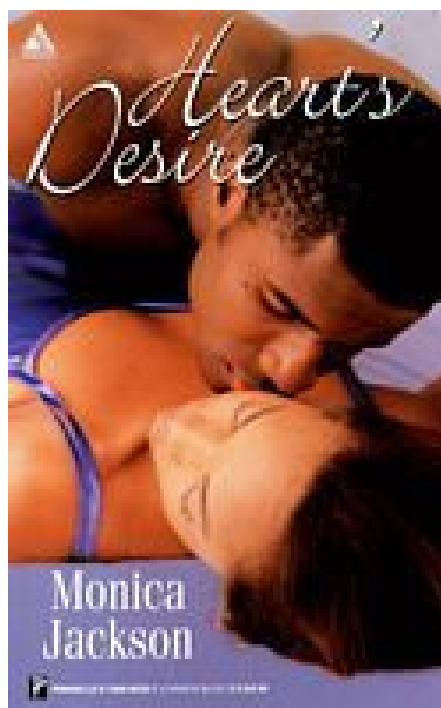




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When Kara Kincaid learned that Senator Eastman was her father, and that he had abandoned Kara and her mother years ago to pursue his career, she swore revenge. In a desperate move to destroy the senator's chances at reelection, Kara joins his staff, and sets her sights on his loyal right-hand man. But soon, her feelings for Brent Stevens leave her caught between desire and disaster, love and lies.

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J.L. Campbell says

Kara Smith embarks on a journey of revenge when her dying mother reveals that Kara's father is Congressman Sidney Eastman. Driven by ambition, he tells Kara's mother to end her pregnancy, and moves on with his life. Kara infiltrates Eastman's office, but her plans backfire, leading to complications, which have dire consequences.

Brent Stevens is a bright Admin Assistant employed to Eastman. He is engaged to Kara's half-sister and though he breaks off the engagement, he's still at the family's beck and call. I didn't get a strong sense of who he is, but the Eastman's certainly know how to play on his feelings of guilt. I don't remember if there's mention of his family, but I do recall he started out poor.

Kara Smith is a sheltered thirty-year-old woman who is raised in a religious cult. She too is riddled by guilt, but quickly finds her way in the new world that's opened up before her.

I liked the pace at which the story unfolded. Heart's Desire had plenty of plot twists that kept the story moving. The writer does know how to keep the reader turning the pages. I also downloaded a sample of Jenny's story Too Hot to Handle and whipped through it in no time, which is a good sign.

I could have lived without the annoyance that came through Brent's association with the Eastman family. Jenny, their daughter, is spineless, senseless and demanding. By the end of the book, she descends to being spiteful, even more needy and destructive.

I like reading black romances, so this was a treat for me. Though the book was a fast read, I had some issues with it. I thought the editing could have been tighter, which would have improved the story.

Brent's readiness to pay for Kara's services at the start of the book threw me a little, making me wonder about his character. It turned me off him a bit. The way she blackmailed her way into the Legislative Assistant's job seemed improbable to me. Of course, Brent didn't take her seriously for long and soon brushed aside her threats of exposure. While she did seem naïve, Kara's thoughts sometimes didn't translate the way I expected them to, especially coming from someone who'd been brought up the way she was.

I think Heart's Desire could be an awesome book, but it needs more work to get there.

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Danita Brown says

Really enjoyed this book2. It was kind of long and drained out but I got through it. It was worth it 2.

Chere' Brady says

Good first book to met some characters you won't forget.

Tasha says

This is an easy read with lots of twists. The book centers around the life of Kara, who learns that her mother was dishonest with her for her entire life, until her mother's last moments alive, about whether her father is alive. When she finds her father, she finds her way into his office through blackmail and deception. Of course, she learns that things aren't as easy as she believed it would be. Siblings, love, office politics, and more create a storyline that is much more than Kara looking for her father and finding her way into his life.

I found the ending slightly overwritten, as though the author was grasping for a way to have an explosive end. The story flowed well, until the last few chapters. Too much happened there, and characters began behaving in ways that were inconsistent with their personality throughout the book. Otherwise, this was an enjoyable read.

Veronica Walker says

My first book by Monica Jackson. A must read! I just started reading book 2 of the series.

Patriciaw says

This is the first Monica Jackson book I read. So sorry I didn't read more prior to her untimely death.

I originally thought Heart's Desire was a typical romance. Romance is a big part of the story, but it's not the story. This is a book about a dysfunctional political family and the illegitimate daughter who comes forward seeking revenge against her congressman father. There are many characters--the bitter brother, the spoiled sister, the browbeaten wife, the political assistant who is more son than the biological one--who seem cliché on paper and yet in Jackson's hands, they come across as fresh and interesting. The pacing is such that I easily plowed through this book in a single day.

There were a couple of minor POV and e-book formatting issues, but generally, it was a good read.

I understand this is book one in the Eastman family saga. I almost can't imagine what else could happen, given all the plot twists in this one, but I certainly plan to read more to find out.

Shone says

One man's need to be in control destroyed everything he touched. Who will survive his control?
