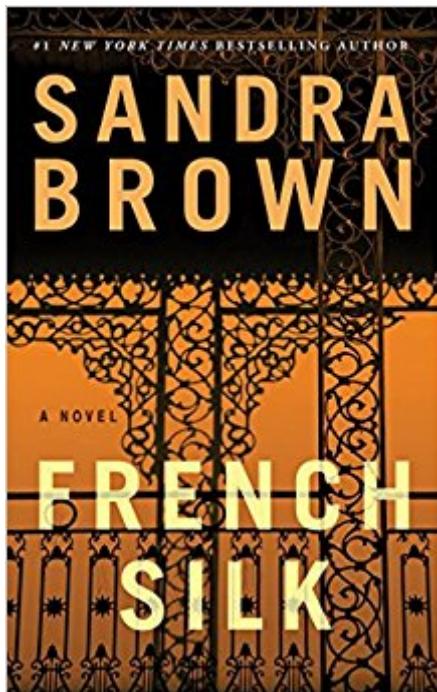


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French Silk



Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown delivers a thrilling tale of murder, desire, and fatal secrets. Like the city of New Orleans itself, Claire Laurent is a vibrant beauty laced with a mysterious elusiveness. The founder of French Silk, a fabulous lingerie company, she has fought hard to make it a worldwide success. Then a TV evangelist attacks French Silk's erotic sleepwear as sinful. And when he is killed, Claire becomes the prime suspect. District Attorney Robert Cassidy knows Claire is damning herself with lie after lie about the murder, even as he feels her drawing him into her world and her very soul. But neither Cassidy nor Claire's protests of innocence can save her unless she reveals a shocking truth—one she has sworn to take to the grave. *Fast-paced...Sparks fly and the tension becomes as hot as jambalaya.* • USA Today *Skillful writing and clever plotting* • Sandra Brown proves herself top-notch. • Associated Press

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Customer Reviews

Set in atmospheric New Orleans, Brown's (*Breath of Scandal* ; *Mirror Image*) latest highly entertaining novel again demonstrates her mastery of the romantic suspense genre. When evangelist Jackson Wilde is murdered in his hotel room, handsome, driven district attorney Robert Cassidy has a long list of suspects. At the top of it are Wilde's young wife, Ariel, and his son, Josh, who have been having an affair. But soon the main suspect is Claire Laurent, the owner of the lingerie company French Silk, whose sexy catalogue Wilde targeted in his campaign against pornography. Claire had a motive; she had collected and then hidden an extensive file of clippings

on Wilde and she had attended his service the night he died. Cassidy has one problem with fingering her as the villain: he is falling in love with her. Claire, who battles childhood memories of life with her mentally unstable mother, protects herself by building emotional walls to keep him out. Other characters, including Claire's best friend and business partner, Yasmine, guard their own secrets, which may or may not be related to the murder. Despite occasionally stilted and didactic dialogue, the novel is adroitly plotted and sleekly paced, and has just the right mix of menace and sex to keep pages turning. 150,000 first printing; Doubleday Book Club main selection; Literary Guild alternate; author tour. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Televangelist Jackson Wilde targets the catalog of Claire Laurent's mail-order lingerie business, French Silk, as part of his anti-pornography campaign. When Wilde's body is discovered in a New Orleans hotel room, Laurent becomes the number-one suspect in a murder investigation that also involves her mentally distracted mother; her partner, the beautiful model Yasmine; Wilde's wife and son, both working members of his ministry; and a local senator with a shady private life. Sparks fly between Laurent and assistant district attorney Cassidy as the inquiry heats up along with the weather. The lies she tells to impede his investigation, though prompted by an honorable motive, sometimes make her appear less than noble. But this fast-paced story will keep readers guessing until the final pages. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 1/92.- Marilyn Jordan, Keiser Coll. Lib., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**Leave it to bestselling author Sandra Brown for leaving us with another excellent romantic suspense that she is known for. A great read!..... When Jackson Wilde a well known and prominent evangelist is found brutally murdered in his hotel room, it will soon turn out to be a strange and baffling mystery. At least that's what assistant district attorney Robert Cassidy is thinking when he personally gotten involved in the investigation. Driven by a pure ambition for the truth, Cassidy learned that Wilde had many enemies. He even suspects Wilde's wife and son because he knew undoubtedly that they were both having an affair. When he goes down the long list of suspects, he was not prepared when he met Claire Laurent, not only was she beautiful in Cassidy's eyes but she was also the owner of a very successful erotica lingerie company named 'french silk'. When Cassidy starts questioning her about the night in question,she demands to know why. He tells her it is because Wilde was constantly trying to shut her company down for the

lewdness it represented and surely she was aware of that? That makes her a number one suspect in his book and when Claire refused to tell him anything and asked him to leave, he was left one major problem. Cassidy is drawn to this woman and he doesn't want to leave. As this case slowly unfolds, Cassidy continued to goad and probe her. Why? He knew with a certainty that he was slowly falling in love with Claire Larent and he also knew she was innocent regardless of her cool facade and all her lies and he definitely knew she didn't do it and he had to prove it for the suspect list was mounting. As he continued to investigate, the mystery slowly unraveled making it all so unbelievable! With a corrupt politician, a shady wife who is committing fraud, a suicide and many more reasons to commit muder, Cassidy will soon learn everything but he will also have no choice but to face his own demons for he also carries a dark and sinister secret of his own. If only he could tell Claire someday? He prays for that day! A true love story combined with a juicy murder. Is there any other kind?..... Thank You

FRENCH SILK is a typical Sandra Brown novel, a little too long and, at the mid-part of the story, a bit repetitive. The venue is New Orleans where televangelist, Jackson Wilde, publicly attacks Claire Laurent's seasonal lingerie mail order catalog, French Silk, as tasteless and pornographic. Shortly thereafter Wilde is found in his hotel room with three appropriately placed bullet holes in his body. Handsome and dedicated Robert Cassidy, who gave up a lucrative legal defense practice to become assistant district attorney for New Orleans, is assigned the case. At the top of his suspect list is Wilde's young second wife, Ariel, and his son, Josh, who have for some time concealed their affair. Later the prime suspect becomes Clair Laurent and Cassidy is forced to confront his professional integrity having fallen for this beautiful and talented suspect. When his D.A. boss finds out about Cassidy's young emotional entanglement, he threatens to take him off the case. Claire is extremely loyal to her French Silk Company employees and to her drop-dead gorgeous model and business partner, Yasmine. Claire also has a mother who lives in a fantasy world further complicating the plot and requiring much of Claire's time. The local and married United States Congressman, Alister Petrie, who has a pattern of frequent affairs is also thrown into the mix and threatens to destroy the district attorney's establishment if his affairs are exposed. Brown keeps the first and last parts of the novel moving at a fast pace. The story is a page turner. The novel is one of Brown's better thrillers with just enough romance to keep it interesting. I give the story a 4 1/2 star rating.

Sandra Brown has written some good novels but this is definitely NOT ONE OF THEM! Three-fourths of the book is spent "developing" the relationship between the Assistant DA, who manages to kiss and bed the chief suspect within the first few chapters of the book - totally unbelievable and just absolutely inane. Her stereotype of Christians was particularly offensive. While there, no doubt, may be a few who act thusly, the far greater majority of us do not! How would I describe the impact of this book? The epitome of banality, shallow depth of characters and plot, a thoroughly annoying read, all combined together for a most untasty stew. I hope I didn't spend much to purchase this Kindle book (ANY AMOUNT would be too much)!

Been a long time I have read a book without figuring out the mystery. I enjoyed this book. I wanted to finish book quickly. Thank you Sandra Brown.

I love Sandra Brown and this book was no disappointment. Very fast paced, hard to put down. Definitely an A+.

Really good Sandra Brown book! Good characters, great plot, could not put it down!

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