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An Inside Out story, Chris's POV

In a world where my only escape has been my art, Sara has been the light in my darkness. And there is darkness, the kind of inky black that can bleed from my life to hers.

She doesn't see it. She doesn't understand what I've shown her. And my biggest fear is that soon...she will.

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Heather says

His Secrets 3.1
Chris's POV

I received a copy for an honest review.

I love every part of this series! There are so many pieces that makes this series what it is. These journals are so important to the characters back stories.

This particular journal is in Chris's pov. I love when we get a glimpse into the heroes perspective, especially Chris Merit; he has such a sordid past. After I read If I Were You, I wasn't to sure of how I felt about Chris. You could see he was hiding so much from Sara, I wasn't sure whether I loved him or hated him.

His Secrets gives us some insight into his twisted past. Sara gets to experience a piece of Isabel's sex club Eclipse. As much as Chris doesn't want to he knows he needs to allow Sara to see who he was. He loves her and has to show her this.

I devoured this journal, I didn't want it to end. I really think these journals are necessary to the overall story. We could always formulate our own ideas, but Lisa pulls all of the back stories together so seamlessly.

Well done as usual! I look forward to the next piece to the puzzle!

SammiesBookBlog says

I was given a copy for an honest review.

I've read this entire series and I loved it! to get to read some of the story from Chris's eyes. I loved! he is so complex and one of my favorite male characters, I just loved getting inside his head and seeing how he sees, feeling what he feels. How he takes care of and protects the people around him, Amber, Sara, I just love. He is one of the most amazing, intense and complex men out there. Of course he has many demons and past issues and Sara tries to break down those walls and it isn't easy to love Chris.

Sara is strong and I love her and commend her for all she has to go through. But she is always there for Chris and I love her to pieces. This part was intense, took you on a crazy ride of emotions, hurt, drama, suspense, it had it all! Lisa did not disappoint. You will have to read it to see what all goes down ;-) a great, short read.

<3.

Some quotes I enjoyed.

"You aren't the this whip. We are not this whip."

"You, you make me stronger. You make me fight for me, and when I don't, you do it for me, and when I don't, you do it for me, the way I try to fight for you."

"I'm begging you to see me now. I love us and you. And I love where you take me, and what you make me feel."

"No in-between, baby."

Renee Entress from Renee Entress's Blog says

Lisa does not disappoint. Have to say when I looked at the amount of the pages I was upset it is very short....But you know Lisa she still manages to deliver spicy and passionate stories even on a few pages...

This is told in Chris's POV. You get a little more in-depth look into Chris. You learn a little more about Amber and her pain. You still feel the pull with Chris and Sarah. You can feel Sarah's pain during parts of the story. You also feel Chris trying to shut her out at points. In the end will the love they have for each other really be enough to overcome the secrets that Chris has now revealed?

I wanted to smack Amber in this story and have a feeling Tristan wanted to also.

Natalie The Biblioholic says

I loved Chris. I wish the entire series was in his POV alone!!

This book was straight drama. It felt like Chris couldn't catch a damn break from his demons. Especially not with both Amber and Isabel trying to manipulate him. In this installment, Sara was really just along for the ride. I did feel bad for Amber because it was obvious that she was suffering, but she made her own choices. She was grown. Chris may not have been the best influence, but she chose to follow him. The consequences of her actions are hers alone and she needs to stop blaming him for everything!

Enjoy! xo

Emily McGee says

This is an absolute MUST READ! If you love the Inside Out Series, you have to read this book. His Secrets picks up right before Chris and Sara head back to San Francisco. There is some time spent at the country home in Paris in which Sara and Chris finally get to spend some much needed time alone. All too quickly though, we are back in the world in which Chris must battle his demons at every turn. This is not a novella just to tide us over until the next book. This novella, told from Chris' POV, holds many key elements that will be present throughout the remainder of the series.

"The two of us are all kinds of fucked up that somehow equals perfect."
~Chris

Chris and Sara continue to battle with Chris' past in His Secrets. They flip back and forth between what is

good for them and what they need, crave and desire. Amber, Isabel and Tristan all play a pivotal role in this story. We delve deeper into problems between all of the characters and hit breaking points for a few of them as well. There were parts where I wanted to smack someone, hug someone and cry for someone. His secrets was one of those books that stayed with me even after I was finished. I kept thinking about the characters and how what happened was going to effect them in the future. In true Inside Out style His Secrets was just as haunting and captivating as its predecessors.

"Then I pull back, praying I didn't just kiss her goodbye."

~Chris

For such a short read, this book is equal parts poignant and heart-warming. His Secrets opens up so many more roads that this story line can travel. I saw Chris finally have a breakthrough in making peace with his past but, he and Sara still have a very long road ahead of them. I'm not sure who was fooling themselves in this book. Was Sara being too naive about Chris' past? Or was Chris underestimating Sara's ability to handle the screwed-up not so distant past he had lead? Either way I am counting the days until my questions are answered, and I get more of Sara and Chris! I do have to stress that this book is a very vital part of what is to come in the Inside Out Series. What happens in Paris will probably not stay in Paris... Or maybe it will. Who knows? Ms. Jones creates new turns and twists with every word she writes so, there is no guessing what is to come from this magnificent series.

Happy Reading!

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KatLynne says

3.5 Hot Stars!

This novella is told from Chris' POV and gives the reader deeper insight concerning his fears. His true motive for bringing Sara to Paris is much more than what was revealed in the last installment, *Revealing Us*, and a few key elements presented will continue throughout the remainder of the series.

The reader is taken back to Paris where Chris and Sara are enjoying the last few days of bliss before returning home. A plot twist involving Amber throws a major kink in their plans and brings Chris' darkest concerns to the surface.

This is a very short read, yet Lisa's trademark heat continues to blaze. And while the ending leaves a feeling of contentment, the appetite certainly wants more:)

Thank you Netgalley and Lisa Renee Jones for the ARC. It was a pleasure!

Grace says

3 stars

STOP: Don't read this novella until you've read Revealing Us. This is Chris' secrets and his POV. It starts off where Revealing Us ends.

The bulk of this novella takes place over 1 night, the night before Chris & Sara leave Paris. Amber is back (grrrr) and Isabel (GRRRRRRRRR). Chris reveals more about himself, and while his secrets are sad and worrisome, I feel like they were revealed before. There's a lot going on, but what I took away most from this book was how messed up both Amber & Isabel are. I hope we never see or hear from them again.

I think I didn't love this book like the rest of the series because I recently finished a BDSM book and I couldn't help but compare the two.

If you loved Revealed Us, then you'll love this one. If you didn't like that book, you can probably skip this novella.

But, there is a special reward at the end of the book. Looks like Mark is getting a novella, My Hunger, coming out in July!!!

*An ARC was received from the publisher via NetGalley for an honest review.

Vanessa says

****FULL REVIEW****

“She’s the woman I love, whom I asked to marry me only hours before. I would have sworn I would never love like this, never risk loss, but I can no longer imagine life without Sara. I don’t even want to try.”

Sara has agreed to spend the rest of her life with Chris...but there are conditions. He has to finally open up to her and show her who he really is. And that means delving into the demons of his past that have somehow resurfaced in the worst possible way.

Now, Sara is going to see and witness far more than Chris had ever planned on her seeing...and he fears it will be just too much and push Sara over the edge. Problem is, he knows he doesn’t deserve her...but he just can’t let her go.

“I promised you that you’d understand me if you came to Paris. Tonight, I’m going to make sure you do.”

And what Sara learns could ultimately tear them apart...

“She steps to the window, hugging herself, the self-blame radiating off her, and I know I was right. Rebecca, and even the Ella situation, have influenced every interaction with Amber. She wants to save the world. I need to save her, right after I save Amber.”

Ahhhhh, Amber. The one Chris harbors a guilt that cannot be extinguished...and the one he can no longer help. But he can help Sara, he can save her, keep her from the darkness that envelopes the ‘lifestyle’.

Little does he know, Sara is so much stronger than he ever thought. Ultimately it's Sara who has to do the saving...

“Nothing I have shown her has made her withdraw or become anxious...I do see her. I see the fighter in her, the big heart. I see the woman I love.”

“No in-between, Chris. You told me that. And I'm telling you that now.” ‘No in-between, baby.’ I'm all in with Sara—and we're about to find out where that leads us.”

Oh hell yeah! You know this is the perfect set up to the next installment of the Inside Out Series...we are finally, FINALLY going to get some answers! Of course, catching up with all the loose ends is part of the anticipation of the culmination I feel we will see in Book Four, *No In Between*. I just know, in true LRJ fashion, I will be kept guessing till the very end. I cannot wait!

****4 Covered in You Stars****

Rebecca Blankenship says

I was given this to read and give my honest review.

This book is apart of an amazing series called "Inside Out", must read all of the books first before reading Chris'POV.

This book is about Chris and the dark secrets he holds, his feelings, and you will learn about his pain. He takes the love of his life Sara to Paris to show her his painful dark secret but his fear is that it will tear them apart. He fears that Sara is not strong enough to hold what she is going thru plus what he is about to show her on her shoulders and still love him just as much as he loves her. Amber once again starts playing head games with Chris and Tristan but will her games get her what she wants, which is CHRIS? Will he finally say enough and choose Sara all the way and put his past behind him as he starts a new chapter of his life with Sara? Will the marriage proposal and the love between Chris and Sara be what saves them from his own hell? Or will what Sara sees and deals with be the last drawl and she leaves Chris for good? Buy the book and read it and you will find out the answers soon enough.

Zandra says

[Im having a hard time making a review of this short novella.. i love the series. But im getting tired of the shoving -away- kind- of- guy- because- of- his- secrets-of-the-past. Hmm..

This episode is where Chris showed Sara his other part of his secret and whipped life.

Yep, This involved Amber , that bitch Isabel and Tristan.. now u have the hint... anyway, i miss this series i want more soon.. (hide spoiler)]

Paris (kerbytejas) says

I've read all of the Inside out books, read all of Rebecca's lost journals, and now I've read **His Secrets (Inside Out #3.1) by Lisa Renee Jones** . Unfortunately, I have to say this novella (page count unknown, but its short) was my least favorite.

I found the story line disjointed, the flow of the writing stiff and mechanical, and the character portrayal disappointing. These are character's I've spent time with, they are far from perfect, they have problems, some more than others, but if this was my first exposure to them – I'd run. Even moments that should have or could have been touching between Chris and Sara had no feeling. I found the little snippets of sex between the couple very mechanical and unconvincing. The novella was just plain boring. The level of drama was high though, Chris feeling like he's responsible for Amber's need for the whip, Tristan not being able to control Amber, Isabel claiming Chris still needs to punish himself and will never escape that need, and Sara saying that she and Chris will overcome it all together.

I seriously can't say much about this novella except it was disappointing. For me a 1 star read.

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Esra says

Serinin devam?nda hikayeyi ve elbette ki kendisiyle ilgili baz? gerekleri bu sefer de Chris'in a?z?ndan dinliyoruz.

Fransa'da yapt??? teklifin ard?ndan her ?eyden uzak mutlu mesut ya?arlarken ald?klar? telefonla i?ler yine sarpa sar?yor. Ve yine o gereksiz, sama sapan kuruntular ortaya ?k?yor!

Rebecca'n?n gnlklerini de okuyay?m, ondan sonra Mark var! ok heyecanl?y?m!

Christi Lofton says

Thanks to Lisa Renee Jones, I was able to read an ARC of this novella. I must say it was an awesome read! Being able to see inside that beautiful, troubled mind of Chris was amazing. The love between Chris and Sara was shown in even more detail. This is a great novella and I can't wait to read more of not only Chris & Sara, but also Mark. Great series! If you haven't read the series, then start with If I Were You now. If you are reading the series, then grab this one as soon as it comes out! You won't be disappointed!

Jessica Brandon says

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I give His Secrets 5 stars.

This ARC was given by Lisa Renee Jones in exchange for an honest review.

Chris and Sara met because of another woman's secrets. Rebecca's journals and secret thoughts are what intrigued Sara into the art world and led her to the love of her life, Chris. However, he has his own secrets and he is not sure if he can completely share them before they marry. Protecting those secrets are not to keep her from fearing him, but to protect her from who he really is and leaving him. He knows she is too good for him and he knows he is selfish for wanting to keep her. But will she stay??

Paris is how Chris is supposed to reveal all of his dark secrets that are hidden in his dark soul. Sara thought they were all in the open after she learned about his involvement with Amber's parent's murder. He then proposes and Sara thought she knew everything about him. That is until hours they are to leave for the states, Tristan calls Chris and demands him to save Amber from Isabel's whippings. Like Chris, Amber must punish herself with pain for the loss of her parents. Only Chris can save Amber, and while saving her, he will probably lose Sara.

Sara insists that she rescue Amber too and to let her see his dark past. He knows he must let Sara into the past in order to keep her in the future. Before entering the club and revealing even more secrets that Sara did not know existed, Chris warns her, "But if you run, run fast. Because I'm going to come after you. That's just the kind of bastard I can't seem to help being."

Chris's secrets, thoughts, and emotions are captured perfectly in his POV. He is ready to claim Sara and keep her even if she runs. Another well done story that begins to unwind all of the tangled pieces of the Inside Out Series. I loved reading this novella and enjoyed the epilogue that peeked into Mark's crazy world. Can't wait for His Hunger.....

Lisa Jones says

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