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Can an arranged marriage lead to love?

Recent college graduate Gabriella has finally married the man of her dreams, the older, charismatic attorney Lorenzo Martinez. She's had a crush on him for as long as she can remember and always imagined they'd one day find their happily ever after. Unfortunately, they enter into a union arranged by their fathers.

Lorenzo is charming, protective, and loyal to his crime lord father Carlo. When Carlo asks Lorenzo to marry Gabriella he jumps at the opportunity. He's been drawn to her for many years and knows by marrying her he's helping to protect her father.

Gabby is resentful and won't be Lorenzo's charity case. But sparks fly and the couple soon gives into their desire, realizing they were meant to be together.

What happens when Carlo's enemies threaten their future? Will someone get caught in the crossfire?

Content Warning: graphic sex, some violence

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From Reader Review Crossfire of Love for online ebook

Niina says

(4.5 Stars) An arranged marriage to Lorenzo Martinez, a mobster's son, might be worse for Gabriella if she hadn't live in Carlo Martinez's compound with her father most her life - and if she hadn't fallen in love with Lo since setting her eyes on a boy seven years her senior.

Still she fights tooth and nail in being married and even when Lorenzo begins to make her feel cared for she still puts up a fight, she will be no one's charity case. She's wanted Lo all her life but she refuses to have him in a loveless marriage.

Lorenzo wants nothing to do with his father's shady side of business, and to protect Gabriella's heart he marries her to save her father, not that his motives are all innocent, he's had his eyes on Gabby for three years and now that he has a chance to have her he's not too ashamed to take it - and now that he has Gabby he has all the time he needs to make her feel something for him too.

Ella Jade writes intense, passionate and temptation filled romance! Have a you ever wondered what it would be like to be loved by a mafia king's son, the danger, the seduction, the temptation... oh yes, I've been waiting to read a romance like this! We girls love the element of danger, but we also want security, loyalty and passion and Crossfire of Love has them all! Exciting read with all the marshmallow softie emotional cuteness and the sexy as hell seduction of a woman who can't bring herself to resist.

I totally loved Gabby and Lo together, they had sizzling hot chemistry when together, and all that temptation and seduction was delicious to read. I loved Lorenzo's jealous streak too, he wanted to take care of Gabby protect her and love her and when Gabby's FBI friend Andy got in the picture it was yummy to see his temper flare. I absolutely got flutters in the bottom of my tummy with his line on their marriage not being an open one. Talk about burning hot!

I really enjoyed the plot, the suspense and threat of it - Carlos' rivaling family picked up the heat, and made things dangerous for all involved with the Martinez family, and that gave the romance and extra kick. The book was a nice mix between contemporary romance and romantic suspense - all about the romance but with a twist of danger.

With that said if you like watching arrange marriage turn from threat to lust then this is for you, and if you like your heroine's seduced slowly, passionately to love then this really is for you!

Don't miss the Guest Blog "Why I owe my erotic fiction career to my grandmother..." below from the author, Ella Jade!

Liz ~ Liz's Reading Life says

Gabriella has lived next the Martinez family since she was little; her father was the groundskeeper and lived on the property in a small cottage near the main house and her mother wasn't around. Gabby while spending time at the main house with Maria in the kitchen would run into, from time to time, Lorenzo Martinez. He was smart, sexy and kind. Gabriella would always fantasize about him over the years and dream of one day

marring him. Now Gabriella is graduating from college and getting ready to set out on her own when her father comes to her with a proposal, of sorts. Over the years, Ace has had some gambling debts that old Mr. Carlo Martinez has helped him out of and now he has come to collect. But instead of money, Carlo has a much different plan; Gabriella will marry Lorenzo and all will be cleared. Although Gabriella has always wanted to be with Lorenzo, she is unsure if this is the best idea but she could never let her father down and so she agrees.

Now Lorenzo and Gabriella are married and they must try and make this marriage work and Gabriella really wants this to work. She feels herself falling in love with him but she is unsure how he feels about her. Little does she know, Lorenzo has been watching her since she was 17 years old and has always looked after her best interests. When his father came to him with this plan, he was more then happy to agree to it. Now he has to find a way to show her his true feelings.

I loved Lorenzo from the get-go. He's passion for his family, his job and Gabriella are what drive him. The many ways he shows her how much he care is astounding and slowly but sure, she begins to see it. And once these two are on the same page, nothing can come between them. They will fight to be together come hell or high water. This was an inciting book that keeps you captivated until the end!!

Dahlia (yadkny) says

Review posted @ Long and Short Reviews

Deborah (LoveToReadRomance) says

Crossfire of Love is sexy, sweet and steamy all at the same time. I loved the main characters, Gabriella and Lorenzo were so cute, he was crazy about her and she was crazy about him but neither wanted to admit it! While the plot of an arranged marriage isn't a new one, usually you only see it in historical romance. I like how this one came about. When we meet the main characters they are already married, we get to see how that happened through flashbacks. The sexual tension was really high; it was quite a relief when Lorenzo and Gabriella finally got together! Lorenzo is so protective and loving of Gabriella, you can't help but fall a little bit in love with him yourself.

The drama in this one had me unable to put it down. I needed to know what the ending would be and I have to say Ms. Jade really surprised me. Review copy from author.

Michelle Bowman / We Love Kink .com says

The story of an arranged marriage isn't one you see that often in a contemporary romance. Sure in Historical novels they are all over the place but I can't say that I've read a story based in the 20th or 21st century where the couple was forced to marry by their parents. I guess when you throw in the mob all bets are off though.

Garbriella & Lorenzo have known each other most of their life, but they never thought that they wold end up married. Each of them have had feelings for each other since they were teenagers but since Gabby was the

father of Lorenzo's family gardener the chances of a match weren't very big. That is until Lorenzo's & Gabby's fathers come up with a plan.

Lorenzo's father is a big mob boss and after many years Gabby's father has built up a huge debt with him. SO they decide to marry their children and call all debts paid in full. So of course to help out their fathers the couple agrees. However now they wonder if there will ever be a love match since they were forced to marry each other.

Both of the characters are very easy to relate too. I love watching their insecurities with each other and how their love for each other grows with the time they spend together. You can bet if you pick up a book by Ella Jade you are going to get a great story and this one is no different. This is a sweet sexy & heart warming tale and if you are a fan of contemporary romance you will love this one.

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Elly Helcl says

This was a nice fast read. I don't know that I could have asked for more out of this novella.

What can I say...love at first site at 10 years old? A forced marriage that really was a love match? The mob? A man who knows his way around the kitchen and the bedroom?

I'm sold!

I will have to check out more of Ella Jade's books and see if she continues with the good work.

Erin says

This was a very sexy mob-theme romance read! I'm not usually big on the mafia and mob-related stories, but this one barely skimmed the surface when it comes to the amount of violence some of them include. This story concentrated more on Gabby's life, growing up just on the outskirts of the mob, and her growing feelings for Lorenzo over the years. I loved that Gabby comes into the story as young and underprivileged, then gets looked after and essentially provided for by the Martinez family. And when Lo waltzes in, much older and simply dashing, she's immediately smitten. It was such a sweet twist that she'd started dreaming of being with him when it was only a fairy tale-like thought. She'd held onto that over the years, as Lo comes home from college, internships, etc., all the while becoming a stunning and formidable woman in her own right.

Crossfire starts out with Lorenzo and Gabby's wedding, which was a unique twist. Gabby had agreed to an arranged marriage of sorts in order to help her father, and things are not going smoothly. She's angry that she had to agree to the farce of a marriage instead of the dream romance she had always imagined with Lo, and she's determined to make sure he knows it. But Lorenzo has had his eye on the beautiful young Gabriella for years, and he's just as determined (if not more so!!) to show her just how much he's wanted her. And oh, my, does he ever show her how much he wants her!! Lorenzo was already making me weak in the knees, but

when he decides to make his intentions known to Gabby, my pulse was through the roof!! Whew!! These two are definitely hot!!

I really liked this story overall; it was very sexy, and it held my interest with well-developed characters (for a short book) and an intriguing plot. My one complaint is pretty much the one I have across the board with these shorter romances, and that's lack of time put into developing the story. Some of the plot was unrealistic and lacked depth, and some of the relationships fell flat because so little time was spent on how they grew. I really liked this book, though, and I will definitely be reading more from this author!

Elizabeth Morgan says

Well, I simply couldn't put this book down. Ms Jade has quickly become one of my favourite authors, and as always she has written another heart pounding romance.

Gabby and Lorenzo's chemistry jumps off the page, and the build-up to their first night together is perfectly teasing and yummy.

A little action on the side, and a lovely visual created, this is another hot little romance, and a definite must read for any romance fan.

And can I just say . . . Oh, Lorenzo, I'd eat you up. ;-p

Kayla says

Review: I was given a copy of Crossfire of Love from Reading Bliss for an honest review. Can arranged marriages work? Is there any love at all? Well at first you would think that Gabriella and Lorenzo were not going to work out. But Lorenzo has always been drawn to Gabriella. Gabriella doesn't want to be somebody's charity case. She makes that very obvious. But soon things start to happen and they may realize they are meant for each other. I don't want to give away too much. It was a nice and short read but a good story. Who doesn't love some mob action mixed with romance? I give this book 4 out of 5 stars!

Delphina says

Unlike some of the other stories I have read by Ella Jade, this book does not feature an unusual couple. That did not make this book any less fun to read. I was worried it would be the cliche "married for the wrong reasons and then fall in love" story line. While they did marry for the wrong reasons and they do *spoiler* fall in love, this book is far from that cliche.

Along with the sweet romance and the super hot scenes, Ella built in this very interesting array of secondary characters. The relationship that Gabriella has with both Lorenzo's mother and the family housekeeper/cook added so much to this story. My actual favorite scene is between Lorenzo and his father. I love it when secondary characters help to bring a romance to life.

If you are over 18, like your romance mixed with heat, some suspense, and do not mind staying up all night because you can not put the book down, this may be just the book you are looking for.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

Ever wondered what it would be like to get in bed with the mob? If so, be prepared to stay up reading this one!

After a rough start in life, Gabriella is finally making her own way in the world as an adult. Graduating from college and heading to New York, she was going to pursue her dreams in the fashion industry. However, one visit from her father changes all of that and suddenly Gabby finds herself married to a man she's always been attracted to, but doesn't know if she can love.

As a Martinez, Lorenzo is used to getting what he wants. His father's ruthlessness in business is legendary, but Lorenzo is making his own way as a legitimate attorney. However, when his father offers him the chance to marry the one that got away, Lorenzo won't say no, no matter how unconventional their relationship is.

As Gabby struggles through the awkwardness of their marriage and Lorenzo struggles with making Gabby happy, they both begin to realize how truly compatible they are. Unfortunately, doubts begin to settle and enemies threaten their chance to be more than just an arranged marriage.

The author executes a great storyline of an arranged marriage in a contemporary setting. Each scene and every character held my undivided attention in this dramatic erotic romance. The writing was smooth and transitioned nicely between character point-of-views. Gabby and Lorenzo's chemistry was exciting and the growth of their relationship believable. Although the climax wasn't as intense as expected, the rest overshadows that detail. It was surprising when the end came so quickly, but I will absolutely be back for more of this author's work.

Linda says

A quick read with a young couple on the fringes of a mob family.

Gabriella gets coerced into a marriage she secretly wanted with a man she's known almost all her life. Lorenzo wanted her and when the opportunity presented itself, didn't protest. Fluffy smut and action. 3,5 Stars

Lacey Wolfe says

I am addicted to this authors writing. She always creates a tale that once you sit and start to read, you're hooked. You have got to stop everything else and just read. And Crossfire Of Love is like all the others. The book starts at the most awkward time for Lorenzo and Gabby and as we get to know them, the author weaves in the past to let us know just how these two know one another and for how long.

I enjoyed how the story unfolded for both Lorenzo and Gabby. And in the end, I knew something big was

going to happen. Its a mafia story, how could it not? I must say, Mrs. Jade caught me by surprise.

If you like a good romance with a little spice, this is perfect. And if you leave this story with a little crush on Lorenzo, well just know, your not alone!

EmilyRose says

LOVE this story! It's sweet and sexy. The story line is great! Lorenzo and Gabrielle are an adorable couple...even if their start was a little rough. The mob aspect gave it just the right amount of excitement while never taking away from the love story.

Another fantastic book from an amazing author!

Lisa Filipe says

Can an arranged marriage lead to love?

Gabriella has lived on the Martinez estate since she was a young girl, and has had a crush on their oldest son, Lorenzo for just as long. Now twenty-four, she is being forced to marry Lorenzo in return for her father's gambling debt to Carlo Martinez, Lorenzo's father.

Gabriella doesn't want to marry Lorenzo since she thinks he is only marrying her to fulfill his father's wishes, but as they begin spending every day together in their new home, Gabby is finding it harder and harder to not make this marriage more than just a convenience.

Lorenzo has wanted a chance to get to know Gabby better for years, and now that she is his wife he is having a hard time keeping his hands off of her. But he won't be the one to make the first move, unless provoked.

When things finally start looking up for the couple, trouble starts brewing between Carlo and the son of another "FAMILY". Can Lorenzo protect his wife and himself from being caught in the crossfires?

This was a quick read for me, and an enjoyable one at that. We dive right into the marriage and get to see how the Hero and heroine met through flashbacks.

I loved the sparks of chemistry that ignited any time these two were around each other, and there are some VERY HOT love scenes.....thank God.....after all that sexual tension, i think we were all excited for the release!!

The great things about this book is that it had me on my toes. I had NO idea what was going to happen next and whatever I thought was going to happen, was completely wrong. In this case....I love to be wrong.

So if you are in the mood for a little fun with the "FAMILY" and some Smokin' Sex in the living room, by the fire, in the shower.....then you NEED to read this book!!

