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#### **Editorial Review**

#### From Publishers Weekly

The use of four narrators adds energy, interest and spice to Collins's tale of the glamorous and tawdry lives of the rich and beautiful. Each narrator handles chapters told primarily from his or her assigned characters' point of view. Rather than create full-fledged "character voices," the narrators alter their voices slightly—a deepening here, a hint of an accent there—to make it clear who is speaking. Collins is perfectly cast as Lady Jane, the haughty social climber "with a phony English accent" whose wealthy husband, Red Diamond, refuses to conveniently die and leave her all his money. Sydney Poitier, daughter of the acclaimed actor, is warm and sympathetic in the roles of sweet and conflicted young socialite Amy Scott-Simon and Liberty, a biracial waitress/aspiring singer. Poitier deepens her voice to a sexy drawl to play record mogul Damon P. Donnell and adds some Harlem sass for Cindy, Liberty's cousin. Jack Scalia plays the conniving Red and his gravelly voice is ideally suited to enacting Red's eldest son, real estate mogul Max. Scott Sowers's higher, thinner voice does duty for Red's two younger sons. This lively audio is pure trashy fun that will surely delight Collins's many fans.

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#### From Booklist

In Collins' twenty-fourth novel, she turns yet again to detailing the tawdry lives of the rich and beautiful. Her latest yarn spans seven days in the lives of the Diamond family, who have gathered in New York at the request of their despotic, abusive, and much-loathed billionaire father. He has summoned his three sons to a meeting, with no explanation, and as they nervously wait, events unfold furiously around them. The sons are Max, a powerful real-estate tycoon who is about to be married for a second time; Jett, a fashion model and Alcoholics Anonymous member, who has recently slept with Max's fiancee; and Chris, a hot L.A. entertainment lawyer with a serious gambling problem. They are all battling their own inner demons, but things really come to a head during this week, the first time they have been together in years. Soon we find out that Max is being blackmailed, then his ex-wife turns up dead, brutally and mysteriously murdered. Meanwhile, Jett must deal with his growing infatuation with Max's fiancee, and Chris has gotten into serious trouble with shady figures over his gambling debts. Vintage Collins here: sex, love, betrayal, and deception. Her fans will certainly enjoy. *Kathleen Hughes* 

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"[A] fast-paced, glamour-heavy Collins extravaganza... The ever-stylin' Collins manages to tie the scattered plot lines together into another page-turning tale packed with intrigue, revenge and romance for her St. Martin's debut."

-Publishers Weekly

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