

## *Outside of Everything* by Jason Dry

LOGLINE: When a passionate yet troubled teacher becomes the prime suspect in his student's disappearance, the teacher's protective sister, an attorney with children of her own, comes to his aid. As evidence stacks against him, she begins to doubt his innocence.

*Outside of Everything* is a drama-mystery set in a place where allegations of abuse run rampant – a public school. I am a teacher, so I know what I'm talking about. In my career, I have been falsely accused of hitting a student, humiliating students, and forcefully grabbing a student by the arm. Last year, a male student accused a female teacher of groping him. Luckily, this non-event was captured on a school security camera, so the teacher didn't lose her career.

What happens when there are no security cameras or witnesses? What happens when witnesses lie? What if the student is telling the truth? Or if the teacher is innocent but has his own dark secrets? *Outside of Everything* forces us to confront this dilemma.

BRIAN is a gay middle-school teacher who loves his job, is devoted to his students, and is a role model for his colleagues. He keeps his orientation to himself, his family and close friends. He is also secretly addicted to crystal meth.

In mid-lesson, Brian is removed from his classroom and taken to meet two plain-clothed police detectives. They question him about a troubled female student who has gone missing. He is shocked to learn that they have found a diary in her locker that depicts a sexual affair between him and the missing student.

CHERYL is Brian's sister. Once a successful defense attorney, she stopped practicing to raise her two young children. Brian's oldest brother, now dead, was framed by cops and forced to confess to a crime he didn't commit. Cheryl will do whatever it takes to protect Brian from the same fate.

She gets Brian out on bail, and they set out to find the missing student and prove Brian's innocence. They discover that the missing student had sex with many older men she met on the internet. By following clues, Cheryl also begins to uncover her brother's hidden dark side.

She finds evidence that points more and more toward Brian's guilt. She learns that not only does he have a drug dealer, but that the missing student often hung out in his dealer's apartment. Then, one of Brian's colleagues reveals that Brian asked him to provide a false alibi for the night the girl went missing. Cheryl also discovers that Brian hid his cell phone and computer from police. Finally, two more female students claim they witnessed Brian having sexual relations with the missing girl, and that he also did the same with them.

Cheryl begins to doubt her brother's innocence, until she discovers that his shameful secret has nothing to do with the missing student. Cheryl catches Brian smoking meth in his living room with an anonymous online hookup. This is the dark secret he kept from Cheryl and the police. Stuck in a catch-22, he could only prove his innocence if he revealed he was doing drugs with an anonymous sex partner when the student disappeared. Such a revelation would also lead to losing his career.

Despite some misgivings, Cheryl continues to help him. They find the missing student tied to a bed in an old warehouse, part of a sex-trafficking ring run by her step-father.

With Brian's name cleared in the abduction, Cheryl recalls the importance of defending the innocent and returns to her career as a defense attorney. Brian gets help to overcome his drug addiction. The student is placed in a safe home.

I would love to send you the script for *Outside of Everything*.

Kind regards,

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