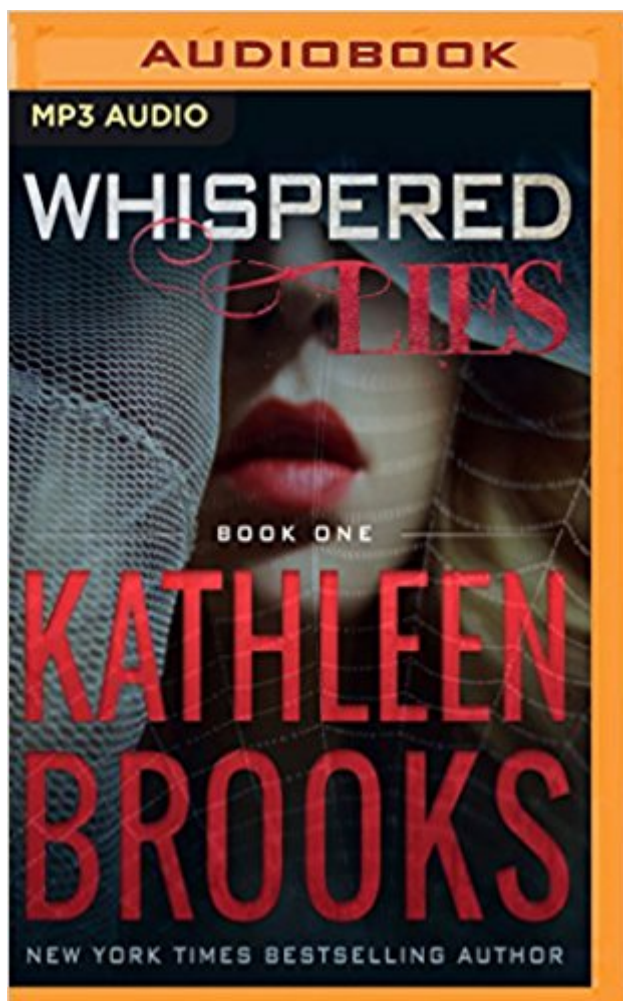


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# Whispered Lies



## Synopsis

Government secrets are being sold, and the newly sworn in president of the United States already feels out of options. Without knowing the full scope of the scandal, the president decides to turn to the one person he knows he can trust - former FBI agent Elizabeth James. Her deep distrust of the system is rooted in her unfair discharge from service. Now she sees a chance to restore her reputation and send a message to those who would use their power to destroy others' lives. Elizabeth is ordered to do whatever it takes to end this criminal organization, but she's also told that this is completely off the books. Nothing can point back to the president until the entire network is dismantled. Elizabeth can rely only on her team, comprised of a computer whiz and a former air force pararescueman, to get to the bottom of the leaks. Every decision could cost them their freedom...or their lives. What Elizabeth didn't count on was her heart becoming as entangled as the lies she tells to uncover the truth. With her heart now in the game, Elizabeth works on guarding those she loves as she dives headfirst into danger. Can Elizabeth follow the leads and take out the leaders of the secret group before the whole world is thrown into chaos?

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## Customer Reviews

Kathleen Brooks is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author. Kathleen writes mysteries and romantic suspense featuring strong female heroines, humor, and happily-ever-afters. Her Bluegrass, Bluegrass Brothers, and Forever Bluegrass Series feature small town charm with quirky characters that have captured the hearts of readers around the world. Her Women of Power show there's no glass ceiling that can stop a determined woman, and her Web of

Lies brings you into a team of strong women determined to bring down an organization set on pulling the world's strings from behind the scenes. Kathleen is an animal lover who supports rescue organizations and other non-profit organizations such as Friends and Vets Helping Pets whose goals are to protect and save our four-legged family members. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Fans of Kathleen Brooks's *Bluegrass* (all three) and *Women of Power* series are in for a treat with this book that starts a new series. It's not the typical Brooks that fans have come to love. It's darker, more complex, and the story is not tied up in a nice neat bow at the end (it's not a cliffhanger, per se, but there are a lot of loose threads left hanging).

Brooks's previous books have been filled with suspense, romance, and humor, with a heavy emphasis on the latter two. She's created communities where the family is pivotal, the romance is a given, the humor is infectious, and the suspense is merely the seasoning. And if that's all you want, then maybe this isn't the book for you. But if you like your characters layered, your danger existential, and story complex, *Whispered Lies* will fill the bill. Yes, there's romance, but it's not the reason for the story, nor is there the typical happily ever after for the heroine and hero, but there is a "happy for now." At 253 pages, there isn't quite the depth to the plot or characters that I would like and I hope that as she continues to build this series the books become longer. Ms. Brooks's writing style is snappy so the story never dragged. My biggest quibble with the book is the intimation that DC and Quantico are but a few minutes apart by car. It's a minimum of 45 minutes without traffic "and there is always traffic. Apart from that, she gets the feel for the town of Quantico (as opposed to the Marine Corps base that surrounds it) nicely. This is a good start to the series and I'm looking forward to seeing where she takes us next.

I have read every book Ms. Brooks has written, and never been disappointed, and this book is no different. A little darker than some of her books, but so engrossing. A secret group answerable only to the president is formed to take on internal terrorists that want to take over America and the rest of the world. Her characters and plot are top notch, and I look forward to reading more of this series, and getting to know and understand the characters better. I would give it ten stars if I could.

This book has been sitting on my kindle for awhile and I just hadn't got around to reading it, mostly because I knew that it was part of a series and would probably end in a cliffhanger. I was right. I

can't wait for the next book to come out. Kathleen Brooks is a phenomenal writer. She takes characters and makes them real. Some parts were a little fast for me and I had to reread to catch up (probably my fault for not paying as much attention as I should) but overall it was a great first book.

This is a much darker book than her Bluegrass series. But was an exciting read. It could have been ripped from today's headlines. Story of a puppet master directing the news, the pop culture, and big money. An unpopular President, and a small band of people that try to take the "calbel" down. I've read both in this series and can't wait for the next one.

Oh my word what can I say but I love this new book as the beginning of a new series. There is suspense, action, romance and everything in between that makes for a good book. This book kept me on my toes at every turn and it was a delight to read. Lizze and Dalton, Crew, Valeria and Dude (Alex) are an awesome set of characters. This book left me wanting more, can't wait for the next one in the series.

I just finished this book and all I can think of is WOW! This was a roller coaster ride of a book full of so many twists and turns I had whiplash! I love the mix of characters that have come together in this book to find the truth and fight for justice/vengeance. Under normal circumstances these characters would not gel together but they truly make a great team and all bring valuable assets to the table. I just love the cool and dangerous Lizzy and her snark. Dalton is the perfect compliment to her. I love all of the secondary characters as well and can't wait to see what the next book brings. I especially love Buzz and Snip and I hope we continue to see them as they provide the comic relief that this groups so desperately needs. Although this is a bit of a new direction for the author, she did an excellent job. Everything about this book is 5 stars! I will definitely be reading this again.

This is book 1 in a new series. If this book is any indication of how the series is going to go then Kathleen Brooks has another great series coming! This book is full of suspense, intrigue and betrayal and it would not be a Kathleen Brooks book if you didn't throw in the discovery of romance and love. I already cannot wait for book 2. You will not be disappointed in this book.

I can't believe Ms. Brooks writing skills just keep getting better and better. She has great character development. Each of the characters have personality with cool skill sets and yet are endearing. You can't wait to see where they go next and how the series develops. I also can't wait to meet

additional characters. What intrigue and suspense and I simply had a hard time putting it down which is always a thrill when you get a book like that. Ms. Brooks writes with a skill that makes the characters believable and the story real. I could see this story as a TV series or even a movie. My heart felt for Jason; Dalton is so sexy. I thought McCay was a cool Scots. Alex "dude" was so cool. Valeria...watch out guys and I know Crew and Dave are just meant to connect sooner or later! I'm already trying to put the President and Tate together.

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