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Love was never supposed to be part of the end game.

Fallon's life has been a road paved in misery and loneliness.
Then one day, she's propositioned with a way to change it all.
From that day forward, Fallon planned on never looking back.
Until, she met her target, the man who could destroy everything.
Fallon's a survivor, but can she survive him?

Gabriel is independent and brutal.
He learned early on about his mother's games.
For years his mother has tried to control every aspect of his life.
He was born to be her successor, but he refused to be her chess piece.
When a mysterious woman shows up, Gabriel's life is turned upside down.
Is she his mother's pawn?

Soon they will learn that the games Gabriel's mother, Catherine Stern plays are for keeps.
Secrets and deception always find a way of being revealed.

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From Reader Review Art of Seduction for online ebook

Jos says

3.5 Stars..... SPOILERS SPOILERS SPOILERS AHEAD

READ with CAUTION, you ARE WARNED!!!!!!

OK, sooooo where to start, how to describe, lol. So ok, it starts out good, although a bit cheesy and far-fetched but hey, I am still onboard with the story and very intrigued. So, as we get to the meat and potatoes, hmmm, this is where I had some issues. First off the whole Brittany and I do mean every aspect of her character from Gabriel's relationship to Fallon's....ummmmm that was a no for me especially where Fallon's relationship ended up going with her, friends, hmmm I think not but that's just me! Don;t get me wiorng, I really liked Brittany lol I know that sounds bizarre BUT I didn't need all the info and scene between her and Gabriel and the fact that Fallon ends up being friends with her, all TOO freaking weird and the whole Catherine being involved in all of that....just a NO for me.

Did I like the characters, YES, BUT Fallon started off as a great character for me but somewhere along the lines with her new found confidence she got annoying to me, up until almost the end I have to say. She was bitchy, whiny, her character HAD such more potential than how this author eneded up portraying her if that makes sense.

Gabriel, liked him but didn't like his decision making at times. What REALLY made me mad was at the end of their story well, towards the end Catherine tells Fallon to go to Gabriel because it was an instance like he was in that he would call Brittany, and then proceeds to say the night is not over so she needs to get there. For me, ALL of that was a total turn-off completely and for me, it ruined the relationship a bit for me. I mean really would Gabriel have called another woman OR would he have stayed true to Fallon, now THAT was what I wanted and needed to be proved. Hence why my rating waivered at 3.5 Stars rather than 4....even 5 it could have been if not for some of the storyline for me.

All in all , I really liked it alot and yet I disliked some parts of their story sadly! Will I read more in this series, yes!

Becca Wickedly Sweet & Synful Book Blog says

Wasn't too sure what I was getting into here. First time I've read this author and I didn't read the blurb, I wanted to be surprised. It wasn't what I expected, it was better. I found a couple spots dragged for me and a a spot or two that switched gears so fast I had to re read pages to make sure I didn't miss anything. My fav thing is that this book has strong determined female characters

Laura- BookBistroBlog says

Art of Seduction (A Stern Family Saga, Book One)

By Monique Orgeron (M. Orgeron)

5 Stars

WOW!!! What a Debut Author! I don't know where Monique Orgeron has been hiding. To come out with her first book this well written, flowed perfectly and not one time did I find myself having to go back a page or 2 to figure out what was going on. If I were a gambling gal, this bet I would have lost. I honestly thought that this was a veteran author now writing under a pen name.

So, once I found out that this was a 'virgin' author that nailed it with her debut book, I can only see brighter stars coming from Monique Orgeron!

This book takes you on a Mother's journey of love. Love for her 3 boys. Catherine will stop at nothing to provide, support and ensure her boys have what they need in life to survive.

Fallon is an 18-year-old that is one step away from prostituting her body just to survive. Shuffled through foster care growing up, between living with her on again off again mother... She is now working in a diner begging for more hours and living in a crappy apartment.

Her eldest son Gabriel is who Catherine is focused on in this book. He needs a wife that will be his support, his shoulder to lean on, someone who is a strong headed woman that can lead her husband to success.

Catherine has been known to control her boys, she knows everything they do and more. Truly though, she does what she does, out of Love. But there are secrets as to why she does what she does. There are reasons for who she picks.

It's uncovering all the pieces in the puzzle, slowly fitting them together, that brings together a beautiful picture!!!

Although this is a Standalone, there will be more!!!

Art of Forgiveness – Liam's Story

Art of War – Zander's Story

Art of Loyalty – Vin's Story

Bring them on!!!

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Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Art of Seduction by Monique Orgeron is the first book in the "A Stern Family Saga". This is the story of

Gabriel and Fallon. Fallon life started off with a mother who drank and only seem to want her when she was useful to her. When Fallon turned 18 and also became prettier than her mother...her mother tossed her out of the house. So Fallon started working at a cheap dinner where she meets Catherine Catherine takes her under her wing to train, teach and educate Fallon on being the perfect women for her son Gabriel. Catherine wasn't a women born with a silver spoon and thinks that her sons needs street smart women who also have the education and grace of a lady. Gabriel of course is to be in the dark about Catherine and Fallon's relationship and teaching. But can they build a life on something that started off with dishonesty?

I think this is the first book by Ms. Orgeron and I must say this was a great first book! I look so forward to reading more from this author!

Snow says

When one of my dear friends praises a book with a line : "10+ stars", and highly recommends it to me, I'm like : "pfft duh?! alrighly then..."

And even if it wasn't quite the 5 star read for me, I have to say that I am surprised in a pleasant way by its content and concept to start with.

*The story of one powerful woman, who arranged and organized hers and her sons' lives in order to obtain the level of status the Stern name carried in the world of shady business, politics and underground manipulaition. **Catherine Stern** is the power to be recon with, but this is not her story, no, this story she would create from the background, she would create a path for her eldest son, **Gabriel Stern**. A man who is aware of his mother's games and controlling ways, but when she presents a young woman into the family, as a long lost friends daughter, no one can rest assure that the innocence isn't quite inocent, apart from the obvious.*

The question is, how far will Gabriel let the ways of this fresh flower of addictive beauty make him crumble, inspite of everything he knows, inspite of everythings he goes against, inspite of the lingering notion that it's all arranged and orchestrated by his mother...

*And the answer is, not too long, as the **art of seduction** is well learnt by this beauty, and she will succeed, and Gabriel will fall at her feet....BUT apart from the lust, she can't help but want more, his heart.*

But as all things come to an end, before the final resolvment comes to the spotlight, secrets will be shattered as glass and some done deeds from the past will change the aspect of one's future, or better yet it will confirm further more that she already truly belongs where she already is.

It's a truly interesting concept of the storyline presented in this book, and I was really taken by surprise. It was alluring and exciting, filled with angst and anticipation and I loved those aspects BUT I sometimes found the dialogues a bit immature and childish as I thought the very act of seduction was seriously well interwoven in the plot. And I also had some issues with the reasoning of the main female character as well as for some actions from the male character.

BUT I guess, those things are the usual perks/peeves of this reading process of mine *smirks*

Jenny says

This story is about Gabriel and Fallon. Fallon is a poor neglected girl. Gabriel runs a casino and he is also a mafia gangster. His mother is a very powerful woman. When she meets Fallon she thinks she is perfect for her son. She becomes Fallon's mentor and she changes her life. Fallon and Gabriel meet and fall in love but Gabriel won't let his mother run his life.

Steamy and angsty love story with some suspense. I loved loved that heroine was a virgin and that hero was her first everything. I respect a heroine who is holding out for true love and is not your typical slut. What I loved even more was that our hero has sex with a prostitute after he meets the heroine. I am sick and tired of pussy whipped heroes. A mafia boss would never become a saint after one meeting with the heroine. Not realistic at all.

Can't wait for the second book in the Stern family saga about Gabriel's brother. Good job Monique Orgeron u are fantastic! :)

Sandra says

10+ stars!

Dri ☆ says

★ 4 stars!!! ★

OMG this book was so good!!!!!! ♥?♥?
I loved it!

“Maybe you’ve heard about how the man is the head of the family? The man may be the head of the family, but the woman is the neck. As his neck, you can turn his head in any direction you want; hence, making you very powerful indeed.”

Esse livro foi uma grata surpresa!

Eu li a sinopse e pensei que já tinha “visualizado” tudo e fui surpreendida porque não foi o que eu esperava, foi melhor e além!

Todos os personagens são maravilhosos e apaixonantes e é óbvio que eu amei todos eles! Mas a minha preferida é a “mother” Catherine Stern, a mulher é foda!

A narrativa é tão envolvente que não consegui parar de ler até terminar! Fiquei presa desde a primeira página.

Adorei a escrita da autora e já tô correndo pro próximo livro, essa família é demais e mal posso esperar pra ler as histórias de cada um! ♥?

♥?Fantasy Land Blog Book Reviewer♥? says

Not what I expected

At first, I wasn't sure what I was getting into with this story.

So at first, Catherine turned me off, she was almost like a pimp, but by the end of this book I was loving her and crying for her. Catherine shows up at the diner that Fallon is working at. She tells Fallon that if she wants to make anything of her life then she should walk out with her and become someone.

So over the next few years, Catherine trains Fallon to become a sophisticated woman. But there is a reason for everything that Catherine does.

Fallon knows why she is doing this. She wants a better life for herself. She is hoping that everything that Catherine is doing will pan out. That includes marrying Gabriel, Catherine's son. But when she finally meets him, she wants more than just his ring. She wants his heart also.

Gabriel has lived his whole life watching his mother make decisions for the business. He knows when he meets Fallon that everything Catherine says is not true and that something is up. But he will be damned if he can stay away from her. But he will also not play his mother's game. But Fallon just might be more than he ever planned for.

These characters are beautiful and so well written. I couldn't put this story down. I loved this story and am excited to read the next story.

BooksCastleIgnite says

Omg!!! Fantastic, Amazing, Phenomenal, and Brilliant Storyline!!

This book was definitely keeping me on my toes with the suspense!! From beginning to end, I was so interested on how this book will end.... And let me tell you that, you won't be disappointed at all!!

It was a phenomenal ending which I seriously couldn't stop laughing so much because the Stern Family are just one badass, crazy loving family. ♥?

What I love about this book the most is how the author created two female role who have so much strength and power. Not some girl who needs saving, but just some girl who seeks love because in the end the girl can save herself.

We constantly read Romance books where the male role is the hero, women in distress need saving. However, I tell you from now this book does not follow that direction because here in this story line the women are forced to be reckoned with!! They are strong, beautiful, intelligent, and inspirational for overcoming any obstacles in their way!!

So I tell you know, download this book and fall in love with the Stern Family because they will warm their self in your ♥? ♥? .

I can't wait to read about the rest of the Stern Family I know it will be an amazing series!!

PS: I hope we get a book on Catherine since she has definitely become one of my favorite overly protective mama bear ? lol! ?

Shabby -BookBistroBlog says

For A debut author's maiden venture, this book is pretty well written, she has the unusual story all laid out and seems like a very thought out plot. Catherine Stern is the Matriarch of the Stern Family , determined to keep her family of Four powerful and handsome boys, together and strong. She's sacrificed and endured enough to be taken seriously and has earned respect of the entire town. She's revered and her reputation of being tough-as-nails precedes her, but her heart ahs special soft places for her son's.

Gabriel, Zander, Liam and also Vin who's like a son to her. For supremacy of her All Powerfull clan she goes out to look for a suitable wife for her eldest son, Gabriel.

Fallon is the chosen one. Catherine rescues her from squalor and grooms and schools her to fit her opulent and privileged world and Fallon is a fast and smart learner.

The story was a bit strange(read unique) and it did flow really well, I just wished there had been more dialogue than musings and thoughts. It gave a passive tone to the book, just my opinion!!!

A good read all in all

4 stars

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Jennifer Pierson says

HOLY HELL I would have never believed that Art of Seduction was a debut book if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. Here I thought that I had been missing out on another fabulous author, but FINALLY! I'm right on time for a fantastic party that's made up of A Stern Family Saga series written by a new brilliant author! Let me try to generically describe it so nothing is given up that may be construed as spoiler douchery. Fallon's upbringing was filled with pain & loneliness, which taught her early on in life that she can only count on herself. That is, until a strange lady offers her a new life, which Fallon takes & never looks back. The snag in her new life is the target, Gabriel, who has the power to break her heart, & while Fallon is a survivor, can she survive him? That's the best that I could do, and I had to throw in some of the author's blurb even, but trust me, there's soooooo much more to this story than you will see in a description or reviews, so just save yourself some time, and read it! Fallon is a great heroine that I LOVED watching her evolve from broken girl to powerful woman, while Gabriel is so yummy, but he still made some douche moves that I'm still mad about. Together they just about made my kindle explode with their sparks that ignited into panty destroying sexy time goodness! And the highly entertaining cast of secondaries lightened up the story while adding depth. INSANE twists & turns were everywhere, and I'm still dropping f-bombs all over the place. All I can say about the brilliant Monique Orgeron is a talent that I NEVER saw coming, so now she's on my list of

addictions. I CANNOT WAIT for the next 3 books, as they can't come quickly enough, and I HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO ALL!

Carla Bulian says

Que delicia de livro! Me surpreendeu. Se quer ler um livro com romance, intriga e ação, esse é o indicado! Personagens muito bem construídos, e uma narração impecável. Adorei!

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

I had never read anything by this author and I ended up getting hooked.
Family with a powerful boss who is the mother of heroes. She is a strong and very interesting character.
I enjoyed our heroine and she's no fool, she has the smarts learned the harshness of life in poverty.
Our hero is interesting and a typical alpha male.
I will not give more details so as not to spoil the reading.
Liked and recommend it!

"The man may be the head of the family, but the woman is the neck. As his neck, you can turn his head in any direction you want; hence, making you very powerful indeed."

"“Now, from woman to woman, if you do fall in love with him, I will feel sorry for you. Because only when you love someone do they have the power to destroy you.”"

"I will never marry someone my mother hand picked out or trained. My wife and my family will be of my choosing."

Kim Sutton says

What an amazing story! I struggled to put this book down, it's highly addictive, once you start you just don't want to stop!

I love Fallon and Catherine and Gabriel and I can't wait to read the rest of the brothers stories and learn more

about them.

This book is different. I wasn't sure what would happen or what motives Catherine had. At first I was very wary of her character. There's plenty of plot twists that kept me reading into the early hours, this is a book that you will devour.

Magnificent debut, I'm so excited for the rest of this series! Five stars!
