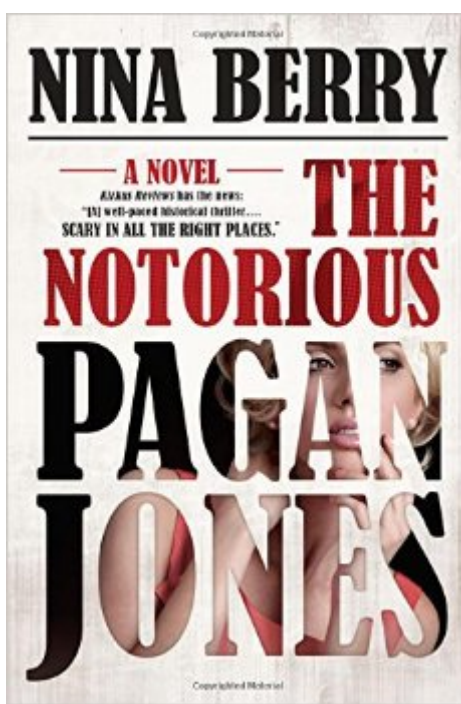


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The Notorious Pagan Jones



Synopsis

Pagan Jones went from America's sweetheart to fallen angel in one fateful night in 1960: the night a car accident killed her whole family. Pagan was behind the wheel and driving drunk. Nine months later, she's stuck in the Lighthouse Reformatory for Wayward Girls and tortured by her guilt; not to mention the sadistic Miss Edwards, who takes special delight in humiliating the once-great Pagan Jones. But all of that is about to change. Pagan's old agent shows up with a mysterious studio executive, Devin Black, and an offer. Pagan will be released from juvenile detention if she accepts a juicy role in a comedy directed by award-winning director Bennie Wexler. The shoot starts in West Berlin in just three days. If Pagan's going to do it, she has to decide fast; and she has to agree to a court-appointed "guardian," the handsome yet infuriating Devin, who's too young, too smooth and too sophisticated to be some studio flack. The offer's too good to be true, Berlin's in turmoil and Devin Black knows way too much about her; there's definitely something fishy going on. But if anyone can take on a divided city, a scheming guardian and the criticism of a world that once adored her, it's the notorious Pagan Jones. What could go wrong?

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Alright, so this is a resounding case of don't judge a book by its cover. I know this book isn't my typical read, actually this would be a first for me in terms of Historical Young Adult and I have to say, I

kinda liked it. The book was extremely interesting, the characters were fascinating, and plot kept pulling me forward, leaving me wanting more. I originally went back and forth with this book before deciding to take a chance on it. Nina paints an exquisite scene of Berlin in the 1960s, a country torn and divided by war, attempting to re-build. The initial start of the book leave you with more questions than answers, who is Pagan Jones, why is she suddenly free, who is Devin Black, why did Nicky never visit her? The story continuously leave you wanting to hear more, learn more, and attempt to put the pieces together. Then that ending, it was crazy, action packed, as all the mysteries are finally solved and some leaving you puzzled and questioning, wanting more. Pagan learns about her family history, but there are more questions than answer. The mysterious Devin Black and Pagan part ways but with the foreshadowing that they will see each other again. This book is Nancy Drew meets James Bonds, with a dash of Mad Men and Gossip Girl, definitely unique and completely different for the Young Adult market!

The Notorious Pagan Jones - The start of a great series! In a tightly woven, easy read, Author Nina Berry, takes her readers on a thrilling ride through tense times in Germany â “ the summer of 1961 â “ and leaves us wanting more from her sassy, older-than-her-years heroine, Pagan Jones. For all her glamorous lifestyle, movie-speak, and au-couture wardrobe, embattled starlet, Pagan Jones is a multi-dimensional heroine, struggling to deal with issues we can all identify with: loss of loved ones, addiction, and the balance between personal and professional life. Berry weaves in a love quadrangle, and several intriguing mysteries, and by the end of the book, we want to follow Pagan Jones right off the pages, and onto the next one! Keep them coming, Nina Berry! The Notorious Pagan Jones is a winner!

Set primarily in 1961 Berlin, just as the Berlin Wall was being put in place, this book tackles a serious historical time, made perhaps more inviting for teen readers by wrapping it in a romance. Pagan Jones, a young 20-something American actress has been rescued from reform school by a rather improbable scenario: she will earn her freedom by starring in a movie, under the watchful eye of studio exec David Black. While the book spends some time on movie star glamour, Pagan has fallen deeply from grace due to her drinking problem. The book does a very good job portraying her difficulty staying sober and her desire for a drink. If she is caught drinking (or drunk), it will end her contract on the movie and send her back to reform school. Handsome Devin Black seems barely old enough to be a studio executive, and he has secrets of his own. They find they are attracted to each other, but won't admit it, and each know they would be smart not to act on it. Throw in some Cold

War politics and newspaper headlines, and you have a history/romance that mingles political intrigue with budding desire. The end notes mention Pagan is next headed to Buenos Aires. No mention if Devin will go with her! The author's end notes document solid historical research, and perhaps teachers will find a way to include this book on high school "Suggested Outside Reading" lists for social studies or history classes,About me: I'm a middle school/high school librarianHow I got this book: review copy from the publisher

Great Story, fascinating characters which accurately depict a crucial time in history. I loved every minute and can't wait to read about Pagan's next adventure. Oh, and Devin Black is absolutely dreamy! More, more, more Ms Berry!

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