

# THE ADVOCATE

*"If any mischief follows, then thou shalt give life for life." - Exodus 21:23*

## LOGLINE

Celebrity trauma survivor Ruby Jones clings to sanity and fame as an advocate for abused women. As her methods come to mirror her abuser, and her past threatens to expose her, the line between sinner and saint comes crashing down.

## STORYLINE

Having survived a life of trauma as a trafficked prostitute, Ruby Jones has built an empire on her image as the black Mother Teresa; a feel good story in our world of negative news. The masses want good to overcome evil and Ruby is happy to offer that hope... but 'trauma is forever'. Behind the scenes, Ruby is a mental mess wrapped in a camera ready package. She can't move past her fantasies of becoming the Bad Man who broke her. In a rescue gone horribly wrong, she is forced to relive the trauma she had been repressing. In that pain and suffering, she chooses violence. She embraces violence. Even when the victims don't want her help, delivering justice by her own hand brings her peace and satisfaction. Ruby is trapped on a collision course with truth and consequences, with her very life in the balance.



### RUBY JONES

A trauma survivor, Ruby's personal story of overcoming all odds has captured the world's imagination and opened up funding to make a real difference. But behind the composed elegance is raw trauma she can only calm through punishing abusers. Ruby has a strong moral compass and a relentless addiction in constant conflict.



### DAMIAN BRIDGES

Det. Bridges is drawn to Ruby by both admiration and attraction. He wants to clean up the streets and sees Ruby as a perfect partner. His interest creates a clear conflict as the evidence against Ruby becomes overwhelming.



### OLIVIA JONES

When Ruby lost her parental rights of Olivia it was the catalyst for getting sober. However, Olivia was raised in foster care and doesn't feel she belongs with Ruby. Ruby uses drugs to dull the pain, furthering Olivia's isolation.



### RICO

Ruby's former handler, he now does her dirty work for the right price. A price that grows with the skeletons in her closet. He feels oddly paternal towards Ruby; proud of her and the 'seasoning' he put in.



### MAYOR BAILEY

Hard earned, new money'. Bailey got where she is at by being the most cunning person in the room. She will do whatever it takes to stay there.



### DR. JEAN BOLANDER

A hippie that founded Samantha's House charity after her daughter overdosed. Now her obsession with saving lost souls has blinded her to seeing the truth around her.



### JUSTICE JACKSON

The practical employee at Samantha's House, Justice is in charge of business affairs. When funds go missing to Rico, Justice is the first to know and the last person willing to cover it up.



### STELLA MILLER

A proxy for Olivia, Ruby becomes obsessed with helping Stella at all costs. Stella has Stockholm syndrome and pushes Ruby away.



### REVEREND WILSON

Reverend Wilson runs the community church and is Ruby's conscience in times of doubt. He is married to Layla.



### LAYLA WILSON

Layla enjoys being provocative almost as much as she enjoys getting what she wants. Ruby outshines her, and she hates Ruby for it.



### VICTOR MARTINEZ

Victor is a police officer obsessed with exposing Ruby as a con artist. Deeply cynical, Victor is convinced Ruby is not what she seems and won't stop until he's proven right.

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