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Twenty-nine-year-old Stevie Sinclair has just lost everything: her boyfriend, her apartment, even her ugly bird named Free. (Yeah, she knows it's stupid name, so don't start.) But most importantly, Stevie's lost herself.

As she shuffles through her days in worn-out Hello Kitty PJs—eating ice cream, sipping wine, and contemplating her next move—a magazine article catches her attention. Blaring black letters read: "How to Get Your Sexy Back in Six Easy Steps."

Stevie studies the article in the trashy magazine like the good student she is and immediately knows what she has to do. With the magazine article in hand, and a bottle of red in her bag, Stevie embarks on a journey to reclaim her life and win back her ex.

Until she meets Gabe Shannon. Gorgeous, single, and on a quest of his own, Gabe introduces Stevie to a lifestyle that is sure to help get her sexy back and then some. If she doesn't chicken out ... (Oh, you know where this is going.)

What follows is a story of self-discovery, romantic gestures, erotic encounters, and following one's heart—even if it leads in unexpected directions.

Portions originally published online as The Club e-series, Dirty Little Lies now has 70% more content, chapters from Gabe's point of view, and a sizzling conclusion to this steamy tale.

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From Reader Review Dirty Little Lies for online ebook

Alaina says

Cute kind of audio book.

Dirty Little Lies, also known as *The List*, was an okay kind of book. Cute, predictable, and ehh. In it, you will meet Stevie Sinclair. She's sort of trying to re-evaluate her life.. and it's kind of going okay. Then there's Gabe, who is there to help her through this.. sexually.

Of course this all about making herself look desirable and shit for her ex.. but we all know that they start to feel something for each others. Besides that, this book has some twists in it - that could either be exciting, frustrating, or kind of dumb. Depends on how you feel about them. Me? They were okay.. I honestly didn't really care that much.

Throughout the book, they both had great chemistry and once they got over that big ass relationship hump - everything sort of worked out for them. The ending was cute.. but I doubt I will drop everything that I'm doing to read the second book in this series.

The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog says

Review: Jo Rushton *ARC received for Honest Review*

Wow, this book was a total surprise, I really wasn't expecting it to be so hot. "Dirty Little Lies" was a smoulderingly sexy read and I bloody loved it. Not only was it full of yummy sexiness but there was a great story to go with it too.... RESULT!!!

"Dirty Little Lies" began with Stevie Sinclair, a woman who was left completely heart broken by her separation from her boyfriend. With insecurities setting in, what Stevie needed was some sound advice on how to get her mojo back. And what better way to get that advice than from a magazine article.. right??? Intent on not wallowing in self pity, she set out on a mission to get her sexy back.

This is when the "Gorgeous Gabe" decided to walk into her life. With an instant connection, Stevie decided to confide in Gabe and told him about her plans and Gabe... well how could he resist helping her on her all important quest!!!

**"Mmm. Stevie Sinclair. Yes I think I will help you with your list, Ms Sinclair.
In fact, I don't think there's anything I'd enjoy more."**

What followed was Stevie's journey in discovering a whole new sexy life!!

I loved Stevie, she was sweet and funny and when Gabe came along, she really shone. He brought out a brave, curious and very sexy side that Stevie she never knew existed and she truly flourished with Gabe not only by her side but also in her bed!!!

"We're starting our sexual adventure,"

"With what?"

**"With words, Stevie. I'm going to show you how
I can make a woman come without even touching her."**

And Gabe ... this man was not only gorgeous but kind, caring, confident, domineering and OMG he was so hot. I loved how he helped Stevie truly find herself.. he truly bought out the best in her and she was lucky to have him in her life.

**"You're so sweet, I could stay here all day. Your pussy makes me so hard, Stevie.
I don't want to stop."**

Stevie and Gabe together were electric. They were on fire, making me blush with all of their steamy adventures. Stevie was one hell of a lucky girl!

"Gabe is like an addiction; this amazing creature. How have I lived so long without this?"

This story had me hooked, resulting in me devouring it in one night. I found it was a refreshing change not to have the usual will they, won't they saga that is so very common in a lot of books at the moment. I loved that Stevie and Gabe didn't hold back with their feelings for each other. And just when I became comfortable, certain that I knew what was on the cards for Stevie and Gabe, along came a twist that I didn't expect. What would happen now between Stevie and Gabe? Stevie was left with a dilemma of epic proportions.

"Dirty Little Lies" is brilliantly written, has fabulous characters and contains lots of smoking hot scenes. I did not want this book to end and I definitely was not ready to say goodbye to the "Gorgeous Gabe".

This is the first book I have read by Clare James but it will not be my last. Dirty Little Lies gets a gorgeous 5 hearts from me!

(Nat) Reading Romances says

Dirty little lies had a strong beginning, very promising, but wasn't very invested in the characters, so I started to lose interest easily by the middle of the book. The club was a sudden turn of events, the heroine caught me off guard with her easy acceptance. I wanted to get to know the hero better but the story moved too fast. Sex scenes were very well written, but that doesn't save this book for me, it just wasn't my cup of tea.

I received this book through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Pam says

2.5 stars

This is a me vs. book kind of review, while I read it and finished it, it honestly didn't do anything for me. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't great either for me either. It is an bringing-sexy-back-inst-lust kind of read where I found some of the events a little odd and couldn't process their choices. Oh well, on to the next.

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Jenn says

Looking for a quick read? Need a little spice, humor and steam? Then look no further. **Gabe will melt your body in all the right places.**

Stevie's life just went down the drain. No more: boyfriend, bird, apartment... gone!

Stevie dated Max for a year. Unfortunately, trouble had been brewing for awhile in this semi paradise of theirs. It finally comes to a head and she falls to pieces. She decides to get back control of her life, since Max took it all away, and ventures on a plan to get her "sexy back." She meets Gabe at a hotel bar, puts her plan in to 5th gear and takes off with it. Of course, Gabe, is all too willing to help with this plan.

Welcome to The Club. Step inside and:

- * let your control go
- * what you think you know go
- * let your hair down and your inhibitions out
- * let your body *feel*
- * most importantly: relax and have a grand time

Question is, can Stevie do all of those things? Can she get her "sexy back"? Time will tell as she joins in these "games" with Gabe. And what about her heart in all of this? Will she be able to keep it together? Or will it be broken to pieces a second time? Pick up this book to find out what becomes of Max, Stevie and Gabe.

What I loved about this book:

1. Free Bird- That bird cracked me up.
2. Gabe- damn this guy is sexy as all get out. He was a little bit Alpha but in a way I like.(Not crazy or over-the-top)
3. The book made me laugh
4. Definite STEAM factor
5. I loved Gabe's sweet side
6. Fast paced
7. Gabe's feelings for Stevie and all that he does for her.
8. The ending

I had the privilege to read the majority of this book, in an ARC form, when it was published as The Club parts 1-3. I have reviews up for books 1-2. This book adds more to the story from the very start as well as adding in Gabe's points of view.

Content: Drinking. Language. Sexual Situations.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

I love picking up a book that is totally different than what I thought it was going to be. But I guess with a name like Dirty Little Lies you should expect a little bit of heat and romance. This book was so much more than that.

For a quick and easy read this book is super hot. I'm totally in love with Gabe! He is gorgeous and single plus he is so sweet and sexy - honestly I wanted more!!

This is the first book that I've read by this author, Clare James, but I'm definitely going after some of her other offerings. This book was well developed even for a short novel with loads of steamy hot scenes that really get your engine moving. I love both of the main characters and I'm excited to see there's a sequel. I just couldn't get enough! Did I tell you I love Gabe???

For a hot and spicy book that you can read in just a few hours you've got to check this one out. Plenty of steam and oh, so HOTTTTT Well done!

Joëlle says

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This is the story of Stevie. She loves her boyfriend Max and everything, except their libidos, seems great. After she finds a pack of condoms in his bag she moves out. She wants to Get Her Sexy Back and gets the help from sexy Gabe.

This is as far as I'll go telling the story since I don't want to spoil too much. This story has been written numerous times : Problems relationship or wanting to be able to seduce an unreachable hot guy. Getting lessons or help from another hot guy and falling for that hot guy in the end. I don't mind reading this storyline again but this version wasn't anything special.

There were also some small things that I didn't really like

1. She thinks Max has cheated on her and still entertains the idea to win him back. If he wants her back he should grovel and prove himself!!
2. With Gabe there was NO talk about birth control or STD's and they don't use a condom
3. At the kinky club they don't talk about a safe word. Gabe is the owner so it's not like he is new to it.
4. I'm not a big fan of insta-love. 2 weeks is too soon for me

Overall this was a nice, fast read and I give it 3 stars. The book ends in a HFN. The conclusion of this book is "Dirty Little Tricks"

Julie says

Dirty Little Lies. Ugh. I wanted to love this book so much. I was just itching to read this one because I just KNEW that it would be amazing. Unfortunately, it just wasn't for me. Again, it looks like I'm in the minority on this one because a lot of my Goodreads friends really enjoyed it but it turns out that it just wasn't for me.

The book was going okay for me in the beginning. I enjoyed getting to know Stevie. I really felt bad for this poor girl. Can you imagine being with someone for so long, enjoying each others company but something is missing in your relationship: any kind of sexual spark. That would be difficult. Hell, Stevie lasted longer than I would in the relationship! I would have chunked a deuce and been out of there.

After the first few chapters of the story, it started to go downhill for me. I don't want this to sound mean but the magazine article that Stevie was hinging all of her happiness on was bullshit. I thought that the six steps to "get her sexy back" was a little lame. When I read about the six steps in the blurb, I was hoping that it would be something juicy. Not that I can come up with anything juicy that would have been better but I just wanted more than what the author came up with. I didn't find it empowering or moving or anything!

And THEN there was the "new lifestyle" that she was introduced to. I'll be honest ... it didn't seem like the sex that happened was consensual. It seemed forced on her and I don't see how Stevie went from 6 lame-o steps to being this sexual, kinky vixen. It seemed totally out of character for her. It was difficult to swallow and to be honest, it just wasn't appealing to read. After I finished the novel, I realized that Stevie's character didn't seem consistent. She seemed like one person at the beginning of the novel, another one in the middle and then a completely different one at the end. I'm not saying that character growth can't happen, it can but the way that this one was fleshed out just didn't seem like it was realistic. Stevie seemed to swing from one extreme to the next. She's okay with not having sex and then she's okay being a nympho and then she's okay with not having it again and then she's okay just having it sometimes.

There were a few surprises throughout the novel that were a little entertaining but at the same time, there was this convenience to the way that the story went. I read this article once that said when you're writing a book, never go for the convenient situation with the convenient ending because it makes the book unbelievable. That is exactly what happened a few times in this novel. Things would just get buttoned up all nice and pretty without any kind of controversy and I just wish that the controversial way had been how it went because reading about that push and pull of emotions or situations is what makes a book so amazing.

Anyway, this was the first and probably last book that I read by this author because I just didn't enjoy the way that things went and I don't want to be burned twice.

** I received this novel in exchange for an honest review **

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Rustys says

Dirty Little Lies 5 Star Review

OMG, I devoured this book, read in one sitting.

Stevie Sinclair, 29 lived with her boyfriend Max and was finally feeling settled in her life, grown up. Feeling comfortable Stevie let herself go, ratty pajamas, stained shirts, drabby hair and a failing sex life.

Her sex life was missing the important "O".

Suspicious of cheating

Stevie moves out and while reading an article on “getting your sexy back”, she sets out on a mission to win Max back.

Gabe Shannon is immediately attracted to Stevie. He has a plan that will **“get her sexy back”** if she’s willing to follow the rules. Gabe is sexy and hot, from his muscular build to his raspy voice and with his help, Stevie will finally have her missing **“O”**.

(view spoiler)

I'll be reading more of Clare James work.

Janey says

This is a sweet story of self discovery, as Stevie Sinclair discovers all she fears she’s lost by not having realised a relationship previously.

She decides to get her sexy back, and that entails opening the flood gates for the minimal interaction already logged at the club.

Gabe Shannon is on his own mission, until he gets snowballed by Stevie, given he owns the club and wants her there and willing to open up to it.

The speed is great, and the interaction is well managed.

Gabe appears the serene, measured man he always thought he would be minus the attraction he never thought he would have until he met Stevie.

This was a light hearted foray into something heavier than Stevie ever anticipated. Their dalliance into the heavier kink was received well, but could have been managed a little better, given the club aspect and the conversation about limits and expectations.

It didn't quite reach the mark for me given the situation and the limits it assumed. I liked the free spirit tone, but struggled with the delivery.

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Jennifer says

When Stevie discovers that her boyfriend, Max, is cheating on her, she decides to follow the advice in a magazine to "get her sexy back". While checking off "flirt with a stranger" off her list, she shows Gabe the rest of her plan. He volunteers to help, good guy that he is. Turns out he owns a sex club where she can have the sexual adventure that she desires. While getting her sexy back, Stevie starts to fall for Gabe.

This is a tough one to rate. It is similar to another book I read, so it is hard for me to not to compare, especially when this one has less character development and I think I allowed myself to fill in Gabe's character holes with those of the character in the other book. I also did not like Stevie's character. I think the author intended her to come off as self-confident, but I saw her as immature and bratty. However, there is plenty of smut. I'd say a 4 out of 5. I mean there is a sex club, and things get hot between Stevie and Gabe.

SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[Sort of (hide spoiler)]

Beebs says

Stevie and her boyfriend Max have been having problems and to top it all off she's just discovered he's cheating on her. While he's away on business she moves into a hotel with her bird Free until she decides what to do with herself now.

Fuelled up on ice cream and wine she reads a Cosmo six-step article and decides she needs to get her sexy back. In the hotel bar she meets Gabe and he offers to help her with her project.

Gabe is gorgeous, he's sweet, sexy and funny and pulls out all the stops to make Stevie happy. I loved Gabe, he brings Stevie to a sex club and she discovers what she's been missing in the bedroom. The relationship was a bit one-sided in my opinion, Gabe gave all while Stevie was always holding back.

I thought Stevie was shallow and immature, twice in this book she was let down by the men in her life and while I could understand her not wanting to talk to them, she didn't even listen to voice mails or read messages. There is a big misunderstanding near the end that could have easily been resolved if she had just listened to her messages.

Hot sex, some humour and a happy for now ending. Will I read the next.....probably.

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Escape into a Booksite says

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Hot hot hot!! This book was one hell of a ride. Intense, sexy and just plain hot. I see a theme with some books out on the market these days, being that the main male character has some kind of sex club, but in this books it works really really well. Gabe is a great character and I really loved how he was with Stevie. I also really liked Stevie and how she came out of her shell with him. The sass between the two of them was really great as well.

Now, book two anyone?

Lisa Jayne says

THREE KINKY-LICIOUS STARS.

Readers if you like your books to be kinky, nice and all things spice and you happen to have a couple of hours to spare, then you might want to give this book a try. I don't think this novel will be providing anything original for those of you who like the naughty in their books but overall a likeable short story with a serving of kink ...

What's it all about?

Stevie Sinclair has just been forced to re-evaluate her life. Feeling alone and frumpy after the love of her life dumps her and in desperate need of a make-over she turns to a magazine article which promises to bring back her sexy in six easy steps. So with a renewed optimism and a determination to turn her life around Stevie begins a journey that will be more life changing than she could ever imagine. Stevie believes that once she turns her life around that she will become irresistible to her ex but all that changes when she meets the mysterious and down right sexy, Gabe Shannon. Gabe is more than happy to show Stevie that she is desirable and so begins the lessons of flirting, seduction, erotic pass times and a journey of self discovery. But when her heart starts to head in another direction Stevie has to make decisions that may lead to an unexpected ending.

What did I like?

This book was naughty and erotic, but not so much that it would discourage non readers of this genre to take

a peek. There were unexpected twists and giggle worthy scenes that kept me entertained and I definitely felt engaged in the story line right up until the end. The characters were all likeable and there was always something happening in the storyline that kept up the pace of the story telling. Nothing felt forced and the book never felt like it took itself too seriously, there were moments that were designed to be a little on the shock worthy scale but there were also moments of sincerity and love. I liked this authors 'voice' once i'd figured out her direction of plot and there were never moments where the story dragged or unnecessary story line 'fillers'. My favourite part of the book was the ending, well played author I did not see that coming and I also liked that this book is a standalone so no weird cliff hanger or storyline unfinished.

Why not five?

I felt drawn in at the start of the book it was pitched as a funny, light-hearted easy to read book and that's what I was delivered for the first 10% or so. But then the book was quickly dragged into an kinky-a-thon that took me by surprise. Now don't get me wrong I'm not adverse to a well paced novel with some kink and spice but this book gave me whip lash in it's sudden turn of events. I think my main reason for holding back the stars for this book was it's mixed message of genre and inability to make me connect fully with the characters. There were some mistakes that were obvious throughout the book that often times stopped my flow of reading, but as this is an advanced readers copy those quirks may be ironed out before release day. Overall the author has produced a likeable, quirky sex-romp that passed my reading time nicely.

Final thoughts ...

'Dirty little lies' is a pint sized novel with plenty of life. It had funny parts, kinky bits and even a tale of romance threaded right throughout. If you like a story of self discovery and you don't mind the odd saucy scene or two then this book might just be your next five star escape. Give it a try readers, enjoy ... Kisses.

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