

“THE RETURN”

The Return, author Vicki Allen’s third novel, is the eagerly anticipated sequel to For Molly. The beloved characters and story lines in the For Molly trilogy have been recognized by some Louisiana high schools as vehicles to inspire the literary interest of their students and are now part of the language arts curriculum as required reading assignments.

Excerpted from Chapter One

Dry brittle leaves snapped beneath his feet as he made his way through the brush, moving aside thick foliage with a harsh sweep of his hand. Huffing with impatience, he climbed up on one of the moss-covered boulders at the waters’ edge and peered out at the little house high atop a hill across the lake, he watched and he waited.

Finally, he as rewarded. The girl appeared, swinging out the front door and bounding down the porch steps, her long mane of golden-brown hair flying behind her like streamers as she raced to her waiting car. The legs beneath her jeans were long and shapely. He was sure of it. Just as he was sure the eyes behind her dark sunglasses were the most unique shade of aqua-blue. He smiled and lifted the binoculars.

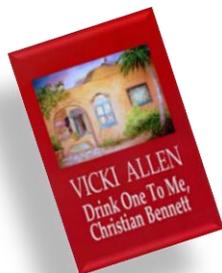
"You have grown up," he declared, his twisted smile growing even larger as he scanned her pretty face. "After all these years, you, my dear, have blossomed.

He lowered the binoculars and leaned back on his hands, a satisfied chuckle rumbling low in his throat. He watched the girl back out of the driveway, keeping his eyes glued to the little red car until it as well out of sight. Then he laughed: an overbearing, demented laugh that echoed through the woods and shook the fragile leaves on nearby trees from their branches. "Oh my pet," he chuckled deliriously, wiping gleeful tears from his eyes as he looked back toward the house "Won't you just be so surprised? I've waited for the opportune moment and that moment has finally arrived."

He slid from the rock and tucked the binoculars neatly into the leather backpack at his feet. He slung the bag over his shoulder and turned to leave, giving the little house one last glance before he disappeared into the trees. "Yes, dearest. I think the time has finally come for my return."

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COMING in 2010—“The Other Brother!”
The eagerly anticipated third book in the For Molly trilogy.



“Drink One To Me, Christian Bennett,” the fourth novel from author Vicki Allen is now available from Magnolia Publishing.