



Dark Karma

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Ploi, a bold and beautiful woman, struggles to expand her casino empire in the patriarchal society of southern Siam. Her obsession with success endangers her marriage and her family. Political change, a deadly epidemic and conflict among Thais, Chinese and Malays roil the region. Ploi needs the help of a violence-prone lover, a Buddhist monk, and a royal official hiding his own secret. Struggling to free herself of karma darkened by misdeeds, Ploi is unaware she is the target of a man obsessed with revenge and backed by a powerful secret society. She must make terrible choices as the plot against her mounts to a violent conclusion.

Written by two experts in Thai history, **Dark Karma** brings to life a little known time and place. It presents a compelling family saga showing the enduring struggles of the human heart.

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