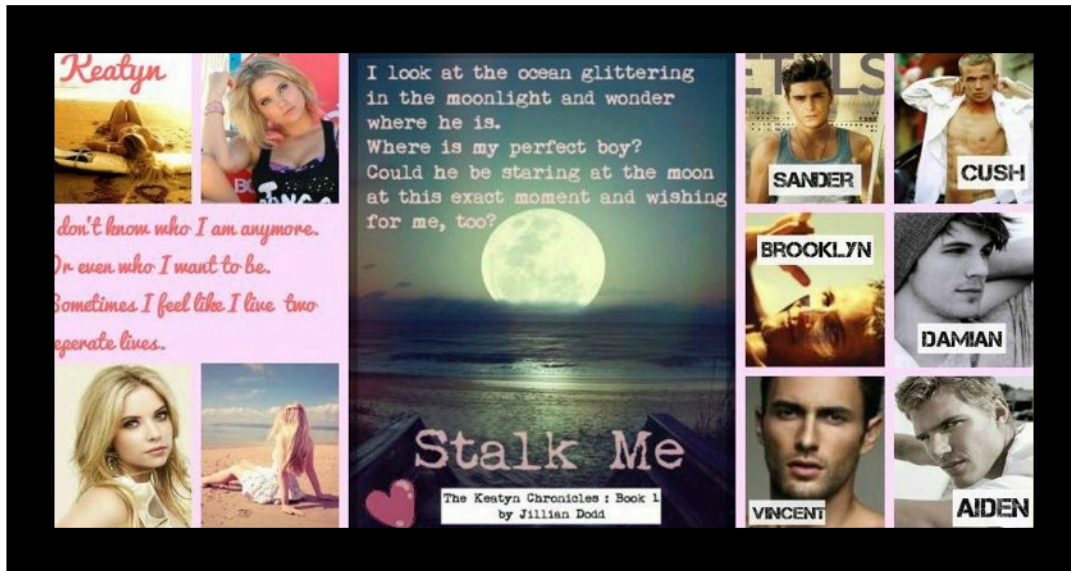


Stalk Me (The Keatyn Chronicles) by Jillian Dodd

Team Jake



“Damn Disney, and all their happily-ever-after, unrealistic, bullshit stories.”

Firstly I would just like to say I love Jillian’s style of writing, it is fun and it is flirty and it pulls you in, you cannot help but immerse yourself into Keatyn’s life and feel like you are living it with her. Whilst I was reading this, it sort of reminded me of a programme I used to watch when I was a teenager....many moons ago called Beverley Hills 90210. I had a soft spot for Jason Priestly!! Don’t judge me!! And I couldn’t stand Shannen Doherty!! (Bet you are all thinking...WHO??) Well I am sure there must be some old clips on YouTube!

Have you ever started a book and could not put it down for anything and once you finished you just HAD to tell all your friends about it? Stalk Me, the first book in the Keatyn Chronicles was that book for me. Jillian Dodd immediately sucks you into the world of Keatyn – a young lady thrown into precarious situations where she is forced into growing up way too fast. This book has it all, romance, poetry, hot guys, mystery, suspense, first loves, sex and betrayal.

Keatyn has a privileged life, her mother is a very talented actress called Abby Johnston and her father Tommy Stevens is a Hollywood legend. She has wardrobes full of designer clothes and shoes, she is Miss Popular at school, boys are queuing up to be her boyfriend and of course all this brings with it jealousy and contempt. When she was little, Keatyn had written what she perceived to be the perfect “life

script” she had written her own movie of how she wanted her life to pan out. Obviously, things always go off course, but Keatyn is adamant that if she tries hard enough she can get her life back on track so that she can fulfil her ideal dream life.

“I look out at the ocean glittering in the moonlight and wonder where he is. Where is my perfect boy? Could he be staring at the moon at this exact moment, wishing for me too. Sometimes I swear I can almost feel him. Oh, for God’s sake, Keatyn. What the hell is wrong with you? Both of us staring at the moon?”

Following Keatyn’s life at school there is a lot of drama thrown in, arguments, boy trouble and a stalker issue. This book though is more about Keatyn finding herself, it is through all the trials and tribulations of trying to be Miss Popular that she realises that actually it is not all it is cracked up to be and perhaps, just this once she needs to change. She does not like the person that she is becoming and doesn’t want to morph into the bitchy friends that she has gained whilst at school.

Eventually the stalker issue forces her life course to take a dramatic turn and maybe this is the change that she needs to find herself and become that person that she has always deep down wanted to be.

This book is full of hot boys too so you have some drool worthy dudes to get hot over, firstly I will mention Sanders, he is your typical high school popular kid, on the outside, he was sweet and charming but you always felt that he was hiding something, is he all what he seems?

After agreeing to breakup and remain firm friends Sander and Keatyn cracked me up after Sander got the lead role in Grease – “Good. You know what though? I’ve never had a role where I got my heart broken. In Grease, Sandy breaks my heart. Do you mind if I use our breakup as practice? Like, I’ll act all devastated at school. I’ll be all dreary and full of angst.”

Then comes the “Cushman” Mr Cocky!! He was good looking and he knew it, used it to his advantage and then some, his chat up lines were hilarious but you couldn’t help but fall in love with him.

“You’re single. I’m single. Let’s mingle.”

Then we have Brooklyn, typical surfer dude but he was also very deep and meaningful at times. He would recite Keats for his Keats and this did make him fairly loveable, but he was so laid back he was virtually horizontal and I always felt that he was holding back.

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever. It’s Keats for my Keats.”

I will save the best till last....sigh!! Aiden Arrington “The God of All Hotties” yes he really is that hot...my heart melted as did my brain. His nickname for Keatyn was super cute and I feel that he has a very real connection with his “Boots.” I can see them as soul mates and lovers, I just fell hopelessly and deeply in love with this guy...he really is that dreamy! We have 6 books though so I am sure that a lot is going to happen in between, but I am keeping my fingers crossed for these two.

“He should be down on his knees begging me to marry him and have his little Hottie babies.”

Keatyn...what can I say about the star of this book, well she can be frustrating, sometimes I wanted to give her a slap, but you felt her inner turmoil, you could see she was just trying to conform to the “in crowd” and you ended up cheering her on to do what was right for herself. She has some serious problems going on at the moment and that is a lot for anyone to deal with and I can’t wait to see her develop going forward.

“I think it was Betsey Johnson that said women dress for other women. If we dressed for men, we’d all run around naked.”

Jillian Dodd, I absolutely loved this book, I cannot wait for the next and the next and the next. I am itching to see how Keatyn changes and grows, this is really going to be one of those series that every teenager should read, they will be able to associate with Keatyn’s life so much and would probably pick up some amazing tips along the way. Jillian really has managed to encapsulate the teen drama and all that goes with growing up, I cannot wait to see Keatyn’s own metamorphosis.

Some comments from Team Jake

- Jillian Dodd starts this 6 book series off with a bang...what are you waiting for? Jump in and hang on tight, you're in for a ride!
- What I really loved about Stalk Me is that this was a book that both my teenage daughter and I could read and love. She and I have had endless conversations about the book and have staked our claim on our hottie (and let me tell you we are very possessive!)
- Let me start off by saying Jillian Dodd is pure genius!
- I love all the characters and feel like I know each and every one!
- I'm glad my kindle recommendations continued "Stalking Me" or I would never have found this amazing series that continues to get better with each and every instalment!

