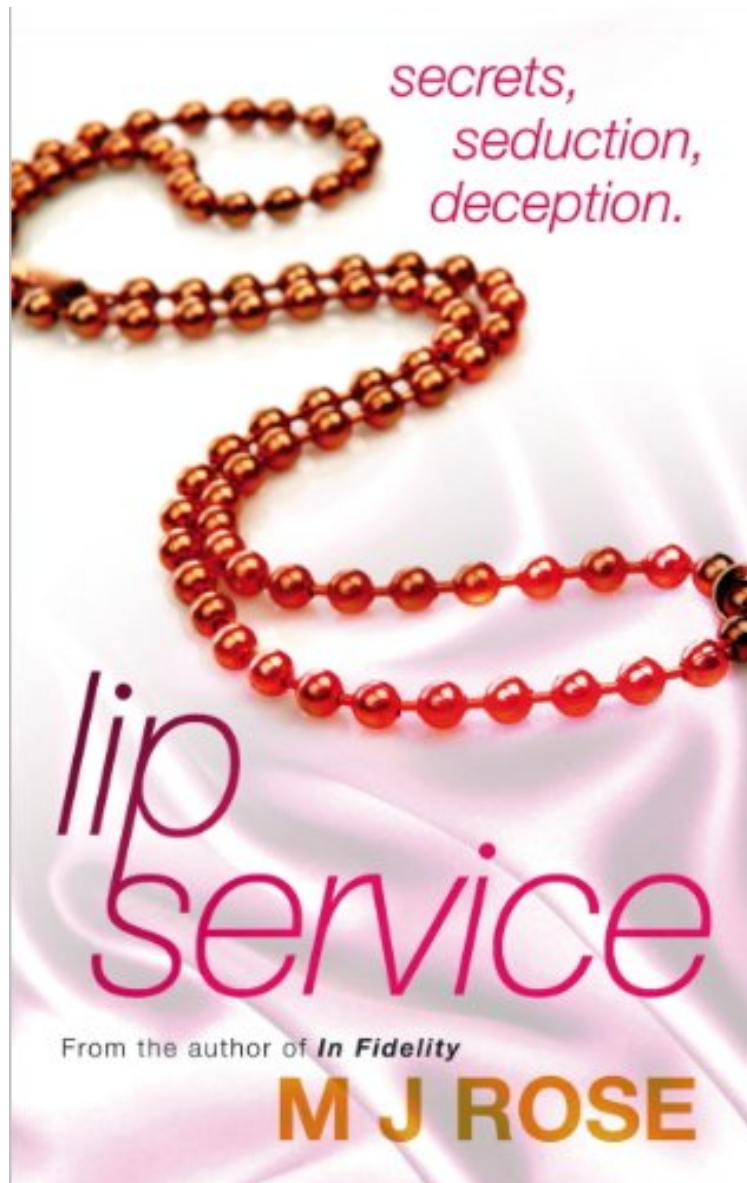


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Von M. J. Rose

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Von M. J. Rose : Lip Service (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lip Service (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great Character DevelopmentVon DandelionSFThis is a great book. The author brings the main characters alive, while exposing the reader to the odd world of phone sex. I'd describe this novel as an erotic read, but also an in-depth

portrayal of a woman who is unsatisfied with her life, which finds her dabbling in exciting and dangerous risk-taking. Call me gullible, but there was a plot twist included that I didn't see coming! Well done.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Stunning, entertaining work of FictionVon Ein KundelIf there's any new novel to be considered different, unique, and a total exciting read, this one is it. Lip Service crosses all traditional boundaries and enters into a realm of brilliant fiction. On the outside, Julia Sterling appears to have a wonderful life. She lives well, married to a successful psychiatrist and experiencing her own career in journalism. In the beginning, I find myself wishing I had her life. Until the first time her husband turns her away and treats her like one of his patients. Suddenly, I can't wait to see how she gets out of this life she's somehow fallen into. Things take on a new twist when Julia is hired to write a book about a local sex-therapy clinic. Her husband tells her not to do the job, that it would be too stressful for her "condition". Yet when Julia approaches the owner of the clinic to turn down the job, she finds herself not only accepting it, but asking if she can study the therapists' ways, their techniques, and learn their skill...by becoming one herself. In doing so, she becomes aware of parts of her she didn't even know existed. Parts of her that her husband had never touched. Parts that her long-time friend Jack had never even managed to bring to the light. Through the pages of the book, we follow along as Julia uncovers these hidden areas of her being, tentatively at first, and then later on with actual enjoyment. She experiences an awakening long overdue for a neglected woman. Until she has a caller who is different. This caller makes her uneasy at first, then begins to terrify her, shaking her explorative new existence to the core. The story heats up as Julia finds herself trapped in a tangled web, unsure of what to do about the caller, this new job she's taken on, and all other aspects of what appeared, at one time, to be a perfect life. The sinister mystery between these pages will keep you turning them. It's erotic, and real. The work is sensual to its core, even in the vivid descriptions of Julia's surroundings. You feel like you're there, and that's where you want to be. M.J. Rose has achieved the unachievable with this novel - she's brought romance, mystery, erotica, and fine literary talent all together to create a stunning, entertaining, and satisfying work of fiction.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. All lip but no serviceVon Rick SpellAfter reading about this book in Forbes, I thought this would be a good read based upon the author's aggressive marketing. I reviewed the reviews and anticipated a quality read. Frankly, I was very disappointed. I am a male but have no problem with the female perspective and interesting character development. This book fell woefully short.I believe the author does a good job of developing the primary character. All other characters were only briefly touched with generalizations and stereotypes. The interaction of the main character with others was also very brief and unfulfilling. Her love interest is not fully developed and did not emotionally attach the reader into "feeling" the emotion. The "sex boss" villain is also briefly sketched and not developed enough to dislike. Her husband and stepson are developed better but I did not feel she drew a conclusion to the husband. Also, the husband has a major problem mentioned throughout the book but it really is not substantial to the book storyline and could be left out completely. There is a surprise 40 pages from the end and it does draw the first substantial emotion from the reader. The final conclusion with the stepson is also mildly interesting but does not create the emotional attachment I desired.All in all, I definitely wouldn't recommend the book. I'm interested how many reviews were positive and can only conclude that females will better understand the feelings of despair by the writer.

KurzbeschreibungOn the surface, Julia Sterling's life is enviable. She lives on Manhattan's East Side, is married to a renowned psychiatrist, deeply loves her stepson and is forging a career as a journalist. When a writing assignment exposes Julia to telephone sex, she glimpses a world that stirs her erotic fantasies but threatens her carefully constructed reality. As she probes her emotional and sexual connections to the men she knows and several she will never meet, she confronts evil, perversity and her own passions..deAd writer M.J. Rose's self-published novel is the first-person account of Julia Sterling, age 38, a Manhattan wife of the silver spoon set who, without telling her control-freak husband, takes a job as a phone-fantasy therapist at the high-toned Butterfield Institute. (This "progressive sex clinic" is no doubt named after John O'Hara's call girl novel, Butterfield 8.) It's not just a job, it's an adventure, about which Julia plans to write a book. Though Julia is a therapist, not a call girl, her role-playing conversations do get steamy, and she discovers unsettling things about her call-in clients. Her own banked fires of passion become aroused there, too; at home Julia's husband is far more interested in the TV's remote control than unbuttoning her blouse. Worse, he's an infuriatingly smug shrink (trained by her shrink father!) who belittles her; tries to define her as the nervous-breakdown case she was in her promiscuous, screwed-up youth; and attempts to shut her up with anti-anxiety pills. He's emotionally AWOL and refuses to discuss it, nor will he heed Julia's urgent decorating needs (there should be a green Chinese art deco area rug in their apartment, darn it). Men! Will Julia succumb to the Butterfield Institute's director, who quotes Robert Herrick and "To His Coy Mistress" with classy lasciviousness? Or will her college newspaper chum--newly divorced and in New York--escalate their ancient flirtation? Will Julia's husband's charity foundation get nailed by the IRS? Will the Butterfield Institute get exposed as a sex shop? Julia's adventures are more logical than a Danielle Steel heroine's, although Rose lacks Steel's dizzy velocity. But if Julia's plight piques your interest, then you might be interested to find out what happens when she discards her fear of flying. --Tim

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