Now this story is full of twists and turns , it is the end of Dahlia's trilogy but it is giving some great insight to Vi and leading you into her story which will make for a great trilogy !! Hopefully that is what we get next ???! Oh and i will add that some of the words Vivian likes to use in her sex scenes make me blush and cringe !! OMG it totally works but I sometimes cannot believe I am reading those words and enjoying it !!

Dahlia is now back in New York and hell bent on finding out about her daughter. Stuff is being thrown at Dahlia from all sides. It is her sisters wedding preparations that are forcing her to be around Rodrigo , oh Rodrigo , he is great. It may not be the right time for them at this moment but I think they will get their chance at some point !! Dahlia enlists the help of Vi's friend Thomas and his connections and leads take them on a wild goose chase. Some of this chase is actually done by Thomas because he is needing to clear some things up for Vi. Vi has a secret and not only is Dahlia trying to fix her own mess of a life she is now stuck trying to help fix Vi. Freakin Gustavo comes back around and you just know he is up to no good , he is like a bad rash , just go away !! Frustrated and defeated Dahlia heads back to New York. She does get a break in her information and she definitely finds what she is looking for. You can't help but feel so heartbroken for all she has lost and missed out on at the hands of her own mother. Maybe her mother and Gustavo could go jump off a cliff ???! It was wonderful getting to see Dahlia make up for lost time and form bonds that will hopefully get stronger ! She may have just found her calm with her man and her chance at being a mom. Now that we have wrapped up Lily and Dahlia with slightly mangled but still pretty bows let's see what we can do with Vi !!!!

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### **Breanna Eichhorn says**

Dahlia doesn't like that her mother took her daughter from her when she was born. When Dahlia asks her about it she wont tell her who has her daughter. She refuses to have anything to do with her mother and father. Dahlia's friend Vi has a friend who is a private investagator who is helping look for Dahlia's daughter. Dahlia tells her mother not to bother coming to Lily's engagement party, while she is in Miami she sees Rodrigo. Dahlia was told that she had to go to Paris to meet up with Thomas the private investagator. She sees Gustavo at the hotel she is staying at and he thinks that she is Lily. Gustavo has information about Vi that Dahlia had no idea about. Does Dahlia and Thomas find her daughter? Does anything happen between Rodrigo and Dahlia?

Dahlia trying to find her daughter , she is very loyal to Lily and Vi. She regrets how she treated Rodrigo.

Lily is engaged to Alejandro, she is upset at her parents. Gustavo is a stalker, he is very obsessed with Lily, scoundrel. Vi is Lily and Dahlia's friend, she is helping Dahlia find her daughter. She also doesn't like to be challenged. Alejandro is very kind and generous. Thomas has feelings for Vi, Private investigator, Vi's friend. Rodrigo is Alejandro's brother and has a past that he isn't proud of.

This is the final book in the Dahlia trilogy of the Gilded Flower. Vivian Winslow you did it again. This is one of my favorite series. I truly couldn't put this book down! I loved how the characters were very well developed. I can't wait to read more of Vivian Winslow's books. I highly recommend this series to anyone and everyone!!

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## Monica says

4.5 +++ Stars!!!

*Big stuff did happen in this book. We got a lovely conclusion to the trilogy. I could not put this book down until the last word.*

*This book is power packed with so much information in such a short period of time. I was on the edge of my seat from the very beginning. I fell in love with the hunt that Dahlia much go on for her new life. I was so angry with her mother in this book if she were real she would be in some serious trouble.*

*Dahlia must search her soul to forgive the people in her life that have wronged her on so many levels. She takes you on a quick emotional journey but does not keep you in a pity party long. As usual Rodrigo will melt you with his magnetic personality. We get closure on several issues in this book and I was thankful for this.*

*In this book we get to see all of the characters from the previous books and we get to meet a new character. In walks Thomas Squire. Oh he is going to be the new mystery. He and Marissa will have a story to tell. I cannot wait. I loved him right away. He is a fixer/saver. Will he be able to fix or save Marissa? Only the next books will tell. Please hurry Vivian!*

*I am a huge Vivian Winslow fan! I love her books and the two series. I would highly recommend this book but please read the first two books as they must be read in order so you know what is going on.*

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## Amy says

I can't get enough of these three girls. Red Dahlia is full of craziness. It's hard to even put into words what I think without doing some kind of spoiler. I will say that I love Thomas. Even though he was a prick for what he did to Dahlia, I can't help but to hope he gets the girl he loves. We get more Gustavo in this one. God how I hate him but love his sex scenes. I wish he would just leave Lily alone.

I'm so happy that Dahlia and Rodrigo had their HEA. I was wishing and hoping for that since book one. These two really are a cute couple and to have them back together made the ending that much better. Red Dahlia also sets you up perfectly for the next installments of the series, Vi's story. Can't wait for these.

All in all this trilogy was perfect. It kept up with the same suspense, emotions, and hotness as the first three. I can't wait to see what happens with Vi and how it ends for all three of them.

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## Serenity says

LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

Dahlia is an amazing woman, and I just loved watching her grow through the books. She has gone through so much and is always able to get through like the strong woman she is. This is her final chapter and I'm happy with the way it all ended.

Okay so....Dahlia has basically tossed her parents from her life. She was never happy about her daughter being taken. Not to mention she has no idea where her daughter is or who she is with. And her mother won't tell her anything, so she wan't nothing to do with her right now and tries to figure out where her daughter is.

So here comes Vi, the awesome lady with a plan.They should take a trip and visit her friend that is a PI. So Rodrigo, Thomas, Gustavo, and Alejandro join the picture...and boy does this bring a lot to the story. All these guys, and you can imagine what could happen since we know what they can do from previous books. So you know it wasn't all smooth sailing.

But all Dahlia wants is to get info about her daughter and hopefully get to see her. After all the she has gone through, she deserves to find her daughter and find love and have the good life that she deserves.

This last one has more intensity and I just couldn't stop hoping that she does get the life she deserves and I'm happy with how it turned out. I can't wait to read more by Vivian. You know she is a talented writer when you just love these characters and can feel the story.

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## Rustys says

### Red Dahlia Review

She's still alive, news that will give Dahlia great joy if only she can be found. The deception is revealed and Dahlia has to accept that the person responsible will not back down from their plan to keep Dahlia separated from her daughter Marissa. Lily's wedding is getting closer and celebrations bring Dahlia together with Rodrigo. Like a moth to a flame, Dahlia can't resist the hot Cuban and soon the two are moaning and coming apart at the seams.

**“Vente conmigo, cariña” (Come with me Carina)** words spoken as hot and steamy orgasms explode through their bodies.

A new character Thomas Squires helps Dahlia search for her daughter.

I expect he'll be key in future stories as his connection to Vi is surrounded in mystery.

Something illegal or otherwise has Vi keeping secrets from her best friends and somehow Gustavo gets involved and uses his sexual prowess to seduce Dahlia

or is it Dahlia who seduces him.

Steamy sex, a hot private eye, the whereabouts of Dahlia's daughter and what the heck does Vi have to hide will keep you entertained to the end.

Only this one ended with the slam of a door.  
I wonder where the author will take this.

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### **Kylie Lacovich (The Reading Cow) says**

The final installment of Dahlia's trilogy was fantastic! It's so hard to write a review with no spoilers, but I will say this:

For me Red Dahlia had a different feel to it - again. I felt more of a suspense feeling than anything else. There was less focus on the sex, but the sex scenes that were in the story were as HOT as ever. I wouldn't expect anything less from the amazing Vivian Winslow!

For a novella there sure was a lot going on. While it was great to see how Dahlia's story finished up for her, this novella also opened up a lot of questions - about Vi. I'm assuming, and hoping, that the next story we get from this author is Vi's!

Red Dahlia was a page turner, and even though I knew it was a novella, the story just seemed to fly by. As with all the installments in the Gilded Flower series, I wanted more!

If you have been reading these novellas, you definitely need to get Red Dahlia and continue the story. I don't know how anyone couldn't after the way Blue Dahlia ended! ;)

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Kristy Centeno says**

In the third installment to The Dahlia Trilogy, we find our heroine engrossed in another mission. This time there's a lot more at stake. She has a lot of things motivating her forward, including her anger at the people who betrayed her. But she won't allow her pain to get in the way of what she has to do.

She deals with her problems and most of her emotions head on, putting up a brave face no matter what. I like that about Dahlia. She isn't all talk. She doesn't let her fears cloud her judgments either. When she gets something stuck in her head she goes for it.

When she needs to close that door with Rodrigo, she sets out to do just that. And yes, I loved how she rocked his world right before they part ways.

There's plenty of steamy, sexy, temperature rising scenes for those erotic romance lovers—such as myself. Drama and a little suspense for those who want a little more out of a well-written story.

I love happy endings and Red Dahlia doesn't lack one.

Dahlia certainly knows how to handle herself and I'm glad that in the end she finds the best way to resolve every issue in her life and closes several doors to her past, leaving room for others to open up to a better, brighter future.

Loved the Dahlia Trilogy, and will most definitely be moving on to other books in the series.

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## Rhea Dsouza says

**Note: This is a joint review of Black Dahlia (Gilded Flower #5) and Red Dahlia (Gilded Flower #6)**

OH DEAR LORD THESE TWO BOOKS!

The only reason I'm featuring both Black Dahlia and Red Dahlia together is because I want to end my year with a bang. And even though I've tried hard to schedule these two as the very last review of 2014, I still have another review for the 31st...#EpicFail

Black Dahlia begins with something that was horrible. I couldn't get past it and I had to literally read the prologue again and again to realize what had happened. For something that was a sure shot to me, the prologue was a shocker. It was painful and unexpected and I hated that Dahlia had to go through that. NO ONE in love—hell, no one EVER—should have to live through something like that and I just about set the book down, not wanting to pick it up for fear of what I knew was coming. Denial, pain and anger.

Black Dahlia was exactly that. Dark, brooding and filled with grief. When Vi and Lily suggest a little getaway to Dahlia, she finds herself being taken care of by a man I really wish it had worked out with for her. But obviously, home is home and she had to return to California.

I think the major part that called out to me was the fact that it is possible to conquer pain. It takes time and friends and love. And I was so, so happy that Dahlia seemed to be moving over her pain, when suddenly an unexpected twist in the story made me want to kill someone.

Virtually, of course.

Mostly.

Black Dahlia, like all its predecessors, leaves you hanging with a major twist and a lot of curiosity. And once you finish reading it? Pfft. You HAVE to read the rest ?

The one thing I've learnt? Vivian Winslow is really good at giving her readers constant doses of mini cardiac arrests.

When I finally got around to reading Red Dahlia, I was (kind of) aware of what I was getting myself into. Time and time again, Miss Winslow has shown the capability to resolve all plot holes and give the reader some sort of closure. And for the first time since I've started reading the Gilded Flower series, I was genuinely scared of whether or not Dahlia would get the ending she deserved.

But of course, my fears were unnecessary. She got the peace in her life she deserved and the man she should have been with all along too!

Red Dahlia was more suspense than erotica. There were a lot of things about a lot of characters that I learnt and I'm amazed by how smoothly a lot about Vi was incorporated too. Absolute brilliance! I'm so, so excited to read Vi's trilogy ?

As usual, Miss Winslow has done an amazing job. Time and time again I fear that she won't be able to give me what I want—which is really cruel, because I don't know what I want out of this series too—but she delivers perfectly and manages to make me a very happy girl in the process too!

\*I was provided a free copy of this book in exchange of an honest review. This did not in any way, however, influence the content of this review.\*

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### **Tina Lynne says**

Ok... PAUSE. If you have not read the prologue excerpt, then stop reading this review and come back when you are done. I will wait \*whistles\* It is on my blog here ---> <http://wp.me/p44YUq-1f9>

This review will contain a semi-spoiler from the prologue and nothing more. I promised and I will not give anything away. When Black Dahlia ends, we are left with a BOMB dropped in our unsuspecting laps, which is reiterated in the prologue above and expanded on. That seems to be the trend for Dahlia's story, and I have to admit it makes this story line so much better! When Dahlia reads the letter from Shawn, she discovers that her daughter is indeed alive; that her mother has lied to her and hidden her away with a family somewhere. This starts the story off in such a way that chaos ensues. Dahlia sets on a search to find her daughter and is met with so much resistance that it seems like she will never find her. All the while she is dealing with her broken yet mending heart, trying to find out what she is going to do with her life. There is so much emotion! There are genuine moments of "What the HECK are you doing?" and moments of pure unadulterated rightness. And that ending!!! Be still my heart... It ended how I hoped, despite the bumps along the way! Fans of the Gilded Flower series will love this installment! This is a perfect conclusion to Dahlia's tale and I hope Vi is front and center next. There are some mysterious happenings surrounding that girl and things start to get a bit dicey with her.

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### **Sarah says**

If you haven't read the second book, Black Dahlia, then stop reading now. Here's a quick recap of where the story went in the second book. Shane died, leaving Dahlia sullen and somewhat flailing while trying to figure out a new future—again—after the one she thought she'd finally have was ripped away. She went to an island to regroup and find some peace. When she begins to move on she's thrown another curveball, perhaps more significant than Shane's demise. Her daughter, who she thought died at birth, is alive. Not only did Shane know and keep it from her, her own mother orchestrated the whole ordeal.

This last installment picks up with the search for her child. She truly has to go through both a physical and emotional journey to look for her lost girl. Her best friend, Vi, connects her with a private investigator and the globetrotting begins again but this time with a purpose. I can remember back in the first Gilded Flower book how atrocious I thought Dahlia to be and now as her story wraps up, I may like her more than Lily. She's materialized as a strong woman with somewhat of a free spirit. Not always approaching situations with the appropriate means she does always have the best intentions. Interestingly, I realized towards the end of the book this final piece is less of a romance for Dahlia and a man and more of her love for a child; however, there is a great and somewhat subtle ending for D too.

Also, Vi's backstory emerges with much intrigue. So now the curiosity for her trilogy overwhelms. I also suspect Rosa, a frequent partier/cousin in Miami, will have her own trilogy in the future.

Rating: 4.5 Stars

To see more reviews like this, go to Smut and Bonbons.

~Complimentary copy received in exchange for honest review.~

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### **Louise Seraphim Reviews says**

Oh Wow!!! This last instalment in the Gilded Flowers 2nd series was incredible.

Every step in the 3 part series, was captivating, addictive and I couldn't stop reading. Dahlia's story was even more intense than Lily, her twin sister.

I can't even begin to summarise this final story as every word would be a potential spoiler, it's just so jam packed with action and twists and turns. The story continues but changes so much, you have to hold on tight, to keep on board. Dahlia's life is intense, and is riddled with pain and pleasure in so many forms. Her love life is tricky and difficult, yet her sex life is drool worthy and sets the pages on fire. The amount of gorgeous men that end up in her life is quite staggering, and leaves for a lot of big sighs.

I loved Dahlia right from the start, she is feisty and knows exactly what she wants. She goes through some huge changes but still manages to be such a strong character and I love her for it.

She has to make some big decisions and she does good. I felt it all ended perfectly and after endless tears, it was a fantastic happy ending! I just hope Vi get's a story next! :)

5 huge stars.

\*\*I was given a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review\*\*

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### **Home Is Where the Wine Is Book Blog says**

#### **4 H.O.T. stars!**

After learning the terrible secret that Shane and her mother was keeping from her, Dahlia seeks answers.

That's were you meet Thomas Squires, the Englishmen friend of Vi's. I loved him. He comes across as arrogant at first but you realized that it is just a façade in the end.

Together they seek out what is most precious to D. I wish I could tell you what that it but it would ruin it for you. Let's just say it's HUGE.

Some old characters pop in like Gustavo and Rodrigo. Some secrets about Vi's past come out and Lot's and I mean LOT'S of steamy scenes to keep you up well into the night.

In the end will Dahlia get her happily ever after?

*“When you can accept that you can love someone so profoundly that they have the power to hurt you, you have no choice but to give into it.”*

Now it's time for Vi's story. I can't wait!!!! She has always been my favorite.

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