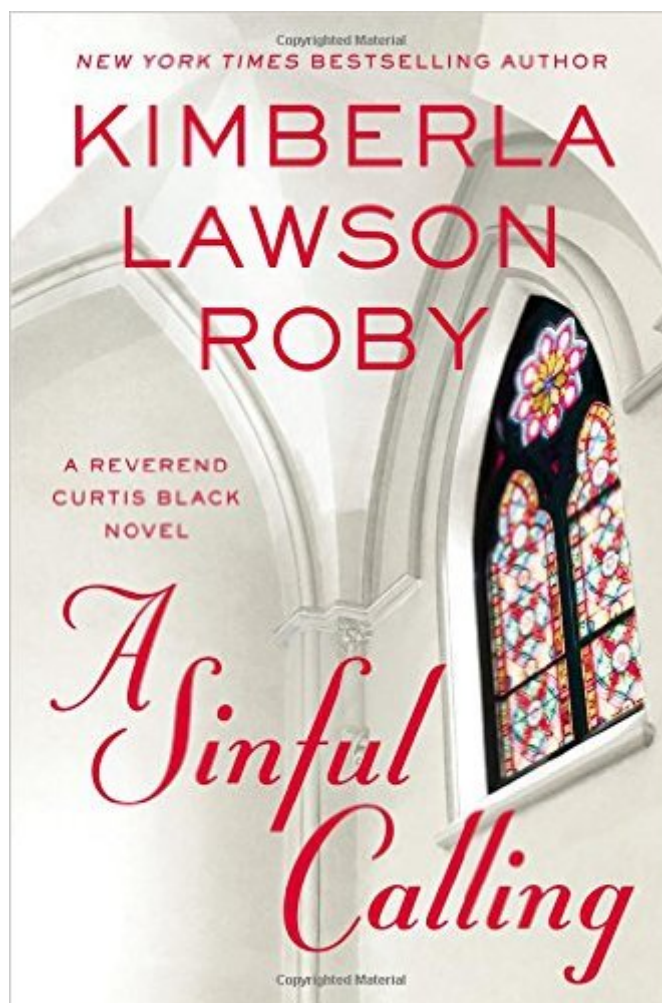


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A Sinful Calling (A Reverend Curtis Black Novel)



Synopsis

Dillon hadn't been called by anyone. He'd called himself and he wasn't ashamed of it. But no good can come from . . . A SINFUL CALLING Two years ago, to everyone's surprise, Dillon Whitfield Black, the secret son of Reverend Curtis Black, boldly moved back home, married a woman named Raven, decided he was going to become a minister, and then founded a church right in the center of his living room. Today he's pastor of a 1,000-plus-member congregation, and new members are joining weekly. Sadly, behind closed doors, Dillon is far from being a saint. Dillon has become more like the man his father was thirty years ago—consumed with money, power, and lots of women. His family may have let bygones be bygones, but they continue to keep their distance. Not Alicia, though. This daughter of Curtis Black joins Dillon's congregation, leaving her father's church behind. The family has forgiven Alicia for marrying Levi Cunningham, the former drug dealer she had an affair with, but once Alicia realizes they will never fully accept Levi, she decides to see her family less and less. She and Levi are truly happy, however, guilt from her betrayal of Phillip and its aftermath casts a shadow over their wedded bliss. But when Raven decides she wants a higher position in the church and Alicia hides a devastating secret, the entire family is affected in ways they don't see coming. In the end, no one will be able to trust anyone . . . and for very good reason.

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Customer Reviews

Very disappointed. I absolutely LOVE this author but didn't enjoy this book. I won't spoil it for anyone, I just felt like I was reading the same thing over and over again. I will still support her to the fullest, I just didn't enjoy this book. I want to be clear, I LOVE this series and I hope it goes on continuously. I just felt this specific book tended to repeat a lot of the same thing. The series is so brilliant and there is still so much that can happen in the Black family that I can totally relate to in everyday life. I feel we as readers OWE it to these authors to give an honest assessment of their work. Giving false accolades does nothing for anyone, tearing down someone's creativity does nothing positive for anyone. The only thing that helps us ALL win is being honest! I don't know about anyone else, but my time is valuable and when I read (and get totally lost in) my book, I want to stay interested and give it my full attention, so I can give my honest opinion. God bless.

This story was very repetitive of other Curtis Black novels that I've read. It's the same old story with Dillon and his woe is me attitude acting like a 6 year old who misses his daddy instead of a 30 year old man. The plot line was boring and I found myself very disinterested in the book and had to force myself to finish it and that is unusual for me because Alicia is actually my favorite character. When the plot starts to get stale, maybe the author needs to just hang up and conclude the Curtis Black series and find another series to begin. Only reason it gets 2 stars is because it spoke about mental health issues. Other than that the book was one star at best. I think it's time to just retire the whole Black family. Over a dozen in the series, yup I say it is time.

This is by far the worst book of the series. No where near on the same level as her previous books. I'm disappointed. The storyline was predictable, too short. The story regarding the characters could have been discussed more. I think this is the end of the Curtis Black series if this is what the writing has become. Not worth the \$13 I paid.

Overall, I liked the book. It was a good read, but I kept waiting for something more and different. While I know this book is apart of a long running series, I felt that we really did not get anything "new". It was more of the same.. Pastor falls off wagon, pastor drunk with power and pastor sleeping around. It may be time to end this series.

It seemed to be the same story as previous books .I think this is my last Curtis Black book as there has been books about each main character and I don't foresee any new subject matter to write about.

What I have loved about Kimberla Lawson Roby's books over the years is her ability to draw the reader in with her entertaining characters and all too real situations that they find themselves in. With the new book *A SINFUL CALLING** we are able to see her raise the bar again with the Black family saga she has created, bringing in issues that in fiction are safe to discuss and hopefully will help us all to have more honest conversations with others and ourselves. The book follows the journey of Curtis Black's family, especially his son Dillon and daughter Alicia. The two of them, though perceived differently by others, have decided that they are going to do whatever they have to do in order to either be happy or at least get revenge on the father they feel as though will never truly see them the way they want to be seen. This leads them and those around them on a perilous path that exposes what greed, deception and secrets can do to an individual---and how no one is safe from the consequences. As we unwrap yet another layer of the Black family we are able to see how vices such as alcohol and issues like mental illness and depression can ravage a family---and the healing that can only come when one realizes that no matter who we are there is no way to get through this world alone. A book that reminds us that all that glitters is not gold and no one---not even a powerful family---is immune from the truth, Roby has once again shown why she is such a beloved storyteller.* I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review and because I was going to be interviewing the author. The thoughts expressed here are my own.

I guess the saying is true, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." And Dillon certainly made this true in *A Sinful Calling*, and except for the fact that I knew the story was about him, I would've sworn I was reading another Curtis Black novel. Just when I think Reverend Black and his offspring can't get any worse they take things to another level. I would like to think that they've all learned their lessons and are ready to lead normal lives, but knowing this family I know it won't be the last time we hear about them. I really enjoyed this story and looking forward to the next.

As always this book was great. The mental health issue presented in this story was very enlightening. I could not put this book down. To Kimberla this is a job well done. Can't wait for your next book.

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