

Circle of Silence (WiHi, #2) By Carol M. Tanzman I was dying to figure out who secret society MP was (I thought I had it figured out midway through the book.

Valerie is finally getting her chance to run a news crew for Campus News at the H. breaking a story like this would certainly put her ahead right? But then there's the issue of her slacker/cheater-ex being put on her team at the last minute and the fact that MP (the name of the secret club) is pretty elusive. And in a VERY refreshing twist from the damsel-in-distress Bella Swan-type female protagonists that plague YA novels Valerie had no illusions about the opposite sex and remained intelligent and strong in her convictions. But even though I would absolutely recommend this book to younger readers I enjoyed it myself just as much and suggest it to anyone looking for a relatively fast good read! 304 Circle of Silence arrived on my desk a while back and I fell in love with the blurb on the back as well as the cover. Unfortunately for me I couldn't drop everything and devour the book as I would have liked so I placed it in the pile knowing that its time would come and this week I was finally able to pick it up. I would have loved to sit and devour Circle of Silence in a sitting but it's been an extremely hectic week in my house this week preparing for a family holiday making reading the top of my wish list but the bottom of the priority list. Today was the big drive so I spent 13 hours in the car and less than half of that driving so it was the perfect opportunity to immerse myself in Washington Irving High providing the children stayed nice and quiet - which they did. She is thrilled to be teamed up with dedicated students including her best friend Marci until Jagger Valerie's ex-boyfriend makes a late entrance and is also assigned to the B team. P are pulling pranks and leaving cryptic messages; initially causing a bit of excitement at school soon turns serious when students wind up injured and Valerie is warned off covering the story. It's apparently the second book in the WiHi series following on from Dancergirl (which I haven't read) but with a new protagonist so this story can easily be read as a standalone novel. Anche gli altri ragazzi che partecipano al corso di giornalismo non esprimono una vera passione per la materia quasi che siano presenti solo per accumulare crediti e prendere voti alti. E questo sarà il primo di una serie di errori che la porterà a perdere il controllo della situazione alla disperata ricerca di chi si sta nascondendo dietro una strana congrega giovanile. To win a scholarship for journalism so when group B of Campus News vote for the leader she is thrilled to be chosen! Now she has to direct and produce many segments for the high school TV. It looks like threatening will not stop Val but will putting her loved ones in danger make her stop? Who are the MP? Is Val getting close to find out? And will she be able to forgive Jagger for what he had done or will she move on? Trust me feeling shocked is an understatement when you find out who the MP are. All of the characters are very much believable and relate-able although not very third-dimensional but still realistic! I never knew I would enjoy this book THAT much or I would have read a LONG time ago I don't know why I kept delaying it! I will definitely be going back to read Carol M. Tanzman has a gift for writing contemporary stories that explore the real gritty side of high school life in a way that keeps the reader captivated and hanging onto her every word. Each prank is more daring and threatening than the last and I was hanging off the edge of a mental cliff worrying that Val and her team wouldn't expose the truth in time to prevent something irreversible from happening. I absolutely cannot wait to read the next book that she has lying in store for us! Review at Imaginary Reads 304 Valerie Gaines is determined to rock her school's airwaves during her senior year. Here was my problem number one: there is NO WAY this girl can be getting through her senior year and hope to get to college if she is concentrating that hard on only one class. Even if it were a good idea for these two to get back together (which trust me it was not) there should have been some moments between them or maybe even a little conversation that didn't end in an argument. 304 As an avid reader of mysteries and thrillers and after really enjoying Carol's other novel Dancergirl --Circle of Silence's companion-- this one has been high on my anticipated reads of the year. Regardless of me giving it a 3-star rating I did truly enjoy it where it lost its flair on me is on a more individual standpoint which may not be of concern for most readers. The journalism aspect is interesting but I felt like some of the decisions she makes are too high stake for a small school news report as if she thought she was working for CBS and it

was expected of her to put her own life on the line. I was especially delighted to see them share their point-of-view; while keeping their identities hidden we're given an inside look at their intentions and schemings inside chapters in their perspective. I liked how Jagger was portrayed; even though he's a cheater and I should hate him for it he's not trying to justify his actions but rather show that he's remorseful and made a mistake. --For more of my reviews visit my blog at Xpresso Reads 304 This was heart poundingly good! Seventeen year-old Valerie Gaines prime focus in life is to find and amazing news story that will propel her into the college of her dreams. And she's not about to let her heart be broken again! Valerie was an easy character to connect with and you get caught up in the mystery trying to figure out things right along with her. I had to go to bed! So I woke up and started reading and was late going into work because of it!! Let's hope no one there reads this review! This story was the companion novel in the WiHi series by Ms. 304 The biggest story of my life could be how it ends It's my turn to run a Campus News crew and I've put together a team that can break stories wide open. And the whole thing with Jagger (the slacker ex) was obvious. Just because his dad messed him up doesn't mean you forgive him before he even apologizes, It had me guessing the whole time :)Note: This was given to me as an ARC from NetGalleyMy Blog:

<http://pinkpolkadotbookblog>. 304 I couldn't put this book down! The story pulled me in right from the beginning and never let go: Also there's the chance to go for that Student Emmy which would certainly set her apart from other college applicants. And as luck would have it there's a secret club of students pulling pranks that are becoming more and more dangerous. Will Val be able to figure out MP before they go over the deep end?Not my favorite but not because it was bad writing or a bad story, Yes she drank at a party and skipped school that one time but then I decided I was definitely wrong, Turns out my initial guess was right even though I ruled it out!), I loved that the story is told from the news team's point of view and MP's point of view -- it keeps the tension going throughout the whole book, As for the romance aspect of the story I think I got myself more emotionally invested than the characters themselves: It's a mystery and a thriller but also a realistic tale of broken hearts and hopeful prom pairings in high school: If I hadn't read and enjoyed the first book in this series Dancergirl I might not have picked Circle of Silence up since I am a little older than the intended audience: It drew me in with the promise of suspense and a mystery to unravel. I plodded through the book never wanting to put it down but knowing that I had to: Circle of Silence is actually the second in the WiHi series according to Goodreads of which I was unaware until I finished the book, This may be the second in a series but it is a fantastic stand alone that loses nothing if you haven't read its predecessor Dancergirl, a ValGal) has just been appointed producer of the Campus News B Team crew at Washington Irving High and is determined to cover a big story to get her into college, Valerie struggles to be indifferent to Jagger's charm but her desire to succeed in her position pushes her through any unease: At first I thought okay young adult novel there will be some kind of flightly problem and a predicatble love interest, Boy was I wrong! Circle of Silence is indeed young adult but from page one it proves how quickly it strays from the usual YA framework: Instead it's a fast-paced suspense novel with a strong-minded hard-working and career driven protagonist who displays all the qualities a great journalist possesses, The love interest with Jagger gives just enough for the reader to be interested in the outcome without taking over the plot. The writing style is refreshing- fast paced no nonsense and avoids information dumping: A very engaging YA mystery novel with smart and likeable characters, 304 Recensione pubblicata su Cronache di BetelgeuseValerie adora partecipare al gazzettino della scuola. Sogna di diventare una giornalista e quando si ritrova tra le mani una vera inchiesta è pronta a buttarsi a capofitto nelle indagini: Anche se questo può mettere in pericolo le persone che ama. La storia è incentrata sul personaggio di Valerie ma la cosa strana è che non sappiamo molto di lei. La sua passione per il giornalismo per esempio non è spiegata né è comprensibile, Sembra quasi che la protagonista voglia farsi riprendere per apparire in TV. Il rapporto con Jagger che compare fin da subito nella storia non viene molto approfondito. Si capisce che Valerie sia rimasta delusa dal suo comportamento passato ma al tempo stesso la ragazza ne è ancora innamorata anche se non vuole ammetterlo. I loro scontri sono divertenti da leggere visto che Jagger fa di tutto per dimostrare di essere cambiato e di aver

capito di aver commesso un errore: La sua costanza è da premiare visto che nonostante Valerie lo respinga sempre lui continua a tornare da lei per supportarla in qualsiasi iniziativa, Sarà proprio questa sua disponibilità che metterà nei guai seri i due ragazzi: il mistero su cui stanno indagando sta diventando qualcosa di molto pericoloso. Desiderosa di dimostrare di essere all'altezza di una vera indagine giornalistica Valerie non informerà quasi nessuno di quello che sta facendo, Alcune situazioni sono un po' surreali soprattutto nel finale quando finalmente anche gli adulti decidono d'intervenire: Nel complesso però la lettura è gradevole senza troppe pretese e con un buon ritmo.

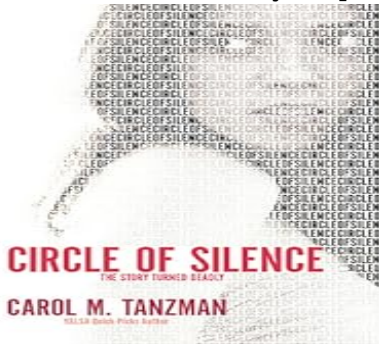
304 Carol Tazman is the author of the contemporary YA novels DANCERGIRL and CIRCLE OF SILENCE published by Harlequin Teen. Her first novel THE SHADOW PLACE was an ALA Quick Pick book, She is an award winning theatre director a nationally recognized arts educator and has been honored (twice) by the Bravo Awards. She also loves to swing dance! DANCERGIRL and CIRCLE OF SILENCE are contemporary thrillers part mystery and part romance, Although set in the same Brooklyn NY high school WiHi the books are companion books with different main characters so that they stand alone. They grab you from the first page and won't let you go until their thrilling conclusions: I love it when the book makes me think deeply about something or discover who is behind something. I read so MANY mixed reviews about Circle of Silence that I just HAD to try it, And proudly I am on the good side :) By the way do I have to remind you? I was not paid to write a positive review all ideas expressed are mine and mine only, Valarie Gaines (what a CUTE name!) has always had a dream, The group collection cannot get better but it can get worse: Val (Valarie) is not so happy when another member is added the handsome flirty Jagger. The only guy who broke her heart and never gave it back to her, Someone named MP is doing horrible pranks in their high school. From hanging underwear in the place of flags to putting a toilet in the hallway, Val takes over the story with her group; interviewing students teachers and scanning hallways. Turns out the MP is not just one person they are a group and they do not want Val to mess up their plans, Still want to find out? Well you better read this mysterious exhilarating action-packed novel Circle of Silence: Yeah I will confess I am not a very good fan of Contemporary: I noticed that the author didn't concentrate on the description very much which was fine by me, When you get into the story you won't even want to get away from it to read what the surrounding is like. Val is one of the strongest most hard-headed person I have ever got to know I ADMIRER and RESPECTED her. Tazman's other novel Dancer Girl which is the first book in this series but the two books are companion novels so they can be read as standalones. If you want an enjoyable utterly-compelling read that will keep you on the edge of your chair then Circle of Silence is the ONE! 304 Carol M, It doesn't capture the thrill and shivers and dread that I felt while reading this book: It doesn't capture the essence of the story as did the synopsis for dancergirl (WiHi #1), However I had read dancergirl and I remembered how much I loved that book: With high expectations I picked up Circle of Silence and I loved it, Although this is the second book in a series what ties the books together is that they take place in the same high school. The characters are all different but for a couple references to Ali which was pretty exciting, I cheered I KNOW THAT GIRL!! in my head as though I'd spotted a celebrity. The story focuses on Val's perspective; however every now and then the mysterious leader behind the society gets a word in. What we see is plotting--plotting on how to use the other members of the society what new and dangerous prank to pull and who should be eliminated. Both have large amounts of pressure put onto them and both are courageous in their own ways. Ali for going after a stalker; Val for pursuing the truth of the story at all costs: The difference is that Val seems more energetic and with more drive which comes from the reporter within her, As an aspiring journalist she is always pushing after the truth after the story and her curiosity often gets her into trouble: However that is at the heart of this story: learning to accept yourself and the proper way to go about doing that: I loved watching Val and her team pursue the story on the mysterious society Val is a courage girl. It takes a lot of guts to pursue a story as dangerous as this one especially when you know that the authorities won't do anything to help: With this second book Tazman has established herself as one of my favorite authors. She is a member of the Campus News team and dedicated to becoming a real life journalist when she gets older, Her concentration is broken when her cheating

ex Jagger joins her class and she is forced to work with him: Soon the Campus News team has lots to report on: a group called MP is pulling ridiculous pranks and defacing school property, Not only that so many moments were just unbelievable that I couldn't let myself really enjoy the story, Valerie is a senior who basically spends all her time either working on a new story or in the news room editing one. Not a mention is made of her ever even going to another class much less doing homework for one. Val is one of four kids and she and her freshman sister Bethany share a room even though they never get along: Problem two: I have no idea why these girls disliked each other so much: They argued and got mad at each other over seemingly nothing. The tension between them was always sky high and no real reason was given, Jagger Val's ex boyfriend cheated on her with another girl but of course she can't help but get wrapped up in him again. If I were Val I would have never looked back at the dude but hey high school girls: He's even missing for the last third of the book but of course they end up together in the end, Jagger brings along a video camera to record his initiation into MP: Literally when I found out what happened to Jagger the camera was the FIRST thing I thought of: I finished this book because I wanted to find out who was in MP. because honestly the dude in charge of it was a real sociopath. I also found she missed a few clues that to me at least were incredibly evident, Consequently I put this mystery together not far from the half way mark which inadvertently made the rest of the clues even more obvious, So naturally I wasn't kept as captivated by the suspense of the mystery as I was hoping which in the end turned out to be anticlimactic for me. I was still intrigued by MP -- the secret society -- and what they were planning next, I also enjoyed the dark dreary tone throughout that progressively got creepier not to mention a heck of a lot more serious, Although never the focal point there's a fairly big romantic undertone in the story. We've got Valerie's ex who cheated and now trying to mend his broken relationship and Valerie's not sure he can be trusted again: I won't say that I got any butterflies but it's a cute and sweet romance that gives a good distraction from the more sombre notes, An entertaining mystery with a good amount of thrill and chill despite my not getting blown-away I would still definitely recommend it for fans of the genre: Being a news reporter is a goal she's been working on since the eighth grade, So when a series of bizarre school pranks happens Valerie thinks she may have struck reporter gold. The first and second pranks seem harmless but the third one hints at more sinister things to come and they are all signed by MP. Who or what is MP? This is what Valerie and her teammates on Campus News set out to discover. However just when Valerie thinks she has everything under control her ex-boyfriend Jagger unexpectedly enrolls into the class and is assigned to her team, Just what does he think he's playing at? He's the one who ruined things: Valerie will not let him distract her from getting what she's worked so hard for: In spite of knowing that Jagger ruined his relationship with Valerie by kissing another girl I ended up loving him, Jagger knew he screwed up majorly and Valerie doesn't just let him have a free pass: She busts his chops for a bit and then they end up moving beyond the past and becoming friends again BEFORE anything romantic was even a suggestion, Jagger wasn't in a good place when he made a stupid choice but I like the fact that he owned up to his mistake instead of trying to make excuses, That's the best way to handle a bad choice and a great lesson for anyone. That being said the romance in this story was not the main focus. Figuring out the mystery behind MP before the pranks turn deadly is the center of this story: While I seriously suspected one person's involvement I was surprised at some of the revelations, There is a wonderful secondary cast of characters including Valerie's large family and her teammates on the Campus News: The ending really had me at the edge of my seat and I couldn't put this book down! I couldn't keep my eyes open last night and at 68%, While there are some characters from the first story that pop up you don't have to read dancergirl first to enjoy Circle of Silence: Thank you to Netgalley and Harlequin Teen for allowing me to read this: And Washington Irving High has a truly great one to cover if only we can find a lead: It announced its presence with pranks: underwear on the flagpole a toilet in the hallway cryptic notes. No one knows its members agenda or initiation secrets—until a student lands in the hospital under strange circumstances, I will blow this story wide open and stop others from being hurt. And while my ex Jagger might want to help I don't trust him yet: ) But whether you find me Valerie Gaines reporting in front of the camera

or a victim in the top story of the newscast...be sure to watch Campus News at 9:00 a[1]

But still there was something so blah about her. I didn't even get the appeal of him anyway. The mystery aspect of it was good though. blogspot.S. TV station. I just didn't like Val. I felt like she was a goody-goody in an annoying way. The love triangles paced the story very nicely. But enough about me let's talk about the book. The rest of my review can be read here:

<http://bookgirl.beautyandlace.net/boo.304> Valerie Gaines (a.k. An underground group known as M. Circle of Silence really surprised me.



I am a huge fan of thrillers and mysteries. Now for the review. Fortunately her group are reliable and hardworking. There is her supportive best friend Marci. There is the tech-genius Henry and the hard-working Raul. There is the love-able Omar. Fortunately for Valerie stories are flowing. Well particularly one story. She is determined to know who is behind the pranks. I LOVED this book. Like absolutely perfectly fell in love with it. I never knew I would enjoy it THAT much. I hate predictable stories but this one was different. It was utterly unpredictable. I had NO IDEA who MP was until Val found out. I loved the mysterious aspect of the book. Carol M. Tanzman is a PRO. It's THAT captivating! The characters are wonderful. Although my favorite was Marci. If I could describe her in one word it would be: ME. I loved her. Honestly I'm not fond of the synopsis. In a way I did. I'm that big of a book nerd. Each time I knew that something bad was going to happen. Because the leader doesn't have anything good to say. As it is they come across many close calls. Val is a very different narrator from Ali. (And having a stalker isn't very energizing. It's downright scary.) Oftentimes it causes her to forget about what matters. But when Val tries to investigate she gets threatened. Never one to back down she chases the story. But she may not like what she finds out. I felt like this book was trying way wayyyy too hard. Problem 3: there was no relationship development. I also found Val's reporter instincts lacking. Valerie totally forgets about the ting for WEEKS. DUH! I could go on and on but I'll stop here. I mean it. The end was pretty predictable and disappointing. For one I felt very distant from out protagonist Valerie. Nonetheless it didn't make it uneventful. Plus it was fun to see Valerie make him work for it. I know I know! Don't make that face let me explain. I thoroughly enjoyed this suspenseful thrill ride. Tanzman. You can read this review and more at The Readers Den. A secret society has formed in our school. A circle of silence keeps the society a mystery. ...or worse. (And no not because of our past together. That is not important to this story. m. this Friday. Circle of Silence (WiHi #2).