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Jennifer Fulton

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Award winning author Jennifer Fulton has written a deliciously sexy thriller! Rhianna Lamb has gone to Palm Springs, Calif., hoping to have casual, no strings, sex. Staying at the same lesbian resort as Rhianna is Julia Valiant, (Jules), who is also looking for casual, no strings, sex. The two women have an unforgettable night of very hot sex, and then separate.

Rhianna is hiding from a stalker. She's living in remote Oatman, Arizona, working as a nanny. She's living under an assumed name, hoping to hide until the man who stalked and raped her comes to trial. Jules is a hot-shot defense attorney who is brought in to win high profile cases. Werner Brigham, scion of a wealthy, powerful Denver family, has hired Jules' firm to free him of the charges of kidnap and rape.

Fulton has beautifully drawn her principal characters. Rhianna could be any one of Fulton's readers; naively thinking she can convince a monster to leave her alone. Jules is driven to win in a highly competitive field. She has the brains and the skills she needs. What she may not have is the ability to protect Rhianna from Werner.

Fulton has experienced the horror of having a stalker invade her life. While *Dark Valentine* is not a fictionalized account of her experience, it does include the emotional experience of being stalked.

Dark Valentine is funny, scary, and very realistic. The story is tightly written and keeps the reader gripped to the exciting end. As with all of Fulton's books, this one is a must read!

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I have read all of Jennifer Fulton's published books under her various pen names, and her storytelling has gotten so much richer in the last few years. Her most recent release, *Dark Valentine*, is no exception. Fulton has written a solid, believable, and erotic romance.

Fulton's stories usually carry subtle social messages that are largely ignored by the mainstream. She combines these nicely, respecting the reader will "get" it without being bashed over the head. **Dark Valentine** focuses on the issue of stalking. The main character, Rhianna Lamb, has to bury her identity and live under the radar to escape her stalker. The book illustrates succinctly how stalking can rob a woman of everything and forces the victim to live in fear of being discovered. Fulton also delves into how the court system doesn't understand the dynamics of this debilitating threat.

While tackling the social message, Fulton does not cut corners on the romance. Writing about love is what this author does best. Rhianna has an accidental first meeting at a Palm Springs resort with a woman, Julia Valiant, whom she instantly falls for, but figuring out how to act upon those feelings while hiding poses a seemingly insurmountable problem. That's the least of Rhianna's concerns as the reader soon finds out.

This absorbing novel was read quickly, but the messages that Fulton imparted left its mark long after the book was put down. I highly recommend this book, and also the first in the Dark Vista series, **Dark Dreamer** (Bold Strokes Books April 2007).

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