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According to the publisher, the author of this entertaining conspiracy thriller is a former journalist “whose identity is being kept secret in order to protect the ideas that inspired this novel.”

### **Who owns the most powerful man in the world?**

Her code name is Kingfisher. Her mission: to seduce and marry a man of wealth and political influence. Now she must protect a terrifying secret.

October 2016: In America, the election is a few weeks away. Journalist Grace Elliott has just landed a scoop that she believes will make her career. A porn star is willing to talk about her affair with the man some hope and many fear will become the next president of the United States. But no one will touch it. Not even Grace's boss, the right-wing publisher of America's leading tabloid. Instead, Grace is sent to Europe where she discovers a story so big, so explosive that it could decide the American election and launch a new Cold War. As long as she can stay alive long enough to tell it.

Spies, murder, and one of the biggest conspiracies of our time lie at the heart of this immersive thriller.

## **The Kingfisher Secret Details**

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### Csimplot Simplot says

Excellent book!!!

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### Bev says

Although it was complicated by many jumps back and forth in time, this intriguing story really came through in the end. It will certainly change my perception of the political relationship between the US and Russia, adding a fanciful (but possible) explanation for the president's behaviour.

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### Candice says

YOU GUYS. THIS BOOK.

I cannot express loudly enough how much I think this particular book should be on literally every book lovers TBR this winter. This book is MIND BOGLING good - and exceptionally terrifying.

This story is based on one of biggest conspiracies around right now, Russia's influence on the world, and more specifically, the US Election and current president - and OH MY GOD GUYS - if any of this is true (which much of it seems wildly probable and is backed up by existing proof) it is WILD to consider. Mind blowing, insanely, WILD.

I was sucked RIGHT INTO this and you will be too. It's impossible to put down. With an added layer of suspense as the author of this book is being kept entirely anonymous.

I don't want to spoil even one page of this for you, but PLEASE go read it!

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### Steve says

I read this to and from America, on a long-haul flight, and it was utterly perfect for that: politics, history, intrigue, travel... with very good characters and descriptions.

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### Sandra says

The Da Ivana Code!

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## **Melanie Pierce says**

Did the KGB plant young girls as wives to men who would become politically powerful? Is their decades-long plan finally coming to fruition. Is the US president a Russian operative? This thrilling novel explores how the Russians might have turned an American businessman into their best asset.

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## **Elizabeth Cantor says**

I got this from a book blogger friend who didn't say a thing about it, just said read it. It's well-written, a page turner, and like a cup of hot wine at the end of a day of political news. I know it's only a novel but it's made me see everything that's going on in the white house differently. Great to learn about Czechoslovakia. Really fun. Fast read. Can't say much more almost everything is a spoiler!

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## **Christa Jackson says**

Based on fact or is it fiction? Keeps one guessing all the way through the book. Easy read but enjoyable. With all that is happening in American politics, one does have to wonder if this could be true.

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## **Stef L says**

Fact or Fiction?

'He was the most ambitious, least disciplined man in New York. There were no secrets with him. He said aloud every thought that arrived in his brain, to anyone, and a good number of these thoughts were lies.'

(The Kingfisher Secret)

A week ago I first heard about a book called The Kingfisher Secret and immediately my interest was piqued. I've just turned the final page and I am absolutely blown away.

The heady blurring of fact and fiction make this a book that is just impossible to put down. The parallels with world events over the last two years result in a fascinating and adrenaline filled read. I found myself at times stopping to research something to ensure that I understood, with absolute certainty, the story as it unfolded before my eyes.

We journey back to 1968 Czechoslovakia, to a country that has recently become a Communist state, here we meet Elena and we quickly realise that her story is one that could turn everything on its head - it is a story that could explain everything. Shift forward to 2016 and Grace Elliott embarks on an almost accidental path that could reveal a truth so explosive that it would rock the world as we know it.

The plot is fast-paced, the writing assured, the contents are incendiary. As I learnt more about Anthony Craig, his voice began to pick up a distinctive timbre that is (although I have tried very hard not to listen to it almost daily) somewhat unforgettable.

The Kingfisher Secret has unequivocally catapulted itself into position as one of my books of the year. I'm left contemplating whether the only way that the truth will out is through fiction?

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### **Orláith says**

Originally posted at <https://www.instagram.com/p/BpaL8tmnMvk/>

4.5 stars

As soon as I saw the author of The Kingfisher Secret listed as "anonymous" I was intrigued. A quick search told me that they have decided to keep their identity secret in order to protect their sources as they are apparently a well respected former journalist.

It's not difficult to work out who the book is supposedly based on; a 2016 presidential candidate who lies as easily as he breathes and his Eastern European, ex-Olympic athlete, ex-wife.

The lines between fact and fiction blur so thoroughly in The Kingfisher Secret that it is almost impossible to put down. Numerous times while reading the book I found myself searching online to try to ascertain which parts are true and which are a figment of the author's imagination.

This alone makes the book a must read, and the fact the plot is actually enjoyable is simply a bonus.

Thank you so much to @penguinukbooks for sending me a free copy of The Kingfisher Secret.

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### **Annabel Hodin says**

I took a day off work to finish this. What (scary) fun. "If even a hint of this were true," you're thinking, knowing that it certainly could be in these crazy times. Great double heroines in Grace and Elena, which we frankly don't see enough of in these sorts of books - a mash-up of James Bond, The Da Vinci Code, and maybe a Le Carré.

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### **Goodryn says**

Wonderful fun! My favourite thriller of the year, like the best of Robert Harris's books and a new way to see the world. Love to have female protagonists.

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### **Ron Charles says**

There's a wee bit of fun in the way various real-life characters are recast in "The Kingfisher Secret." Stormy Daniels becomes Violet Rain, for instance, and Ivana Trump is obviously the reluctant agent Elena. We don't see much of Anthony Craig, but when he appears, "struggling to keep his mop of hair in place," the author mimics Donald Trump's bombastic rhetoric with uncanny accuracy. "We invented luxury," he tells a crowd

in New York. “We did that. It never existed before us.”

In general, though, “The Kingfisher Secret” is a silly confection about Russian scheming spun within the broad outlines of Ivana’s life. Aside from a few car chases and thuggish murders, the author demonstrates neither the narrative ingenuity nor the stylistic vitality to make the story engaging. Admittedly, the confirmed and speculative details of the president’s malfeasant career are hard for fiction to match, but this plot doesn’t exert itself any more than Donald Trump lumbering around his golf course.

*To read the rest of this review, go to The Washington Post:*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/entert...>

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### **Sonica says**

Thank you, Penguin Random House Canada for gifting me a copy of this exciting read in exchange for my honest review. This book released October 16.

Grace Elliott is looking for a big break in her journalistic career when she stumbles upon a story so big, she herself isn’t sure if she can handle reigning it in on her own. Her revelation of a story so explosive, leads her on a deadly race against time fighting her inner desires to make it big, but also facing the risk of losing her life in the process. Will she survive the biggest story ever told and come out unscathed?

The story alternates between present day and a sequence of events leading up to the present, dating back to the late 1960s in the Communist state of Czechoslovakia, where we are first introduced to Elena, or rather Kingfisher. Elena has a secret to hide and one that could literally shake the world. Elena owns the most powerful man in the world, but was this on purpose or mere coincidence?

This book had me gasping at every page turned, and was literally too perfect of a reading choice given the most recent midterms south of the border. An anonymous author is spilling all the tea in this all too familiar sounding “fictitious” tale. With uncanny accuracy, the author truly nailed it with all characters in this entertaining piece of “fiction,” all while creating a very blurred line between fact and fiction. This book was impossible to put down once I got into it. This book has me shook.

I am still struggling with the thought that if even a HINT of this story is true, OH MAN!! A must read, do yourself and your TBR list a favor and go grab a copy ASAP. This book is sure to turn heads and ruffle lots of feathers.

Fact or Fiction?! You decide...

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### **Olivia says**

I thought this book was great. Read it in one day cover to cover and was left just wanting so much more!!

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