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My name is Hunter O'Shea and I have a confession to make...I've met a girl who consumes me. I know that makes me sound completely whipped, but Mary "Lamb" Mitts has the power to bring me to my knees...it's just too bad she hates my guts. But that's okay, because I hate hers, too. The fiery redhead stirs something in me that I can't explain.

This temporary insanity could be due to the fact my best friend, who used to be a bigger player than me, is getting married. That must be it. I'm caught up in an Oprah moment.

The only solution is to get back in the game and forget she exists. That theory is great—too bad I don't want anyone else.

I...just...want...her.

I'm so screwed.

## **The Hunt Details**

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# From Reader Review The Hunt for online ebook

## Mandy says

Full review to come, but this has absolutely made my favorites of 2017 list! Sooooo good! Monica James is a new instant favorite author! ♥?♥?

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## Wit & Wonder Books says

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An enjoyable enthralling enemies to lovers romance by Monica James with her latest novel The Hunt. Marvelous beyond words as Monica writes just like her bubbly, fun personality. I love romances that have that push and pull magnitude right off the bat and she doesn't spar you any within this wonderful story. She has delivered a flirty, warming and engrossing romance through and through.

The ever arrogant, cocky man-whore Hunter O'Shea stands behind his motto: love'm & leav'm attitude. He can care less what others think of his proclivities except for one... Mary. She's who he wants, however, there is one problem... they can't stand one another. Mary knows all too well who and what Hunter is and she will not fall for his antics. When a design project presents itself and Hunter graciously helps, how long can she resist his charms, wit and sexual allure?!

Both must learn to communicate, forgive and love. But can they or will it deem to difficult?

Throughout the book we learn that Hunter has multiple layers to his outer shell and to see those layers melt away was heartwarming and beautiful. Monica truly knows how to describe her characters and give them the spark they need. Mary, understandably, had a harder time trusting and at some points it became a little redundant, but the ending was well worth it! I also commend Monica for the chemistry between Hunter and Mary, which was off the charts hot!

Monica has nailed it with another dirty mouthed male who is captured by a feisty, smart female who puts him to his knees. Can't wait to see what else Monica comes up with next.

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## Maddy's Reading says

Hunter had me swooning , laughing...all the feels. What a perfect character the author has penned. His obsession with Mary and the denial, it had me hooked!!!

I loved this story so much, all the characters so well drafted and matched perfectly. Hunter was a ladies man, smooth suave and too full of himself. Can Mary bring him to his knees?

This book is so sexy, Hunter is so sexy...I define got a bookorgasm. Loved it!!!

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## **Donna ~ The Romance Cover says**

The Hunt by Monica James

4.5 stars!!!

“In the end, some of your greatest pain become your greatest strengths.”

I found Monica James years and years ago when she had just started writing and no matter what book she has written, her voice has always transported me on her carefully crafted journeys. After meeting Hunter in Dixon's books, I always knew that this book was going to be a riot and Monica James did not disappoint. This enemies to lover's romance will have you laughing out loud as well as swooning and smiling like an idiot. Hunter for all his crassness and having no filter makes for entertaining reading and despite his constant foot in mouth problem you cannot help but love him.

Hunter is the last man standing of the three friends, Finch is still pussy-whipped and being Dad of the Year and of course our Dixon is getting married, so Hunter feels the need to take over the mantle of manwhore and take one for the team. However, this life is getting old, especially when the woman he so desperately wants cannot stand the sight of him. However, there is a fine line between love and hate.

“I don't kiss...”

“Why not?”

“Cause I don't want you falling in love with me.”

Since the moment that Mary and Hunter met, battle lines were drawn, and this fiery redhead could spar with the best of them. Mary's forked tongue, quick wit and poisonous barbs are her armour for her heart, a heart that was battered by the one man she thought would be her forever. Now permanently scarred this woman is not letting any man in, especially a manwhore like Hunter.

Hunter and Mary's interactions are hilarious and these two certainly know how to poke the fire underneath one and other. Monica James really brought Hunter to life and this larger than life character became one that played out in glorious technicolour before me. I was like the voyeur looking in, witnessing the battles, feeling that scorching chemistry and just waiting for both of them to realise that together they could seriously make music. Hunter has never been in love, never had a girlfriend so this is virgin territory for him, but for a man with no experience he certainly makes up for it in other departments.

“...And you, Hunter... are something else. You take my breath away, and I'm afraid I'll forget how to breathe on my own.”

The push and pull was highly entertaining, the dialogue was hilarious, and the character connection was on point. Not too heavy on the angst, this was all about the couple and breaking down those barriers, restoring confidences and knowing that no matter your past, when you find “the one” there is nothing you can do about it, the heart wants who the heart wants. With some hot and heavy scenes, Monica James really cements these two as a couple and with work shenanigans bringing an interesting side story there is something for everyone. One of the most entertaining enemies to lovers I have read.

“A simple look can convey a million words they say, but this only suggests one—fight...for the one you...love.”

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## **AC Book Blog (Anne Christine) says**

The HUNT by Monica James ~ 5 Stars

### **Review contains some spoilers ...**

I have met Monica James – she is sweet, kind, warm and she is funny as hell so guess what? Her writing style reflected that – freaking hilarious. I had a permanent smile on my face the whole time reading this book.

I was first introduced to the author through the Dixon series which I totally fell in love with. I have been anticipating The Hunt for quite some time and of course Monica does not disappoint. She delivered Hunter O’Shea and Mary “Lamb” through a funny, flirty, heartwarming and beautiful love story.

Dixon was a playboy until he met Madison who finally tamed the beast. Now they are getting hitched so they employ Hunter and Mary as the best-man and maid of honor. Slight problem – these two can’t stand being in the same breathing space with each other. Dixon is Hunter’s best-friend and was his wingman – he has now left Hunter flying solo (in the hunting department ). Hunter is portrayed as a total man-whore: cocky, crass, and bedhopping, hit it and quit it kind of guy. He is not ashamed of making it known that he is only in for a good roll in the hay and nothing more. Mary is Madison’s best friend. She is well acquainted with Hunter’s habits, she despises him, and is smart not to touch him with a ten-foot pole. Mary is Hunter’s kryptonite though – she is beautiful, feisty, and unreachable. Hunter wants what he can’t have but he will stop at nothing to attain her. So, when Mary needs to finish a redecorating project to complete her interior design degree Hunter is more than willing to offer up his office as well as his home ... or mainly his bed :) How long can Mary resist the irresistible, hot, charming, sweet talker Hunter?

I enjoyed the push and pull, cat and mouse chase between Hunter and Mary. Hunter has some commitment issues but he is a romantic at heart when it comes to the right person. The only thing that I did not like was the fact that he went for Kiera when he was already in hot pursuit of Mary. I don’t know why that bothered me since Hunter and Mary were not a couple but it did ... maybe I just loathed Kiera and I want her hoo-ha to grow cobweb :0)

I really adore Mary. She is smart, funny, feisty and spirited. She has strong romantic feelings for Hunter but she hesitates understandably because she isn't sure if he can change his ways for her. They both guarded their hearts well and neither expressed their true feelings, afraid of getting hurt and rejected. But in the end true love prevailed. As a couple, they are explosive – sexy, passionate, and adorable. Monica can write awesome sexual chemistry, angsty, and racy scenes. I love her writing style – playful, charming, effortless. She has an analogy for everything and it's pretty riot. There is never a dull moment in this book - if you are not laughing your ass off about some heated banter or engulfing yourself in the romance, you are on your toes with the twisty plot involving the boss and Keira and Hunter's business.

Overall, this was an entertaining read. Funny, sexy, light-hearted ... nothing overly dramatic with the plot. Very refreshing, enjoyable, and relaxing Sunday read.

*“A simple look can convey a million words they say, but this only suggests one – fight ... for the one you ... love.”*

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## Olga therebelreader says

*The Hunt* is a well-written story that will make you feel everything, from horniness to heartbreak. Hot, passionate, screamoutloud sex scenes! It ranks off the sexy scale charts. I'm becoming a big fan of Ms Monica James!!!

In short:

**Hero** 5/5 | **Heroine** 5/5 | **Plot (Point, Originality)** 4/5 | **Writing Style** 5/5 | **Steam** 5/5 | **Romance** 5/5 | **Angst-Suspense** 3/5 | **Darkness** 0/5 | **Humor** 5/5 | **Secondary Characters** 4/5 | **Drama-Conflict** 5/5 | **Mystery** 0/5 | **Twists** 4/5 | **Pacing** Steady | **Action** 3/5

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## Lisa Edward says

Monica James has brought Hunter O'Shea to life by skilfully finding his voice, and beautifully crafting it into the written word.

I absolutely adore Hunter. For all his crass and inappropriate comments, he is a gentle soul with many layers. He knows he is flawed and makes no apologies for it, instead he embraces his faults and makes the most of them.

Dixon also makes appearances throughout the book, which ties The Hunt into the highly successful, A Hard Love Romance series, perfectly.

I love Monica's writing style and The Hunt is another must read novel.

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

Hunter O'Shea had my undivided attention from the 1st chapter. Besides his sexy look, his smooth pick up lines had the ladies fawning and falling for him with a false sense that they meant more to him. But Hunter has always been a love them once and leave them satisfied kind of guy. He was not one to believe in love...until Mary.

Yet Mary wants nothing to do with him and that in turn adds fire to his ego!! He's wanting to scratch that itch just to make sure that's all it is. But Hunter is in for the ride of his life.

Mary's ability to get under Hunter's armor had me rooting that maybe, just maybe it would nudge Hunter to tell Mary his true feelings for her.

Their back and forth had me laughing, cringing and needing to smack some sense into both of them. Would Hunter finally accept that he was capable of loving someone? Would Mary be able to penetrate Hunter's walls? 4.5 Stars

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### **Kristina says**

In a couple of years this dick brain will be screwing around on his Mary. NO question. After all he wouldn't and couldn't keep it in his pants even for a second right up until literally the second he was with the h. Eye roll. Beyond pathetic.

Almost every time I even bother to give one of these types of books a chance, they're a slap in the face with their sexism and doormat heroines.

OF course he wants only you, he's proved that to you hasn't he, by nailing anything in a skirt he can get his hands on....while...."only wanting you" lol. Idiot.

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### **Laura says**

\*\*\*ARC Provided by the Author\*\*\*

4.5 Stars

The Hard Love Romance series books are exactly what you expect from the name. They aren't puppies and rainbows, the characters are a little less glossy, a little more player, and a lot less easy to like.

Hunter O'Shea definitely fits this bill. You meet him with Dix, as Dixon is his best friend. And, well, you like him, but he is definitely not the man of romantic fantasy. He's a player, he is crude and he is a womanizer, so he seems like possibly not the catch of the century.

Mary definitely sees him this way. Attractive? Sure. But not someone she is interested in trading anything other than insults with...and that she puts up with because he is the best friend of the man marrying her best friend.

He's a player, a jerk and he is crude.

Or is he?

Well, as the reader and Mary quickly learn, there is a lot under the parts of Hunter that he lets everyone see, a lot more depth and a lot more heart and compassion.

What I love about this is the fact that Monica James doesn't really "redeem" Hunter in any traditional romantic hero sort of way. Is he willing to change for Mary? Yes, he is. Is he willing to fall in love with her and commit to her for the long term? Yes. But, is he particularly sorry about his past, his conquests and the numbers of women he was involved with?

Nope.

Not in the slightest.

And, I loved this about him, and about this story.

Will this mean that it is not for everyone? Possibly. Does it mean that I loved reading about a romantic anti-hero who gets his happily ever after? Definitely.

I recommend this title.

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## **Jamie Guellar says**

The Hunt is my first read from Monica James, and loved it. This is a spin off from another series, but can absolutely read as a standalone. I didn't feel lost at all.

Hunter O'Shea is a player, he makes no promises and wants no commitment, unless you're the one woman he can't stop thinking about and even trying to get her out of his system just isn't working.

Hunter is definitely a cocky bastard, but damn does it make him even hotter! I loved Hunter, he was rude, crude and didn't care who didn't like it. Except for her.

Mary can't not stand Hunter, but she's kinda stuck with him thanks to her bestie marrying his best friend.

I loved this story and seeing how Mary could see a different side to Hunter once he let down his walls

I loved this enemies to lovers story, as crude and rude as Hunter could be, you couldn't help but love him.

And Mary is just what he needs, now if he can make her see that.

I'll definitely be reading more Monica James in the future. This is definitely one click worthy!



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### **Catherine Wright (Cat's Guilty Pleasure) says**

This book had a lot of chemistry between the main characters. Both of them got on my nerves a little but other than that this was an enjoyable read. There was a little bit of suspense that kept me on my toes trying to figure out what was going on. I enjoyed it and look forward to more from this author.

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### **Amazeballs Book Addicts says**

Hunter is a player. He's sexy and a little jerky. He's funny and has no filters. He's super cocky but he has depth too. He kind of hooked to the story from the beginning. He likes Mary but she wants nothing to do with. Mary knows about Hunter's man whore ways and wants nothing to do with him. Mary a strong and sassy. I liked her. I really liked this one. It's a fun read.

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### **Monica James says**

Today has been a dream come true.

I want to thank anyone who bought a copy of The Hunt. And to anyone who spread the love, thank you thank you!

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My heart is full and I am so very thankful to everyone for the support. Thank you so much.

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