

SEA OF LIES

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A sexy, romantic thriller.

LOGLINE

Love is blind and passion can be perilous, especially when personal intrigue and international terrorism stir up a Sea of Lies.

PITCH

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When women who look like her start dying violent deaths, Jordan is steered by her longtime friend and advisor Jules to suspect Grant; she fearfully but regretfully breaks off with Grant and returns home to England with the jealous Jules.

Betrayed by Jules and his terrorist plot, secretly followed by Grant (revealed to be a US Agent), and snared in the midst of subterfuge, mayhem, and murder Jordan must use her sharpest wits and her deepest emotions to find a saving truth through the twists and turns in this rough Sea of Lies.

SYNOPSIS

Oil company attorney and English heiress Jordan is totally bewitched by her new husband - handsome, sexy and secretive Grant. Her longtime friend and colleague Jules disdains the American and her Uncle Charles, an oil company exec, also disapproves. When women who look like her start dying violent deaths, Jordan is steered by Jules to suspect Grant. Devastated by Grant's betrayal and terrified for her own life, Jordan heads home to England.

Grant is revealed to be a Homeland Security agent. Jules's jealous animosity towards Jordan is also revealed, though not to her. She has obviously sided with the wrong team but mistakenly thinks she is safe and protected. Jules is secretly an Afghani suspected of Al-Qaeda involvement and Grant's agency wants to use Jordan as bait to uncover and foil the terrorist plots. Grant insists on going to England as part of the undercover team.

Torn between her intense love for Grant and his seeming betrayal, Jordan uncovers his true identity as a spy. Now daring to trust Grant again Jordan agrees to help expose Jules's entire plan, which they suspect involves blowing up refineries and pipelines. Jules takes Jordan hostage to force Uncle Charles to give up precious art, bonds, and control of the oil company. When Jordan bravely confronts him Jules injects her with a deadly poison and promises the antidote only if Charles gives him what he wants.

Quick-thinking Jordan works with Grant's disguised colleagues to foil Jules. Grant's team defuses the terrorist bombs, Jordan gets the antidote, and they barely escape a fiery helicopter explosion that ends both Jules and his plot. With Uncle Charles's blessings, Jordan and Grant pledge a happy new beginning to their married life together.

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LONG SYNOPSIS

Oil company attorney and English heiress Jordan is totally bewitched by her new husband - handsome, sexy and secretive Grant. Her longtime English friend and colleague Jules disdains the American, and her Uncle Charles the oil company magnate also disapproves. Jordan, Grant, and Jules are at the center of an investigation of missing oil tankers costing Charles's company millions of dollars. Jordan suspects a man named Durk but Jules thinks he's okay. As a marine consultant, Grant also has his suspicions about the missing tankers and Durk's involvement.

Jordan and Grant witness the violent freeway shooting of a woman who looks like Jordan in a car that looks just like the one they drive. Jordan's shaken and Grant suggests they take a long weekend down in Galveston, where they first met in a very romantic encounter. He goes first and she's to follow. Jules and Uncle Charles are both very concerned for Jordan and want her to leave Grant and come home to England. But besotted with love for Grant, Jordan waves off their concerns and just wants to be reunited with her new husband.

At work the next day Jordan suspects she's being followed by a man who looks a lot like a man she saw at the freeway shooting. But maybe she's just jumpy because of what she witnessed. When Jordan flies out earlier than expected her rental car in Galveston isn't ready, so she hires a limo and gives her car reservation to a young woman who resembles her. The woman's rental car is followed and she's run off the road and killed. Someone puts her body in the trunk of another car and drives away.

Arriving at their love-nest beach condo, Jordan finds Grant gone. He later rises out of the ocean in diving gear, surprised but apparently pleased to see her there earlier than expected. They discuss the oil tanker loss and Durk's possibly complicity. Jordan reveals her suspicions and Grant expresses concern about Uncle Charles's and Jules's icy attitude towards him.

Jules arrives and again warns Jordan of his concerns about Grant. They argue about Grant then make a tentative truce and agree to meet for dinner.

Jordan and Grant go scuba diving. In her first dive Jordan comes upon the body of the young woman she gave her car reservation to. The pieces fall together. Devastated by Grant's betrayal and terrified for her own life, Jordan holds Grant at bay and along with Jules heads home to England. When Grant tries to stop her she sets the cops onto her former beloved.

Unknown to Jordan, Grant is revealed to be Homeland Security agent Chad Lewis. On the flight to England, Jules reveals this to Jordan, intent on further severing her emotional ties to her husband. Jules's animosity towards her is also revealed, though not to Jordan herself. She has obviously sided with the wrong team, but mistakenly thinks she is safe and protected.

At HS headquarters, Grant/Chad learns that Durk is suspected of being an Al-Qaeda agent. Chad's agency wants to use Jordan as bait to reveal Jules's involvement with Durk and find out how much they are planning so

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they can prevent it. Chad argues against putting Jordan in danger but is told it's the only way they can trap the bad guys. He is however given leave to go to England and be part of the team there.

Chad visits his sister Catherine, who had thought him dead. Their loving reunion is secretly photographed.

In England, Jules shows Jordan the photo of her husband embracing a woman [Chad and his sister]. Crushed, Jordan goes into seclusion and remains in her bedroom for days, torn between her love for Grant/Chad and the obvious evidence of his betrayal and venality.

Finally surfacing and determined to find out what's really going on, Jordan's attorney-abilities kick in and she researches Grant/Chad. To her amazement she discovers his secret and true identity as a spy. That also turns around her opinion of her long-time school chum, colleague, and admirer Jules – he was obviously setting her up to suspect Chad. What's going on?!

Meanwhile at Uncle Charles's estate, the gardener and nun from the nearby church are spending time closer to the big house. The gardener is Chad in disguise. He overhears Jordan confessing her love for him to her Uncle Charles. Always practical and protective, Uncle Charles advises her to get over him, for her own good.

Chad's partner Agent Sharon Walker, disguised as Sister Mary Francis, argues with Chad about how to both protect Jordan and use her as bait to find out how much mayhem Jules and Durk are planning. They "bug" both Jordan and the big estate house.

Chad reveals himself to Jordan and convinces her to help him expose Jules and Durk but to wait until they can discover the entire plan. Daring to trust him again against all advice and common sense, Jordan agrees.

In London Jordan meets her friend Sally Higgins of Scotland Yard. Sally's dad is a business associate and friend of Jordan's Uncle Charles so their family connections go far and deep. Jordan reveals the dilemma and asks for the favour of a private place to meet with her husband Chad. Sally offers her own home.

Sally's phone conversation with Jules reveals their love affair and that she's being used by him, strung along until he can prove his worth as a secret Afghani to have her, an English woman. The HS agents overhear the conversation but are unaware that Jules is about to murder Sally.

Jordan and Chad awaken from their romantic reunion at Sally's country home to the news of Sally's murder. Chad reluctantly lets Jordan return to Sally's funeral and Uncle Charles's home to close the trap around Jules and Durk, in hopes of averting the strike to the vital oil pipelines.

Jules's plan involves getting both Jordan and Charles up to Aberdeen Scotland near the North Sea, where he'll force his appointment to the company's Board and rob Charles, using Jordan as a hostage. When Jordan bravely confronts him Jules injects her with a deadly poison and promises the antidote only if Charles gives him what he wants.

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Quick-thinking, Jordan pleads for Sister Mary Francis to hear her confession and the secret agent gets a blood sample to work on the poison antidote. Unknowing, Jules herds them all up to Aberdeen where he forces a despairing Charles to sign over a fortune in art and bonds. Then he shoots him.

Chad's team has defused bombs at the oil company and along the pipeline. Jordan has gotten the antidote. In the final confrontation Jules uses Jordan as a shield and pulls her aboard a chopper with Durk. Chad follows and grabs her back from Jules as another helicopter pursues Jules's. Jordan and Chad dangle from Jules's chopper, then fall into the icy North Sea as the chopper explodes under fire.

Having been protected by agent Sharon's bulletproof vest, Uncle Charles relishes the warm reunion with Jordan and a heartfelt thanks to Chad for saving her life. Jordan and Chad pledge a new beginning to their happy married life together.

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