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One fateful night, Toni Langston seduces her best friend, the guy she's been in love with forever. Two problems-he doesn't remember a thing that happened and now she's pregnant. Toni Langston has been in love with Simon, her best friend, for years. The night Simon breaks up with his long time girlfriend, he and Toni make love. Toni is devastated and humiliated when, in the heat of the moment, he calls her by his girlfriend's name. The next morning, Simon remembers nothing of the previous night and Toni is only too relieved not to remind him. Two months later, she discovers she's pregnant. She wants Simon to love her, apart from any obligation he might feel because of the baby. So she embarks on a quest to seduce her best friend, to make him see her as more than a little sister, to make him love her as much as she loves him. It works. Maybe too well. Now when things are perfect, she faces telling him of the secret she's kept.

## **Seducing Simon Details**

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## From Reader Review Seducing Simon for online ebook

### Jennifer says

Seducing Simon is a standalone, adult contemporary romance novel written by author Maya Banks. I chose to listen to this simple romance due to the fairly short length of the audiobook which was pretty perfect for my tasks for the day. The synopsis sounded sexy with just the right amount of drama to keep it interesting and it was for the most part. There's a friends-to-lovers romance, lots of anxiety and secrecy, a touch of drama involving an ex, and a hold-your-breath climax near the end. Of course, most all of the drama was preventable (please just communicate!) and some of the characters' actions were disappointing, but it was short, engaging, and did the job. I usually insert my favorite quote at the bottom of each of the reviews I write but sadly nothing notable really stood out to me with this book. Seducing Simon certainly didn't blow me away but I liked my reading experience overall and wouldn't deter anyone from reading it. It's an easy afternoon read. Enjoy!

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### Julie (jjmachshev) says

Simon is Toni's best friend...and her secret love for many years now. When he shows up crushed by the betrayal of his almost-fiance, Toni consoles him...a little too well. Simon takes her virginity, and then calls her by his ex's name. The next morning he remembers nothing. Six weeks later Toni discovers she is pregnant.

This is one of Ms Bank's earlier works and not as steamy as her usual fare. There were actually very few sex scenes, but that was just right for this book.

Although there were several over-used plot contrivances, I still cried at one point in the book! The growth of their relationship was very believable for me and didn't occur at light speed. They both made mistakes and had to learn to compromise and forgive. This book is going on my keeper shelf because, for whatever reason, it touched me.

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### ?? Christine ?? says

How could I ever forget about a gem like this. I have had this book since 2010 and my what a read it is!

It has everything you need! Humour! A sexy fireman! An unplanned pregnancy! Hotness! And so much more.

You will fall in love with this little read.

**Simon...Babe...Hunny Booboo... You have set me on fire! I am in definite need of assistance!**

**I would definitely have your babies!**

Seriously anyone in the mood for a novel that's steamy and has an unrequited love interest - THIS IS FOR YOU!

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### **Jenny says**

It was a decent read I liked it but I didn't love it. Also I wish there was an epilogue to know the sex of the baby.

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### **Jenn says**

#### **3.75 Stars**

I truly enjoyed this "secret daddy" pregnancy book. It was a quick read that kept me glued to it. It was perfect for what I needed to read at the time and filled my book void.

Toni lives with three guys- her brother and his friends- but secretly has been crushing on one of them, Simon. She gets a shot at him one night, problem is, he can't remember the whole night. She ends up pregnant and not sure what to do. However, she's in love with Simon and decides to come up with a plan to win him over- now the question is, how does she tell him about the night they shared the baby they created with out pushing him away or making him hate her?

I really liked this book. I enjoyed the cast of guys. They were all great and over protective. Though Simon could be dense about Toni's feelings at times. This book also had enough drama/angst to carry the story out with out being over the top.

#### **What I liked:**

1. Toni- she was a great heroine. Had a backbone. Loyal, loving, hard worker, not whiny, and could take care of her own.
2. I loved that Toni lived with her brother and his two best friends.
3. I honestly liked Mike.
4. I really LOVED LOVED LOVED AJ
5. I liked the two major trauma's as it added something to tug at your heart strings and beef up the book.
6. For the most part, I liked Simon- when he wasn't being an idiot, clueless, or secretive.
7. Quick Paced

#### **Three complaints:**

1. I felt like Starla's drama should have been played out a bit more to wreck havoc and what the heck happened at the end? She was left uncompleted.
2. I felt like I needed a little more closure with an epilogue, even though I loved the end results.
3. In the last chapter I felt like Simon needed to do a tad more groveling and more healing needed to happen before she took him back.

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## **Lemon says**

*"You're an idiot, Simon."* Truly, me thinks 'twas was the best part about this book and the only part worth my time reading. Talk about a *jerk royalle*. May this fictional story serve as a real-life lesson for all us gals and boys: please, don't fall for someone with a negative I.Q. No good can come of it.

And the brother should have been disowned. And the heroine really needed to take a TSTL relief pill. And what is up with that cover? Ugh.

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## **Tracy says**

I had to think about how to rate this book. I went with 5 stars because I really did love it. I was glued to the pages (er...um, screen). But that doesn't mean I couldn't spot a couple of faults. I just loved it in spite of them.

Sometimes the dialogue got a bit corny. And sometimes Simon bordered very heavily on TSTL. But despite all of that, I was hooked on the emotional journey.

I felt that Toni's actions were realistic and justified. And if Simon was quick to judge her, that just means his groveling was even sweeter.

I would say that this book was an indulgence. Maybe even a guilty pleasure. The feeling I got while reading it reminded me of when I read the Chase Brothers books by Lauren Dane. Like, you know that guys don't really act this way, but, dammit, you wish they did!

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## **Lynsey A says**

\*\*\*a few minor spoilers\*\*\*

This was my first book by Maya Banks. The pregnancy theme is one of my favorites in romance which is what prompted me to pick up this book.

I liked the main characters, I just didn't love them, didn't feel their love story. It all seemed a bit "meh" to me. I expected a little more passion between the two of them and the love scene really just fell kind of flat to me.

Also, I thought A.J.'s character was a bit annoying. His jokes were meant to be funny but they just seemed silly to me. The only thing that redeemed A.J. for me was his backing Toni near the end of the book.

Another thing that really bothered me was Toni's brother, Matt. The fact that he was upset with her about keeping her secret from Simon angered me somewhat. She is his sister and deserved his support even if he disagreed with what she did. Keeping her pregnancy was from Simon was wrong but she's family. She wanted to tell Simon but was scared with is understandable. A little more compassion was due her from her

own brother.

Now, I loved Mike's character. He's the one who really seemed real to me. His telling off Simon was rather refreshing.

I wish there was an epilogue to know the sex of the baby. That's one of my pet peeves.

It was still an enjoyable read but not one of my favorite books. If someone is looking for a light read with the pregnancy theme then this is an okay book.

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### **Dina says**

This book was too boring and predictable. I could hardly keep turning the pages, so... I just gave up. After reading Toni's pathetic - and so overused in Romancelandia that it had my eyeballs rolling - attempt at seducing Simon with a dress makeover, I decided enough was enough.

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### **\*TANYA\* says**

I was looking for something light hearted and not too deep or intense. Shebang!!! This book was it, turned out to be a very cute, quick read.

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### **Jacqueline says**

I love the set up for this - she's been in love with him for years, he only sees her as his best friend's little sister. She comforts him by seducing him into giving her one when he's heartbroken and drunk one night and not only does he call her by his ex's name, but also he doesn't remember doing the deed with her. Then she realises she's up the duff.

Oops.

I didn't exactly get the feels from this, it might have been the third person narrative style, Idk, but I wished a couple of times as I was reading it that KA had written it because she's the master at squeezing emotions out of sweet sadness. The characters didn't feel very real, and some of the dialogue seemed a bit hallmark for a burly fire fighter.

It wasn't a bad read at all, but I was interested in it rather than gripped.

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### **Maida»-(`v`)-» says**

**RATING: 3.25 "Cute & Sexy Friends to Lovers Story" Hearts!! :D**

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### **seton says**

Toni, our heroine, has been in lurve with Simon the Stud . . . ly Fireman forever. One night, she catches Simon drunk and on the rebound and has drunken (but orgasmic all the same) sex with him. Simon was so friggin' drunk that he doesn't even remember that he took Toni's maidenhead the morning after. Except, oops, Toni the Stupid Virgin was not on the pill and is now preggers. What's a gal to do?

At 202 pages, this book reads like a reject from the Harlequin Presents line. It would have to be retitled "The Fireman's Secret Baby" which doesn't have the same earning bracket as Sheik, Tycoon, Millionaire, Billionaire, and Trillionaire which are the only type of heroes Harlequin accepts, hence the rejection. Unfortunately, while a Harlequin Presents is an easy swallow at \$4.50 a pop, this baby set me back \$11.50. Which is more than twice the price of a HP, hence my ire. (If you buy it in its original e-book format, it still sets you back more than a HP at \$5.50.)

Okay, let's be honest here. We buy these e-books for a hot read, the smut, yo. Except in the case of **Seducing Simon**, I really have read actual Harlequin books that are waaaaaaaaay sexier than this one. Add a TSTL heroine that makes Britney Spears look like Mother of the Year and I am thinking I might be generous with my grade here.

Grade: D+

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### **Kristan says**

so i gave this book 4 stars and heres why

\*few spoilers\*

okay so you already know what's going to happen in this book because of the description one night one of tonis best friends Simon comes home kinda drunk then continues to drink so Toni takes the once in a lifetime opportunity seeing as shes been in love with him forever and sleeps with him losing her virginity to him and everything except he calls her by his ex-girlfriends name and doesn't remember in the morning so she decides to let it go and never speak of it again except two months later she finds out shes pregnant so she makes this plan to seduce him and see if he will ever see her as anything other than a best friend/little sister . her plan works and they start dating except she keeps the secret that hes the father of her baby because she wants to make sure he loves her for her and not out of obligation to her because he knocked her up , alot of stuff happens though out the book and im not going to give away the good parts but the ending was a big disappointment which is why i gave it 4 stars instead of 5 because i really did enjoy the story as a whole but in the end they agree to get married then the book is over no epilogue about when the baby is born what it is or if they do end up married which was kinda depressing because it would have been nice to know

but today i read four play which is two books, one by shayla black and one by Maya banks the one by banks

happens to be about 3 firemen who work for the same station as Simon and when Zoe goes to a softball game she runs into Toni :) who happens to have the baby with her it was a girl and the happily married couple name her Samantha

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### **Elle says**

I didn't sleep last night. Not because this book was so good that I couldn't wait to finish it, let me make that clear. But at about 5 am I stumbled across a copy of this, started it and a few hours later was done. With it. Forever.

There were not memorable lines or characters I could relate to and the ending left much to be desired (people don't have to almost die for others to realize what they feel for them!).

The story started all well and good, right away being a tad bit scandalous but it was all downhill from there. Sigh. No hot sex or steamy chemistry and I have never met a heroine who cries so often. My god woman, yes you're pregnant but yeesh there is something called "purposeful crying" that at least moves that plot ahead!

I would have given it 3 stars if I hadn't just read Sweet Persuasion and expected better from Maya Banks. Either she has really grown as an author or she should stick with writing what she knows.

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