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Love can come into your life in an instant, and leave just as quickly....

Jason Straiz is a New York detective working on a case to bring down a major crime lord. He keeps his life simple. Work. Family. Friends. Until he meets Selene.

Selene is a lawyer on a mission. Her goal is to bring down the monster that has been terrorizing her for years. When she meets Jason, the attraction is intense. When Jason comes to her aide after tragedy strikes, he becomes a target.

When her case and their relationship collide, will her secrets destroy a future they could have together? Can he handle the truth about her?

Can love truly conquer all or is there a limit?

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From Reader Review Love Lost for online ebook

Rachel Walter says

Quick read that forces you to turn the page. Jason & Selene have a fast paced romance. I wanted more for them, but you'll have to read the story to find out why. Loved it! Great start to a promising series.

Michelle Holloway says

I love Jay and Sel's story!

Sel has been done wrong since she was a child. She devoted her life to becoming a lawyer to make sure the bad guys are put away. She finds herself in danger, though she doesn't seem to realize just how much danger. She meets Jay and they hit it off great.

Jay is an officer who loves his family. He isn't looking for love or a relationship as his job keeps him pretty busy. Then he runs into Sel and that all changes. He is drawn to her.

These two embark in a relationship with a lot of twist and turns, and danger lurks at every corner. Sel makes new friends in his family, and Jay is finally learning what love really is. He will have to fight to keep Sel, unless fate steps in and changes the game all together.

I can not wait for the next book in this series!

Stacy Hahn says

This was an excellent book. I was hooked from the beginning. Who doesn't love a hot detective! Jason is a hot homicide detective who bumps into Selene, a lawyer, at the coffee shop. They are immediately attracted to each other. Jason and Selene's lives are connected and they don't even know it. There is lots of love, danger and devastation in this book. You will not want to put this book down once you start. My only complaint is that I have to wait for the next book to see how everything works out in the end!

Rochelle says

Love Lost by Maria Desouza isn't your typical Romance. I warn you if you want a mushy, gooey, sticky sickly sweet love, you won't find it here, but... what you will find is something sooo much better! This author has a flow that draws you in from page one. Each scene is written with true passion, and executed with style. The love is deep, the hate is deeper and the crazy...it crossed the line straight to insane and I loved every second of it.

Maria Desousa, has created characters that you will fall in love with from Jason, the sexy detective to Selene, the confident layer. You will even love Lucio the villain of all villains, or should I say (love to hate) him, the mad man who will stop at nothing to ruin anything good that enters Selene's life, and yes my friend, that

includes Jason. Every character has a story and the author invites you in to view things from the perspective of each of the main characters, giving you a chance to see the story unravel and the plot thicken.

While reading through Jason's perspective you will find that he is a true leading man and I see him being one that the ladies are going to talk about for years to come. He is sexy, strong and he knows how to take care of his leading lady. He is passionate and his love goes to his very core. He will bring out emotions in you that you couldn't even imagine, leaving you wanting more.

Then we have Selene, Selene's story is complicated and heartbreak, but her strength and courage makes for a fantastic heroine. You will root for her and cry for her, maybe even want to throw your reading device as things unfold (in a good way).

Maria also gives us a rare opportunity to look behind the veil to the thoughts of a maniac and honestly I have to say (call me crazy) some of these moments were my absolute favorite. There was no sugar coating; just plain deep crazy that I feel so many books could use when it comes to making a true villain.

All in all even though it is very early in the year, I am confident that this book is going to be on my top 5 of the year and Maria Desouza is going to be one of my very favorite authors. So to all of you that are reading this review, do yourself a favor and go GET LOST in Love Lost!

5 Stars

Annmarie says

This book was amazing! Can't put into words how quickly you get wrapped up in the characters world! Maria has created a book that will make you laugh, gasp, sit on the edge of your seat, and want to cry your eyes out! I already can't wait for the next installment of the Love Lost Series!! Keep up the great work!

Mad about says

Solid 3* from me as the plot and characters were intriguing but it just didn't hold my attention enough.

Jason is a good honest cop who every woman would want to meet but after being burned before he's a little wary to let his heart love freely but a chance meeting with a beautiful lawyer gives him hope.

Selene went for the worst type of bad boy in her teens and now she's paying the price for that romance. He wants his vengeance and she knows getting people involved will only end badly but meeting Jason seems like fate.

There was a lot of promise in this book but the characters interactions seemed flat and didn't draw me into their situations or emotions making me feel disconnected from the story. It was easy to read but didn't compel me to continuously stick with it.

Debbie says

I made the mistake of only skimming the reviews before purchasing this book and wasn't aware it was a cliffhanger until I got to the end. So heads up!!! It's a nasty one and I nearly threw my precious Kindle across the room.

Selene is an District Attorney who is after Lucio, a major criminal she has a past with and who hurt her terribly. One day on her way to work, she meets Jason, a police detective. Jason and Selene soon began dating and grow close quickly. They are perfect together. Unfortunately, Selene doesn't tell Jason about the case she is pursuing until it's too late. It's the same one he is working on, and her being honest could have helped everyone and saved a number of lives.

I can't really go into much more about what happened without providing major spoilers. I will tell you that I hated Lucio with a deep passion! The man is pure evil. Jason, I loved. He is a wonderful man and what happens to him just breaks my heart. I really need Book 2.

This story has a lot of action with twists, turns and secrets. There is clean romance between the main characters, and you can feel the emotions they share. I wasn't able to find a release date for the next book, but hope it'll be released ... yesterday.

Talk Books To Me says

Love Lost was a quick, compelling read that I enjoyed immensely. The plot was very intriguing and the writing flows nicely. For a short story I did become connected to the character's and would love to see more to their storyline. Jason is a sexy "manly" man while Selene is courageous and strong-willed and their charisma is memorable. And let's not forget Lucio who's picture should be next to Villain in the dictionary.

Well done Ms. DeSouza, I'm anticipating more of your work!

Kassie says

WOW, where do I start?? Love Lost had me on the edge of my chair throughout most of it. I felt for Selene and all she has been through, yet she was still so strong and focused on what she felt she had to do. Jason is just yummy!!! I loved his personality and how he interacted with his family. He treats Selene like she truly deserved to be treated!! Oh Lucio, Lucio, Lucio... I have plans for you that involve lots of pain!!!! I enjoy when I don't see certain things coming and this happened a few times. Granted, some of the things that happened I wish didn't and made me want to cry for the pain the characters had to go through. The only thing that I wanted to scream about was the cliffhanger.... I didn't want it to end. I want to know what happens NOW!!!!!! I'm super impatient like that though :). I seriously cannot wait until the next book and recommend this to anyone who loves a sexy thriller!!!!

Jennifer Conn says

This is the first book in the Love Lost Series and also the authors debut book. Maria did not disappoint my expectations. She exceeded them and so much more. This is Sel and Jay's story and you immediately love the connection they have. The title is held up in the writing because love is lost in the book, in more ways than one. You are constantly on the edge of your seat by most of the chapters end and you cannot wait to see what will happen next. The story flows great, the characters are well developed, and you will definitely want to keep reading this series as the next installment come out. One little warning, when you fall in love with one character and claim him as yours or your favorite, you might just flip flop by the end lol. I can't wait for the next in this series. Congratulations to Maria for her first release and for doing an amazing job. Can't wait to read many more from you.

Diane says

Great book. It's a real page turner. Love the characters. Can't wait to read more books by Maria.

Meghan says

Yes, yes and yes! Selene and Jason are two characters that I immediately enjoyed. I loved seeing their conversations, hesitations, and overall path to fall in love. MD's writing style brought the characters and the scenarios to life. As in there were a few times I wanted to be like nooo just talk to each other, really TALK about what is going on, how your feel, etc...just do it! As a reader I was able to see what the other characters couldn't see and it was genius how MD brought that awareness to Selene and Jason.

For me this was the perfect blend of a romance and suspense. There were times I thought I knew what was going to happen, but either the method was different from what I expected or I was completely wrong! Along with Selene and Jason we meet several friends and family members that are very well developed and I can't wait to learn more about them. When Selene's friend encounters Selene's monster my mouth dropped open in shock. I did not see that coming. Jason's friend Vin led me through the wringer of emotions. For most of the story I thought he was maybe one of the biggest jerks I had read about in a while, but then...oh then..we see the actions he takes for certain people and I completely changed my thoughts about him. By the end of the book/preview of the next I loved Vin's character and hope to read his story soon!

I mentioned in an earlier post that I am starting to pay more attention to the cover of books. I think this cover is a fantastic portrayal of Jason! I enjoyed this book a great deal and loved the fast pace, overall energy, emotions and what can only be called a doozy of a cliffhanger.

Tina Lee Harris says

4.5 stars

What to say about this book. This is definitely not your everyday boy meet girl and they fall in love. They have to fight against the nightmare that has consumed Selena's life. There is plenty of thrilling twist and turns throughout the book. It will keep your eyes glued to the pages turning them until the very end.

Maria's way with the characters was captivating. Not only do you fall in love with them but the story that they go through is heart breaking. I have to admit that I did shed a tear or two.

Selena was such an amazing character, as more of her story is revealed. She is a strong determined woman even after having lived through horrible things in her childhood then another nightmare as a young adult. She became an attorney so that she had a way to fight to put her nightmare away for life.

Jason, funny sexy detective, I do think I feel in love with him from page 1. He is a detective that has never truly loved before but a chance encounter with Selena all of that changes. He feels things for her and will do anything to protect her, now that she is his life.

As the story progresses and we finally meet the nightmare from Selena's past, Lucio, who you will want to hate with a passion for the pure evil that he is. Lucio is obsessed with Selena, doing anything he can to hurt her in the process of trying to get her back in his arms.

I can not wait to read the next book in this series and yes it did leave off at a bit of a cliffhanger but wow what a punch to get us excited about the next book!!

Katie Boettcher says

Katie's Review

“Love can come into your life in an instant and leave just as quickly...”

“Can they handle the truth about each other? Can love truly conquer all or is there a limit?”

Jason Straiz is a detective first and foremost. He takes his duty to serve and protect seriously and he has never made time for relationships. Until, Selene comes along and turns his world upside down. She consumes his every thought and he longs for all that she invokes in him.

Selene is a no nonsense lawyer. She carefully guards her heart given that she has been to Hell and back. When Jason comes into her life, she questions whether or not she can handle all that he makes her feel. Happiness has been short lived in her life and she is unsure if she is willing to risk putting Jason in harm's way.

When Jason and Selene first meet it's as if fate is on their side. But they soon realize that the case they are working could be one in the same, and that would be a conflict of interest. They have to make tough decisions about their safety and livelihood. Will they make the right one or will they choose the one that rips apart everything they hold near and dear?

The heroine is so beautifully written that your heart bleeds for her and all that she has endured in her life. I admired Selene. She is strong, independent, and not afraid to take what she wants. Jason is what every girl dreams about rough around the edges but romantic. His passion for his work and family are a quality that draw you to him.

I have never read a book where the villain was written so good that I shuddered at the things he has done and plans to do. The way Maria writes him is like she took him straight out of the depths of hell. He is what nightmares are made of. He is pure EVIL. He is the best villain ever.

Love Lost is Maria DeSouza's first novel. She is a new up and coming author that I feel everyone should read. It is a well written page turner that will have you on the edge of your seat. I thoroughly enjoyed this novel and I give it 5 STARS. If the scale went higher I would give it higher. This book will go down in my Top 5 of 2014.

I was given a complimentary copy by the Author for an honest review on A Literary Perusal Blog.

Elizabeth says

When I started reading Love Lost, I wasn't really prepared for the roller coaster of emotions I was going to go through. The characters are written so realistically that you feel as if you are watching this story unfold. I love drama and this book packs a whole lot into it. Jason Straiz, the main character is gritty and real but also you get to see a soft side he really hides due to his job as a cop. Selene Mendez is a smart, beautiful attorney who, as fate would have it, lands in the path of Jason just when it seems she needs him most. What follows is a whirlwind of situations leaving you turning pages as fast as your e-reader will allow. I don't do spoilers but suffice to say, you will be freaking out by the end of the book!!! I look forward to the next in the series!!! Excellent debut for Ms. DeSouza!
