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Blue Dahlia is the first book in the second trilogy of Vivian Winslow's Gilded Flower series, featuring Lily Baron's free-spirited twin sister, Dahlia.

## **Blue Dahlia Details**

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**Monica says**

4.5 +++ Stars!!!

## *Synopsis*

**BLUE DAHLIA IS THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE DAHLIA TRILOGY OF THE GILDED FLOWER SERIES.**

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## *My Review*

*This book was a perfect opener to the series. I was intrigued from the first chapter. I was patiently waiting for this book and was not disappointed in the least with it. WARNING: this is a cliff-hanger. I have issues with cliff-hanger's in the fact that, I don't like them. I have a tendency to forget to read the rest of the series when a cliffie is involved. This does not happen with Vivian's books. She gets us the next installment very quickly.*

*We were left wondering what happens with Dahlia in Lily's story. Dahlia takes us on an emotional roller coaster from the beginning of this book. I loved Rodrigo in The Gilded Flower Series. I was thrilled when Dahlia found her someone. Well without saying too much I love SHANE!! He is the perfect fit to Dahlia so loving and kind. This book tugged at my emotional heart-strings. This couple has been through some tragedy and I even let a little tear or two drop on my kindle screen.*

*As with Vivian's other series books I am waiting for the ball to drop. What will become of the couples? I am dying to know right now!!! Please keep Shane!!*

*Vivian can write some steam and her books have the perfect amount of description. I am a huge fan of her work.*

*4.5 stars you ask why? I felt Dahlia caved a little quick from what I have read about her personality in the first series. But I do understand why she has some serious love for Shane that is unresolved. Please keep Shane!!*

*I would recommend this book to all of you. I would also recommend The Gilded Flower Series so you can get Dahlia's personality and just enjoy another great series. I will be patiently waiting book 2 in this series. Hurry Vivian!!*

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## Tina Lynne says

Please note that this review contains spoilers!

After reading about Lily, Dahlia's twin, in the first three books of the Gilded Flower Series, I was always curious as to who Dahlia was and what she had been through. There are small glimpses and allusions to something that happened in her past but as the reader, you never really know what happened to her. Well in the first installment of Dahlia's story, *Blue Dahlia*, you get exactly that. Dahlia is living life and loving Rodrigo, her sexy Latin man, and starting to plan a life with him, to establish a future and move to Miami. Dahlia is all in, or so she thinks, and has just one loose end to tie up. She heads to sunny California where she meets with her past, a haunting past in the form of one sexy surfer boy named Shane. We come to find out that Dahlia and Shane shared a life together, a blissful few years in which the beautiful artist and sexy surfer lived, loved and planned to start a long and happy life together. But tragedy struck and Dahlia ran away, leaving a confused and heart broken Shane. She left her family to clean up the mess and determined to move on in her life. Yet revisiting her old life and seeing Shane again opens old wounds but brings a deeper love of life and understanding than she has been able to find in years. As they rehash the past and tentatively step into the future, we see a couple so in love and lust that they cannot help but be together forever.

This book was a surprise to me. I was not expecting this turn of events in the story. In the previous stories from the Gilded Flower series, Dahlia and Rodrigo are so in love and lust that I could not see them anywhere but together. Yet as she interacts with Shane and begins to heal from past wounds, I firmly believe that her place is with him till the end. Her character was so much more vibrant and alive with Shane. Their connection was deep and their lust was off the charts. It made me happy that this couple was able to have their happily ever after and I hope it stays that way! Vivian has a knack for throwing curve balls at you so I am a little hesitant at the moment but I am excited to see how life unfolds for Dahlia and Shane, and what is in store for Rodrigo, sweet lonely man.

This book is short, sweet and sexy. I feel like Dahlia may be my favorite twin, even though she annoyed me in Lily's trilogy. Ha! I am interested to see more of who she is and what her life has in store for her. I am ready for the next two books in Dahlia's story!

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## Home Is Where the Wine Is Book Blog says

**My Rating:** 4 out of 5 stars!

Vivian this one surprised the hell out me! I loved the way you portrayed Dahlia's character. It's going to be **SOOOOO** hard to review this without spoilers flying everywhere but here goes....

This is the fourth installment of the Gilded Flower series. Now that Lily found her happily ever after with Alejandro it's time to learn more about her twin sister Dahlia a.k.a. "D". D is head over heels for Rodrigo, Alejandra's brother. They plan on having their own happily ever after but there is just one catch. Shane. The hot surfer that D has some "unfinished" business with. So she flies to California to get closure once and for all, but Shane has his own unfinished business with D.

Feelings and emotions surface and she is left with a big decision. Regardless of whom she chooses someone

is going to get hurt.

My ONLY complaint, ok other than I wish it was longer, was the get-back-together scene. Lol in my mind I was picturing the freaking Notebook. I think there should have been fireworks going off....feeling exploding from years of wasted time. Don't get me wrong the virtual pages almost combust in your hands it's so hot, Vivian certainly knows how to heat things up. The Gilded series has been amazing to read. Here are my reviews from the first three.

***Review: Gilded Lily (Gilded Flower #1) by Vivian Winslow***

Review: Tiger Lily (Gilded Flower #3) by Vivian Winslow

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Playlist

Plain White T's - "Hey There Delilah"

Green River Ordinance's - "Come On"

5 Seconds Of Summer - "Amnesia"

Marie Hines – "Always Been You"

Jon McLaughlin – "Doesn't Mean Goodbye"

Gaslight Anthem – "Get Hurt"

Semi Precious Weapons– "Aviation High"

Cake – "Long Time"

Coldplay – "Magic"

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**Adeslma says**

FULL REVIEW HERE: <http://cronicasdeumaleitora.blogspot....>

While I did enjoy Blue Dahlia a lot more than her previous ones, it was a different feeling. Then there was something that hit me while I was reading, I truly believe that Winslow is slowly rising as an author. As far as this novella goes, Vivian Winslow has all the ingredients to become a really fantastic author, she's good, sure, no doubt, I wouldn't give 3 stars (ok yes I'm cheap with stars, deal with it), but at the same time, if she keeps like this getting better and better I am sure that she will become a great best-selling author.

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## **Amazeballs Book Addicts says**

Blue Dahlia is book 4 in the Gilded Flower series. The first three books focused Dahlia's sister Lily. The next three books in the series will focus on Dahlia. Dahlia does star a relationship with Rodrigo in Tiger Lily, book 3 and they are together in the beginning of Blue Dahlia but I think that Dahlia's story can be read without reading the first three books.

Right off the bat I was sucked into the story. Dahlia has a secret past that she needs to take care of. She flies to California to confront her past in person. She doesn't tell Rodrigo and he is in Miami Waiting for her to join him. You know that if she didn't tell Rodrigo about it, it going to be a big secret. I was surprised by the secret and when I thought that was the whole secret, more of her past come out. There was was life changing things that came out in this story. I can't wait to read more and see how it all turns out.

A copy was received for a review.

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## **Louise Seraphim Reviews says**

I have absolutely loved the Gilded Flowers series so far. Lily's story was totally addictive and I was hooked to each novella.

It's now Lily's twin sister Dahlia's story. Dahlia is the twin that seems to have the bad reputation. The girls come from a well known and respected society family, and have grown up to know all about appearances and doing as they are told. They are incredibly wealthy and have pretty much anything they want. Which isn't always the case, it wasn't with Lily, and it certainly isn't with Dahlia.

When reading Lily's stories, Dahlia just seemed like the naughty party girl, who liked to have a lot of fun. We now learn that Dahlia was hiding a big secret and heartache.

The big secret is revealed when Dahlia has to revisit her past, there are things she needs to do and put to rest before she can move on with her life.

It's here we see just who Dahlia is, or used to be, 7 years ago. It's actually quite a sad story, it showed what Dahlia had been through, and why she acted the way she did afterwards. I felt really torn for her and it was a really emotional read.

As with Lily's trilogy before, there is a huge amount of intense scenes. Some incredibly hot scenes too. The fact that Dahlia's heart is hurting so bad in this story, and how conflicted she is, just makes some of the scenes really potent and powerful.

We meet another character in this story. Shane. Addictive, gorgeous and unbelievably sweet on top of all that. Makes choices very hard!

As with the other GF books, it ended in a gripping way, ready for the next novella in the series. Which I can't wait for!!

Highly recommended! 5 Stars.

\*I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review\*

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## **Sarah says**

You'll remember Dahlia from the Gilded Lily trilogy. She wasn't one of my favorite characters then because of the way she tried to prevent a disaster marriage for her identical twin, Lily. Dahlia has always been more of the rebel sister. When she was younger, she left the nest partially to get out from under her parents' thumbs. I suspect the intent was also to agitate her morally questionable mother. Sadly, I have found that D seems to have similar values even if she doesn't want to admit it.

Before committing to move to Miami with Rodrigo, she has to clear up something from her past. She decides to ask her husband for a divorce herself and in person. By going she opens herself up to a painful past and someone she feels was tainted by her family, more specifically her conniving mother. What will happen when she faces her events from long ago?

This is surprisingly one of the more tame installments in the Gilded Flower series. I don't expect that to last long at all. It sets everything up for a showdown in Miami. I'm curious as to whom Dahlia will choose because both men, Rodrigo and Shane have some great qualities. I even initially thought they were both too good for her. After reading this, my dislike for Dahlia has lessened quite a bit. I think her parental influences have molded her into a character with questionable morals but I realize now she tends to do what she does with good intentions even if it raises a few eyebrows. I can't wait to see how her story unfolds.

Rating: 4 Stars

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~Complimentary copy received in exchange for honest review.~

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## **Tnt Reviews says**

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Having read the first trilogy of the Gilded Flower Series, I was rather anxious and excited to read more of Lily's wild child, twin sister, Dahlia.

Dahlia and Lily may be twins but they're very different from one another. Dahlia has a secret .....I'm burning to find out what it is!

In Tiger Lily, #3 in the Gilded series, Dahlia and Rodrigo hooked up and Blue Dahlia picks up from there. What does catch my attention though is the reference, again, to Dahlia's past and the destructive potential it has, what can be so bad!?

Our Dahlia has been holding out on us! It would seem she's a talented artist and photographer. So there is more to her than being carefree and a party animal ..... Slowly but surely her secret is being revealed, such a tease :)

Whatever it is she shared with surfer boy its so not over! Her heart and soul is still smouldering! Will things heat up or will she find the closure she needs to carry on with her life?

Again Dahlia surprises me with another hidden talent OMW!!! " She loved how energized she felt after surfing the dawn"

Finally, the bombshell is dropped! The big secret she's been holding onto is revealed. So while the plot thickens out comes my trusted Kleenex!

Dahlia has been through so much (as has my Kleenex supply) and knowing her secret gives you a little more insight into her persona .....

In between trumpeting into my Kleenex I find myself cheering for "Dashane" ( Dahlia and Shane), don't get me wrong, I like Rodrigo, but there is a history and chemistry that you simply CANNOT ignore <3

Dahlia makes her decision and someone walks away with a broken heart, but isn't that always the case with tough decisions!?

My heart is soaring with the promise of what is to come and what can be.

Blue Dahlia continues the five star tradition for the Gilded Series. I'm waiting with bated breath to see what Black Dahlia has in store.

Reviewed by Heidi

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### **Anny hernandez says**

I was provided a copy of the book by the Author for an honest review.

WOW just finish reading this book, and love it, love the characters, I have read the first three book in the series, and I love them all, the first three book of the series is the story of Lily, that's how we get to know that she has a twin sister, that's where we also get to meet the Cuban brothers, and that's where we also get to know that Dahlia have secrets, this book is from Dahlia point of view, and I have to say that I love it, I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away.

In the third book of the series, we know that Dahlia is with Rodrigo, and that they are really happy, we also know that she have a secret, and she is afraid to tell him, but oh boy when you find out what that secret is, you gone have a moment of what the hell really, that's whats going on, let me just say that I was not expecting for that to be the secret, you just gone have to read the book to find out what it is.

The story begging with Dahlia and Rodrigo, they are talking and hanging out in the city, they are so happy with each other, that they are thinking of moving in together, when Rodrigo say bye to Dahlia and ask her to go to Miami Dahlia agree, that's when she talk to her mother asking her for someone address, someone that her mother never though that Dahlia would want to see, when her mother gives her the Address she find herself on an air plain, on the way to see this person, but what Dahlia was not expecting was to feel the way she felt about this person, that's when she knew that she needed to make a decision about Rodrigo and this man who goes by the name of Shane, who will she choose.



I really love and enjoy reading this series, now I can't wait to read the next book in the series, I have to say that I become addicted to it, Author Vivian Winslow THANK YOU for this awesome series and this amazing characters love them.

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### **Roses Book Blog says**

Dahlia has found herself the perfect man in Rodrigo. She's looking forward to moving to Miami with him and starting a life together. There's just one thing she needs to do before she can consider moving to Miami to be with Rodrigo. So she leaves New York and heads back to Long Beach, California seven years after she left.

What loose end does she need to tie up? The fact that she's still married to Shane. Seven years ago, Dahlia's entire world fell apart and she ran for the hills and never looked back. She lost not only Shane but their baby girl and she never recovered from it.

But being back in California, Dahlia starts to remember why she fell in love with the ocean and why she fell in love with Shane. It's not long before they start to reconnect and she starts to question the last seven years of her life. Question is, can she drop everything that she's discovered to return to a past that might tear her apart once again.

While I enjoyed the Dahlia's story, I was a bit lost because I never read Lily's story. For some reason, I think there was something in those books that lead up to Dahlia's story, but I wouldn't know because I never read them. The story was fast paced and enjoyable I just felt like I was missing something and for that I have to downgrade my review from a 5 to a 4. I look forward to the rest of the stories in this series but I still feel like I missed a significant part of this story.

\*\*\*Complimentary copy provided by author in exchange for a honest review\*\*\*

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### **Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says**

Blue Dahlia is the 4th book in the series but we are now getting the story of the evil twin Dahlia !! WOW I hated her lots in book 1 but by book 3 I was a fan of hers and I just knew her story would blow the rest out of the water !! At the end of book 3 you think you know what her secret may be , or at least you know a piece of it. I was left in agony waiting and waiting to find out all the details and this book did not disappoint.

Dahlia is living it up. Enjoying life and finally settling down with her new hot guy Rodrigo. They are quickly falling in love and we are reaping the benefits of their wild romance !! THEY ARE ELECTRIC !! But we are on the verge of discovering Dahlia's secret and you know it is a big one but she is trying to do the right thing by clearing the air. Will facing her past be the thing to help her move on with Rodrigo or will it drag her back into a life that was ripped away from her too soon ??

On the verge of moving to Miami to be with Rodrigo Dahlia decides to face her past on her own. Heading to California leaves her feeling so many things she thought she had locked away. Meeting up with Shane again was supposed to be good for closure but after a few days trying to get what she wanted from him things changed. As much as I love Rodrigo it was great reading this part of Dahlia , getting to know her past and

seeing her in a different light. I am so happy she was able to get some resolve and move her life in the direction it was always meant to be !! Where does she end up ?? You must read and find out !!

FYI -

Dahlia's secret is heartbreaking , she has suffered so much in the past 7 years. I still hate the way she acted towards her sister but the poor girl was damaged beyond belief.

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### **Anna says**

Dahlia is happy in her relationship with Rodrigo and is planning to move to Miami to solidify her future with him. She knows that there is a pretty big something in her past that is keeping her from being able to move forward with Rodrigo, so she travels to California in an attempt to tie up the loose ends. When she gets there she realizes that things are going to be more complex than she anticipated.

It was hard for me to connect fully to Dahlia because while she has obviously suffered some serious loss in her life, but the way she leaves Rodrigo completely blindsided was pretty tough to sympathize with. Her motives were good, but the whole thing still felt a little thoughtless at times. Shane is a character, who also wasn't really developed fully enough for me to understand the full appeal. These characters are obviously very sexually compatible, but it seemed like the only real change for either of them was the passage of time. It is tough but realistic that in relationships people are often hurt through no fault of their own, but it is still tough to witness. I haven't read the previous books in this series, so it is possible that I would have had stronger context and base understanding of these characters if I had.

\*An ARC was provided in exchange for an honest review

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### **Kylie Lacovich (The Reading Cow) says**

I really enjoyed Lily's trilogy, the first three novellas in the Gilded Flower series, but I think that I enjoyed Blue Dahlia a little more! Perhaps it's because it's the beginning of Dahlia's story, and I didn't get as much of her as I would have liked throughout Lily's books.

Blue Dahlia was a quick read, and I totally devoured it. I enjoyed learning more about Dahlia and her past, and it was great getting inside her head. The differences between her and her twin sister Lily are more vivid now that we are getting to know Dahlia more.

Once again, Vivian Winslow gives us a novella that has an entertaining and engaging story line. The characters are easy to connect to (especially if you have read the Lily trilogy), and the sex scenes are romantic and extremely steamy!

The one thing with this novella that I didn't quite understand was the ending... It wasn't bad, and there wasn't really a cliffhanger - which I was expecting to set up for the next installment. I felt that this novella ended too abruptly. It felt like the story was just cut off.

BUT... Don't let that deter you from reading it. I can't wait for the next book in Dahlia's trilogy to find out what's next for her!

I received an ARC as part of the blog tour in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Heather says**

**\*\*Guest Reviewer at Mommy's Late Night Book-up\*\***

Wow! Vivian Winslow, I love you! You never cease to amaze me in your writing! I love how these books are very quick reads and you can still enjoy a sweet love story as well as the hot and steamy parts are never far apart!

Blue Dahlia is the 4th book in the Gilded Flower series and focuses on Lily's sister Dahlia. I liked this book because you learned more about the character Dahlia and you realize that she is much more complex than what was lead on in the previous books. The beginning of the book was very mysterious. Dahlia is very happy in her relationship with Rodrigo and she is planning to move to Miami with him, but there is something from her past that she needs to correct that is in California and you are left wondering what is going on for quite some time.

Once Dahlia flies to California, you realize that she is married and left her husband, Shane, a very attractive surfer, quite abruptly for a reason that is still a mystery. Dahlia doesn't tell Rodrigo where she is until she has to, and she had never told him that she was married until it was too late. Once Dahlia and Shane become closer, she begins to question her decisions and can't decide between Shane and Rodrigo, and she painfully fills Rodrigo in on every painful aspect of the situation and he is left to think that they are over, without the proper closure and Dahlia immediately picks up where she left off with Shane and you learn the real reasons why she left Shane in the first place.

Blue Dahlia is a must read and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants a quick read without missing out on all of the fun aspects of a hot and steamy romance! I can't wait to read what happens next!

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## **Laura Greenwood says**

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Blue Dahlia in exchange for my review.

Dahlia is certain that her future is with Rodrigo, and that moving to Miami to be with him is the right thing to do. But before she does that she has to face her past, and the one man that will always be a part of it. Facing up to her husband, Shane, is one of the hardest things she's ever done, especially as Dahlia knows she still loves him and yet can't stop thinking about their dead daughter when she looks at him. Though Shane hasn't seen Dahlia is 7 years, he still loves her, and the passion is still there between the two of them, all he needs to do now is to convince Dahlia that there is something there as well...

When I thought about a trilogy about Lily's sister, I wasn't actually expecting anything quite like this for Dahlia. I expected her to have a past but I didn't actually expect that past to be a husband and a dead child, and all the traumas that that entailed. Probably because Dahlia was tarred a bit by the way she was introduced to the series (which definitely wasn't an all that nice way for her twin, Lily).

There was definite chemistry between Shane and Dahlia, though it took me most of the book to decide whether I wanted them together or not, and I'm still not 100% sure. I'm not sure why but there is just something that makes me think that their story isn't quite over, and that there is more to it than meets the eye. So I'm definitely intrigued as to where this is going.

One thing definitely in Shane's favour was that he reintroduced Dahlia to the world of art, meaning that she got back to creating pieces, and considering that that was her passion in life, and that she'd stopped, I think that can only be a good thing. That was definitely conveyed in the way that Dahlia seemed to act when she was painting, or when she was looking at photographs that she has painted.

I'm sure there are more good things coming from the Gilded Flower series, and I'm definitely intrigued to find out what is coming next!

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