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What would you do if the secret you were keeping could set you free, yet ultimately devastate the ones you love?.....After six years of marriage, Victoria and Ted are the ultimate power couple. She's a beautiful, business savvy sister who owns one of Atlanta's most sought after event planning companies. He's a powerful, blue-eyed CEO who knows how to take care of business in and out of the boardroom. But their seemingly happy life begins to unravel in the blink of an eye when long held desires and decades old secrets come back to haunt them. Victoria's road to deceit begins when Parker Brightwood re-enters her life. She thought she'd gotten over the brazenly handsome surgeon who once stole her heart, but an unusual set of circumstances ushers the ebony prince back on the scene, and this time he's determined to win her back at any cost. Ted's undoing begins with his mother's sudden death, and a mysterious secret that leads to unexpected places. When the truth is finally revealed, it's a realization so shocking, it threatens the life and marriage he holds so dear. As Victoria and Ted journey down a road filled with uncertainty, they're forced to take a hard, honest look at themselves and confront their hidden fears. Can they repair the damage before it's too late, or will they follow a path headed toward destruction?

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## **Kim says**

I truly struggled through 5 chapters. Just couldn't continue. Planning to try another book by this author.

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## **L.M. David says**

First, this book takes off with a warm, loving interlude between a white male and his black wife. From there, it tumbles down stairs like a slinky. First, Victoria can't stop obsessing over a brother who cheated on her, the man she moved on from to marry her current husband. It was irritating after a while the way she sent on and on about him. Ted, Victoria's husband, has issues too. He's too mellow, quiet and in love with his wife who, again, dreams of getting back with the idiot who cheated on her. Thankfully, Tyler, Victoria's best bud in male form, has common sense because Victoria talked the talk but when it came time to owe up, she failed miserably. Can't say I enjoyed this book but also can't say I didn't like it. There were adorable characters here, too bad Victoria wasn't one of them. Overall, I liked Trice Hickman's style of writing and look forward to reading more from this writer.

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## **Shonte Bryson says**

Not really my genre.

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## **Debbie J says**

**Keeping Secrets and Telling Lies** is a sequel which begins a few years after its predecessor ended. Having already read the first book isn't required; however, a little background on the three key characters helps because they have significant histories with each other.

Victoria and Ted are happily married and raising a young daughter. Meanwhile Victoria's ex-lover Parker has resurfaced and threatens to wreck her seemingly perfect world.

Author Trice Hickman offers yet another rich, soapy tale full of twisty-turny melodrama. She also continues to display a rare talent for penning bizarre similes and metaphors, such as:

"...the vein in his forehead was waving like a flag in the wind."

Um, what?

A major plot point is the big secret Ted is keeping from Victoria. Not to brag but I easily guessed (view spoiler).

Hickman wraps the story up tidily and she again avoids insulting the reader's common sense. I'm looking forward to the next novel in the continuing romantic saga.

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## **Julie Barrett says**

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About a black woman who marries a white male. That's only the start of their problems. It's not them that have the problem but others in their lives just don't accept it. They are both highly successful people in the business world and they have a 5 yo daughter who goes to school. When Victoria goes to sign her up she sees an old boyfriend who had cheated on her. He's there with his son to register him for the same school. She sees him at the wedding of her friend because he's there with his cousin Samatha. Ted's mother is very ill and not expected to live but a few days so he hightails it to Boston to be with her and the siblings. What is learned will not only shatter his life but the whole family.

He was also handed an envelope at the funeral that he didn't open til later.

He didn't tell his wife everything either.

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## **OOSA says**

### **The Truth Shall Set You Free**

Six years have passed. Victoria and Ted Thornton are living their happily ever after. Victoria owns one of Atlanta 's most sought after event planning and catering companies, Divine Occasions. Ted's telecom company, ViaTech, is thriving. They've added to the mix Alexandria , their precious and precocious five-year-old daughter. Life is good until...a blast from the past is now very much in the present.

At one time Victoria was in love with Parker Brightwood. Now with the sudden reappearance of him in her life, feelings that she thought she long ago buried seem to be resurfacing. Further complicating things, a tragedy in Ted's life is wedging a gap between the couple. With both keeping secrets and telling lies, is their marriage strong enough to survive?

Trice Hickman returns with her love triangle of Parker-Victoria-Ted in her sophomore release, "Keeping Secrets & Telling Lies." Some of us may never know the intricacies or the innermost feelings of someone in an interracial relationship. Fortunately, for those, Hickman is available as she captures readers with a front row seat. She again delivers with an entertaining as well as thought provoking story. I look forward to more from Hickman.

Reviewed by: Toni

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## **Le'Shawn says**

This the sequel to Unexpected Interruptions. It's six years later and Victoria is happily married to the man she chose. However, unresolved feelings for a former flame, family secrets, lies & betrayal threaten to tear them apart. There is some resolve in the final chapter but the ending still felt abrupt. I would like to know what happened with some of the supporting characters. Maybe we will get their stories in subsequent books.

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## **Tonia Smith says**

A terrific story told. The title "Telling lies and keeping secrets " did this story justice. Kudos to Trice Hickman for telling the story so well. This was a great sequel to the love triangle between Victoria, Parker, and Ted.

Along with an interracial love triangle were other twists and turns. Did we actually think Parker would just walk away? Will Victoria give up on her marriage to Ted to go back to Parker who cheated on her which pushed her to Ted from the beginning? Then why is Victoria creeping with Parker? Only to find out that Ted has secrets that Victoria is not aware of. Ted finds out he isn't who he thought he was. Can the two forgive each other for keeping secrets from one another and can they get passed it.

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## **Debra Odom says**

This is my second time reading this book. This is a book about the lack of trust which could d have destroyed Ted's and Victoria's marriage.

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## **Cheryl says**

This book is a sequel to Unexpected Interruptions. Ted and Victoria are married and now have a daughter named Alexandria. They are worried about the race issue and are putting her in a school called Jack and Jill. Who happens to have a child there?

"When she finally reached the main office and opened the door, she froze in her tracks. She wanted to believe that she was imagining things, or that she was witnessing a mirage, the result of sleep-deprivation. But as much as she wanted to dismiss it, she knew what she saw in front of her was real. Even though his

back was turned to her, she knew it was him. The broad, muscular shoulders, and alluring scent of citrus and spice could only belong to one man. It was Parker Brightwood, and he was shaking hands with Katie Palmer, the Director of Admissions. What the hell is he doing here?" P.35

You will have to read *Unexpected Interruptions* to find out about Victoria and Parker's previous relationship. This just makes her life more complicated when he shows back up after all these years. To make things worse, her best friend Tyler started dating his cousin Samantha.

On top of all that, Ted's mom isn't so well, then he finds out a secret that nobody else but his mom knows. He isn't sure what to do with the secret. He is getting all stressed out.

You will have to read this book to see what the secrets and lies are and who had the secrets and lies. You will be surprised. It all isn't what you might think from just looking at the cover of the book.

Race plays a big part in this book, and Trice Hickman did a great job with this story making the characters come to life. My favorite character is Victoria. In the first book *Unexpected Interruptions* she began as a single woman and she just was a great woman that I know I would be friends with. She continued to be my favorite character in this book. Although I didn't necessarily agree with some of the things that she did, in the end I was happy with the outcome. The end almost made me cry. I really like her friend Tyler too. He was such a good friend to Victoria and really gave her great advice.

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### **Genevieve Woods says**

#### **V is nerve wrecking**

Victoria needs medication in the first book she was Parker but constantly thought of Ted. she marries Ted but for 6 years thinks of Parker constantly. the cheating and stupid lies where Too much. However I loved of and Ali. I want to continue this series but the author constantly going back and forth in time is exhausting and I do t think I can handle reading it with grandpa John and Ali but we will see.

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### **Roslyn Carpenter says**

A very entertaining and intriguing story. The characters were so well developed and driving me crazy going back and forth, and I loved it. So many moments I would gasp! I was blown away when one of the characters found out who he was and to learn all the secrets after the death of a loved one. It can be so devastating. Overall, the author gave such a well thought out story. I want a movie because it definitely reads like one.

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### **Sheila says**

Was kind of a long read. but it was ok

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## **Paula Allen says**

I was anxiously awaiting KEEPING SECRETS, TELLING LIES since I enjoyed Unexpected Interruptions so much. I was just a little disappointed because this book lacked the chemistry that was in the previous book. Also, if you did not read the previous book, there was a lot that you missed concerning the love triangle between the three. Also, Victoria's character lacked the confidence she exuded before, she came off as nervous and flighty, therefore, I did not warm up to her and I didn't agree with the decisions she made. I figured out Ted's secret very early in the book, which took the suspense from that subplot.

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## **Valerie says**

Excellent book.

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