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An Eye for an Eye

As owner of Dirty Deeds, a tech-savvy company specializing in the age-old art of revenge, Eden Smith knows first-hand that secrecy is critical. But when a dead body washes up on the shores of Lake Michigan clutching her business card, Eden's well-constructed world begins to fall apart. Apparently, she's not the only one with a passion for payback, and staying alive to outsmart a killer has become her most important job of all.

A Game for a Game

Hardened homicide detective Kelly Riordan is convinced Eden Smith is hiding more than she's willing to admit. Years on the force have taught him that nothing is what it seems, and that couldn't be truer than when it comes to investigating the alluring owner of a revenge-for-hire business. But revealing her past could put everything Eden has worked for in jeopardy. And trusting a man like Riordan goes against the very instincts that have kept her alive this long.

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From Reader Review Dirty Deeds for online ebook

Mackenzie Crowne says

Smart, gritty, and sexy as all hell, Dirty Deeds ain't your mamma's romantic suspense. With revenge as a backdrop, Nuest delivers a keen, fast paced suspense, sizzling with heat and an intriguing cast of characters, each with an agenda of their own.

Cheryl says

This is a new genre for this author and she knocked it out of the park with this story. It is awesome!!! AJ has such a powerful use of words you are drawn completely into a scene. The plot is tight and the characters well developed including the secondary characters. I absolutely adored Moche.

This book contains some of the best sex scenes I have ever read.

Book Lover says

Kelly Riordan is a by the book homicide detective. He is immediately attracted to Eden, and knows all is not what it seems. He doesn't hesitate to call her out on her attempts to hide her true self from him. He totally got her.

Here are two of my favorite Kelly lines:

"What you need to remember is those moments when I want to shake some sense into your goofy, reckless, stubborn head? They are a million times better than any of the ones I spend without you."

"Take anything you want, baby.....Everything that matters is already yours anyway."

Sigh...

Eden Smith is a sassy, self sufficient, independent, intelligent woman. She is a master of disguise. In her line of business, it's a requirement. When she meets Kelly, she's not about to just hand over whatever he requests from her.

These two together are awesome. The suspense and the romance are evenly split and flow flawlessly. I did not want to put it down! I was on the edge of my seat several times.

Mocha is very entertaining, and I loved the Starsky and Hutch reference! I'm hoping to see Tanner and Archer's story!

I loved this book. It has well developed characters, a great plot, and draws you in right away. I will be looking for the next in the series.

Shakera says

Eden Smith runs quite a lucrative business called Dirty Deeds. What's her specialty, you might ask. Revenge. And boy is she great at it until a dead body floats onto the beach, that is. Eden's business relies on secrecy. So when a dead body floats onto the beach clutching her business card, she is in serious trouble. Detective Kelly Riordan lands the case, and it has been fireworks ever since. Eden has evaded Detective Riordan at every turn until they meet face to face. When it becomes apparent that her life is in danger, Kelly will do everything he can to ensure she's there to get her revenge.

There were non-stop action and attraction! It was awesome to read both Eden's and Kelly's thought process. Even better, watching the two of them figure out how each other's mind worked. She grew up on the streets while he did everything to earn his father's love. To be able to read each other was truly fascinating. While there was a lot of romance, there was also a good deal of respect between the characters. These characters were well written and fleshed out. AJ weaves a dramatic tale of the cost of revenge, trust, and love. I can't wait to see what happens next and rumor has it, *whispers* this is a series!

Gina Roberts says

A.J. Nuest has provided another contemporary romance with a pace that will keep you interested without rushing events in the book. The characters are three-dimensional, struggling to keep the past from ruining their present while using it to make decisions that will let them build a better future.

Eden Smith provides revenge for those who have been wronged...within reason. She and her people refuse to step beyond a certain limit, no matter what payment is offered. While they are determined their clients receive well-deserved justice, they do not step over the line into illegal or too-immoral territory.

Kelly Riordan is a bulldog of a police detective determined to solve a murder, that determination being refocused once he meets the mysterious Eden Smith from Dirty Deeds--the name on the card found in his victim's hand.

The background characters, while not as rounded out as Eden and Kelly, are far from flat or uninteresting. The other members of Dirty Deeds, the other officers from Kelly's precinct, all are people one would expect to find around these characters and will pique enough interest to make readers want to know more about them in future. For me, that holds especially true for Eden's friend Mocha, someone who fits the category 'character' in every possible meaning.

This book will pull you in from the first page and leave you hungering for more once you've finished the last.

Alison Bliss says

If you love a smart, resourceful heroine, a protective homicide detective hero, and a sizzling storyline chock-full of simmering suspense and a great murder mystery, then Dirty Deeds is the book for you! Not only is it a great read, but the story grabs you from the first page and won't let go of you until the very end. Highly recommend!

Auria Jourdain says

Dirty Deeds -- A smart & sexy, action-packed read

*I was given an ARC of this book for an honest review--I don't give out spoilers!

Please allow me to take a moment to fan myself. . Once again, AJ Nuest has completely blown my mind and left me wanting more with Dirty Deeds, her new romantic suspense. It's no secret I'm a huge AJ Nuest fan, and there's a reason. Dirty Deeds is an exciting action/thriller/romance with spice more potent than the chocolate covered cherries her heroine, Eden Smith, uses to get revenge on and unsuspecting man. As the owner of a revenge-for-hire agency, Eden's smart, tech-savvy, and in control of her life at all times...until she meets sexy Chicago cop Kelly Riordan. Investigating a murder of one of Eden's past customers, Kelly knocks her off-kilter. Eden isn't sure what to do with this alpha-male, tough guy when he wants to protect her -- she's always looked out for herself. Kelly is just enough alpha to make even us independent girls swoon. He's a homicide detective--smart, analytical, brooding--oh yeah, sexy--enough said.

AJ's action-packed style of writing and her gift for character development keeps me on the edge of my seat, and Dirty Deeds was no exception. I read the book in an afternoon. I was enthralled with the plot line, and I just couldn't put it down (not to mention I was bound and determined to find out what that darn password was!)

My new fav, Dirty Deeds is reminiscent of She's Got Dibs, my other favorite AJ Nuest book. She takes a reader and plops them deep into her hero and heroine's twisted and broken psyches, and you can't help but root for them in the end. I love that with all of her alpha males, there's an equally alpha female. And some of the greatest lines of her book come from her secondary characters, Mocha and Tanner. I laughed myself silly at Mocha's over-the-top drag queen persona. You don't know the password? Mocha always has a great comeback.

Bottom line: The concept of Dirty Deeds is pure genius...anonymous revenge for hire using old school tactics like using secret passwords and undercover beauties with personas that leak into their real lives...it's Nelson DeMille meets Meg Gardiner mixed with Jill Shalvis -- all favs of mine. I'm excited that AJ's turning this into a series. I can't wait to read the next one!

Tami says

This review is based on the ARC received from the author and/ or the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest opinion.

The intrigue started early in this romance. The ending was a bit explosive as well.

Cathy Geha says

Dirty Deeds by A.J. Nuest
Likely Story #1

First book read written by this author – it won't be my last.

That said, when I began reading I kept trying to figure who Nuestr writes like and thought, “Evanovich?” then thought, “No, not really.” And the more I read the more I realized that Nuestr is a fascinating unique writer with new stories to tell.” The story had a bit of the feel of Oliver Twist at one point in that Malcolm, the man who helped train Eden (and others), was a bit like Fagin. Malcolm took in youth to teach them skills that they could use in life – although perhaps skills they could not use on the right side of the law. When Ruby is found with a business card in her hand leading to Dirty Deeds, Eden’s revenge for hire business, homicide detective Kelly Riordan picks up the case. From that point on the chase is on, another murder occurs, Eden is at risk, Kelly and Eden become a couple, and wonderful supporting characters are introduced to star in future books of the series. I am looking forward to reading book two of this series when it is ready.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would like to thank NetGalley and Kensington Books for the ARC. This is my honest review.

4.5 Stars

Dianne says

Ahh, revenge, a dish best served by Eden Smith, owner of Dirty Deeds, a woman who knows how satisfying it can be for the gourmet pallet whose craving for secrecy is nearly as delicious as the revenge, itself. Have a grudge to assuage? Have a never-ending bank account? Eden is your ticket and she is good at what she does, maybe too good, but what drives this beautiful and brilliant woman to provide such a service? Perhaps she has her own **DIRTY DEEDS** buried deep in her past. Perhaps she is a one-woman crusader for justice, no matter, it comes at a price...

What happens when the tables are turned and one dead body marks Eden for more trouble than she could have imagined. Think that isn’t bad enough? Kelly Riordan, dogged and determined detective is determined to uncover Eden’s past that will either point to her as a murderer or a beautiful corpse. Eden is definitely more than she seems, much more than Kelly could have imagined and the male in him is standing at attention. Will his tactics prove to be more irritating to Eden than poison ivy or will she find that Kelly’s method of getting under her skin will go straight to her heart?

Who wrote this intriguing and passion-filled romantic suspense, you ask? Why, A.J. Nuestr, princess of passion, queen of fantasy, headmistress of humor and heat. Using her mastery of the written word, you will recognize Ms. Nuestr’s signature style, strong characters and keen sense of romantic heat! From start to finish, I was hooked on these characters, invested in their lives and their stories as once again, A.J. Nuestr takes me on a dizzying ride where no one is perfect on their own, but together they are explosive! No magic was used in the creation of this tale, unless you count the magic of A.J. Nuestr’s words! Contemporary romantic suspense that will have you gripping the edge of your seat, both from the action and the knee-weakening heat! **DIRTY DEEDS** read it for the great suspense, melt for the sizzling chemistry...pass the ice water, please...

I received an ARC edition from A.J. Nuestr and she expects me to wait to review until closer to publication time.....GAH! silly girl...Okay, its closer...working on review!

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Courtney says

I found AJ Nuest's "Dirty Deeds / A Likely Story" on NetGalley and received an Advanced Reader Copy in exchange for an honest review. And, honestly, I loved it!

Contemporary romance and romantic suspense are not usually my favorite genres, so this book may actually be the best one I've ever read. The writing is top notch – primary and secondary characters are fully developed and well rounded. The action sequences are fluid and read very easily. The romance is hawt with just the right amount of tension and build.

As for the hero and heroine, I loved them. I love that Eden is beautiful, but also brilliant, flawed, and human. She has overcome so much and is not going to give up easily. I love how Kelly is honest, open, and loyal. I love that their relationship builds naturally from lust to love and that they are able to talk about it – there are never any instances of wishing they would just have an open and forthright conversation, because they're already doing that!

I only had two issues with the plot – first, that it took Eden so long to realize that the bad guy had to be someone that knew where and how she would be exiting that building into the alley - this was never fully explained, since it is assumed Malcolm told him about the building, but not that she would be there on that exact day. And, second, that the idea of using Eden as bait had not occurred to Kelly. Though, this may have occurred to him, but he would never have risked her safety to see it through. If he's such a good cop, though, it shouldn't have really blindsided him.

In general, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more in the series. I would happily recommend it to anyone looking for a contemporary romance with a healthy dose of suspense.

Terri Rochenski says

****I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review****

I adore stories about women who've risen above their pasts to become successful...and deadly. Dirty Deeds falls right into that niche, but with a hot and intense - yet empathetic - added bonus in the form of Detective Riordan.

A murder mystery and explosive heat kept me turning these pages while devouring every word late into the night. No loose ends, perfect character arcs, and a supporting cast I can't wait to read about next.

Another hit out of the park for Ms. Nuest. A must read!

Rachel Humphries says

Eden Smith is a tough, feisty female & as the owner of Dirty Deeds, revenge is her game.

Kelly Riordan is a homicide detective with a tough outer shell thanks to being screwed over by the woman he thought he loved.

When their world's collide in horrific circumstances there is some serious hostility between them, but even that can't stop the sizzling chemistry. Can they work together to solve the crime or will their mutual attraction be their downfall?

This book was absolutely amazing & just grabbed me right from the beginning. I loved the chemistry between the characters & found myself needing a cold shower on more than one occasion!! The suspense element was fantastic & kept me gripped. My first book by this author but I'll make damn sure it's not my last

Karie says

Dirty Deeds is the first suspenseful romance for author AJ Nuest.. I have to say to me it felt as though she had been writing it all along. I totally loved our heroine Eden! She is one tough cookie! Certainly interested in fighting for the little guy. You will find out why she is this way once you read the story. I don't give spoilers... Sorry! Next is our all business homicide detective Kelly Riordan! Sigh! I loved him as soon as we met him! He really does his job with his whole heart and soul. He knows Eden has much more beneath the surface than she lets on! Her constant plays to out smart him make me laugh! I love she doesn't just roll over and give up information. The secondary characters had me totally engrossed as well. I hope the majority of them find a way to get their own stories! The story flows at a quick pace, but not to where you feel you are missing out on anything! I can't wait for the next book in the series to be available for release. I received this book from the publisher Penguin Random House and Netgalley only for my honest review 4.5/5 Cross posting to My Reading Reality

Peggy Jaeger says

AJ Nuest's DIRTY DEEDS is delicious!

Eden Smith knows a little sumthin' sumthin' about revenge. In fact, it's her stock in trade. Owner of the uber exclusive DIRTY DEEDS, a business specializing in making sure people get what's coming to them when the law doesn't, Eden and her team are a close knit group of charming and smart legal con artists who ensure the little guy always wins. Got a cheating husband who stiffed you in a messy divorce? Eden will make him pay in ways you can't imagine. Been taken to the cleaners in a shady business deal? DIRTY DEEDS will see you get your just recompense. And then some. Eden doesn't have much faith in the law...and she has good reason not to.

But when people from Eden's past turn up murdered, and it looks like she's the next target, she had to deal with having her own world shaken and exposed in a way she wishes she could prevent.

Homicide detective Kelly Riordan has two homicides on his docket and both are connected to the elusive Eden Smith. He has reason to believe Eden is keeping secrets from him and when he discovers what they are, and that she's the ultimate target of the sick killer moving among them, he loses his heart and his professional perspective. And as savvy as Eden is giving her heart to a lawman is not what her life plan includes.

Or is it?

I have to tell you, I loved this book! 4.5 stars from me. The characters are rich and well developed, the plot interesting and forward moving, and the relationship between the two protagonists scorching. This is so well worth the read.
