

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author presents a gripping new thriller that pits homicide detective Eve Dallas against a conspiracy of exploitation and evil.

New York, 2061: The place called the Pleasure Academy is a living nightmare where abducted girls are trapped and trained for a life of abject service while their souls are slowly but surely destroyed. Dorian, a thirteen-year old runaway who'd been imprisoned there, might never have made it out if not for her fellow inmate Mina, who'd hatched the escape plan. Mina was the more daring of the two—but they'd been equally desperate.

Unfortunately, they didn't get away fast enough. Now Dorian is injured, terrified, and wandering the streets of New York, and Mina lies dead near the waterfront while Lieutenant Eve Dallas looks over the scene.

Mina's expensive, elegant clothes and beauty products convince Dallas that she was being groomed, literally and figuratively, for sex trafficking—and that whoever is investing in this high-overhead operation expects windfall profits. Her billionaire husband, Roarke, may be able to help, considering his ties to the city's ultrarich. But Roarke is also worried about the effect this case is having on Dallas, as it brings a rage to the surface she can barely control. No matter what, she must keep her head clear—because, above all, she is desperate to take down those who torment the innocent.

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