

## Author

# SE REYNOLDS

S.E. Reynolds loves to write about everyday people who do disturbing things just to capture life's most desired possessions like money, love, and unbelievable sex. *Enigma Rose: First Lady* and the sequel *Enigma Rose: First Love* not only does just that, but delves into the demons that haunt these characters' psyche.

Authors who have inspired her range from Faulkner and Poe to Paula Hawkins and Gillian Flynn. She loves stories with complex, multi-dimensional characters and settings that have a goth vibe.

Reynolds is passionate about raising her three boys; working out; cuddling with her maltipoo, Bearcub; and a smooth Bordeaux. She lives in a small town in Northern Virginia on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., where she was born and raised.

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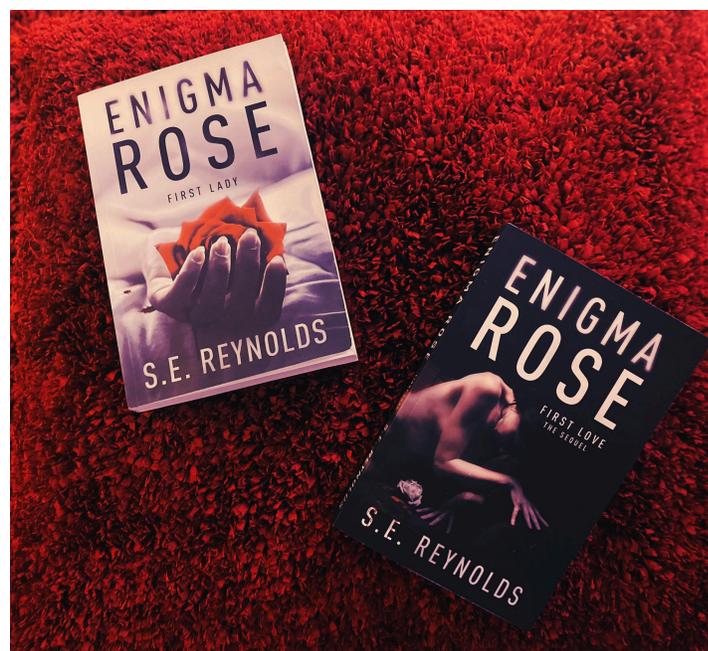


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**ENIGMA ROSE – FIRST LOVE**

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## **Title: Enigma Rose – First Lady**

**Genre: Psychological Fiction**

- **ASIN** : B099TNJX9P - **Price: \$12.00 USD**
- **Publisher** : Independently published (July 18, 2021)
- **Language** : English
- **Paperback** : 305 pages
- **ISBN-13** : 979-8531278449
- **Item Weight** : 1.05 pounds
- **Dimensions** : 6 x 0.77 x 9 inches
- **Best Sellers Rank: #1,276,158 in Books** ([See Top 100 in Books](#))
  - #10,094 in [Psychological Fiction \(Books\)](#)
  - #14,054 in [Psychological Thrillers \(Books\)](#)
  - #44,908 in [Romantic Suspense \(Books\)](#)
- **Amazon Customer Reviews: *4.5 out of 5 stars***

Mayor Joshua Steadman’s biggest accomplishment is marrying the perfect first lady, Melissa. But when Melissa falls terminally ill and confesses a disturbing secret on the eve of her death, the mayor’s life is thrown into chaos.

Haunted by an alluring, enigmatic ghost from his past, Joshua must suppress his lust and try to settle down with the perfect, voter-friendly wife. But Joshua’s inner demons threaten to ruin everything as he enters into a toxic love triangle with two very different women. Trying to shake his past, Joshua soon finds that the only thing he is desperate to escape is the present.

Murder, lies, and the ultimate betrayal stalk the mayor’s every move, when all he wants to do is stop and smell the roses...

**Title: Enigma Rose - First Love**

- **ASIN** : B0BS8KJLD1 - **Price: \$14.00 USD**
- **Publisher** : Independently published (January 13, 2023)
- **Language** : English
- **Paperback** : 300 pages
- **ISBN-13** : 979-8372848696
- **Item Weight** : 15.7 ounces
- **Dimensions** : 6 x 0.75 x 9 inches
- **Best Sellers Rank**: #897,266 in Books ([See Top 100 in Books](#))
  - #3,061 in [LGBTQ+ Genre Fiction \(Books\)](#)
  - #42,257 in [Suspense Thrillers](#)
- **Customer Reviews**: *4.8 out of 5 stars*

It's been one year since Joshua Steadman buried his second wife, along with the secrets surrounding her death. It seems like only yesterday, his enigmatic obsession, Rose Umbra, left town with more than just his heart. But Joshua has licked his wounds and is in hot pursuit of Rose once and for all. He is back as the new mayor of Chester, Virginia, his backwoods hometown he vowed never to return until he learns that Rose opened a bookstore in the next town.

Meanwhile, Rose has been living a quiet life setting up shop and seducing Joshua's newest competition, the fiery Annabelle. But Anabelle and Rose have a chemistry like no other, one that Rose finds hard to resist and that Joshua wants to destroy.

Back in Fairview, Virginia Barnes is recovering from the trauma Joshua and his despicable threats inflicted on her last year. She's sobered up and has found a little happiness with her new buff mail carrier; unfortunately, it's only fleeting. A stranger lurks in all the wrong places, hoping to exhume everything Rose, Joshua, and Virginia have tried to suppress. Murder, lies, and betrayal continue to haunt this trio until finally, one person takes a stand and makes everything wrong finally right.



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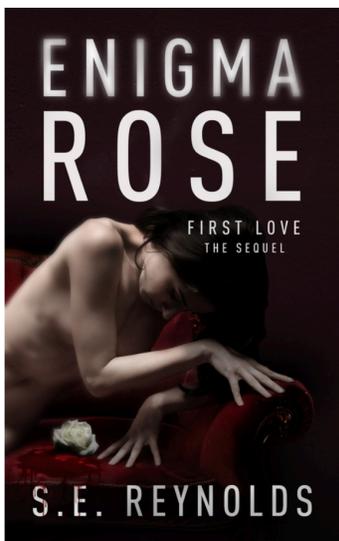
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WRITER'S DIGEST

## Review: Enigma Rose: First Love by S.E. Reynolds



Ghosts from the past collide with present desires of the flesh in *Enigma Rose: First Love* by S.E. Reynolds, a steamy and unpredictable slice of romance, bursting with passion.

Rose Umbra is building a new life, and finding new lovers, attempting to leave tragedies and secrets behind as the new owner of a small bookshop in the Virginia countryside. However, her murderous and manipulative ex-lover, Joshua Steadman, has begun gathering power in a nearby town, and it doesn't take long for him to drop by and stir the pot.

As the new mayor of Chester, Virginia, Josh has regained a title and some petty amount of power, and intends to use it to leverage what he most desires. The resurgence of Josh's obsession with Rose makes him an easy character to dislike in an age of gendered violence pushing back against female autonomy and equality. His previous treatment of Rose and Virginia is cruel and appalling, his mommy issues are manifold, and his political stance is regressive. Reynolds writes his narration with unmistakable intention – a grown-up incel who hasn't learned to process his trauma, and therefore passes it onto others.



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*Author Event*

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Stop in and meet local author, S.E. Reynolds. She will be here signing copies of her books, "Enigma Rose: First Lady" & "Enigma Rose: First Love". S.E. will be in-store on Sunday, April 2, 2023 starting at 12pm. So come on by and help support our local talent.

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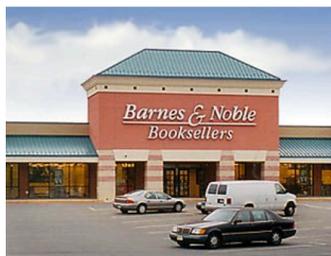
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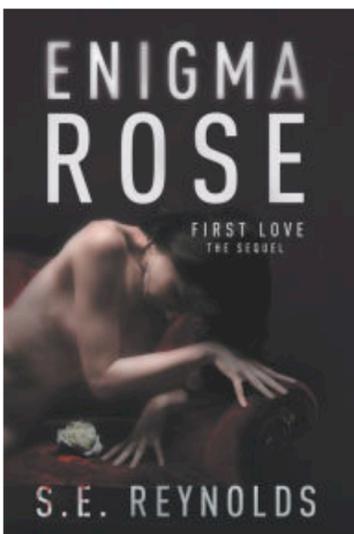
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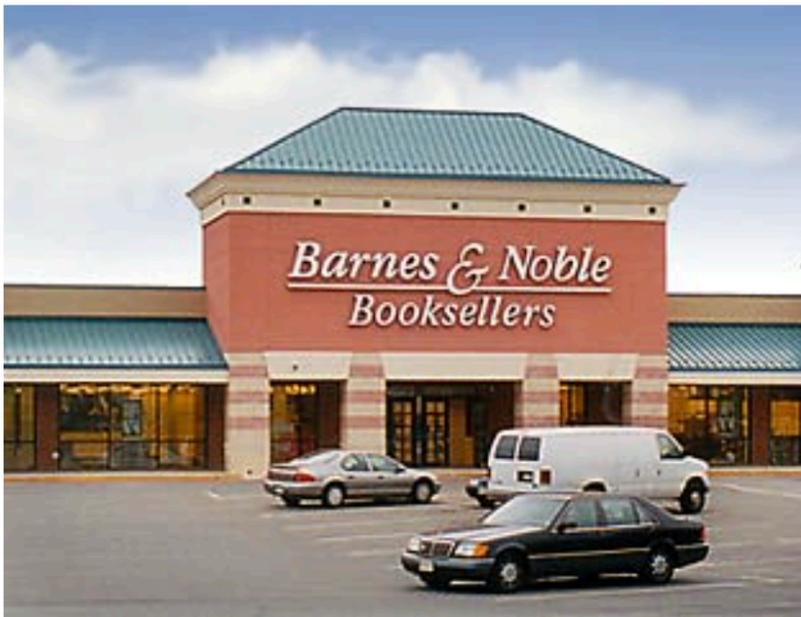


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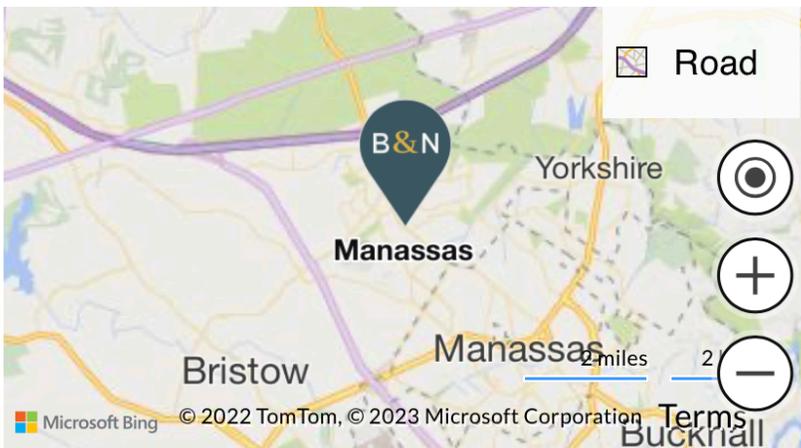
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## Q & A with SE Reynolds

### 1. What is your background?

I have a BA in English with an emphasis in writing. I studied greats like Poe, Faulkner, Bronte, and Shakespeare. I also studied quite a bit of psychology in college, which inspired me to delve into the darkness of a person's psyche or unconscious mind, as Freud liked to call it.

### 2. What was your inspiration to writing the novel and sequel?

I met someone who lost someone significant in his life to what seemed to be due to natural causes, at least on the surface. But as he spoke about the day this person died, I got this strange chill through my entire body, like there is more to the death of his loved one than meets the eye. It was a few years later, when I was going for a run, that this memory resurfaced, and the idea of Enigma Rose: First Lady took form. Enigma Rose: First Love is the extension of First Lady; I needed the characters of First Lady to continue to evolve; unfortunately, some I had to bury.

### 3. Who are your favorite writers?

I love all the biggies like Hemingway and Faulkner; although their writing style is extreme opposites. Hemingway has very short, impactful sentences; whereas Faulkner has this stream-of-consciousness style that I really dig. I love the style of Gillian Flynn and Paula Hawkins. Last but not least is Poe. I love his stories. On the surface, they are horrific, but really they are tales that live in our psyche, clawing to get out.

### 4. Where do you get your ideas?

My ideas come from the people that I meet and the things that I witness or at least perceive. I can't write about something that I've never experienced or been involved with in some small way.

**5. Why did you want to become a writer?** Because when I write something cool...it could be something as simple as a deep one or two-liner like "I dismiss Joshua because he suffocates me. I dismiss you because you make me breathless." I get such a rush when I write something simple but deep.

**6. What kind of stories attract you?** I love stories that spend time on the characters' "why's" and not just the "what's". What makes this person a bad person? What makes this person a good person or even better, what makes this good person turn bad? I like some darkness, well maybe too much darkness. I love suspenseful, keep you guessing kind of stories.

