

What People Are Saying About This Book

"I loved reading Double Deception; once I got it in my hands I could not put it down! I thoroughly recommend it to all my friends and anyone else who would enjoy an exciting 'read.'

Some of the scenes are from a real-life lookalike's point of view i.e. how we are sometimes mistaken for the real stars and celebrities! I remember I was on a video shoot with a very well-known singer (not mentioning names here!), who continuously pursued me throughout the whole day.

I have been a Pamela Anderson lookalike for several years now and have shared many of my experiences with Barbara, both here in the UK and abroad. Barbara has successfully written an exciting crime thriller intertwined with all the pros and cons of life as a Celebrity Lookalike."

Tanya Christianssen
Pamela Anderson lookalike



"Double Deception is an intriguing crime thriller, intertwined with the deceptive world of lookalikes and tribute artistes. If you have ever been intrigued by this surreal world, then Double Deception is your perfect read.

The elite lookalikes and tribute artistes encounter moments of glamour, excitement, privileges, as well as occasionally some bizarre, surreal and dangerous situations.

During my career as a foremost Marilyn Monroe lookalike, I have worked in this capacity with the author all across the United Kingdom and Europe and can realistically pronounce that Barbara Angela Kealy has given an astute and true account of the mystifying copycat world.”

Melita Morgan
Marilyn Monroe lookalike



“If ever a book lived up to its title, Double Deception does! Written by a Joan Collins lookalike who has worked at all levels in the industry in the United Kingdom and on the international stage, it weaves a gripping tale of sensual adventures crossing paths with big business, the entertainment world and the Mafia. From money laundering to passionate infidelity, jewellery heists, to Venetian Balls, moments of weakness and moments of bravery, and all in a hall of mirrors. The reader is gripped and gets to like many of the characters involved while being thankful that one has not oneself come across anyone like the baddies. Written in a visual style, one can see it would translate into an exciting film blending real movie stars with their doubles, in a story with sex, crime and glamour – what’s not to like? A book to take on holiday, or enjoy reading with a whisky on winter nights with curtains drawn, finding a surprising twist on every other page, not knowing where one is being led, or what will happen next.”

Stefan Lubomirski de Vaux
Distinguished Photographer



“This book is amazing. The characters you can relate to in two different ways. Firstly, their celebrity alter egos as lookalikes and secondly, the individual characters as themselves. When you read this amazing book, you imagine the people for each character! The glamorous amazing places that pop up throughout the story and the entwined love triangle that runs throughout the book. I can’t wait for the sequel. This book would make an amazing film. Once I read the first chapter, I could not put it down and as I approached the end, I dreaded the last chapter because I wanted it to carry on. I want to read more. I want updates on the future lives of these characters. They are real people, looking like and playing real celebrities, entwined with fiction, crime, sex and love.”

Councillor Kevin Hughes
Chairman Towednack Parish Council Cornwall Parish
Councillor for Zennor Parish Council Cornwall Town
Councillor for St Ives Town Council Cornwall



“A new chick-lit author has come onto the scene with her first book in the genre of Jackie Collins and Jilly Cooper. The story revolves around Belinda, a Director of a Lookalike Agency, who is also a lookalike herself. The author delves behind the scenes of the show business world of lookalikes and tribute acts, giving the reader an in-depth perspective of their lives and glamorous jobs. Combined with a host of intriguing characters, the Mafia, a powerful love theme throughout and many twists and turns along the way, this lusty, sometimes comedic book, is perfect summer reading on the beach or anytime reading with a glass of wine.”

Marcia Stretch
National Secretary, British Veterans Fencing
Event Manager, Winton Cup, British Veterans Fencing

About the Author



London born with an Irish father and Italian mother, Barbara Angela Kealy was the fourth of seven children. Enjoying her younger years in a loving, noisy household, she remains close to her siblings and many nieces and nephews. Never a shrinking violet, Barbara, together with her sister Sandra, attended the local dance school at an early age, loving the opportunity to perform on stage whenever the teachers arranged shows for the public.

A bright student at school when she wanted to be, Barbara's first employment was as the office junior with a highly regarded travel agency in London's West End.

When still a teenager, Barbara left her home, family and friends, to follow the American dream, becoming an au pair with a wealthy American family in New York. After a few months, she left her position, and temporarily lived with her mother's relatives in Brooklyn. Soon after,

she successfully found employment with a bank on Wall Street and thoroughly enjoyed working in this affluent part of the Big Apple. It was during this time that she eventually moved into an apartment on East 82nd Street with three young ladies from Scotland. Thus, the fun began!

Some time later, Barbara decided to move back to London, returning to the same company she had worked for prior to moving to New York. Always a performer at heart, Barbara joined the Lissenden Players, an Old Time Music Hall group in north London, as a performing artiste and eventually also becoming secretary. Barbara continues to be part of the very popular Lissenden Players.

Shortly after forwarding her portfolio to a prestigious agency in London, Barbara became a lookalike for the iconic actress Dame Joan Collins, and began travelling around the United Kingdom and Europe in her exciting new show business career. This has fuelled her life experiences, and certainly her first book.

Barbara is a passionate storyteller and throughout her life, people have often told her she should write a book to capture all her entertaining stories and fascinating experiences. At long last, she has now accomplished this. She lives in London, and is married, with a stepdaughter Louise, who is also a close friend.

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*In the thrilling world of celebrity lookalikes,
nothing is what it seems...*

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Prologue

She lay in his strong, tanned arms, her face resting against his broad chest, the coarse hair now turning grey. Desperately needing sleep but fighting not to allow herself that leisure, wanting only to savour every second while his tanned body lay beside hers. This amazing lover had an effect on her emotions from the very first moment they met; when those exquisite excitable feelings began to flutter somewhere deep inside her. Now becoming restless, she moved carefully, placing one of her soft, creamy legs over his sleeping body. Instantly, he stirred and became aroused...

Chapter 1

Fated Encounter

Belinda had experienced two long and serious relationships in her life but neither ended in marriage. Often, she accepted invitations from men she knew or had met through friends, but always managed to keep the relationships as platonic as possible. Married now for almost twenty years, Belinda sadly felt her marriage was becoming staid, especially during the last few months. Her husband, Matt Flynn, was a man of devious charm, possessing an extremely clever way with words. Matt had done very well for himself indeed. Now a junior partner in three successful betting offices in affluent areas of London, where Sidney Stone, the senior partner, a robust, rotund gentleman in his mid-seventies, looked on Matt as the son he and his wife never had. For some years now, Matt had been a prodigy of Sidney's and was extremely fond of the older man. These days, Sidney was forever remarking on how he wanted to retire and spend his remaining years by the sea. But for now, he was still working full-time, usually managing the flagship betting office in Victoria, the other two being located in Maida Vale and Soho. Sidney and Matt shared responsibility for the Maida Vale office, but Matt was solely in charge of the busiest and most affluent of the three, situated in the colourful and vibrant area of Soho.

Often, people remarked on Belinda's resemblance to an English actress who had appeared in an American soap. After making some enquiries with a reputable lookalike agency and forwarding her photographs on to them, Belinda was accepted and placed on their books. Almost immediately for Belinda, this new career proved very successful indeed, taking her all across the United Kingdom and Europe. How she adored portraying this inspirational actress, loving the glamour and excitement of it all; feeling beautiful when people told her she had a very strong resemblance to the star in question.

When a secretarial position became available within the agency, Belinda decided to go for an interview for the position, and again was successful, learning all there was to know about running an extremely busy company. Barely six months after starting her new position, Belinda was asked by the owner, Dawn Jarvis, if she wanted to become a junior partner. After bank managers and solicitors were consulted and legal contracts drawn up, Top Drawer Lookalike and Tribute Acts Agency had a new junior partner on board, with Dawn owning fifty-one per cent and Belinda forty-nine per cent. Being now both agent and lookalike kept Belinda extremely busy and extremely happy. Occasionally, in her role as agent, Belinda accompanied the lookalikes on certain jobs. Usually, if a particular job was in a country that interested Belinda or there were several lookalikes booked on the contract, she travelled with them as their agent, making sure everyone and everything was running smoothly. What a wonderful opportunity for her to see the world, make money and get away from her home life for a short while.