

“Like any good mother, Lady Ariana of Rosebriar did whatever it took to protect her deaf son, even if it meant killing an abusive husband. The good news was she had a powerful ally that helped her cover up the deed; the bad news was he was now blackmailing her into spying amongst the nobles and revealing all their dirty little secrets.

Gabriel of Whitestone, aka The Hunter, was the king's bounty hunter and sole provider for his seven half-siblings. When one of his brothers was imprisoned and falsely accused as the infamous "Spy of the Night" he was determined to capture the true spy, whom he discovered was Lady Ariana. Not only would he have the means to save his sibling, but by turning over the true spy - who was also the woman once married to his half-brother - he could claim her property. Little did he know that the beautiful and infamous 'Spy of the Night' would lay claim and capture his heart.

I found this to be a positively enchanting tale. Lady Ariana was a marvelous heroine. A ward of the King she'd been married three times to old and/or abusive husbands. She'd done her duty but finally had become a somewhat independent woman (if not for her blackmailer). Although by trade as an assassin for the king, Gabriel showed another side of being a gentle and caring brother for his siblings. He had no use for the nobility, but Ariana proved she was unlike any of the nobility he'd ever come in contact with for Ariana possessed a kind and caring heart. The pace was kept up with several escape attempts on her part and infinite patience on his part, before Gabriel would tame and win her trust. Filled with a fair amount of endearing secondary characters in the form of Gabriel's siblings, the reader will feel gifted with a story they won't want to see end.

Additionally, I found the level of sensuality as Ariana is taught by Gabriel the lessons of passion and desire extremely satisfying and should compel most readers to put this one on their 'keeper' shelf to revisit again and again. I highly recommend this very entertaining and lovely romance!”

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