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When L'Wren's ex-boyfriend Jeff suddenly disappears, she turns to Kevin to help her find him. With one phone call, Kevin makes sure that Jeff stays hidden and that L'Wren's heart is broken, leaving the door open for Kevin to pursue her. But Kevin is not as free as L'Wren thinks; she is in the dark about his affair with her stepmother, Savi. Savi constantly reminds Kevin of his devious ways and uses their secret to keep him as her toyfriend.

“You don’t deserve to be loved, and you don’t deserve to be happy. You and I are the same ... we’re broken inside. Everything we touch, we destroy. We don’t get happily ever after ... we don’t get to ride off into the sunset. You know who gets that? L’Wren ... she gets it, she gets the guy, and she deserves a decent guy.”- Savi

Kevin desires to be the man that L'Wren deserves, but before he can assume the role of white knight, he brews one last plan to get rid of Savi for good. Will L'Wren, the innocent victim in their twisted game, become a casualty?

Kevin may have sold his body to the devil in stilettos, but he'd be damned if he let her have his heart.

Suitable for young adult readers 18+

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Dianne says

Ahhh, the webs we weave, tangled and knotted and frayed, threatening to break loose at any moment. Once again the Banovics are living life on the edge, keeping secrets, playing with fire in places too hot to handle. Looking for another look into the lives of the privileged few, or more correctly, what their children are doing? Gillian Felix takes us back to the soap opera lives of the Banovics in **Bastard's Brew**, her latest addition to this intriguing series.

Kevin discovers what it's like to truly care for someone when he meets L'Wren. Too bad he has become entangled in lies, deceit and sexual blackmail with, of all people, his mother's one time best friend, L'Wren's stepmother, the epitome of a beautiful, yet deadly cougar. Savi knows she has him trapped and she is unwilling to pull her claws out of Kevin. Is there a way he can save his budding romance with L'Wren and rid himself of Savi without anyone being the wiser?

Is his carefully crafted world about to fall in on him? What of his other "less than savory" enterprises? Always the big brother to his siblings, the one who could fix everything, the private Banovic is in trouble, even his role of white Knight may be tarnished, not to mention his heart may take a beating, too.

We all need some drama in our lives, right? What safer way than reading about someone else's drama, one bite at a time, as their lives start to implode on them? Thanks to Gillian Felix' ability to cram a gallon of action into a 4 ounce cup, **Bastard's Brew** is a delightful way to escape into someone else's life and learn to appreciate living a "normal one," yourself! Ms. Felix knows how to create high tension with seemingly just the flick of her magic pen as it flows with a flair for the dramatic. Each character is desperately flawed, but attempt to function behind their own masks. Secrets, lies, more lies and more secrets. Better than Daytime soaps, I can visualize my own scenes, thanks to Ms. Felix!

For a quick escape, with high velocity tension, you MUST read the series **Family Portrait**!

I received a review copy from Ms. Felix as part of her upcoming tour stopping at Tome Tender and all I can say is THANK YOU, Gillian!

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Jennifer says

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads. Thank you.

This is the first book I have read from this author and the third in the series. I really liked this book. The storyline was interesting. It was a quick read and well written. I would love to read more books from this author.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Bastards brew is the third book in the series it concentrates mostly on Adrianna and Haze's relationship and Kevin and his terrible Mother Daughter problem. The series is kind of like a soap opera you get to know the characters and you never know what will happen next. I look forward to reading more books by this author.

Dawn says

I received a free ecopy of this book for an honest review.

This is the third book in the Family Portrait series. I'd read the first two books, Changes and The Banovic Siblings, and couldn't wait for the third one to see what happened with everyone. These books are like a soap opera and you never know what is going to happen next!

As the series progresses, the reader gets to know the characters better and better. I felt like book #1 was an introduction to the characters, book #2 had several revelations about the characters and their relationships, and book #3 is a continuation of the characters' stories.

I really enjoy these books and Gillian Felix's style of writing. I'm looking forward to reading her next book.

books are love says

I felt for Kevin and even Adriana to some extent. Kevin more though. He is a genuinely good guy just being caught with bad jobs. The way he cares for his family is admirable. Adriana is getting her just due in some things but when it comes to love the situation is all messed up. Her and Haze are perfect together and they are good for each other but she needs to come clean. He is more understanding than you think girl.

another soap opera worthy actually this puts soap opera's to shame. The fast pace and crazy schemes are a wonderful way to keep the reader's attention and they do do that for sure. This book mainly centers around Kevin and Adriana. We see Zax a little and he begins to see his sister in a new light. But Kevin and Adriana are the focus. Kevin is stuck in a situation with Savi (conniving woman) and she makes him feel like he is worthless and a monster so yeah not feeling for her with what Kevin has cooked up to get her out of his life. Love his interactions with L'wren though. Want them together.

Adriana shows us a side we haven't seen before; loving and vulnerable. A good look for her. I love the sneakiness of Kevin in putting her in Catholic school. But I especially love her with Haze particularly at the end. We see a different more beautiful side to her and I for one would like to see it more. Although the scheming is fun too.

a fun light fast paced book that shows these two in a different light and have you begin to like no love those two crazy characters.

Faye says

Despite it being more focused on Kevin's personal life and his relationship with L'Wren, it also tells about Adriana's school life spiraling down and her not so honest relationship with Haze.

I just love the way how Kevin does sweet things for L'Wren despite his other life. Although it was pretty scary what he did to Jeff in order to protect L'Wren. Talk about extreme. I wished that he won't have to listen about what Savi is saying about him. Even if he's like that he too deserves to be happy and L'Wren makes him happy. I never in that moment wanted a character to die quickly. Savi's way of thinking is way twisted and despite wanting Kevin but not loving him, she makes his life miserable. I do want to hit Kevin though. He has his resources so why can't he get rid of Savi and make his life less complicated? I can't believe he actually cared for her despite Savi blackmailing him.

I'm hating Adrian's b*tchy character more. Even if she disliked Leighann she shouldn't treat her like that. Although she deserved what came to her but I still can't believe that she's still lying to Haze. I really want Adriana and Haze together and I wouldn't like it if she loses Haze to Carys (I hate her second to Savi) because of that reason.

And Zax, please dump your girlfriend.

What I love most about this book is the bond of the Banovic siblings although what I hate about them individually is how they live their lives and some attitude adjustments.

Although this is a cliffhanger it's not bad compared to others. I'm looking forward to the rest of the books in this series.

I received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Crystal says

This series makes it so easy to be hooked. The DaCosta's and the Banovic's are fully engrossed in their drama along with our favorite supporting characters. Believe me when I say drama, I actually mean Drama with a capital D.

Kevin is so very interested in L'Wren, but how can he get rid of Savi and does he actually deserve to? Haze and Adriana are falling more in love, but both are keeping secrets that could ruin all. As for Zac? His siblings

make him look like he has a halo on. Especially now that he has the girl he's always wanted.

This book is full of secrets. Some come out, others slip through the cracks. Be prepared for some shocking twists. There are some dirty players in these games and some people have everything to lose. I love how the story is written. The pace stays active through out the whole book and has you living inside the pages instantly. If your a fan of soap operas this series will be an instant favorite for you. If you like drama these books have it all. Do you like spoiled beautiful people? Your in luck! There's a little something for most everyone in these books. The only probably with them is I'm addicted and I want to know what happens.

It's an amazing series full of the young and gorgeous, popular and shunned, innocent and devious. Every book has been a 5 star thus far and this book is no different. Sit back and hang with the famous and nameless.

I received this book for my honest review.

Alex says

This review is on my blog: <http://bookchick2013.blogspot.ca/2014...>

I received this book for a book tour from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This book was slightly awkward to read. I believe this was because I didn't read the first two yet (however, I plan to do so). It seemed as if there was so much going on in the story which made me confused for half the book. I did an interview with the author, and she said she wrote it as if it where a show. I found this interesting and think that it would be a fantastic show. It had so many story lines that sort of confused me, but was fun to read.

Kevin is a drug dealer who is trying to protect his family. He loves L'Wren. He's having an affair with L'Wren's stepmother Savi. His sister is 15 and is dating an employee of theirs, who thinks she is his age (he's around 25). His brother was a more minor character but affected the story.

It was entertaining to see what was going to happen next and I enjoyed it. I recommend the series to readers who enjoy mystery-like romances.

Rating: 6.7/10

Parental Rating: 17+

Jola says

Review also on www.jolasbookshelf.wordpress.com

This is a third book in the series but the story is still fresh and keeps you entertained. The endless drama is still here and I can't seem to get enough of it. The plot gets even more complicated and every characters receives even more depth and complexity.

The writting style is still very good and I think it is mostly that that draws attention to the book and makes it

stand out in this genre.

I recommend it to anyone who loves a good drama!

Clarice says

The next book in line of the Family Portrait Series by Gillian Felix has Adriana Banovic in as much trouble as ever. She is secretly dating Haze, a guy who works for their family and is in college. He is quite a bit older than her. He has no idea she is still a minor. She told him that she is going to college too. Well her family still doesn't know about their relationship or just how far it has gone. Kevin Banovic is having feelings for L'Wren, who happens to be Savi's step-daughter. Savi is the woman black-mailing him into having relations with her. Kevin is very ready to get rid of Savi so he may pursue L'Wren further. Savi gets an idea that he might be trying to get with her and puts her foot down on the issue. She always gets what she wants, one way or another. Her daughter, Leighann DaCosta goes to school with Adriana and the girl knows about her secret relationship with Haze. What Adriana doesn't understand is why Leighann would keep such a secret. Oh well. It benefits her so she doesn't protest. But Adriana cannot keep herself out of trouble, and there is plenty of drama in the latest Family Portrait book!

You ever read a book where you just kept wishing that one or two people would get in trouble because they were such a pain? This has been how I felt the entire time reading this book. Adriana is more than a pill. She is absolutely spoiled and needs a little bit of a reality check. Some events that happen do give her a little bit of a check, but she is still as spoiled as ever. Kudos to Kevin for handling her well though. His dose of reality was the best out of everything. Savi is still being herself, but Kevin has plans for her. All in all, it's another day in the life of the DaCostas and the Banovics!

Rachel (aka Ms4Tune) says

I felt there was a slight change of pace in Bastard's Brew after the quick and drama packed Banovic Siblings (book 2).

Bastard's Brew concentrated more on Adrianna and Haze's relationship and Kevin and his terrible Mother-Daughter dilemma. It was nice that it simplified down for a bit and gave you a bit more room to explore these two characters and their relationships in more detail but I missed the nail biting rollercoaster feeling that I got while reading The Banovic Siblings. I'm not saying it was bad in any way at all it was just different. I loved the parts about Kevin. There was something wickedly exciting about seeing what Kevin would do next to try and get out of the blackmail Savi was using to keep him, but also terribly sad because you wanted so badly for him to experience something beautiful and honest with L'Wren. How a woman like Savi could ever have two amazingly gentle and caring daughters I will never know!

Not my favourite of the 3 books but just as twisted and dark.

Tina says

I received a free copy of this ebook in exchange for an honest review.

I read at the back of this book that this story was meant to be a television series, and I can definitely see how that would work! The novels are short and there are so many characters to follow. I really enjoy reading the books and finding out what happens next! It took me a few pages into this one to remember everything that happened in the first two books, but I can't wait to find out what's in the next one. I'm especially interested in what is going to happen between Savi, Kevin and L'Wren. It's an interesting mix of people, and I'm curious as to how everything will work out. And is Adriana going to tell Haze her secret? I just want to know!

What I really like about these books is that Ms. Felix delves deeply into the lives of each character. She doesn't just skim the surface of everyone; I feel like I really get to know each of them really well. I also love how all of the characters lives are woven together and their actions tend to affect so many other people. It definitely reads similar to a soap opera, and surprisingly, I really like that about this story!

Pagesofcomfort.blogspot.com

Namrata Ganti says

This is the third book in the Family Portrait series and it will definitely pulls you deeper into the web of intrigue, love and deceit. The story focuses on Kevin Banovic and the double life he leads. No-one in his family is aware of his second personality and he tries to keep it that way. He gets drawn into a web of lies and blackmail which he has to figure a way out of. We see glimpses of each of the Banovic siblings, their relationships and how they try to handle their lives.

This book will keep you hooked on just like the first two did and will keep the questions popping in your head. I guess there will be no end to the spell this book will cast upon its readers. Gillian Felix is truly wonderful in the way she writes and captivates her readers. She has a true gift and I guess anyone who reads her books will be waiting for the next book as eagerly as I am.

Julie says

Bastard's Brew is the 3rd book in the Family Portrait series by Gillian Felix. I've been lucky enough to get the opportunity to participate in the book tour for the release of this book. I've been gifted a copy of the book in exchange for my honest opinion.

Where to begin with this review? I have so many things I would LOVE to talk about but can't. I don't want to risk ruining anything for those who may be reading reviews to decide whether to try the series. (If that's you, you really should give it a try!) There is so much happening and a few really big secrets coming to light (or about to be blown wide open). I can't imagine how I will make it through the wait for the next book. I am not known for patiently waiting on anything, especially in reading a series.

I absolutely love the bond that the Banovic siblings have with each other. As a parent, I would certainly disagree with some of the things going on and the way Kevin, as the older sibling and the one in charge, handles them. But as far as the sibling relationship itself, I love it. I love that Kevin knows without a doubt he can count on his sister to help with anything, no questions asked. I love how both boys take care of Adriana when she needs them. One of my favorite scenes was when Adriana woke up from a nightmare and went downstairs and cuddled up on the couch next to Kevin. How sweet! Now, in this book, Kevin does

something that could potentially harm Adriana. I question why he went as far as he did (and that he wouldn't know that what he did could have caused harm, but I'll overlook that since the book isn't written to be totally realistic), but I've seen parents react in a similar fashion about similar issues with their children. I know he meant to help her, and probably protect her, in the long run.

This book also deals with a more serious issue that I don't want to mention and give anything away. However, I will say that because of this, I would categorize this book as NA. Nothing is described in detail, but I wouldn't want my 13 year old reading it, although I would be ok with my 17 year old reading it. I hope that we will get to watch how the characters deal with what happened as they continue to live their lives. The subject, as Ms. Felix has written it, is one that many people shy away from, but one that does happen.

I am enjoying the writing format Gillian Felix uses for this series. It is easy to follow and understand, but it moves at a quick pace. As I've mentioned before, there is never a dull moment. I like having a bunch of different characters to follow, especially when they all link together in some way as well. Please note that each book does tend to end on a cliffhanger, just as a TV episode does each week. I feel that is important to mention since some people are completely against cliffhangers. Honestly, I am one of those people. I hope we don't have to wait long for the next book.

Just as you expect when watching a TV show, there are characters you will love, those you will hate, lies you are dying to see found out and others you hope stay hidden, relationships and/or friendships you enjoy watching come together and those you can't wait to watch fall apart. There is one thing I think I have figured out and am dying to bounce off of someone else. So, if you are reading the series and want to discuss it, feel free to contact me!!
