

SYNOPSIS

Everything she thought she knew about herself is a lie.

Nichelle Sampson is living the life she always dreamed of. She's a political science professor like her father, is in her sorority's leadership like her mother, and has wonderful friends. The only thing missing is romance. But when a letter and mysterious ring arrive, Nichelle's perfect life is shattered. She's shocked to learn that she's adopted, bi-racial, and her origin story isn't what her parents claimed. Looking for the truth, Nichelle sets out to unlock the secrets behind her birth family through the heirloom ring.

Geochemist Clark Lin-Lee prefers spending time alone in his lab, but when a beautiful professor visits his family jewelry store intent to solve a mystery, he agrees to accompany her. Clark should say no—he has his own unresolved family history and is secretly scheduled to testify against Nichelle's mother's company in his latest conservation case. But Nichelle is as persuasive as she is sexy, and for the first time in his life, Clark is ready for an adventure.

Can Nichelle and Clark wade through the increasing questions together or will secrets drive them apart?



DETAILS

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EXCERPT

There were a few customers milling about or seated in chairs being helped, sipping various colored liquids out of crystal glasses. Nichelle could use a sip of whatever they were having right about now. She spotted Francesca coming out from the back, but she was alone. Where was this brother of hers?

"He'll be right out."

Nichelle nodded. "Thanks. I sure hope he can help." She offered the girl a small smile, then turned to the back of the room where

Francesca just came from.

Standing there was her brother.

It was obvious, because although his features weren't exactly the same—and he was frowning where his sister was usually smiling—he had the look of gorgeous Francesca. He was tall, at least six-one. He had the darkest brown hair, cropped close on the sides, but a little longer on top, which was mostly wavy with a slight curl at the ends. His eyes were... Even from across the room, his eyes were potent, so brown, they appeared black. His wardrobe matched his intensity with a gray sports jacket worn over a crisp white button-down shirt and pressed dark trousers.

He was a whole snack.

Well damn.



ABOUT ME

Kelly Cain is a native Northern Californian but has spent the last couple of decades in Texas, currently residing in the live music capital of the world, Austin. Consequently, most of her books are set somewhere between those two locations.

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