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The Request Trilogy- Book One

Roman Smith ~ Shopkeeper by day. Assassin by night.

The undercover Russian contract killer has never turned down an assignment that rids the world of scum... until his latest job targets an innocent man.

Refusing is not an option.

Everly Andrews, the sexy southern belle who saved him from dying and is completely unaware of his double life, has been marked as next on the kill list should he fail. There's nothing Roman won't do to keep Everly safe, even if it means losing her in the process.

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Luisa Rivas says

Marquita's writing has improved A LOT since her first books. She's truly a gifted author. I usually hate cliffhangers but didn't mind this one because it ended like a cliffhanger should. We got most of a story and we know it'll get better in the next installment. It was very intriguing that Roman is Sebastian Romanov's half brother. Can't wait to learn his real name! Loved both characters, Roman who is a paid killer who belongs to the Russian mob that is part of the Romanov's family. Everly is his only customer at this "book store". She comes once a week to pick up a book that has been ordered. She usually sits for a while browsing the book in a chair that he ordered expressly for her, although he won't admit it to her. They are "in like" for each other, but she doesn't dare do anything because he doesn't give an indication of interest. Roman doesn't act because he knows he's a killer and not good enough for her. They finally bond one day when she forgot something in his store and comes back and finds him shot and bleeding on the floor. From that moment, it's a roller coaster of action, whereby Roman is forced to include Everly in his actions, at the same time he's trying to keep her ignorant of this motivation, and his assassination assignment. He is supposed to kill his half-brother, Sebastian Romanov. Great suspense, can't wait for next installment.

Alicia at Mean Girls Luv Books says

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Shannon Daniel says

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5 stars

They say everyone has a weakness. That goes for assassins as well and Roman Smith's weakness comes in the shape of beautiful Everly Andrews. Who at 4 o'clock every Wednesday steals a little bit of his heart and

spends an hour or so at Romans cover shop - a vintage book store from whom she orders her latest romance novels.

She's tried unsuccessfully to gain Romans attention or so she thinks. He can't quit thinking of her and waits for that one day a week he gets to spend an hour with her.

On a particular Wednesday all hell breaks loose and Everly finds him shot in the store. She calls 911 and begins to spend a lot of time with Roman. She helps nurse him back to health and falls harder for him while he's secretly living his double life and trying to keep her protected.

His two worlds are never to intertwine but now because of his latest target - an innocent man - Everly's life is in danger. She will be his next kill if he fails. How will he protect her from himself and his double life? After a night of heated passion and an order from his boss he has to make some last minute drastic decisions. He's taking her to Russia with him and putting her in the thick of things. What will happen in Russia? Will he succeed in ending the siege of an innocent man, because even assassins have morals. Or will he have to make her hate him enough to keep her safe?

This was a suspenseful and super sexy read. I can't wait to read the next book, Deception, in July!

ARC provided by Wordsmith Publicity for honest review.

Babel says

Russian assassin plus a weakness for an innocent woman he wants to protect but might have to kill? Well, I did not resist this at all!

Besides, this man runs a bookshop as his fake business. That's so cool! The woman in question is his (only) customer who goes there to buy romance novels and charm him despite his rock-hard demeanor.

First reviewed on Literaria <http://sede-literaria.blogspot.com>

From the very beginning, I felt all connected to the character of Roman/Nikolai. His mind is an interesting place to dwell in. As soon as we learn about how he and Everly know each other, action kicks in full throttle. The tension never lets go. There is a dangerous tone in the atmosphere all along.

There are so many things I loved about this first installment:

- Roman's point of view: his thoughts, his reactions, his solemn self-loathing, his craving for Everly's soft touch
- the deadly secrets, tactics, and procedures of a contracted assassin's way of life
- the beautiful, sweet, sexy intimacy the author weaves in her writing
- oh, those tattoos in Roman's hands!

The pull of desire between them is undeniable, and achingly sensual to read about. However, there is an

undercurrent of doom that laces every moment of closeness. The more personal it all becomes, the more deadly the danger that Roan poses for unsuspecting Everly. This double situation, the menace and the sweet romance, makes for an exciting reading. I loved how the attraction builds up slowly, but still there is so much heat going on every second. Roman's thoughts are lustful, though his behaviour is almost gentlemanly.

Verdict? In love with it already! I need, yes, I need the second part. Love serials, but they're hurtful to my patience ;o)

Nay Denise says

The Request was a beautiful beginning to this series! I fell in love with Roman Smith from the start and Everly was just so sweet! I loved the tension between the two of them sexually and emotionally. I hated how he got shot -- that tore me to pieces, but thankfully he lived! I loved the action, lies and deception in this novella. Just perfection!

Alexandra says

I loved Roman and Everley in this novella. Any man who takes in a stray cat. Melts my heart. Cliff hangers aren't my favourite endings. So I hope it's resolved in the next book in the series.

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Rating: 3 1/2 Stars

Posted on What I'm Reading

All right, I finished The Request which happens to be the first part of three-part series. First off, this is a very quick read, which will have you wanting to know what's going to happen next. However, I believe The Request gives a good introductory on how Everly and Roman start off. I can't go into too many details about the story, because that would give this part of the story away. I know that's being cryptic.

Anyway, Everly is a sweet girl who likes romance and might have a tiny crush on Roman. Roman is an assassin who is trying not to blow his cover because of a sweet girl that comes to see his bookshop every week. The story is told from Roman's POV, until the end when it switches to Everly's POV. Honestly, I don't know what to think of Roman and I think once the story gets into full swing, I think I will have a better read on him. Everly just seems like a sweet southern girl.

Let me just say, this isn't like any other Marquita Valentine book. You get a little hint of darkness, but not sure what to expect. I seriously wonder how this will all play out in the end. I think it's a good start, but could have used a little more. At the same time, she found a good stopping point for the story to continue into The Deception. So, if you are looking for a quick read about an assassin and a sweet girl, you might give The Request a try.

Ellen says

I am a huge fan of Marquita Valentine and her Boys of the South Series is one of my favorites. When I found out about this new series she had coming out, I couldn't wait to read part 1. The Request is part one in a three-part series and is quite different from the other novels I've read by her, but in a delightfully different type of way. While contemporary in nature, it had that suspense/thriller feel to it also. Roman is an assassin for hire, but only assassinates scum bags. He lives his life undercover, keeping his identify secret, constantly having to watch his back. His lifestyle is one he has learned to live with, a loner, never having relationships because of the danger involved to all parties, but Everly Andrews challenges all his beliefs and rules. She has no idea who he really is, and he is determined to keep it that way, determined to keep her safe, while at the same time, he finds himself drawn to her, unable to stay away. A tragic event brings them even closer, but when they begin to get too close, it complicates things even further, forcing Roman to make choices and decisions he never thought he would have to, even if hearts are broken in the process.

I really enjoyed part one in this series. It is not a very long book, yet part one felt very satisfying to me, despite its short length, something I have felt lacking in other serial/novella type series. Reading it, I kept thinking Bond, James Bond....though this is nothing like a James Bond story, it just had that kind of feel to me. I guess you could say it is has more of a James Bond with a little bit of Jason Borne type of feel to it, while the story is completely unique in nature. The Request is romantic and suspenseful and Marquita Valentine has introduced me to a totally different side of her writing abilities that I very much enjoyed. I will be anxiously awaiting the next installment in this series. If you are looking for something fresh and different, then you will want to check this out.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

I have never before struggled what to rate a book until now so I'm going to leave that blank and will write up my review later

Alexa Nichole Demers says

I don't usually review books together even if they are being released as a box set but I felt the need to do that here. These books are ones that need to be read together. I couldn't even put space between them. I had to read them one after the other. All three books take place within hours of where the other one ended. It is one long journey that Roman and Everly take together.

Roman is an assassin. He runs a book shop during the day while he waits for contracts. His only costumer in the book shop happens to be Everly. She brings him happiness even when Roman might not deserve it. Even though Roman shuts down every time she tries to have a conversation that lasts more than two words she keeps finding herself coming back. There is something about the stuffy bookstore owner that makes her want to know more. When his mentor wants him to start blending better he takes Everly on a date and their journey only goes downhill from there.

Roman has a lot of secrets but you can feel how much he cares about Everly even though he won't tell her or let himself acknowledge just how much he does care. He is actually really sweet and caring even though he is an assassin. Everly was really sweet. She was always there when Roman needed her even when he didn't realize how much he needed her. I loved that the books were told from his POV. We got a chapter or two in

each book through Everly's POV but that's it. With the story written like that I feel like it gave us a better perspective into Roman's head. We got to really see all of the betrayal and death he has to deal with every day.

The books were well written and definitely page turners. There were so many players into the betrayal that Roman was going through that you weren't really sure what was going on until Marquita gave you a piece of the puzzle. All three books were quick reads and definitely something I recommend readers pick up!

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Kristin Parkhurst says

Book review

Book was good read very fast first in series left you wanting more in a good way hopefully you enjoy it as much as me

Erin says

This is one of those introductions to a series that leaves you wishing you didn't have to wait for more, because it was like a teaser to get us all intrigued by the mysterious life of sexy Roman Smith...well, it worked!!

Everly has been Roman's one and only customer at his book store (really a front for his work as an assassin), making his spare time bearable by just being there, like clockwork, to share the hour she always gives him. He was adorable the way he looked forward to seeing her with every fiber of his being, like she was his reason for everything in those blissful minutes they shared. Problem was, Everly only knew the Roman he wanted her to know-the sweet, quiet book shop owner who never failed to have her next order of romance novels ready and waiting. She didn't know about the cold-blooded man of violence that he was under the surface, and he wanted to keep it that way. Until one day that all started to unravel.

Everly's introduction into Roman's world really shook up things for her and kind of forced them to get a grip on the underlying chemistry between them. It was an understated lust but still very sexy, and readers get plenty of steam to leave them panting for more!! With Roman's newly visible feelings for her putting both of them in a perilous situation, we're left with the feeling that they are quite literally jumping off a cliff together into uncertainty. With followup *The Deception* I am very much looking forward to seeing what Roman's decision on how to handle things will mean for their future, and I can't wait for Everly's reaction when she finds out just what exactly he's been hiding!!

Quotes:

I'm a glutton for punishment, I suppose, but in those quiet moments, I felt at peace with the world. I had the most lovely, most beautiful woman within arm's reach, and I soaked her presence in. ~Loc 266

For reasons known only to God, Everly sees something in me. Something she wants to touch and hold. I feel the same way about her. When I see Everly, all I see is pure goodness and beauty. ~Loc 279

Though we haven't made much progress—okay, so I haven't made much progress in our conversations, I can't help but wonder how lonely my store would be without her in it. Actually, I do know. Six days a week, I know how it feels. It's fucking miserable. ~Loc 304

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Marquita Valentine says

The cover will be revealed on JUNE 25--RELEASE DAY!

Kim says

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I've said it before and I'll say it again now – I love novella serials. I am totally behind this new trend. I've read a few different series now and while I find it hard to review them, I enjoy them while I'm reading. Part

One of Marquita Valentine's The Request was no exception.

This was a great kickoff to a new serial. From what I understand, this one will be told in three parts and you won't have all that long to wait until the next installment is available. I couldn't be happier about this. As with the first in any series like this, there was a slow build to the action (and the romance!) and a whole lot of unanswered questions. This one is told from the POV of both Everly and Roman, so you get a good peek inside both of their heads. There's definitely a bit of darkness to this book. Obviously, I mean. He's a hired killer. I can't wait to learn more about him and see where their romance goes.

At just 63 pages, The Request Part One is a fast read. Roman is an intriguing character and I think Everly is going to wind up being an amazing heroine. They have a TON of chemistry, so I'm pretty sure things are going to get HOT. I can't wait for the next installment in this story!

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.
