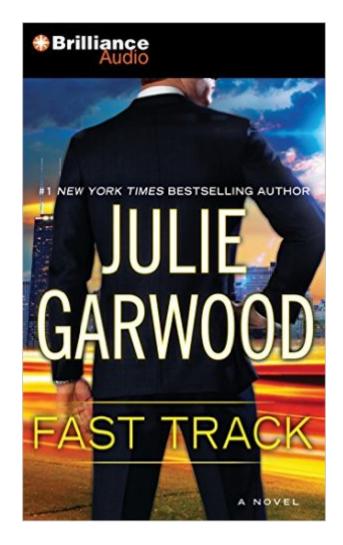
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## Synopsis

Family secrets and a hidden pastâ •a womanâ <sup>™</sup>s search to uncover the truth ignites danger and passion in the latest novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Julie Garwood.Cordelia Kane has always been a daddyâ <sup>™</sup>s girlâ •her father raised her alone after her mother died in a car crash when Cordelia was just two years old. So when he has a serious heart attack, Cordelia is devastated, and the emotion is only intensified by the confusion she feels when he reveals the shocking truth about her mother.Cordelia canâ <sup>™</sup>t suppress her curiosity about the woman who gave birth to her, and when she discovers the answers to her questions lie in Sydney, Australia, she travels there to get them.Hotel magnate Aiden Madison is Cordeliaâ <sup>™</sup>s best friendâ <sup>™</sup>s older brother. Heâ <sup>™</sup>s oblivious to the fact that sheâ <sup>™</sup>s had a crush on him for years. When he gets railroaded into taking her along to Sydney on his company jet, heâ <sup>™</sup>s unwittingly drawn into a volatile family drama.Aiden wants to help Cordelia get answers about her mother, but threats from her wealthy, high-powered family are quickly becoming dangerous. Sparks are flying between Cordelia and Aiden, but after multiple attempts are made on Cordeliaâ <sup>™</sup>s life, Aiden realizes he must put a stop to the madness before he loses the thing he values most.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I recently had given up Julie Garwood because I felt she lost her magic.....but I enjoyed Murder List, although it definitely wasn't one of her best, but I genuinely enjoyed Cordie and Aiden within that book. Imagine my delight when I receive notification that Ms. Garwood was releasing their story. I pre-ordered the book and anxiously awaited it's arrival with high hopes....but after reading it, disappointment is the only word I can use to describe it. The story starts out well...there is a flashback to the first time Aiden and Cordie meet....actually this is the only time I feel that we really get a true glimpse of Aiden in the book. The we fast forward to the present where Cordie finds out on her father's deathbed that her mother is actually not dead. I thought to myself, ok I am getting a glimpse of the old Garwood magic. However, from this point forward the book veered off track. Was this novel supposed to be a romantic suspense? Or Chick Lit? I'm not really sure since there was very little romance and it was definitely not suspenseful. It wasn't true chick lit. Perhaps Ms. Garwood was aiming for the strong stoic alpha male? If so, I get it. Actually that's what I want when I read a romance, a strong alpha male....I absolutely love the Jacks in both Jill Shalvis' and Lisa Kleypas' novels. And Aiden is described as a very rich alpha man. However, Aiden never fit the bill....actually the appropriate adjective to describe the Aiden in this book is ghost-like....he flickered in and out of this book and left no lasting impression. He was constantly on the phone or the computer. The only time he appeared was during the love scenes and but then he faded away again as soon as it was over. He didn't really pay much attention to Cordie or anything except building hotels.

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