



Murder and the Masquerade: Book 1 of the Dorothy Phaire Romantic Mystery Series (Paperback)

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****** Print on Demand ******. Two African-American women in the Washington, D.C., metro area face
their middle-age struggles with love, family and murder charges in this empowering romantic
thriller. Dr. Renee Hayes seems to have everything-a lavishly decorated French Colonial house, a
successful psychology practice and a popular series of self-help books. On the inside, however, she
is just as troubled as any of her patients. One of these is Veda Simms, a suicidal paralegal who has
estranged herself from her ex-husband and daughter as a result of her dangerous obsession with
LaMarr Coleman, a crooked attorney at her law firm. At first, the patient and doctor seem to be the
antithesis of each other (with the exception of a shared hairdresser). Veda is petty and selfabsorbed, concerned only with what LaMarr thinks of her, while selfless Renee tends to an infant
with AIDS in her off-hours. A series of seemingly unrelated crimes befall the two women, and Renee
finds herself in the throes of a torrid affair with Deek, a young detective investigating the crimes, as
a relief from her tepid marriage. At the end of her...



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