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Trapped in a set-up that could have him in jail or dead by Monday, Jonathan Alexander trusts no one in his inner circle. It's Saturday. His only hope is Grace Dupont, the best forensic accountant in Miami. But there's a glitch with that idea. She's also his ex-girlfriend who'd rather watch him drown than throw him a life vest. Going to her feels desperate...because he is.

Grace enjoys seeing Jonathan squirm. On your knees boy, she thinks as he pitches for her help. Always a sucker for the dark-haired-blue-eyed boys, she risks her precariously balanced life of secrets to help him. Helping him slaps a target on her back—she's the key to proving his innocence and that's a bad, bad thing.

Tangled up in a whirlwind of conspiracy, murder, million dollar money trails and diamond smuggling, Jonathan and Grace flee to the sea to stall for time to prove his innocence. Romance sizzles beneath Florida Keys' sunshine. Both scoff at happy endings. Both doubt justice. Both know each kiss could be their last.

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## **Kiss Me Slowly Details**

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## From Reader Review Kiss Me Slowly for online ebook

### Anna says

Love, love, love! I really enjoyed this book, in fact, it's one of the best I've read in a long time. The characters were wonderful--I found myself truly caring for them. I liked that they weren't perfect, their flaws made them believable. I honestly couldn't stop reading. The story was very unique, I guess I'd say clever. It had a "Burn Notice" vibe to it, which I really loved. (I'm a fan of that show, too!) Kiss Me Slowly is edgy, sexy, exciting and fun. I highly recommend it to anyone who's a fan of intrigue, sexual tension, and love stories.

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### Elisha says

<http://bookjunkiemom.blogspot.com/201...>

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### Lhenry says

Well I did like this book, although it had a few points that irritated me. The hero, Jon, and heroine, Grace got pretty repetitive. I felt like they kept having the same conversation over and over again. And the plot was either almost too complicated or didn't quite have enough re-cap at the end to help the reader understand the loose ends.

But all in all I liked it - I always prefer a book where the characters are likable and Jon and Grace were great, not to mention secondary characters like Pete, Marge and Jerry (I'd like to hear more about Jerry in fact - any sequels on the horizon?) I thought Jon was a really decent person throughout and Grace was more of a spitfire - sometimes that is a turn off for the reader, but not this time - it seemed like as a couple they will complement each other. I also liked that they never really realized who the villains were or what the villains were up to till the end. They spent a good part of the story walking into the traps the villains were setting. It may sound silly, but I liked that they were not on top of their problems, that they were all too human, not omnipotent. I also liked that how point of the book was that Grace was hired to save Jon and in the end, he needs to save her!

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### Cassidy S. says

I really loved this book! It kept me on the edge of my seat all the way through. Loved the story--it's very smart and unique. The romance is hot, no question about it. A solid level Red for heat, I'd say. I fell in love with the characters--Lazy Jon and Crazy Gracie are the best. I rooted for them all the way through the book and am hoping there's a sequel! I highly recommend this book--it's worth your time and money, no doubt. Very smart story with equally smart characters. I'll be looking for more novels from this author.

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### Libby says

I had high expectations for this book based on the reviews - sizzling chemistry, a painful history for our lovers to overcome, a riveting mystery to solve. At the end of the day I just didn't care. Grace and Jon were high school sweethearts who planned to run away together to sail the world when they turned 18. Jon dumps Grace - literally at the pier - with a truly heartbreaking speech. Pretty much he dumped her to keep a lifestyle he never wanted to begin with - except for the whole having a yacht and the freedom to sail around the world.

13 years later, or six years, or ten years, or something - the time frame was always fuzzy to me - Jon is back, in deep trouble and has no one to turn to except Grace who is a forensic accountant. Boring. Boring. Boring. The entire book felt like one internal dialogue - I wants him, I wants him not. I couldn't figure out why she wanted him. This guy didn't even make a good beta. He constantly reminded me of one of those seriously weak heroines from a really bad romance. The mystery took way too long to unfold and then was a dull as plain toast.

As I said before, the timeline was confusing as all get out. At various points we are told that Jon dumped Grace 13 years ago when they were 18. He got engaged to his fiancée when he was a sophomore. They've been engaged for six years. His fiancée proposed to him and then he left to sail around the world. He decided to sail around the world when he completed his MFA. He only got as far as Thailand because his mom died 6 months earlier and he came home to run the company. There's a side story about Grace's sister being brutally attacked, Grace's father being a fugitive accused of murdering the perpetrators of the attack. Jon's father who supposedly pressured Jon to dump Grace then becomes a supporter of her family. Early on Jon even suspects Grace of being his father's mistress. There's embezzled finds, South African diamonds, a guy named Alejandro, a sailboat, the FBI, and none of it was interesting.

But, since this was ultimately a romance, I would have to say what made this a below average read was the hero. He was weak, cruel, indecisive, shallow, treated both Grace and his fiancée badly, put off solving his problems until it was too late, and I kind of thought Paris Hilton level spoiled.

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### **Simone Sinna says**

For a light romance novel this was right up there because for me it had a story! Lots of action, a gutsy heroine and a troubled hero. The heroine is the one with the brains which is nice, there's lots of nice scenes sailing around the Keys and its never broing. The other characters are a little less believable but really it's only Grace and Jonathan were all I was interested in!

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### **Julie Lence says**

An enjoyable read by Amber Lea Easton. A second chance at love amidst a diamond smuggling/murder plot kept me turning the pages, trying to add up the clues and figure out who was actually the bad guy. A lot of action and a great secondary cast of characters. For the most part, the chemistry between the hero and heroine was good. My only complaint that I thought should have been explained (and I don't want to give away anything here) was why the hero didn't personally know the culprit.

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### **ALI says**

Wow! This book really sent me on a wild ride. Loved every second of it. The characters pulled at my heart strings with their chemistry and their dilemma. The plot was one of the most interesting I've read in a long time--kept me guessing all the way through while rooting for the characters to get their happy ending (I wondered if that would even be possible at times!) If you love adventure--read this book. If you love sexy and believable characters--read this book. If you love a heart-pulling romance--read this book. If you love a smart plot--read this book. If you love a brilliant suspense that'll keep your mind racing with possibilities--read this book. In other words--**READ THIS BOOK!** HA. Do you get the idea that I really enjoyed this read? All I can say is that I doubt you'll be disappointed, especially if you're a fan of romantic suspense. The author nailed it!

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### **Rachel says**

You know, I wasn't sure what to expect from this when I started reading. It's obvious trouble is brewing from the first paragraph, but I had no idea where it would lead. I ended up not being able to put it down! I love being surprised by a book. Ha! The characters were really well written and I didn't want to leave them when the book was over. When I read the last line of the book, I wanted MORE. That's why I'm giving it 5 stars when I'm normally a 4 star kinda girl. The plot kept me on my toes, the characters were people I'd like to know in real life and when the end came I wanted it to keep going.

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### **Glenda Bettin says**

had never heard of this author but found her from facebook, enjoyed this book alot

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### **Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says**

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If Jonathan's only hope is a woman who hates him, he might be better off taking his chances with the FBI.

I could feel the walls closing in on Jonathan from page one. He absolutely believes he'll be in "jail or dead by Monday." His anxiety and desperation are palpable and I couldn't help but wonder what he'd done, or rather not done, to be in such a precarious situation. Jonathan knows Grace is his only hope. However, they were high school sweethearts and to say their relationship didn't end well is a massive understatement. Jonathan is so pitiful that Grace agrees to help him despite her wounded heart. From that moment on, the pacing of *Kiss Me Slowly* takes off and I was in for a high-speed ride.

Grace and Jonathan find themselves on the run dodging bullets and trying to unravel the web Jonathan is tangled in. Whoever is setting Jonathan up always seems to be one step ahead of them. The sense of urgency intensified with every page and had me racing to the end of the book. I do have to say, I don't think there were quite enough clues to solve the entire mystery. I was able to fit most of the pieces of the puzzle together, but the final piece really seemed to come out of nowhere. I would have enjoyed the story even more if all the pieces had been presented.

Putting it mildly, Grace is a complicated woman. Her life has been one tragedy after another, including a

very bad experience with the justice system that leaves her unwilling to trust anyone outside of her immediate family. This experience made her willingness to help Jonathan in ways that aren't exactly legal completely believable. Grace tries very hard to appear cold and aloof, but it's all a mask. I really enjoyed watching her carefully crafted exterior melt to reveal a warm, caring, and very strong woman.

Jonathan is a good man, but he has absolutely no business being the CEO of a company. Like Grace, I couldn't help but shake my head and wonder why he didn't seek out help when he first began to notice that things in his business weren't right. Even though he lacks a certain amount of common sense, Jonathan's heart is usually in the right place. When things get dangerous, he does everything he can to protect Grace not only from whoever is out to ruin him, but also from the officials in law enforcement who wouldn't approve of some of Grace's "hobbies."

Jonathan and Grace have chemistry to burn. They carry a lot of baggage that threatens to dampen the sparks between them, but their feelings for each other simply will not be denied. I liked that they didn't ignore the past heartache. They faced it head on and had some pretty intense fights that had me wondering if they truly had a future together. Even though there was plenty of tension surrounding their relationship, it was easy to picture them as a couple. When they simply took a time out, they had an easy way of relating to each other that just made sense and had me hoping for a happy ending.

Kiss Me Slowly is a gripping suspense filled with plenty of danger and passion. Romantic suspense fans won't want to miss it.

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### **Christoph Fischer says**

"Kiss Me Slowly" by Amber Lea Easton is a great romantic thriller.

Forensic accountant Grace decides to help out her former boyfriend Jon, even though he broke her heart 13 years ago. The unfinished business between them is a great basis for the on and off chemistry throughout the story.

Jon is in business with some dodgy people who seem to have set him up to take the fall for diamond smuggling and tax evasion. He deals with some very dangerous people while trying to prove his innocence. The book has a great premise and sees it through brilliantly. It is fast paced, action packed, entertaining and makes for some very compelling and enjoyable reading. Easton has created great characters that are fun to watch as they muddle their way through the story, dodge bullets and solve the case. Highly recommended for fans of the genre.

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### **Kathleen says**

If you thought you were being set up for embezzlement and diamond smuggling, and you didn't trust anyone in your circle, who would you turn to for help in proving your innocence? Would you be willing to trust the one person who you hurt years ago, knowing that they might refuse? What if all these years you never were able to forget that person, and the passion still burns bright ... can there still be a glimmer of hope left? These are the questions that Jonathan Alexander faced when being accused of embezzling from his family's company and engaging in diamond smuggling activity. He knew he could only turn to one person, Grace Dupont, the best forensic accountant in Miami, and the woman whose heart he broke thirteen years ago. If you are Grace Dupont, and you have your own secrets that you're hiding, would you be willing to trust the

one person who you gave your heart to so long ago, the one who made you not trust another man since then? This is the dilemma that Grace faced when Jonathan desperately asked her to help him prove his innocence, but is he really innocent, or is it a trap being laid for her? Where will their journey take them in Kiss Me Slowly?

Kiss Me Slowly is an action packed romance suspense thriller that will have you sitting on the edge of your seat with every chilling twist and turn. The storyline is well written and full of intrigue that pulls the reader into the action that follows Jon and Grace. The interweaving plot of embezzlement, diamond smuggling, betrayal, murder, mayhem, and sizzling romantic chemistry keeps the reader guessing what will happen next as Jon and Grace race against the clock to prove his innocence while encountering unknown dangers that wait around every corner. The characters are realistic, their complex lives and engaging interactions with each other give the story more depth and make it that much more powerful and compelling. I absolutely loved the sizzling chemistry between Jon and Grace, even though they tried to deny it, their passion for each other still simmered below the surface. The description of the setting in the story is fabulous, who wouldn't love to visit the beautiful South Beach area of Miami, the Florida Keys or floating on the ocean in a beautiful yacht? This story has so much suspense and action going on that I couldn't help but hold my breath with anticipation as I turned the pages.

Kiss Me Slowly is a riveting, slow burning, sizzling romantic suspense thriller that will captivate you from beginning to end. This is one story that romance suspense thriller fans should put on their reading list, you won't be disappointed!

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## **Melissa says**

Fast paced suspense, action adventure, rollicking romance, humor, twists and turns--this book is a combo of all of them. I really enjoyed this read. If you like romantic suspense with a unique plot that will keep you guessing until the final pages, then this book will deliver all of that. I'm hoping there's a sequel, actually, because I really didn't want to part with these characters...and it seemed like they were capable of getting into more trouble. (Or is this just wishful thinking on my part?)

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