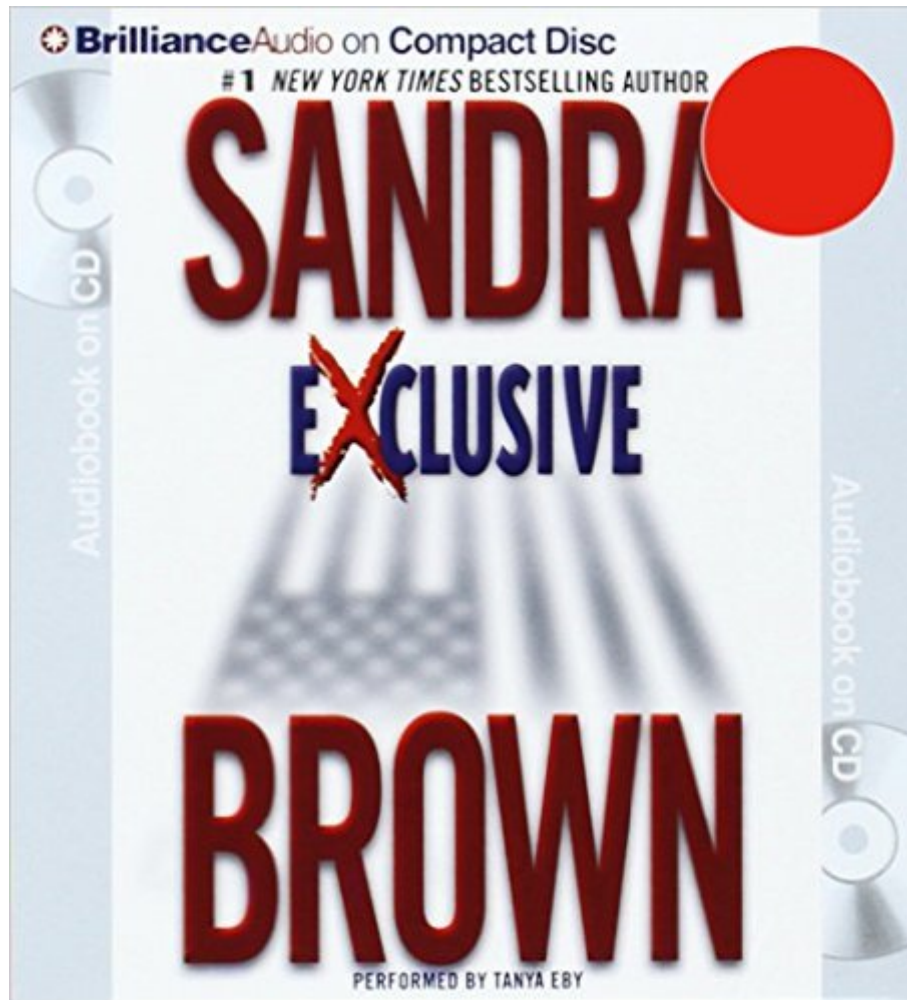


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Barrie Travis is a damn good reporter stuck at a low-budget television station when the First Lady calls her and offers her the opportunity of a lifetime. Stunned by the loss of her infant son, the president's wife hints he may have been murdered. Barrie sets out to find the truth, fighting for the exclusive story with the help of Gray Bondurant, a mysterious former presidential aide. Soon they unearth White House secrets that, if exposed, could topple the presidency. And certain powerful parties want nothing more than to see the scandalous past and a certain young reporter dead and buried. Fast fun with a wild twist at the end. Cosmopolitan A plot-wise, entertaining yarn. People

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Customer Reviews

This fast paced treasure from Sandra Brown delivers us into the secretive world of politics. Barrie Travis, a news broadcaster, is privy to information of the death of the First Lady's infant son. And is twisted into doing the story, the whole story. Between the mania of the press, the sleazy political characters, the mental health of the First Lady & Barrie's own tangles with her bosses, this is an intriguing plot that is plausible & very bold. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. One of Browns best. With all that has gone on at the White House in the last few years....very believable! Grab your beach chair, towel & sunscreen....you'll be there 'til the surprising end. if you find my comments of interest, please click the "YES"--thanks--CDS

As usual with a Sandra Brown book, I was hooked after only a couple of pages. Barrie, a reporter

with a small time tv station, receives a call from the wife of the President of the United States, inviting her to meet for coffee. The President's wife is still in mourning for her baby son who died from S.I.D.S. A web begins to unravel involving wife beating, murder, drugs and the abuse of power. Barrie becomes involved with Gray, a former presidential aide (gorgeous of course) and together they form a partnership which threatens to bring down the government. It's thrills a second with "Exclusive" and a very satisfying, pacy read.

This lady has a wonderful gift in her ability to write wonderful books. How she manages to think up all of her stories amazes me. This book keeps you on your toes till the end. Barrie is a reporter who has made a few mistakes in her previous reporting experiences and is struggling to improve her reputation in her occupation. The president's wife, who lost her baby recently, asks to meet with her on an off the record meeting, much to her amazement. From the meeting, Barrie sees a story on SIDs as the baby belonging to the president and his wife died of it. As she looks into the story, it starts looking like murder instead, and then the story really heats up and doesn't let up until the last page. Just when you think you have it solved another twist shows up and takes you in another direction. Great book!

To be honest, I've been "hot and cold" on Sandra Brown's novels. This book hooked me right away! It is the best book I've read by Ms. Brown. The story held my interest because of the plot twists and turns. Just when you think you have a certain character "pegged", you get a surprise!! "Exclusive" mixes politics, romance and mystery superbly. The characters are very believable -- you keep turning the pages, anxious to see what will happen next! You will not be bored with the book.

After writing a slew of strictly romance novels, Sandra Brown in recent years has devised a compromise--she's focused more on suspense in later novels, but still throws in the obligatory romantic entanglements. EXCLUSIVE stands as her best attempt to marriage the two, thanks to some strong central characters and one of her more interesting plotlines in recent memory. The book revolves around Washington reporter Barrie Travis, who gets no respect from her peers, television viewers, or anyone else who might have some importance. Then she receives a call from the First Lady of the United States, and the ensuing conversation--the President and his wife just lost their child to SIDS--piques the reporter's interest. Suffice it to say, there's foul play at hand, literally from every corner of the plot. Barrie gets help along the way from an old colleague, as well as one of the President's former officials (and the obligatory lover interest). This being fiction, some of the

plotlines border on ludicrous (here, the President is a cruel, manipulative [man] out to destroy not only his wife, but anyone else in his way), but Brown throws in just enough twists to make it interesting. And she saves the biggest twist for the very last page--it will definitely surprise some. Overall, of the Brown books that I've read, this remains the best.

My mother-in-law handed me this book one day, and I took it full of skepticism. I'd never heard of Sandra Brown, nor was I terribly interested in suspense novels. I certainly misjudged this book. Sandra Brown presents us with a wonderful plot twisting, suspenseful tale in which we follow the first lady of the United States through dealing with her child's death. She doesn't believe that her baby really died of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), but is having quite a bit of trouble finding any evidence to the contrary. The first lady takes her leap of faith in confiding in a scarcely known reporter for a not-so-hot magazine. The reporter is the key to the mystery's undoing. The book is fantastic! Since reading this book I've gone on to read at least seven other books by Sandra Brown and I certainly intend to read more!! Enjoy!!!

How do books like this get published? Okay, it was better than some but the highly unlikely, rather sordid plot really pushes the envelope. Here we have a very sleazy President with a well-hidden past and little connection to local politics (we never hear of the Vice President until the very end of the book), a First Lady who has managed to keep her manic-depression under wraps, a reporter who can't seem to check her own work without making rash judgements. The "hero" makes a 180 degree turn in character from the background we are given and the plot twist that finally brings the story to a conclusion is so forced as to be laughable.

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