

Author

# SE REYNOLDS

## Biography:

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 do just that, but they also delve 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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**NOVELS** written by

**SUSAN SE REYNOLDS:**

**Enigma Rose - First Lady**

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

**Genre: Psychological Fiction - USD \$12.50**

- **ASIN** : B099TNJX9P
- **Publisher** : Independently published (July 18, 2021)
- **Language** : English
- **Paperback** : 305 pages
- **ISBN-13** : 979-8531278449
- **Item Weight** : 15.8 ounces
- **Dimensions** : 6 x 0.77 x 9 inches

**Customer Reviews: 89 ratings**  4.7 stars

Joshua Steadman, the mayor of a small town on the outskirts of Washington DC, is on the fast track to the United States Senate. He has all the makings of a voter-friendly politician. He's handsome, charismatic, and has the perfect first lady who is more popular than him.

Unfortunately for the mayor, his wife becomes sick and, on the eve of her death, comes clean about a disturbing lie she told him about his first love and sexual obsession, the enigmatic Rose Umbra.

The truth changes everything he thought he knew about his wife and resurrects his obsession that died the day his wife told him the lie. Now his enigmatic ghost from his past haunts his every move and disrupts all his big plans he made with his wife's replacement.

## **Title: Enigma Rose - First Love**

**Genre: Psychological Fiction - USD \$14.00**

- **ASIN** : B0BS8KJLD1
- **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

**Customer Reviews 37 ratings**  4.8 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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## Review: Enigma Rose: First Love by S.E. Reynolds

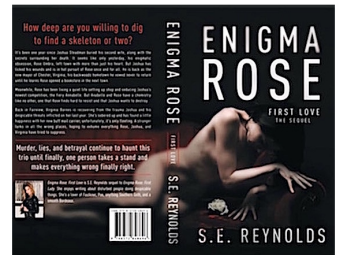


★★★★☆ 4.5 Stars

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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Founder

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## Q & A with SE Reynolds

### 1. What is your background?

I have a degree in English with an emphasis in writing. I studied greats like Poe, Faulkner, Bronte, and Shakespeare. I also studied 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 for writing the novel and sequel?

I met someone who lost someone significant in his life to natural causes; at least, that's what it seemed like on the surface. But as he spoke about the day this person died, I got this strange chill through my entire body, like there was more to the death of his loved one than what he was telling me. A few years later, when I was going for a run, this memory resurfaced, and the idea of *Enigma Rose: First Lady* took form. *Enigma Rose: First Love* is the sequel to *First Lady*. The characters of *First Lady* weren't finished evolving into what they needed to be.

### 3. Who are your favorite writers?

I love all the biggies like Hemingway and Faulkner; although, their writing style is extreme opposites. Hemingway has concise, 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 actually, 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 I meet, and the things I witness or at least perceive. I can't write about something 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 clever...it could be 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 a rush.

### 6. What kind of stories attract you?

I love stories that focus on the characters' "why's" and not just the "what's." Why did this person that seemed to have it all morph into a sociopath? Why did this sweet innocent girl become so manipulative? I like some darkness, well maybe too much darkness. I love suspenseful, keep you guessing kind of stories.

Enigma Rose was the **Top selling book for April 2023** at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers store in Manassas, Virginia.

**Author Se Reynolds book signing event, April 2, 2023**



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