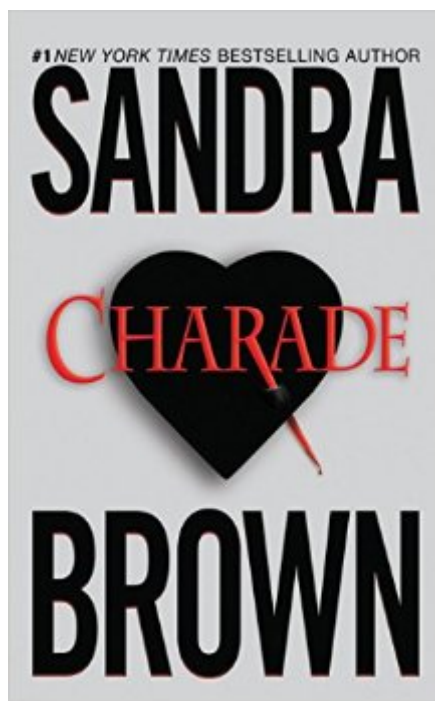


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# Charade



## Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown electrifies listeners with the stunning story of a woman whose new lease on life morphs into a terrifying nightmare. A medical miracle gives TV personality Cat Delaney more than a new heart. She changes her career, trading Hollywood for San Antonio, where she hosts a TV show for children with special needs. Here she meets Alex Pierce, an ex-cop turned crime writer and the first man since her surgery to see her not only as a survivor but as a woman. But her new world turns sinister when fatal accidents begin killing other heart recipients, and a mysterious stalker starts shadowing her every move. Soon Cat realizes Alex may be her most important ally and that her new heart comes at a terrible price: a tangled web of secrets and someone determined to take her life. Heart-stopping! Los Angeles Daily News [A] page-turner | A compelling heroine | Brown has once again hit her mark. People

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## Customer Reviews

After receiving a heart transplant, soap actress Cath gets a job offer with a TV station owner in San Antonio, Texas, and decides to change the course of her life by hosting a news program to assist in the adoption of children. The night she was "re-born," four people became heart donors due to tragic incidents. Suddenly, three of the recipients are dead, and Cat, the remaining beneficiary, feels like she is being followed and is getting strange mail foreshadowing that she is being stalked by a killer. She spurns the romantic interests of her LA heart surgeon (who still carries a torch for her), then Cat meets and falls for crime novelist Alex Pierce, a former police officer. Unbeknownst to Cat, Alex is up to something... but what exactly we are not sure (though it does not take a brain surgeon

to figure out that he had a relationship with one of the donors). In a plot reminiscent of the movie "Blink," Brown keeps the tension (both romantic and suspense) and pacing throughout the story. Just when the reader thinks that they have discovered the bad guy's identity, you get reeled back in and have to re-evaluate your theories about the character's motivations, which results in a truly surprising conclusion.

Sandra Brown has outdone herself with this story. I enjoyed the events throughout the book and had no idea how it would end. It has everything from love and romance to hate and death. It also gives the reader a twist to the life of a transplantee and how they feel about their new chance at life and what the costs may be. I recommend this book for adults and look forward to Sandra's next book.

I stumbled onto Sandra Brown's books quite by accident. I am not a big fan of her early novels, her most recent work is tremendous! Charade is probably her best work that I have read. It pulls you in from the beginning, and won't let you go until the last page has been turned. There are so many twists and turns in the plot, but all plausible. The characters are believable and likable. I spent the whole book trying to figure out who the killer was, and was totally blown away once revealed. Brown knows how to take a great suspense story and weave in a little bit of romance and do it all with style. She has definitely turned me into a fan with this novel.

I read this book about two years ago and I think it is one of the best romantic/suspense stories I have ever read. It seems with only about eleven reviews that it is not one of Ms. Brown's more popular novels. But don't be fooled--this is an excellent read. In romantic/suspense one element suffers and it is usually the romance end of the story. But not so in Charade. Ms. Brown has put together an excellent mixture of both. I initially had reservations about this book because of the subject matter. I am not a fan of hospital murder mysteries. But not to worry, Sandra does not dwell on the medical end of the story. One reviewer was bored during the first seven chapters. I was not. The murderer is introduced within these chapters and the best part is you will never guess "who dunnit". I didn't until third chapter from the end. I think this is one of Sandra's best. Give it a try--you won't be disappointed.

Cat Delaney is a beautiful successful actress in a soapie and shocks her millions of fans by retiring at the peak of her career. She was the recipient of a heart transplant and, following her surgery,

came to feel that she could be doing a great deal more to help the under privileged, especially young children in need of a loving family. She sets up a TV program in Houston to act as a showcase for the available, needy children, showing them in natural settings to highlight their need for love and security. An alarming number of heart transplantees are found murdered in such a way as to appear to be accidental and Cat receives three letters, warning her that she will be next, on the fourth anniversary of her transplant. Enter Alex, an ex-cop, unbelievably handsome, sexy as all get out and a passionate affair begins until Cat begins to suspect that he has his own agenda. I found this to be a good, light, fast read with some very explicit love scenes which were very well written.

Sandra Brown is at her personal best again with another great book. Soap opera star, Cat Delaney is about to have her life change forever. Her very good friend, Dr. Dean Spicer, calls her in the middle of the night to tell her to come to the hospital, a heart is on its way. She can hardly believe it because she's waited so long. Her day is finally here. While convalescing, Cat realizes that she came so close to dying and she never accomplished the one dream she always wanted to do and now she can! With the help of a good friend and a producer, Cat leaves California, moves to San Antonio Texas, and starts a new life for herself. She's been given a chance to start a very different show by helping disabled children and finding them new homes. Being a foster child herself, she can relate to these children. Little did she know though that her life was about to change. She starts receiving anonymous letters of people who died in tragic accidents and were heart recipients. How is this connected to her, she wonders and why? When Cat accidentally meets Alex Pierce, an ex-cop and a well known author, he's willing to help her, why? And it doesn't help that she's suddenly attracted to this man and he feels the same way about her. She also knows that Alex is hiding a secret in his own life. Could it be in some way connected to her? While Alex and Cat try to avoid their emotions for each other, they start an investigation of their own. Soon, they will discover things that are unbelievable. With the clues piling up from stalking, murder, and Cat's life in constant danger, the suspect list gets higher and higher. As their quest continues, they will soon learn about all the horror and what it stands for but most importantly, the shocker of who did it!!...Another personal favorite for me....I am never disappointed with her books so, far...enjoy!....Thank You

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