

Scandals and Secrets (Hearts Of Fire, #5) By Miranda Lee **Sandals secrets resort owners** When she realized she was pregnant with NF's baby.

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COMMENTS: #5 in the Hearts of Fire series. **Sandals secrets resorts** It's referred to as rape too but she 'understands why he did that'
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Miranda Lee was born at Port Macquarie a popular seaside town on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales Australia and is the youngest of four children. **Sandals secrets resorts** Gemma returns early from her trip to the Outback and overhears her husband and his ex talking about how the night before was just sex and they don't really love each other but that his wife would never understand. **Sandals secrets resorts** Some of these conversations would not be appreciated in 2017 -but I thought they were a good representation of the gamut of feelings and thoughts that occur after such an incident. **Sandals secrets resorts** English Re Scandals and Secrets - Miranda Lee continues her Hearts of Fire series in this penultimate cliffhanger that finally reveals the deep dark secrets of Gemma's and Byron Whitmore's past. **Sandals secret st lucian** There is no 'lovemaking' in this book ML doesn't use her very detailed sex scenes as a way to show a physical expression of a two people celebrating their love for one another. **Sandals secrets resorts** In an even more surprising twist the rape is actually inferred to be a kindness on Nathan's part - because in his quest to assert his control and power over Gemma he considers sodomizing her. **Sandals secrets resort owners**) So be warned before reading this the sex scenes border and then slip over into degrading acts of abusive power and it is NOT the usual comfortable HP read with some Purple Passion Lurve Mojo. **Sandals secret st lucian** PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN THIS BOOK
GEMMA SMITH WHITMORE: when her father dies Gemma discovers a magnificent black opal worth a small fortune and an old photograph which casts doubt on her real identity. **Sandals secrets resort owners** (It is pretty obvious to the reader that Nathan and Lenore are going over play dialog but really I am amazed Nathan ever even got a staging with how corny the whole script was. **Sandals secrets cancun** I think Nathan's plays are popular cause he has his actors tying the nude actresses to beds and whips and things so maybe ML should have called him a Performance Artist instead of a playwright. **Sandals secrets cancun** Celeste's mum totally believed Celeste and put her in another school -but not without the advice that Celeste just looks like a tart so she needs to suck it up buttercup and deal with it. **Sandals secret st lucian** She dies her hair blonde takes no prisoners in

the relationship department and likes to be seen around town with handsome younger men who work for her - she doesn't actually sleep with them but she has no problems letting people think what they like. **Sandals secrets resort owners** When 17 yr old Celeste and cradle robbing pedophile 27 yr old Byron were a thing Irene Celeste's witch half sister told Byron that Celeste slept with lots of older men including staff at her school. **Sandals secrets resorts** Byron instantly denounces Celeste conveniently disregarding that he had more than few lady buffet samples on his own tray and three months later marries Irene thinking he would get control of Campbells and add them to the Whitmore empire. **Scandal secret budget** Then Celeste and Bryon have another go at the piking moment a few years later and again Bryon blames HIS adultery on Celeste's tarty trampy seductive wiles not his own moral bankruptcy. **Sandals secrets resorts** Celeste wasn't trying it on she was trying to figure her teenage self out and Byron is verbally nasty and shaming unwilling to see that his wife is a solid batstick crazy bovine slime slurper and kicks Celeste out of the Whitmore side of the family. **Scandal secret budget** The two of them contemplate their next sex act power play while Byron also tries to find out why Celeste can't have children-as if it is really any of his business when all he can do is berate the woman he can't keep his hands off of. **Scandal secret budget** Gemma is clearly quickly coming to accept Nathan's seriously wrong actions Celeste wants to see Nathan punished but Gemma is still blinded by the HP fallacy that the greater the rape the greater the buried love and really Nathan probably feels more horrible than she does. **Sandals secrets resorts** Byron decides that he and Celeste can have some dirty afternoons and nights on the sneaking around side but Celeste puts the nix on that - she doesn't hide her light under a bushel and if Byron wants an affair he can own it publicly. **Sandals secrets cancun** Byron asks Celeste to bring Gemma back to Belleview so Lenore can explain the play dialog incident and then we get the worst advice ever (but unfortunately always) delivered to an HP h - if she really loves him she must fight for her man. **Sandals secrets resorts** Gemma tries the HP martyrdom sainthood act and tells Nathan she forgives him for his violence but ML tells us that Nathan is so appalled at his behavior the only thing he can do is drive Gemma away. **Scandal secret budget** Gemma and Celeste have a lovely emotional discovery parental moment and Celeste reveals that Bryon is her father the past is explained and now it is time for Celeste and Byron to wrap up their romance and get themselves hooked up. **Sandals secret st lucian** The pregnancy broke the marriage up and Byron grew up in knowing he was the product of a scandalous affair and when Celeste appeared on the scene Bryon thought history might repeat itself or something. **Scandal secret budget** (Which of course it did but Celeste had more character than either Byron or Irene Byron's wife and decided to take care of herself while Byron just put his head in the sand and ignored everything while insisting that everyone else suffer Irene's abuse. **Sandals secrets cancun**)Whatever Byron kinda sorta makes a halfhearted apology and claims he has turned over a new leaf and Celeste just wants him so they get engaged and decide to sell their respective estates and buy a new place together equal partners in life and love for their long awaited HEA. **Sandals secret st lucian** Next up the sixth and final book of the Hearts of Fire series - Nathan and Gemma's story comes full circle - but will Damian finally get his way and how far is Gemma willing to go in her quest to fight for her man? English Ugh squared. **Sandals secrets resorts** LustAnd The characters:Celeste a heroine who has acted the slut with boy toys for decades and is now hurt that the love of her life thinks she's a slut with young boy toys. **Sandals secrets resorts** Then has sex with her while married to her evil sister as in broke his marriage vows and puts all the blame on Mame I mean Celeste that he's supposedly loved all these years.

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He leaves in agony and disgust and tells her she can have her divorce, **Sandals secret st lucian** Gemma holds it together until femme fatale gets home from work: **Sandals secret st lucian** Femme fatale tells her she's been raped and she should divorce Nathan, **Scandal secret budget** Seems FF

has a history of abuse and sexual assault (which she doesn't tell Gemma) so this is triggering for her. **Sandals secrets Cancun** Eventually Nathan's father calls and asks FF to bring Gemma to his home so the ex can tell Gemma the truth of what she had overheard, **Scandal secret budget** The ex shows Gemma the script and she realizes she was wrong, **Scandal secret budget** Gemma explains what she overheard and how the ex set her straight, **Sandals secrets resorts** Nathan still wants a divorce because he thinks she slept with snake, **Sandals secrets Cancun** In retaliation he gives her the private eye report that explains who her mother is, **Sandals secrets resorts** Gemma is actually happy with her mother's identity since she has gotten to know her over the past week, **Scandal secret budget** The foreshadowing was there when the FF was thinking about the baby that had been stolen from her 20 years before and how she can't have any more children. **Sandals secrets resorts** There is also a lot of foreshadowing about the identity of the father. **Sandals secrets resorts** So Gemma and Nathan are still estranged at the end of this book, **Scandal secret budget** Our featured couple in this story are the Femme Fatale and Nathan's father: **Sandals secrets resort owners** It is an enemies to lovers story.

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Her mother believed her and put her in a different school. **Sandals secrets Cancun** They were both smitten until the FF's older half sister got wind of it: **Sandals secrets resorts** She told NF that her sister slept around and he wasn't the only one, **Scandal secret budget** So he dropped FF and ended up marrying the sister - the psycho who made everyone's life miserable for the next 20 years. **Sandals secrets resorts** FF was so upset she stole the Heart of Fire from the safe the day of her sister's wedding, **Sandals secrets resorts** Two years later the FF was visiting her half sister and NF, **Sandals secret st lucian** They ended up having sex and being caught by the half-sister: **Scandal secret budget** NF was so guilty and angry that he vowed to never have anything to do with FF again. **Sandals secrets resort owners** FF then took up with a recent immigrant to Australia (the miner Gemma lived with for 20 years). **Sandals secrets Cancun** Celeste has an outward dislike for Byron to hide her true feelings that she has been hiding for 2 decades. **Sandals secrets resorts** I mean the leading men basically (or sometimes it's even admitted) rape the women they're supposed to be in love with. **Sandals secrets resorts** Also not a huge fan of the macho culture the books seem to present as sexy: **Sandals secrets resorts** English Half of book is about Gemma defending and making up excuses for her husband raping her. **Sandals secrets resorts** Her father was a country school teacher and brilliant sportsman. **Sandals secrets resorts** When Miranda was ten her father was transferred to Gosford another coastal town in the countryside much closer to Sydney: **Sandals secrets resorts** After leaving her convent school she briefly studied the cello before moving to Sydney where she embraced the emerging world of computers: **Scandal secret budget** Her career as a programmer ended after she married had three daughters and bought a small acreage in a semi rural community, **Sandals secrets resort owners** Her father was a country school teacher and brilliant sportsman: **Sandals secrets resorts** When Miranda was ten her father was transferred to Gosford another coastal town in the countryside much closer to Sydney: **Sandals secrets resort owners** After leaving her convent school she briefly studied the cello before moving to Sydney where she embraced the emerging world of computers. **Sandals secrets resorts** Her career as a programmer ended after she married had three daughters and bought a small acreage in a semi rural community. **Sandals secret st lucian** Following this she attempted greyhound training as well as horse and goat breeding but was left dissatisfied. **Sandals secrets resorts** Miranda yearned to find a creative career from which she could earn money. **Sandals secrets resorts** When her sister suggested writing romances it seemed like a good idea. **Sandals secrets resorts** She could do it at home and it might even be fun! It took a decade of trial and error before her first romance After the Affair was accepted and published: **Sandals secrets resorts** At that time Miranda her husband Tony and her three daughters had moved back to the Central Coast where they could enjoy the sun and the surf lifestyle once again, **Scandal secret**

budget Not long into her writing career Miranda committed herself to writing a six book series entitled The Hearts of Fire with a deadline of just nine short months. **Sandals secrets Cancun** Bravely her husband left his executive position to stay home and support Miranda's writing career: **Sandals secrets resorts** He learned to cook and to clean two invaluable household skills, **Sandals secret st lucian** Numerous successful stories followed each embodying Miranda's trademark style: pacy and sexy rhythms; passionate real life characters; and enduring memorable story lines, **Scandal secret budget** She has one credo when writing romances: Don't bore the reader! Millions of fans world wide agree she never does. **Sandals secrets Cancun** 5 □What an explosive reunion story! English Trigger warning for rape. **Sandals secrets resorts** Let's check in on our couple Gemma and Nathan as their marriage in trouble continues to be . **Sandals secrets resorts** The poor girl is horrified and runs away without confronting them. **Sandals secrets Cancun** Since I've read more romance novels than Gemma I knew right away that they were rehearsing lines from his play but she didn't. **Sandals secrets resorts** She goes to a hotel and calls Nathan and tells him not to pick her up at the airport: **Sandals secrets resorts** The next day she can't decide what to do so she calls the snake (brother of the femme fatale)and he comes right over to her hotel. **Sandals secret st lucian** Luckily for her she is too distraught for even a creep to seduce so he take her to his family home where the femme fatale lives: **Sandals secrets resorts** The femme fatale is actually very nice to Gemma and warns her snake brother off, **Sandals secrets resort owners** She also calls Nathan's father to tell him what Gemma thinks she overheard. **Sandals secrets resorts** (Nathan had been there earlier thinking she had run to the snake directly and he told FF that he didn't know why Gemma was leaving him, **Sandals secrets resorts**) That night the snake gives Gemma a double dose of sleeping pills so he can rape her but his sister is upset and walking the hallways and occasionally checking on Gemma, **Sandals secret st lucian** He decides he'll drug both of them the next night so he can have his prize, **Scandal secret budget** When Gemma wakes up the next afternoon she has a horrible headache and goes looking for aspirin - in the snake's bedroom. **Sandals secrets resorts** Gemma tries to explain that nothing happened with the snake but Nathan is angry and rapes her, **Scandal secret budget** When he realizes what's he done a secret baby story and a second chance story, **Sandals secrets resort owners** Backstory of FF - when she was 14 she was raped by a male teacher at her boarding school: **Sandals secrets resorts** Luckily she decided to have sex with the immigrant and try to make a family with him, **Sandals secret st lucian** Unfortunately the miner liked to have it rough and beat FF constantly: **Sandals secrets Cancun** After the baby was born the miner beat the FF so severely she would have died if a passerby hadn't found her. **Sandals secrets resorts** She spent years and all kinds of money to find her daughter: **Sandals secrets resort owners** The miner realized he couldn't sell the Heart of Fire without FF finding her daughter so he forged a birth certificate and never sold the gem, **Sandals secrets resort owners** That's why FF bought the gem - not to spite the other opal family but to find her daughter. **Sandals secret st lucian** The FF has lived an outrageous lifestyle to torture NF since he was always very jealous and sexually obsessed with her: **Sandals secrets resorts** NF for his part found it easier to view FF as an immoral jezebel rather than see his own culpability in their relationship: **Sandals secrets Cancun** They begin a sexual affair (lots of explicit sex scenes) after NF demands to search her house convinced Gemma is there with the snake. **Sandals secrets resorts** First NF wants to keep his affair with FF a secret but she won't have any of it: **Scandal secret budget** But snake is Gemma's uncle so it's good he didn't get his rapey wish: **Scandal secret budget** The story ends with Jade (the h from book two) coming over to meet her half sister and to hear the news that her father is marrying FF, **Sandals secrets resorts** Auntie Ava from the book four is there discussing her February wedding to her Italian fantasy man - the last set piece in the series I would imagine, **Sandals secret st lucian** Gemma is daydreaming - realizing she could be pregnant from the rape and that she wants the baby and her complicated rapey husband. **Sandals secrets resorts** The women in this story discuss rape and sexual assault and consent: **Sandals secrets Cancun** On to the last story! English This one was hard to read for me, **Scandal secret budget** This book is a very thinly disguised exploration of using sex as a basis for power

domination and control of another person: **Sandals secrets resort owners** In this one sex is a weapon and both the heroine and the hero use it try and force the other to submit to their will, **Sandals secret st lucian** In an even rarer HPlandia event it is the heroine Celeste who uses the old skool forced seduction technique to capture her true love Byron, **Sandals secret st lucian** Celeste takes the classic HP Alpha H role in this and it is really Byron who is in the usual unicorn petting h role, **Sandals secrets resort owners** (Not that Byron is a unicorn groomer he is not but it is very clear that he is also no match for Celeste: **Sandals secrets cancun**)Then just to balance out the scales with a little more old skool HP H non pcness - the secondary couple Nathan and Gemma- have a scene of flat out rape, **Sandals secrets resorts** That is absolutely shocking for the HP standards of the time and I am surprised ML got away with it: **Sandals secret st lucian** (Tho it is written euphemistically enough that less worldly HP voyagers may not catch it right off the bat. **Sandals secrets cancun** Byron is abusive Celeste is abusive and Nathan is a rapist: **Sandals secrets resorts** There is a ton of misogynistic discussion about why men can have multiple partners and why women cannot and what women who do really are. **Sandals secrets cancun** It is very ugly it is very demeaning at points and unfortunately it is also very typical of real world attitudes in the 1990's: **Scandal secret budget** So with the big warnings out of the way on to the spoilerizations. **Scandal secret budget** Fate introduces her to Nathan Whitmore who seduces then marries her, **Scandal secret budget** NATHAN WHITMORE: adopted son of Byron Whitmore Nathan suffered a troubled childhood and is now ruthless and emotionally controlled, **Sandals secrets resorts** Will he ever be the loving caring husband Gemma craves?CELESTE CAMPBELL: head of Campbell Jewels her beauty and business acumen make her a woman not to be toyed with: **Sandals secrets resorts** But she carries a torch for an old love and an inner pain borne of a terrible event twenty years ago , **Scandal secret budget** BYRON WHITMORE: patriarch of the Whitmore family his unhappy loveless marriage came to a tragic end. **Sandals secrets resort owners** His ambition has always been greater than his sexual desire : **Scandal secret budget** DAMIAN CAMPBELL: younger brother of Celeste Damian abuses his position in the Campbell Jewels empire: **Sandals secrets resorts** He is only interested in selfgratification and sexual pleasure : **Sandals secrets resort owners** LENORE LANGTRY: ex-wife of Nathan Whitmore and mother to Kirsty Lenore is a talented stage actress who has found love with top Sydney lawyer Zachary Marsden, **Sandals secret st lucian** Though she still also maintains a close relationship with Nathan, **Scandal secret budget** AVA WHITMORE: Byron's much younger sister Ava has blossomed and is now engaged to handsome Australian-Italian businessman Vince Morelli, **Scandal secret budget** Book five opens with Gemma bailing on the Lightning Ridge fact finding expedition she left Sydney to go on in the last book, **Sandals secret st lucian** She comes home early and overhears Nathan and Lenore in what sounds like a rehash of a one night stand from the night before. **Sandals secrets resorts**)In classic HP h fashion Gemma doesn't storm in and slap Lenore and start throwing vases she just turns around runs off to the nearest hotel: **Sandals secrets resort owners** In pain and tears she leaves a message for Damian to call her. **Sandals secrets resorts** We jump over to Celeste currently demoting Damian from his important marketing position and installing a younger but more competent man, **Sandals secrets resorts** We get a lot of backstory as Celeste reflects on her reputation as a cougar take charge kinda woman. **Sandals secrets resorts** We learn Celeste fell in love with 27 yr old Byron Whitmore at 17 they had an affair: **Sandals secrets resort owners** This was after Celeste was raped by a teacher at her boarding school when she was 14. **Sandals secrets resorts** The men blamed Celeste because with her pin up model looks she was just asking for it and Celeste gets expelled. **Scandal secret budget** Celeste is also a better businesswoman than Byron she keeps Campbell's at the top of the opal industry and Bryon can't hide his resentment: **Sandals secrets resort owners** Byron also can't hide the fact that he hates Celeste because she makes him want her the tawdry seductive Jezebel tramp, **Scandal secret budget** Celeste steals the Heart of Fire on the day of the wedding and when Celeste's father dies Irene did not get any of the company and Celeste runs it all: **Sandals secret st lucian** In retaliation Celeste takes the fabulous Heart of Fire opal runs off with an immigrant opal miner and then realizes she is preggers with Bryon's baby. **Sandals secrets resort owners** Hence

the attempt to fool the opal miner into thinking the baby is his, **Sandals secrets resorts** The opal miner is a sadist so beatings and abuse commence: **Sandals secrets resorts** When the baby is born the opal miner beats Celeste unconscious and so badly she has to have a hysterectomy. **Sandals secrets resorts** Then he takes the Heart of Fire and the baby and runs off, **Scandal secret budget** Celeste has spent years looking for her child and that is why she bid so much for the Heart of Fire she is hoping it will lead her to her daughter: **Sandals secrets resorts** Back in the present Nathan shows up at Celeste's estate looking for Gemma: **Sandals secrets cancun** Celeste lets him look and then finds out that Gemma believes Nathan cheated on her with Lenore when Damian calls to see if he can bring Gemma home: **Sandals secrets resorts** Celeste decides to give Bryon a heads up on the situation and that phone call combined with Gemma tying on a Captain consult leads to inebriated forced seductions of Bryon: **Scandal secret budget** In retaliation Bryon does his own version of forced seduction fellatio with Celeste. **Sandals secrets cancun** Damian is into all kinds of kink so he plans to roofie Gemma and have his way with her. **Sandals secret st lucian** That plan is foiled when Celeste keeps blocking Damian's nocturnal wanderings: **Sandals secrets resorts** Gemma wakes up unmolested the next day and heads over to Damien's room looking for some aspirin for a headache: **Sandals secrets resort owners** Nathan breaks into Celeste's estate and finds Gemma in what he thinks is a compromising situation: **Sandals secrets resort owners** Even tho Damian is nowhere in evidence he assumes that Gemma got her self seduced and cheated on him. **Sandals secrets cancun** So he throws Gemma face first on the bed and considers alternative entry positions before raping her: **Sandals secrets resorts** Nathan runs off in horror at his actions Gemma is in shock Celeste is furious and big discussions about assaults vs marital rights are begun. **Sandals secrets cancun** Celeste quickly determines that Gemma needs to get away so when Gemma wants to go she tells her she will help her: **Sandals secrets cancun** What is more concerning is Gemma thinks Damian is this wonderful friend and can't see that Damian is determined to abuse her more than Nathan did: **Sandals secrets cancun** Celeste forces Gemma to not reveal her return to Lightning Ridge in the hopes of keeping Damian away from the vulnerable young woman: **Sandals secrets cancun** Gemma decides to contemplate the situation but she does believe she needs to talk to Nathan, **Sandals secrets resorts** Byron makes a lot tarty tramp comments to Celeste and then he tries a forced seduction of his own, **Sandals secrets resorts** Celeste isn't giving in again and when Byron won't quit with the gropey assault she totally knocks him on his hiney and walks out, **Sandals secret st lucian** Nathan and Gemma's big confrontation is up next Byron delivers Gemma to Nathan's place and she explains about the really cheesy dialogue mixup: **Sandals secrets resort owners** Nathan accuses her of having an affair with Damian and then tells her they are over. **Sandals secrets resorts** We finally find out that Nathan's investigator found out that Gemma is Celeste's stolen daughter and Nathan deliberately lied and now admits it: **Sandals secrets resorts** That puts the kibosh on any further forgiveness from Gemma until the next book so we flip back over to Byron and Celeste: **Sandals secrets resort owners** Celeste goes to Bryon explains her backstory and Bryon admits that he really has always loved Celeste: **Scandal secret budget** He distrusts love because Celeste's father was married to Byron's mother before Bryon's father seduced her and impregnated her. **Sandals secrets cancun** Byron the toxic POS that had sex with Celeste when she was 17 (he was 27) then marries her mean sister, **Sandals secret st lucian** Gemma a heroine so dumb she marries the horrible Nathan then befriends the even worse Damian the unknowing Uncle who lusts after her: **Sandals secrets cancun** She has Nathan as a husband and the toxic two as parental units. **Sandals secrets cancun** Better that she was raised by wolves the man that abused and raped her mother, **Sandals secrets resorts** She thinks her much older and suave husband has been having an affair with his first wife because. **Scandal secret budget** Nathan a hero so foul rapes his stupid Gemma then throws a mega pity party with cocktails because he wronged his wife or did his wife wrong him, **Sandals secret st lucian** Oh yeah he kept her parents' identity from his beloved and very young wife knowing how important it was because he is a horse's ass: **Sandals secrets resorts** How do we know it's love? After decades of hate spite and vitriol on both sides Celeste cries and it's true love again for both: **Scandal secret budget** Byron

really loved her all along and did I mention she's been celibate all these years: **Sandals secrets resorts** She's angry for about five minutes then is on her knees begging for a second chance the next day even though she is innocent of the affair and it shouldn't matter anyway: **Sandals secrets cancun** I will say this nausea teeth gritting and stomach churning aside this series is hard to look away from. **Sandals secrets resorts** This and every novel in the set features a gripping romance that stands by itself as the passions scandals and hopes that exist between two fabulously rich families are revealed: **Sandals secrets resorts** But you'll also find yourself hooked throughout the series as Gemma Smith searches for the secret of her true identity and fights for ruthless seducer Nathan Whitmore's love, **Sandals secrets resorts** Celeste Campbell had lived on her hatred of Byron Whitmore for twenty years. **Sandals secrets resort owners** Revenge was sweet--until news reached her that Byron was considering remarriage: **Sandals secrets cancun** Suddenly she found she could no longer deny all those long-buried feelings for him, **Sandals secret st lucian** Worse she knew she wouldn't stop at desire! Nathan however had convinced himself that was exactly where Gemma's feelings for him ended. **Sandals secrets resorts** Though when Gemma overheard him talking with his ex-wife Lenore as if they were lovers she knew for certain just how much she had always really cared about Nathan. They do go. The ex urges her to make up with Nathan. Gemma decides to spend the night at Nathan's father's house. The next day Nathan's father takes her to Nathan. Have you guessed it yet? It's femme fatale. Spoiler - it wasn't the miner Gemma lived with. At 17 she met Nathan's father who was 10 years older. They began a sexual affair. More secrets from the past are divulged. Finally Byron & Celeste are reunited. English I'm not sure why I'm still reading this series. I usually have had a better taste even as a teenager. I guess it's the nostalgia that keeps me reading. Well there's only one book after this. Luckily. Her mother was a talented dressmaker. Her mother was a talented dressmaker. Miranda was the sister of the late author Emma Darcy. {site_link} 4. This series is bananas. . in trouble. She's leaving him. It is there that Nathan finds her in her nightgown. The headmistress didn't believe her and she was expelled. Then he stole the baby and the opal. The FF was hospitalized and had to have a hysterectomy. She was in pain so she wanted to make him feel pain. They later join forces to help Gemma. Eventually NF finds out he is Gemma's father. Now don't worry kids. Nathan is adopted - Gemma is not married to her brother. Oh Gemma. Can't say I enjoyed this part at all. A word before I get on with the spoilerization. This book is EXTREMELY unusual for HPLandia in 1995. In search of the truth she goes to Sydney. Celeste not only deals with it she emphasizes it. Meanwhile Damian brings Gemma to Celeste's home. Two themes at work in this epic trainwreck. She happens to be Gemma's biological mother. Oh he's a keeper. He's poor dumb busty Gemma's daddy. Yay incest. Just waiting for that. Lucky girl. please refer to so dumb. The music and dancing at the P. Party is so loud it's drowning everything else out. All is forgiven. The gigolos were just a smoke screen. As for Nathan and Gemma well, he raped her. Overcome with jealousy he raped her which means love. At least by the standards of Hearts of Fire. Like a car engulfed in flames on the freeway. One more book to go. English Dark secrets forbidden desires scandalous discoveries. Our glittering new six-part saga set in Australia continues. Scandals and Secrets (Hearts Of Fire #5).