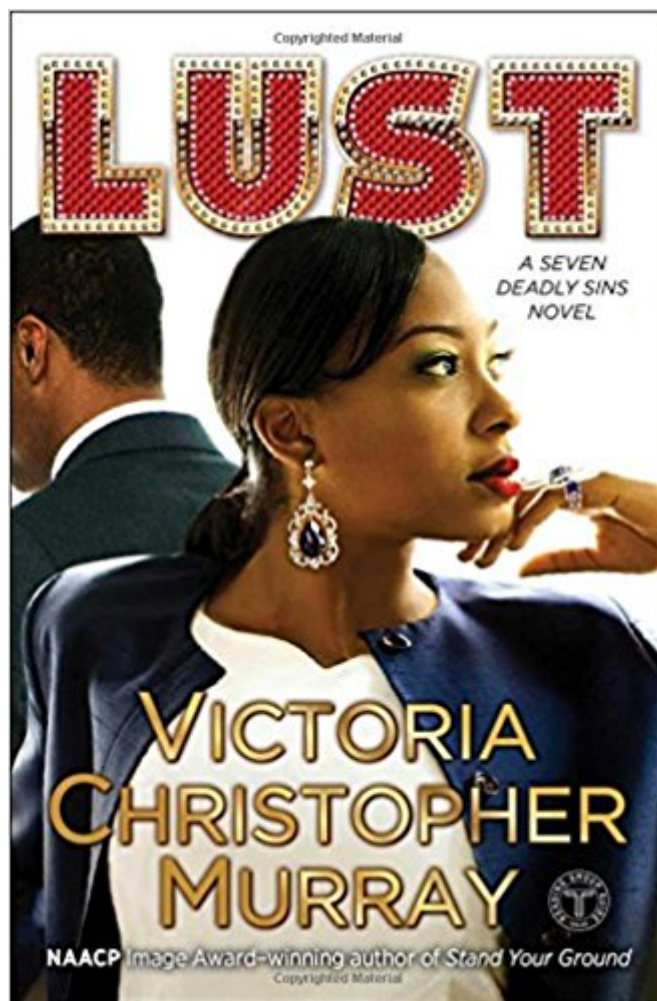


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Lust: A Seven Deadly Sins Novel (The Seven Deadly Sins)



Synopsis

From the NAACP Image award winner and national bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray, a novel inspired by the seven deadly sins about a woman caught between an entertainment mogul with a shady past and his childhood friend who is out for revenge. Is lust a sin? Tiffanie has lived a sheltered life in a very strict household with her pastor grandfather and her grandmother in Washington, D.C. But when she meets Damon, she falls for the successful entertainment businessman despite his history as a drug dealer. Everyone sees a bright future for the couple – yet when Tiffanie meets Trey, her lustful feelings leave her confused just days before her wedding. Trey is Damon's childhood best friend with whom he built a successful drug business. But when the game got hot and Damon decided to leave, Trey stayed and continued to sell drugs until he was arrested and spent seven years in prison. Now he's out and able to attend the wedding. While Damon is thrilled to have Trey back and hopes to bring his best friend into his business, Trey has other plans. And in the end, there will only be one man standing...

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Customer Reviews

LUST "Murray has penned hot, steamy scenes in which her protagonist's imagination runs wild, followed by the consequences of her realizing her dangerous dreams. A jarring twist at the end has the reader wondering who the good guys really are." –Booklist (starred review) "Murray mixes quite a bit of passion, a touch of treachery, and some good old-fashioned

revenge." (Library Journal)"A topsy-turvy tale of passion on steroids." (Essence Magazine)

STAND YOUR GROUND

Stand Your Ground by Victoria Christopher Murray is a fact-to-fiction examination of the human condition. Using a vivid, realistic premise, she takes a 360-degree view to bring all sides to the forefront for us to enjoy, learn from, judge and celebrate. . . . The characters draw us in for debate and conversation long after the final sentence. Stand Your Ground has great literary relevance for our time." (USA Today)

"Murray, winner of several African American Literary Awards for fiction, powerfully captures the nuances and tragedies engendered by stand-your-ground laws. A must-read." (Booklist (starred review))

"Murray has written a tension-packed novel around the hot-buzz national topic of an unarmed black youth shot by a white male, an act then subjected to the Stand Your Ground rule as a legal defense tactic. . . . Murray's writing admirably shows the often overlooked human emotions following racial violence. . . . The pulled-from-the headlines storyline will captivate readers." (Library Journal (starred review))

"With artful descriptions, Victoria put me inside their hearts and minds. I did not just enjoy this read, I lived it." (Michelle Lindo Rice, author of the Able To Love series)

FOREVER AN EX

"Murray spices up her story line with plenty of juicy scandals. . . . Readers seeking an emotional tale with broad themes of trust, betrayal, and forgiveness will do well by choosing Murray's latest effort." (Library Journal)

FORTUNE AND FAME

"Murray and Billingsley's third and best collaboration." (Essence magazine)

"Murray and Billingsley keep things lively and fun." (Juicy magazine)

"This faith-based novel should keep devout fans on their toes." (Upscale magazine)

"A great choice for folks who spend Sunday mornings in the front pew." (Library Journal)

"Frenetic and deliciously slapstick sequel to Sinners & Saints . . . These frenemies [Rachel Jackson Adams and Jasmine Larson Bush] are drama queens at their best and smartest, a combination that will leave fans praying for their further misadventures." (Publishers Weekly)

NEVER SAY NEVER

"Murray creates a believable scenario of two people who never wanted to hurt their friends. With extremely well-drawn characters, the story offers neither blame nor excuses, keenly depicting the heartbreaks caused by both death and betrayal." (Publishers Weekly)

"Readers, be on the lookout for Victoria Christopher Murray's Never Say Never. You'll definitely need to have a buddy-reader in place for the lengthy discussion that is bound to occur." (USA Today)

"Never Say Never is a testament to the magnificence of Murray's storytelling gift! The author creates a surprisingly satisfying ending for each of the characters, even when their sins seems unforgivable." (RT Book Reviews)

THE EX-FILES

"The Ex Files is a moving-on song in four-part harmony." (RT Book Reviews)

(Donna Grant and Virginia DeBerry, authors of *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made*) "Once again, Victoria Christopher Murray has crafted a compelling, intriguing, and page-turning story that stays with you long after you've finished the book. This wonderful tale of four different women from vastly different backgrounds shows how we can all be bound by the common thread of faith." (ReShonda Tate Billingsley, author of *Everybody Say Amen* and *I Know I've Been Changed*) "My girl, Victoria Christopher Murray has done it again! I love her work and this book will bless you, so read it." (Michele Andrea Bowen, author of *Church Folk*, *Second Sunday*, and *Holy Ghost Corner*)

SINNERS & SAINTS "Double the fun, with a message of faith, *Sinners & Saints* will delight readers with two of their favorite characters from two of their favorite authors. It's a match made in heaven!" (Grace Magazine)

THE DEAL, THE DANCE, AND THE DEVIL "I think I've found a new author to add to my list of favorites. . . . Murray knows how to tell a story. I can't wait to read other books by this author." (Debbie Norrell, *New Pittsburgh Courier*) "Murray's characters are extremely likable. . . . This page-turning take on the Faustian theme should satisfy fans and newcomers alike." (WalMart BookPage)

SINS OF THE MOTHER "Victoria is an exceptional writer who knows how to deliver a story." (Kimberla Lawson Roby, author of *Changing Faces*) "Murray has always impressed me with her ability to live the life of her characters and make them come alive with each turning page." (Indianapolis Recorder)

LADY JASMINE "Realistic characters and a likable heroine make this title a winner for Murray's strong following." (Library Journal)

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE "Juicy Jasmine Larson Bush returns. . . . Murray efficiently illustrates the importance of honesty and trust in marriage, and manages to contain Jasmine's outrageousness within the context of Christian faith." (Publishers Weekly)

A SIN AND A SHAME "One of our best and most prolific writers, an excellent storyteller." (Eric Jerome Dickey) "Intriguing and well-written. If you loved and hated Jasmine in *Temptation*, you'll love and hate her again." (Indianapolis Record)

GROWN FOLKS BUSINESS "I enjoyed reading this book. It took me back to when I was living on the DL and made me realize just how hard sisters love their men, even when they know the truth." (J. L. King, author of *On The Down Low*) "Grown Folks Business rattles the relationship cage and gets to the heart of what's serious and painfully real." (Lolita Files, author of *Tastes Like Chicken*) "Victoria is an exceptional writer who knows how to deliver a story. Readers will find themselves still thinking about the characters long after they've turned the last page." (Kimberla Lawson Roby, author of *The Best-Kept Secret*)

TEMPTATION "An

emotional, realistic look at the devastation temptation can wreak." (Library Journal) TRUTH BE TOLD "Victoria Christopher Murray is back! Once again she's given us a fast paced novel about people of faith who must face real-life challenges." (E. Lynn Harris) "With memorable characters, Truth Be Told is an entertaining, suspenseful, and page-turning read. I loved it!" (Kimberla Lawson Roby, author of Too Much of a Good Thing) "Truth Be Told is a truly enjoyable story. The unforgettable characters lend an air of reality to this emotional and engaging read. [Murray's] latest is sure to please fans and resonate long after the last page is turned." (Jacquelin Thomas, author of Soul Journey)

Victoria Christopher Murray is the author of more than twenty novels including: The Ex Files, Lady Jasmine, The Deal, the Dance, and the Devil, and Stand Your Ground which was named a Library Journal Best Book of the Year. Winner of the African American Literary Award for Fiction and Author of the Year (Female), Murray is also a two-time NAACP Image Award Nominee for Outstanding Fiction. She splits her time between Los Angeles and Washington, DC. Visit her website at VictoriaChristopherMurray.com.

I found the book to be shallow, unrealistic, and stereotypical of reality shows that now flood our lives through the media. If she had taken more of a biblical stance about lust and temptation, I think I would have enjoyed it but this was just another urban fiction book.

Was this really written by Victoria Christopher Murray? this does not sound like one of my favorite authors. Instead it sounds like a book written for Triple Crown Publications. I did not like the main character and felt the storyline was quite rushed and unrealistic. I usually devour her books, but I found myself distracted by anything BUT this book.

I am a great fan of VCM.....I've read all of her books and I have thoroughly enjoyed every ONE of them! I own all of her books in "hard" copy. This was not your traditional VCM book, but the theme throughout all of her books have been to trust in GOD. I loved the storyline that at times I became so angry at Tiffanie. Tiffanie was one of the most naive women I've ever read about, but had I not met a truly "naive" woman, I would have found it difficult to believe that someone was this naive. I loved Damon, he is a man above all of the rest. Rising from humble beginnings, Damon truly believes in love, trust, honor and obey. I found myself at times, yelling at Tiffanie's naivety, but it set the tone for the book. The theme of the book is if you trust in God, can you put that trust in action?

VCM brings it home in this book. I loved the characters, Damon, Tiffanie and of course, Tiffanie's grandmother. This book is a one day read in which you will not want to put the book down; then again, you will want to put it down because you're so angry with Tiffanie. Don't sleep on this one.....she truly tells a story about LUST. We all look at lust in many different ways and probably think that we're not vulnerable to LUST, but trust me, we all are vulnerable.....just let the "right" one come along. Great Job, Victoria Christopher Murray! I love it!! I am anxiously awaiting Just for One Night.....when you tell a story of "ENVY." Great read; will recommend to others!!

I struggle to make it through this book. It was too unbelievable. The characters were annoying. The ending was silly. I'm sorry but I did not like this one.

I am a huge fan of VCM but I was very disappointed in this book. The story didn't flow for me and the characters were not believable. I also didn't like some of the language that was used. I'm not going to give away any important parts of the book but some parts were very predictable.

Lust: A Seven Deadly Sins NovelÃ Â I've been a fan of Victoria Christopher Murray for a long time and have read all of her books. Lust did not disappoint and is an excellent read. The characters are complex and it is definitely a page turner. At first as you begin reading the book, you think that Tiffanie can't be that naive but she is and as the story goes on, you begin to understand why. Damon on the other hand is such a multi-layered character that you can't turn away for fear that you will miss something. Trey brought to my mind as being a male version of Jasmine from VCM's other books. Anyone who has read those books and knows about Jasmine will definitely want to read this one. Once again, VCM has hit it out of the park and I encourage everyone to read this book, you won't be disappointed.

I must say that I felt a lot of emotions while reading LUST. One that I felt often was anger. I wanted to do bodily harm to Trey. I could see how Tiffanie would respond to him, but it doesn't make it right. I liked how Damon responded to every situation. If hotheaded men could just think things through, maybe there wouldn't be so much crime in the world. But then, again...I don't want to give anything away. I really enjoyed this book, even though I had to keep putting it down to collect myself! Mercy!

I just finished this book! Victoria, has out done herself, this was a masterpiece! I couldn't put my ereader down, I was glued to every chapter. Damon was my kind of man. This was truly a novel

based on forgiveness and looking past our faults because we all have fallen short of God's Glory! How quickly He forgives us, yet we hold grudges forever! In spite of being a romance novel, it was inspiring as well. Lesson learned, the grass isn't always greener on the other side! Be thankful for nothing, but in all things give thanks. This is a must read.

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