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**"I have a daughter...she's yours."**

After nearly losing her life, Alexis Sharpe determines to tell Leandro Conti about their child. It's been seven years, but for her daughter she'll face him and hope her heart remains intact...

Known as the Conti Saint, Leandro's passionate encounter with Alexis is his guilty secret. Following the death of his wife he forbade himself the indulgence of a woman, but Alexis remains the one irresistible temptation.

He regrets how he treated Alexis, but now that she's back and the mother of his child, Leandro will claim everything that's his!

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**Lu Bielefeld** \*read.laugh.love\* says

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**Tilda** says

3,5/5

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**Rgreader** says

Ok here's what I liked in the Surprise Conti Child- the storytelling was compelling. Took me a day to finish it. I liked the heroine. She didn't annoy. The secondary characters were interesting. I liked the inner psychoanalysis was too a minimum.

What I didn't like- the hero was beta. He wasn't in charge of his own life instead his grandfather had power over him to the point where he could make him marry. The romance was mild. I didn't feel an intense connection between the hero and heroine. Theirs was a hookup beginning. So hard to turn that into a genuine romance. Thus was the case here. I didn't like that the heroine got annoyed the hero dismissed her after the hookup. Hello, you didn't date just had sex!

One last thing I liked. The epilogue. Nice.

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**Danielle** says

4.5 stars

This book was really good and started off with a bang with that prologue, which was smoking hot, but not only that set the scene for the relationship between Alexis and Leandro that began seven years prior. There was so much heat between them, such a pull, such angst, intense, such feels before coming together in an explosion of passion that just showed the depth of that attraction and connection. That was how to start a romance and immediately drew me into the characters and their story of their romance. And that was just the first few pages.

Then chapter one began, and it was just as intense as the prologue was with lots of intense feels still going on even though seven years had passed since Alexis and Leandro had seen each other since their little passionate, erotic encounter, but circumstances forced Alexis to contract Leandro and inform him that he had a daughter.

When they met again sparks flew as well as all those unspoken emotions flittered in the background, which really just upped the intensity further. It also showed the depth of their connection that was based on more than just lust even though Alexis thought that was all it was between them especially after the way Leandro treated her after their time together, and he wasn't behaving much better as they reunited once again.

The angst. The intensity. The pain. The feels. The emotional hurts were just all so good and gut wrenching especially from Alexis point of view. All that she has suffered not only at Leandro's hands, but all her life really was really heartbreaking and it was easy to see why she had this intense insecurity about herself and her relationship with Leandro. I just felt so, so bad for her and I could feel the pain coming off of her in droves, which lead to lots of tension and friction between them. Leandro didn't really helped the situation especially with some of the things he said to her and basically made her feel like she was nothing to him aside from an "easy lay", and it was hard to see her go through that, but at the same time I liked that she had a backbone and stood up to him. She was no one's doormat, and I really liked seeing that side to her. Also I loved seeing her vulnerability and how it was a journey for her to trust Leandro while battling with her own attraction to him as well as her love. It was clear that she loved him and always had and it was struggle for her. But as I said that produced all the lovely intensity and angst that I love in a romance. It was amazing and with right amount of pacing it was even more phenomenal.

Also I enjoyed the fact this this was kind of brother's friends kind of situation, and that Alexis had harbored feelings for him since she first met. He was the first guy that she wanted and felt the pull towards, but he kept his distance and made like he hated her, wounding her in the process until he gave into at the nightclub. And it was hot, as I said above, though I do wish that the whole scene was shown in detail and not summarized or thought back upon. I think that would have gave the story an even more emotional punch. Not that this story didn't have an emotional punch to it because it so did, I just wish I had the full impact of it with the scene.

I loved all the emotional turmoil in the book especially as they came to terms with each and other and their relationship. They had to wake through their own emotional battles before they came together, and I really enjoyed seeing that on both sides. They worked at it before they came together again, and I liked they took that time. And the pacing was good so it didn't feel totally drawn out. It was just right.

The love scenes were good and brought an intensity as the rest of the book did with the emotional storyline. They finally were reunited passionately and that passion didn't seem to ebb anytime soon even after seven years apart. Their connection was very clear on both a physical and emotional side, and that scene really showed off their intimacy and closeness, and it was really satisfying when they got to that point finally.

This book was just really intense with lots of obstacles thrown in the way to create all that love angst and tension along the way before they could get to their happily ever after. It was a struggle. They had to work through things before they came together again and share in that closeness that both of them were craving but it was worth it in the end and made for all the more satisfying of ending. It was really good, and I took my time to savor this book and just bask in its intensity, angst, and just overall goodness. It was really such an intense and emotional love story with two very likable characters, and I totally loved that. Just so many good feels, and I loved the roller coaster ride that I went on while reading it.

This is a book I will be rereading again in the future and relive the journey of the romance between Leandro and Alexis. There were just so many things to love about this book, and not a lot of things to not like about it.

Highly recommend for Presents lovers as well as lovers of really intense, angst romance that produce so many feels that it will break and fill your heart in equal measure. Be prepared for the pain though.

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### **Jacqueline says**

This is one of my favorite HP story lines but I just didn't enjoy the way it was written. Sort of vague and

wishy washy. I continually felt like I was suffering whiplash. A how did the author get here from there feeling. I think this author is not for me.

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### **Delacey says**

3.5 stars. This book kept my attention all through it, and I liked that the H&h had some depth and an interesting backstory. However, I had trouble feeling their romance. A lot of the scenes seemed to be more dialogue in their heads then interactions together. When they did have conversations they did tend to have a nice banter. Overall, an OK story that was entertaining, but lacking something to make it a great read.

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### **Jenny says**

I couldnt get into it the writing bored me to tears.

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### **GuisBell says**

*La verdad es que nose ni porque leí esta historia, son siempre de las que no me gusta como es el protagonista y su forma de tratar a la persona que supuestamente quieren asi lo intenten negar casi toda la historia.*

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### **Kelly Read says**

This was a nice Presents...I was dreading the whole I don't believe your claim that your child is mine, you're lying for money' kind of declaration from the hero. But Leandro, even though turned out to be very manipulative, had honor and kind of won me over when he believed Alexis even before she showed pics of their daughter. And I really understood Alex's pain about being the underachieving sibling...The ending felt a little slow for TP's writing, but I still loved it..

OMG< the epilogue with three little girls was so cute...Am really looking forward to Luca's story!

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### **Deborah says**

Love my Harlequins. Great feel good book.

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

I am so into Italian alpha heroes.....so I was totally excited about Tara Pammi's latest offering....

Okay, I enjoyed this secret baby story....although I have to admit and say that I found Leandro Conti not so likeable at the beginning...but I warmed up to him. Same goes for Alex.....

Talk about Machiavellianism.....Leandro's sly grandfather .....how he manages to win over that crafty guy is something to be admired.

Loved the epilogue and can't wait for Luca's book!!!

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## **StMargarets says**

Ah, this turned out sweet. The H/h has a one night stand when the heroine was 20 and the hero was a few years older. He was running his family's luxury goods company and didn't want to see or speak to the heroine ever again - even when she desperately tried to tell him she was pregnant.

Now, seven years later, the heroine wants the hero to know he has a daughter. She was in a near-fatal accident and she is terrified that her daughter will be on her own if something happens to her since her parents are in poor health. Hero is on the verge of marrying for business purposes when the heroine shows up.

He believes her as soon as he sees a photo of his daughter. Then he does what every alpha HP hero would do - he goes to meet his daughter, he straightens out the heroine's finances, her parent's store, etc . . Then he brings her home to Italy to bed her and wed her.

Unfortunately, the heroine hasn't read the HP playbook and she sees this alpha protection as manipulation. She resists. He persists. We find out why she has self-esteem issues. (Her golden boy brother died and she feels her parents would have preferred that she died). We find out why the hero has a one night stand. (It was a month since his young wife had died of cancer) We find out that the hero felt he had to take care of his brother and half-sister - protecting them from his violent father and manipulative grandfather. And we find out that both of them have been celibate for seven years.

So what's the problem? Nothing really - heroine just has to get over herself and the hero has to say the magic words. He does and all is well.

There is an epilogue ten years later. Hero has a bunch of girls (take that patriarchal grandfather) and heroine is a children's book author. Just a nice little story. The brother and the half sister each have their own book, but this one stands alone.

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## **Brittiany Momchilovich says**

### **Wonderful**

Good story and holds your attention! Actually has a background story to it. Highly recommend for other readers to read.

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## **Debra says**

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Alexis and Leonardo met through his sister Tina one summer when Alexis was twenty. After one night of sex he sent her away. Seven years later she contacts him at his engagement party to let him know that he was a father. Theirs is not a easy courtship. In fact it was stormy through out the story line.

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## **Tina says**

I too was bored with this book, but in fairness I found the hero a bit more tolerating (if you skip the first 2-3 chapters) then 99% of other harlequin romance books lately where the Hero is an ass and a hound dog. At least with Leandro, he had morals & honor. I liked Alex somewhat. She was a strong heroine but a bit needy & a lot forgiving.

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