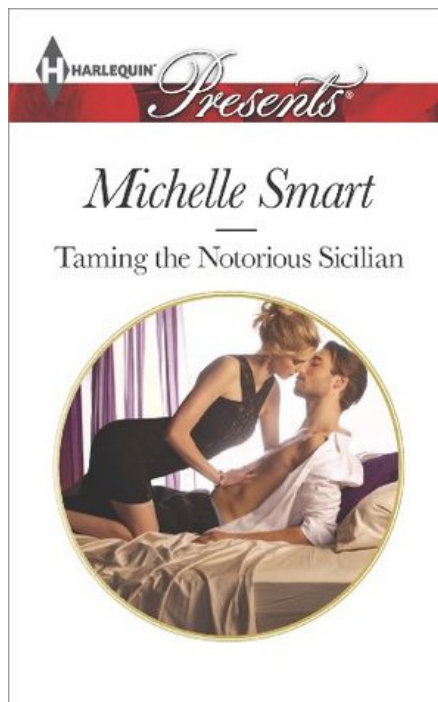




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*Harlequin Presents author Michelle Smart's fabulous trilogy will delight, entice and enthrall! Meet three dark-hearted men with devastating appeal and the women who prove more than a match for them in **The Irresistible Sicilians!***

**Francesco Calvetti. He has the face of a god and a body made for sin!**

Francesco doesn't do nice, and he doesn't do damsels in distress. Apart from that one time. He never thought he'd see Hannah Chapman again. A woman like her, pure and untouched, has no place in his world.

Ever since losing her sister, Hannah has sheltered herself from the world, but being knocked from her bike is a wake-up call. A call she's ready to accept. There's one thing left on her to-do list and there's only one man who can help her. But will the dangerous, devastatingly gorgeous Sicilian oblige her?

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## From Reader Review Taming the Notorious Sicilian for online ebook

### Desere says

Michelle Smart's books have become more than just an addiction to me, it has become an uncontrollable craving I cannot live without!

In her latest read she takes us into the world of clubbing, big bad gangsters who with just a mere look can scare anyone off who dares to double cross them, added to this we have Francesco, who tries to be as bad as possible, you know the real " Look at me , am rich, powerful, can have any woman I want and will break your kneecaps if you so much as even blink without permission' kind.

I know that most woman will say that a man such as this does not sound sexy at all, except when you enter him in to the mind of a writer such as Michelle Smart, she made this man sound so incredibly sexy it made my toes curl and had me seeing stars within the first few pages.

Francesco meets Hannah after she's knocked down by a passing car, saves her life and off he goes back to his seedy lifestyle but, Hannah is immediately entranced by Francesco and wants into his world, just for one night.

Francesco does everything within his power to make Hannah see that he is no good for her, and his dangerous lifestyle is not what she deserves, but Hannah is insistent, and when she finally gets what she craves she's knocked down again, but this time she's not so sure Francesco will pick her up.

The character of Francesco was as I mentioned the kind of man you just know is bad news, sexier than you have ever seen , but dangerous to any woman's heart, for you just know a guy branding a gun and oozing danger is bound to dispense of you at some stage. When the author got into his frame of mind I got to see a man that had built a life in order to be a better person than his father , but along the road to success lost his way and in turn became the opposite of the man he wanted to be, and it is through this character that the author reminded me that sometimes revenge completely obscures our ideas and we are more blinded to life then if we were walking around with out any idea's what so ever.

The character of Hannah was one that in the start I thought very kind sweet, it is not everyday I read about a Dr that devotes every single waking moment to their patients, but as the read went on I actually starting liking Francesco and his coldhearted acts more than I liked Hannah, this because the author showed just how cool, distant and isolated Hannah had become and even though she is such an amazingly dedicated Dr she is in so many other ways worse than any of the gangsters out there. It did teach me that you are not meant to go into a world so silent that when life knocks you down you can't hear the slightest bit of sound trying to bring you back from the silence you've created.

I am taking away a message of everyone has a reason for what they do or don't do in life, there is a story behind everyone's pain, or the mask they slot in place when someone gets too close, but when that little nagging voice in the back of your mind stats telling you that someone has a point, listen to them, even if you don't want to , the point is you will learn what the outside world sees is never as important as what the person who loves you for you and only the real you, is so much more valuable than anything life and it's evil has to offer.

This book was infused with so much spice, passion, romance and even humor that I experienced each and every single one of those delicious and yes even murderous emotions I love to have during a good book. I

highly recommend this read for any and all romance readers who live and breath romance. This is one tale of mindless passion, intrigue and a new zest for life you will not want to miss! It's the Godfather meets Pretty woman ! Michelle Smart is a true master in creating stories that leaves me smiling and stuck in a dream world long after the story is over and she does it , each and EVERY time!

5/5 star review

" She craves his body, he craves to free her soul"

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## Charlie says

I adored this book and the H of it. The h I liked less so at first but she actually brought a tear to my eye in the end so I did warm to her.

We start with the big bad h roaring through London on his motorbike and witnessing the h get knocked off her bicycle by a hit and run driver. Its a pretty bad accident and our h is confused and reckons she might have died. Shes not totally sad about that because she knows she will be with her sister again.

When she wakes up she has an epiphany of all the time she has wasted. She realised that if she had died then she wouldn't have had anything exciting to tell her sister about her life and her sister might be mad at her. She therefore decides that life is for living and shes going to try new things like the H who rescued her! She goes to say thank you and he is kind of intrigued by her because she just says what she thinks and isn't in awe of him. turns out he is a legit mafia gangster complete with beatings and breaking of others bones. She wants to give him her v card and he thinks shes rather crazy.

It seems our h was a twin and her sister died when she was 12. She dedicated her life after that to becoming a Dr despite not being the smartest girl in school and had to study hard to get what she wanted. This is because she didn't want any other family to feel like their Dr didn't care about their patient so she micromanages her patients checking up on their files constantly even when not in work. Shes addicted to her phone and this puts the H out a little feeling he comes 2nd to her work.

Her plan to become a dr wasn't without sacrifice though. She wans isolated from the rest of her family and never experiences anything, she had never even had a drink of alcohol so she can't wait for the H to lead her astray.

He for all his posturing about how evil he is complete with show and tell with a guy whose hand he broke actually is a nice guy who tries to talk her out of her plan to jump him yet make her see her obsession with work is not healthy.

I wasn't sure how I felt about a morally ambiguous H who actually carries a gun and breaks bones, I'm usually more of a H cleaning up the corruption in his family/not being judged by his father's past kind of a gal. So our H being a paid up member of team gangster was certainly different. However I couldn't help but like him and turns out he chundered after breaking every bone in his friends hand! He also is determined to erase all of his terrible fathers past and by the end seems to be making the metamorphosis to legit businessman.

He did completely let her down at the end but its kind of a good thing for her in the end and actually produced one of the nicest bits of the story where she is reunited with her family and it was so nice it made my eyes leak.

I loved this book its definitely a keeper I was kind of hoping for a reconciliation between the H and Luca from the first story but although all the animosity seems buried the friendship was never resumed but I guess there was too much water under the bridge by that stage and he really did wrong by Luca's brother so they were never gonna kiss and make up. Oh well can't have everything!

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## Jacqueline says

Decent story. The third of a trilogy. They were both pretty nice and they got together without major fireworks or angst. The end.

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## Jenny says

Our hero Francesco who is a gangster meets doctor Hannah after she's knocked down by a passing car. Hannah is charmed by her mysterious rescuer and plans to seduce him and relieve her of her virginity.

Heroine is a very dedicated doctor a professional whose life is all about her job. She doesn't want a relationship with Francesco so while he passionately pursues her she rejects him again and again.

I adore virginal soft heroines but Hannah was so cold and ruthless I couldn't relate to her. She totally emasculated the hero! He was so weak and pathetic a real wimp! I was like if this man is a gangster then I am Mickey Mouse.

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## Melody Cox says

\*\*\*4.75 Stars\*\*\*

I am in shock. I think this book far surpasses books one and two in this series and don't get me wrong...the first two were okay. But, this one was super. I really wanted to read about Francesco and learn more about why he was the way he was and if he was as bad as Pepe and Luca believed. I just knew he wouldn't be as bad as he was portrayed.

This is a safe read...thank you Michelle Smart. No cheating, No exes. No o/m or o/w drama. It was a pleasure. Francesco had been a big womanizer but when he found out the whole truth about his father's dealings, abuse, and infidelity he completely gave up the womanizing lifestyle. He was determined to be a different man than his father. When he meets the heroine he has been celibate for ten months. I guess that is a bit of a secret because it wasn't talked about until the latter part of the book. I decided to mention it because I would have enjoyed the book even more had I not been concerned a female would pop up around every corner.

This is a great love story between two unlikely people who bring out the absolute best in each other. I loved it and am placing it on my reread list.

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## Kaycee ♥? says

5 Gangsta Stars!

I've been hooked on this trilogy/series ever since the first and the author seems only get better. I want to give this book more than 5 stars. Yes, it's just that good. Better even. This book was absolute perfection for me! It had me swooning, drooling, and panting over Francesco. It was the perfect blend of heartwarming, hotness,

passionate and seriously emotionally tortured hero and heroine. The author really did a great job with this novel that was recognizably full of honest and real emotions. I can honestly say that this book was probably the best book in the series. I don't want to give too much else away to be honest, the beauty in this book, as it is with all of this author's books is that you as a reader dive in and discover the stories secret yourself. Just let me take a moment here to just say how much I absolutely adored both Francesco and Hannah.

Francesco. \*sigh\* I honestly didn't think that he would have his own book. I mean he was mentioned a lot in the first two books and concluded that he was the villain. So I was really surprised when I saw the blurb and excited at the same time to learn more about him. And boy, I loved learning about him. He has now been added to my **BEST BOOK BOYFRIENDS LIST**. His combination of larger-than-life personality and uncanny good looks; enigmatic and elusive; intense and in-control; broken and flawed; ruthless and unyielding, yet when it came to Hannah, he's vulnerable, relentless and human. I loved watching Francesco struggle to hold his defenses against the woman who has, despite his best efforts to drive and scare her away, found her way into his heart. But when he would let himself go and be sweet, he just melted my heart.

Hannah is a heroine you can't help but adore. Her character was well-developed and her backstory convincingly explained why she's like that. I didn't find her to be weak at all. She had just erected barriers around her heart and has a strong mind and just needed a special someone to push her boundaries a little bit more.

I absolutely adored everything about them. I liked the fact that even though Francesco wanted Hannah he didn't initially agree to her request. He does everything within his power to make Hannah see that he is no good for her, and his dangerous lifestyle is not what she deserves. But Hannah was adamant and trusts him completely and believes in him. She is proving to be everything he wants but doesn't need in his life. The undeniable chemistry between them was palpable. I loved their verbal sparring, I loved how jealous Francesco was to her cellphone, I loved the buildup of their relationship; they slowly tearing down each other's wall. I'm glad they didn't jump into bed together right away, rather the sexual tension was built to the point of boiling and when it finally did happen? Well, explosive! Hot! And I know I've mentioned it a lot of times how much I loved dual POV. I was totally captivated by Francesco and Hannah's story. I was giddy throughout this book and could not get enough.

Overall, **Taming the Notorious Sicilian** is a wonderful, heartfelt, passionate love story and show that love can conquer all. I got waaaaay more than I expected with this. Ms. Smart really deserves massive respect for putting together such an unusual, engrossing and beautifully written story.

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## Mary says

Wow! Just.... wow! I started this, then realized that I had read the previous two books over a year ago but couldn't remember anything about the characters. After I re-read the first two, I didn't see any way that Francesco Calvetti could \*ever\* be redeemed! In fact, I was really tempted to DNF this one before I got too far into it.

What a mistake that would have been! All kinds of twists and turns in the plot turns everything around with unexpected results. In how many HQP stories does the h just want a one-night-stand and \*not\* a relationship, while the H is devastated because he has fallen hard for the h. How often does the h blow off the H's attempts at contact because she doesn't want to be bothered? There is so much more to the background story of each that has to be worked out before their entirely believable HEA.

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## CindyCookie says

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## AvidReader says

This is one of those books which gives you contentment after finishing. It was such a refreshing story from usual HP that I thoroughly enjoyed it. First of all heroine chased hero in the beginning and he wasn't an A-hole to her. He was kind and honorable eventhough he had mafia background.

The second thing that made it refreshing from usual repetitive HP romance was after their deal was over heroine stubbornly stuck to their initial plan. She refused to see him again to his great frustration. Still he pursued and hurricaned to her life. It was also fun to watch him being jealous over her attachment to her phone.

Both of their past had profound affect on them and which made their behavior and actions more realistic. Which also made their need for each other more sharp, emotionally than physically. I loved how the heroine mended her broken-heart over her twin sister's death with hero's help. It especially touched me he was the reason she started living again, moreover, the reason she reached out to her family again. And he realized his love for her surpasses his need for revenge.

Then the final thing which appealed to me was no exes drama. No wannabe/wouldbe/onetime ow-om drama. Infact hero was celibate for quite sometime and his relationship with heroine was very different from the beginning itself. And ( I personally like to thank the author for this one) no unnecessary remark about his past conquests and prowess. Epilogue was fantastic.

I would happily recommend this book.

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## Penny Watson says

I adored this one! Very original premise, one that you don't see very often in HP. The heroine was addicted to HER job (physician), and had trouble making time for the hero. I love that twist!

I found this story refreshingly different, very believable, sexy, emotional.

Thank you Lexxi for the recommendation!

Grade: A

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## **Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says**

4.5 stars and review on second read...

My sloth is here so I'll point you to StMargaret's and AvidReader's reviews and add a couple of things.

Now, this is the kind of H I would like to read in a secret baby plot but apparently he knows how to use protection...

I loved the h, part of it was the novelty that she wasn't vain nor was she overly insecure in her beauty, she just didn't care if she was beautiful enough for the gorgeous H.

I loved their discussion of his previous women, specially his outrage at being called man slut or some other word for that effect.

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## **TashNz says**

After witnessing Hannah falling from her bike, "gangster" Francesco comes to her rescue. Hannah tracks down Francesco and genuinely thanks him for his help but he's absolutely thrown when she kindly asks for an insight into his world and in return offers him the one thing she can only give away once.

Great book to end the trilogy. Loved the concept of Francesco showing "his" world and how this very clever author, Michelle Smart, managed to turn what looked like on the outside to be completely different on the inside. And I really enjoyed the unique storyline.

It was also great to see Francesco and his real side and the brief appearances of Luca and Pepe.

I love Michelle Smart's book and this was definitely well enjoyed.

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## **Vampress Bathory says**

I wasn't expecting to like this story so much! I mean I was prepared for a really nice, cute story fit for reading while you sit in the waiting room, trying to beat your fear for dentists. Me not expecting so much from it, it's also due to the fact that I've seen a bad review and two bad ratings. I am glad I'm that person who even if she knows from others that something it's not worth it, she prefers to give it a try and experience it firsthand.

I am obviously not sorry for reading this ! It's refreshing to see a Harlequin romance in which the hero is actually the son of a big sicilian gangster. The H is hot, like really hot and he also has some demons which are conquered slowly by the heroine.

She comes in his life almost like a gift from the fates. The heroine only existed until her encounter with the H. She was like this empty shell and he made her want to live.

I love how the author portrays their sizzling attraction, you don't feel like these two characters are forced into their attraction ( in some books that's how it looks like). These two completed each other, they are so different and yet so alike.

The story didn't feel rushed and everything came into place scene by scene, exactly at the right moment.

Also, this story deals with complex emotions and we can also learn something from it. We learn that even if

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we hide inside us for years, even if we swim in pain, sadness, hatred and revenge, we need to allow ourselves to be happy, we need to stop pushing people from our lives, we need to let people and life in and we need to stop existing and start living.

I can't even remember the last time when I've actually took my time to write a review for a Harlequin romance, meaning I usually read them, love them, then give them a high rating and that's it, but I wanted to give this one a review because it's my first from this author and also because I feel that the ratings for this book should be higher!

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

finalmente... comecei a leitura faz tempo e acabei deixando de lado... mas hoje terminei e acabei gostando muito! Recomendo!

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### **StMargarets says**

This was the last novel in a three-part series with a great opening scene. I think I liked this one the best because it flipped a lot of tropes. The heroine instantly smitten. The one night stand because the heroine wanted it, and then she was the one who didn't want to further the relationship. The phone and job addiction was the heroine's not the hero's, etc . . . It had been awhile since I read the first book, so I didn't have any strong feelings about the hero's dubious past. But MS did a good job reminding the reader that our lady doctor was playing with fire, thus upping the tension and the stakes.

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