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*Book 1*

I was seventeen when I met Drake Gallagher. Seventeen, naive, foolish...and in love. Or so I thought. That summer, and the months that followed, set the course of my life.

Ten years later, I'm still struggling to put the pieces of me back together.

It's time to stop struggling. It's time to take control...and maybe, it's time for a little revenge.

He doesn't have time for naive little virgins?

Well, I'm not naive anymore.

## **The Virgin: Revenge Details**

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## From Reader Review The Virgin: Revenge for online ebook

### Claire Robinson says

3.5 Stars.

Shannon and Drake have a past. it's not pretty, and Shannon is looking to avenge the past.

There is only one thing in the way.....She wants Drake, she always has, and revenge is difficult to exact when you have feelings for the recipient.

The start to this series shows promise, a few small editing issues need to be cleaned up. But I am intrigued to see where J. Dallas takes this story, and Drake is definitely worth getting to know a bit better that's for sure!

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### Kelly says

*\*ARC received through Netgalley\**

"Revenge" is a novella about a girl, Shannon who is living in the past. Ten years ago she was full of joy and happy but she was also a little naive and she learnt the hard way that sometimes life isn't fair. She was left heartbroken, and lose everything she loved at the time (explanations about it are given more and more but we don't know everything about it yet). She also lost her father two months after that summer and it didn't help her nightmares.

When I started reading the e-book, I was a little confused by the extract given before the first chapter. I thought it was useless and made the book a little disorganised. I liked better the ending of the book than the beginning and I could feel the characters in some of the scenes (you know the ones ;)). While I enjoyed "Revenge" I didn't loved it, but I am looking forward to the next instalment.

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### Christi Lofton says

Thanks to NetGalley for allowing me to read this book for an honest review. I will admit that when I started this book, I was not really expecting something that I might truly enjoy but I am pleased to say that I really did like this book. In fact, I am really looking forward to the next book in this two book series.

The story centers around Shannon who is seeking some sort of revenge on Drake Gallagher. Drake had broken Shan's heart years before and took what Shannon felt like was everything in her life away from her. She has spent these years in between basically just living with as little emotion as possible.

Upon going to work for Drake in an effort to exact her revenge, Shannon finds that she really isn't sure what

she is looking for. As time proceeds, she becomes less certain of what her motives are and her emotions try their best to come to the surface. The story shows deep pain and what that pain can make a person do in their life.

The story leaves you wanting more Drake and Shan. You will be intrigued by both of their personalities and the twists and turns of the story. You will definitely want to finish the story with the 2nd book. This story was well written and was more than I expected it to be. The author did a good job and I would give it five stars.

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### **Kim says**

At 74 pages, I would consider this more of a novella than a novel. It was a quick, easy read. I understand this is part of a series and I have to say I'm absolutely interested in the following book(s). I've seen several reviews that say this is basically a rip-off of 50 Shades, but I didn't really see that many similarities. There's no S&M in this book. Drake is a sexy, powerful alpha male, but so are a lot of men in books of this genre. I will say that though this is a short novella, it had some serious steam. It also has one hell of a cliffhanger, so consider yourself warned.

Shannon Crosby is looking for revenge and Drake Gallagher is her target. When she was 17 and he was 24, they had a bit of a fling. She fell for him and offered herself to him, but he turned her down because she was a young and naive virgin. He broke her. She has come to blame him for the failure of her relationships since him. Drake was sexy. Dominant. He was a powerful man and he knows what he wants. He oozes sex appeal. He wasn't a complete ass. He made some sweet gestures throughout this novel.

In an effort to get her revenge, Shannon applies for a job as Drake's assistant. Her plan is to make him want her. I keep getting hung up on this though. Sure, it's been 10 years, but it's not as though they just had a one night stand. He knew her, he knew her family. Did she not think he would recognize her name on the application? That part of the story bothered me. Though, honestly, I think what she really wanted more than revenge was for him to recognize her, tell her he was wrong, and admit that he wants her. She begins to work for him and the chemistry between them is palpable. The attraction they share is intense.

I needed the story to be flushed out a little more fully though. I needed to know more about Shannon's father's murder. It was mentioned, but then dropped. The connection between Drake and her father and a business deal in the past also needed to be cleared up. Hopefully there will be more flushing out of the story lines in the following book(s).

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### **Boxy Frown says**

10 years ago, Shannon was naive 17-year-old Shan, and had a great summer romance with 7 years older Drake. Their fathers were in business together, and subsequently, the couple spent a lot of time together at the beach. Just when it looked like they were going to go all the way, Drake broke Shan's heart with one cold statement, and walked away. A few short days later, her father was murdered in front of her, and between those two events, she turned into a harder woman - and a woman who never found the opportunity to go all

the way.

10 years later, Shannon wants to get her life back, and thinks exacting revenge on the man who broke her heart is the way to go about it. She wants to make him want her the way she still wants him. An CEO in his father's company, he is powerful and in the market for a new administrative assistant. When the opportunity arises to interview as his assistant, Shannon sets out for the job and gets it. What happens next is a page-turner.

For the full review go to [Miss Boxy Frown!](#)

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### **Amy H says**

I got this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review!!

**THIS BOOK HAS A CLIFF HANGER!!!!!!!**

Ok, this is more of a novella. it was a very quick read, and also enjoyable. this is every girls worst nightmare.

Shannon was 17 years old when she met him. Drake was the one. She liked him, and he was doing businesses for her family. She was flirting with him, and he flirted right back. Everything was going good. That was until he told her her doesn't do virgins. He left her heartbroken, embarrassed, wanting more, and revenge.

now, 10 years later she was going to have her revenge. She now had an interview at his office for his own company. would he remember? she was going to make sure he felt what she felt all those years ago...

that was until she realized he knows who she is and he still wants her.. can she go thru it?

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### **Ali says**

Revenge: The Virgin is one of those books that may not have any huge, glaring flaws but just won't stick with you.

I enjoyed the original idea of a woman seeking revenge for being wronged by a man, in more ways than one, when she was young. I like the idea of a power woman using her sexuality to her advantage and getting said revenge.

The first three quarters of the book somewhat delivered that power woman. She was strong and defiant in the face of her handsome enemy. However, when it came time to getting what she wanted...that strong woman fell apart and I lost a connection with her.

She reverted back to that naive seventeen year old girl with the hurt heart and bruised pride.

Which, in turn, just made this an average read for me. Nothing all together special but not really horribly bad

either. Just okay. Just forgettable.

I wish Shannon would have stayed fierce and taken what she wanted from Drake. Knock the cockiness out of him, bring him to his knees. Unfortunately, that just didn't happen and I had no feeling that it would in any upcoming title.

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### **Michelle says**

Shannon hasn't been able to move on from a sequence of events that took place ten years ago. There is one man that is at the center of these events, Drake Gallagher. She was just seventeen when her crush went further, when he pushed her away. Now, ten years later, Shannon is trying to move forward by revisiting her past.

Okay... so I had a little problem with this story. Shannon. The way Shannon describes herself is like pages full of backhanded complements. I don't need my heroines to be conceited, but come on, they can at least know that they are attractive. The putting herself down theme, sort of added to the way this character was developed. The start of this story had a lot of moments where the situation was stated over and over again. The fact that the job interview was a group interview was mentioned several times in the course of the same scene. But back to Shannon. I don't know exactly what took place ten years ago, I am hoping that book two gives one helluva revelation – because if not, Shannon might be the weakest woman in fictional history. She's clinging to a moment between her and an older guy she met one summer, one failed attempt that has stopped her from moving on for ten years.

There wasn't really anything about this story that stood out for me. Part of me is torn because I want to know the actual events that led her to make this her life mission, but not sure if I want to actually read it.

The writing was okay so my feelings on this are sort of personal in relation to the lead character just turning me so off that I couldn't enjoy the story too much.

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### **Vicci says**

WOW !! This book is a smart and sexy read!

OK , first off, this is a sort of Novella in a series. Be prepared to be sucked into the story quickly and then scream a little when it just kinds ends. There will be a book 2 so no worries there. I am not a big fan of cliffhanger books but this book was just too terrific to care about all that. It is a great story and holds you captive right until the end. You do not get the whole story of Drake and Shannon but you get enough pieces to understand where Shannon is coming from.

At times, my heart was breaking for Shannon. She had already lost so much and was just so numb. I should warn you, Drake kind of remains a bit of a mystery in this book. I think we will get more of his story in book 2.

Yes, there is some great sexy scenes in the book. They are done so well that you get all hot and tingly right along with Shannon!

This is great quick read that will pull you in and leave you dying to get more of the story in book 2. Was book one good? Hell Yes! Will I read book 2? Yes! I cannot wait! I would like book two now.

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### **Crystal says**

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in place of an honest review.

Shannon is a woman on a mission, one that has taken ten years but she is finally getting the closure that she wanted. When she fell in love with Drake Gallagher at seventeen and had him take everything away from her all in one day. She now has bad dreams and can't sleep. When she hears that Drake is hiring an assistant she goes and applies for the job.

In this book you never know what Drake is thinking. You think that maybe he doesn't think anything but he is a strong man that keeps his feelings to himself. He knows who Shannon is, the thing he doesn't know is why did she want to work for him?

In this book there are many things that are left unsaid and you are still wanting answers at the end. I will be going completely crazy until the next book comes out. This is the kind of books that I just love to read. They are hot and get your juices flowing but you are still left with questions at the ending. I can't wait for the next book.

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### **Kumiko Lei ~Lost In A Book~ says**

Also reviewed at Lost In A Book

*I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

Well, first things first, this is short, but for being so short it did pack a punch.

I liked it. A lot.

I'm not quite sure how to explain it. I think there is something about the utter heartbreak and devastation that Shannon went through that just pulls at me. It isn't gone into very deeply, but you can tell it's there and you can tell it cuts her deep. And then I can feel her desperation when she is around Drake. That there in itself is something, this book made me feel what the character was feeling and that is not always easy to do.

Drake, oh boy, Drake. My mind is just spinning, wondering about him and what has happened to him over the past ten years. I really need to know what is going through his mind. I must know. He can't be so clueless as to not know how he left her all those years ago but he acts as if she owes him some sort of explanation. It's odd really.

Yes, this is short and it does have a cliffhanger of sorts. It did leave me hanging, but not floundering and not without some measure of resolution to tide me over.

Do I want to read the next one? Absolutely, the sooner the better.

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### **Johanna Sawyer says**

This was received for free in exchange for a review. I'm not a fan of cliffhanger endings and that is the reason for low scoring. This girl Shan waits ten years to enact revenge on Drake and the story so far does not reveal the whole plot. I wasn't pleased how she gave her virginity up so quickly and then resigns from her job. What....mission accomplished.. I know it's supposed to make you want to keep reading but for me it's a cluster fuck waiting to happen. I've been told before I don't appreciate real drama and this could be true. Would I recommend.... No.. Clusterfuck remember. Would I read more. Nope, my time is spent giving others a chance to wow me.

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### **Deeana Galindo says**

So it about a girl named Shannon who is out for revenge on a guy named Drake who she fell in love with when she was younger and tried to give her virginity to but he was a jerk and told her " I don't fuck naive little virgins, Shan". After that she was closed off on that part of her self. Then after 10year she finally fines the perfect opportunity to pay him back but working for him and finally getting the revenge she think she needs.

you dont find out the whole plot of the story since it only book one and you are also left in a cliffhanger but overall it was a good book and i can't wait to read the rest in the series.

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### **Laylaw says**

\*This honest review was done in exchange for an ARC through NetGalley\*

I have to say, I was surprised by this little book. It kept me gripped and intrigued from the first page. I wanted to know more and had to know what happened and how Shannon became the way she did. And why oh why was she so scorned!

Drake...

Can I also say how refreshing it was that our Alpha male is a redhead?! Drake is a shrewd business man who has taken the reigns of his fathers company with his brothers to new levels. 10 years ago Drake first met Shannon, while he was trying to purchase her family's hotel. Shan was instantly drawn to Drake and Drake also found himself drawn to her. Drake is 7 years older than Shannon and when things almost went too far with then 17 year old Shannon, Drake uttered words that would haunt Shannon for 10 years.

Flash forward 10 years and we have Shannon who is obessed with revenge and making Drake suffer. His

words that fateful night have molded her and her life goals. She only strives to make him pay. Shannon finds herself employed by Drake, replacing his former assistant and she wants anything for him to remember her. Weeks pass and she continues being a structured uptight assistant to Mr. Gallagher until one night when he crosses the line..... The book ends with a cliffhanger and I found myself searching the authors's site for the next book (Redemption). That is a clear indicator of how much a like a book, when I find myself hunting down the next one!

I loved the style of writing and found myself swooning over the dark and evil Mr. Gallagher but I couldn't help but feel so sorry for Shan as her whole life has been guided by those words he uttered that fateful night. I think when Shannon got what she thought she wanted, that she may have realized that maybe she is really lost but only the next book will be able to tell that. Love to have some more of Drake...

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### **Angela Bee Bee says**

I enjoyed this beginning to their story, I liked the tension of seeing him after so long. I liked their chemistry and the sex scenes were good. There were some continuity problems. She thought he wouldn't remember her name? The book is titled revenge, yet she immediately gives up on her plans, not knowing why she's there. "Maybe I should have thought this through a little better." Yes, maybe you should.

Minus one star for typos.

The grammar errors need to be fixed before this goes out for sale. I personally feel it's unethical to offer a book for sale without proper editing. The reader purchases with the expectation of a readable story, and feels duped when they find no one has looked closely at the text.

I'm happy to do the editing for you, \$100 and you'll have a readable legit copy.

"It was far simpler than way."

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