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### **Tempted by the Italian...**

Suzanne Hammond has spent most of her life alone. Her father hopped from one wife to the next, sending Suzanne to boarding school as soon as he could. So when her father dies and her stepmother unexpectedly invites her on a luxury trip to London, Suzanne jumps at the chance!

Meeting suave, Italian Conte Cesare Martino is an added bonus—especially when his desire for Suzanne is as fiery as his touch! But little does Suzanne know that another woman plans to rival her affections...

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### **Tempted by Desire Details**

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### Caree Grey says

#### Regret regret regret!!!!

I regret that I bought this for 3.99....should have been in kindle unlimited so I could return it. So disappointed.

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### Azet says

Amazing!Just incredibly Amazing!"Tempted by Desire" is thrown in to one of my favourites by Carole,a big 5-star!

" And I do not happen to desire your stepmother," Cesare said through gritted teeth, moving towards her with determination. 'But I do desire you. You know that already, do you not?'

'I—I-No, of course not!'

'But you do,' he said quietly. 'You have always known it. That is why I frighten you. And I do frighten you, do I not? This afternoon you-'

'Please! Don't let's talk about this afternoon. I—It— I-'

'It embarrasses you,' Cesare interrupted her stuttering. 'This afternoon,' he continued, 'you deliberately stopped our lovemaking because you were frightened. I understood that and did not pursue the subject, otherwise you might not have got away so easily.'

This one is very different among all of Caroles books,cuz the heroine is first very attracted to the heros brother,and dislike the hero immensely.Suzanne Hammond is a bright and bubbly girl with a hot temper and great stubbornness.The blond-haired and cold-blooded business tycoon Cesare Martino is one of my favourite heroes EVER!Love his passionate personality and i just love it how he with patience and stubbornness tries to woo Suzanne and how he can` t keep away from her even if he thought she had a affair with another married man.Their love was a epic kind of one,love their conversations,kiss-scenes,how they argue and their HELLUVA HOT chemistry!

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### Jenny says

Nice read but not good enough for a CM book.

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### Mitza101 says

Nice read :-)

### **Anuradha says**

Yet another rich titled hero falling for a naive 19 year old.

But this time, the girl and her step mother strike together ! Step mother is a gold digger who suddenly turns into a heart of gold.

One gets an Italian count, and the other gets his brother.

So girls out there planning elaborate gold digging plots to snare rich husband's, this book can be a useful guide and manual !!

3 stars. Decent fare.

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### **Leona says**

Not one of my favorite HP romances by Carole Mortimer, but still somewhat entertaining.

This felt a little dated to me. Unlike other HP classics which withstand the test of time, I struggled with both the hero and heroine. He had some very antiquated views of love, marriage and romance and he didn't often treat the heroine very well. The heroine, on the other hand, was very immature and a bit selfish for my tastes. Her decisions oftentimes were very calculating and self serving.

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### **Kay says**

4 Stars! ~ Suzanne's young life had not been easy since her father had married a much younger woman. Having been shipped off to boarding schools, and kept away during holidays, Suzanne had been mostly alone. And when her father died when she was sixteen, Suzanne became totally alone, working her way as best she could through college. When her stepmother Celeste offered her a six-week vacation in the lap of a luxurious hotel in London, Suzanne gave in to temptation and agreed. Celeste's intent on the holiday was to land a wealthy husband; Suzanne's presence only leant to her credibility as a widow. But the man that Celeste has set her eye on has his eye on Suzanne, and this only infuriates Celeste and she tells the Italian Conte Cesare Martino lies about Suzanne's promiscuous nature. Cesare makes sure that Suzanne has no doubts just how much he wants her.

I may have read this one when I was a teenager. Thirty years ago, it was very common for girls of 18 – 19 to marry older men, especially in European cultures. I was one, and married when I was 19 to a man 31. Reading this love story with a 19-year-old Suzanne, and an older Cesare was the type of romance story I remember reading about and adoring. This was a very charming story and in my opinion very well written for the times.

Suzanne, though young, instantly recognizes something in Cesare that puts her on an equal footing with him

and from the start they have a volatile relationship. Cesare taunts and Suzanne ignites and fights back. They kiss and their response to each other leaves both breathless. With many of the first Presents, we're only given the heroine's point of view and learn of the hero's from his actions and the opinions of the supporting characters. Cesare is at first presented as a hard bitter man, but we see him differently when he reveals a part of his past to Suzanne, something out of character for this man of granite, and an obvious sign that he sees her as an equal.

I enjoyed this one very much and have come to appreciate Ms. Mortimer's voice. Her heroine's may be vulnerable but they are not doormats. Her hero's may be arrogant but they are worthy. I must soon read a recent Presents by Ms. Mortimer to see if her voice holds the same charm today as it does in these early ones

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### **Tia says**

I liked this one tons. It was certainly one of my favorites by Carole Mortimer. I loved the emotions flowing throughout the novel, not to mention the sexy hero. Mmm. Definitely a great read for me!

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