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From International Best-Selling Contemporary Romance Author Casey Clipper, The Love Series delves into Ryan's story.

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Lynn is struggling to get by day-to-day. Thirty-two years old, she can't find a job in a saturated market. She can no longer afford to pay the bills with her minimum wage job after her ex dumped her while she'd been in middle of nursing school. He walked out on her to "find himself." Now she finds herself on her brother's doorstep, begging for a place to stay so maybe she can find a way to crawl out of the hole she's been swallowed by. Embarrassed by her situation, she vows never to become dependant on a man again.

Ryan's world is turned upside down when one of his one-nighters throws a wrench into his perfect single life. He loses himself not knowing how to handle a situation he never wanted. His life spins out of control, about to lose his job and his mind.

An opportunity crosses Lynn's path that she'd never considered. An opportunity to possibly gain financial independence. An opportunity her brother warns her not to take. An opportunity she can't refuse.

Will Ryan's new world destroy him or can he accept it and move forward with a chance for a life he'd never planned, but if he embraces could open up his heart for an unexpected surprise. Can Lynn save Ryan from himself? Can Lynn allow herself to open up to Ryan and trust again? What happens when they push against the natural draw they have towards one another?

And what happens when Ryan's one-nighter reappears, set out for revenge?

\*This is not a cliffhanger or cliffhanger series

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## From Reader Review Unexpected Love for online ebook

### Jessica Adkins-Charles {Bottles & Books Reviews} says

Unexpected Love is the story of Ryan Millen, Sean Millen's brother who was introduced in Silent Love. Ryan Millen, a NICU nurse, is enjoying his life as a bachelor and doting uncle to his nieces-to-be when an unexpected surprise is dropped in his lap.

A firm believer in always wrapping it up, Ryan's unprepared for a woman he can't remember to claim he fathered her child - the one she is trying to put up for adoption. When Sean and Beth talk Ryan into bringing the baby home, Ryan is thrust into the world of single daddy duty with no clue what to do when it's his own child who needs him.

Lynn, Russ' (Courtney's nanny) sister, is a nurse who is drowning in debt thanks to her ex and is unable to find a job. When an unexpected opportunity comes her way, she snatches it up in order to help pay her bills.

When the two find themselves no longer unable to deny what lies between them, a wrench is thrown into their way. Will they be able to survive it or will they walk away broken hearted?

Once again Casey Clipper has delivered a captivating book that holds your attention from the very beginning. If you love alpha males or ex-military men, this series is for you! Every male character in Clipper's series comes off as very alpha male and the strong protector types.

Ryan who is thrust into the single daddy role has problems adjusting, but undergoes a tremendous amount of growth from the beginning to the end of the book. Lynn also undergoes some personal growth of her own.

My only complaint is how suddenly Ryan's one night stand reappears and the way the situation is resolved. The same goes with Lynn's ex. It seems that these characters were kind of just thrown in and the story lines were a bit rushed. Other than that, I loved the book and the bits where Sean, Beth, and Courtney were thrown in.

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### ByoBook Club says

Another Millen brother meets his match!

Casey Clipper has done it again as she brings Ryan Millen's story to life in the second installment of the Love Trilogy series. A talented doctor, Ryan is focused on his career while still enjoying the female companionship that runs in and out of his life at a steady pace. There is no desire or time to look for a permanent relationship as he enjoys his "no strings" philosophy of love. Little did he know his cavalier attitude was going to catch up with him in a big, big way. Despite the able support of family, Ryan is blind-sided and unable to cope on his own when life-changing events interrupt his usual routine. When his career is threatened by all the upheaval, he needs help and he needs it now. Lynn is at a crossroads in her life as well. She never thought that in her thirties she would be in the financial state she is in where living with her parents is an option she just can't reconcile herself to. Ryan offers her an opportunity she can't refuse and the duo soon find they are matched in more ways than one.

If you haven't read the first book in the series I would recommend you do so. You could read this as a stand-alone but things make a lot more sense when you understand the many back stories. The author provides another well-written and heat-laced story with real characters that are struggling with issues we can all relate to. Financial obligations and family responsibilities are no strangers to most of us. There is a strong sense of family in this series that isn't afraid to show that while not everything may always be hearts and flowers love can be a part of every decision. While I may not have learned everything I wanted to about the main characters in this installment the story was interesting and had me hooked to the end. I'm thrilled there will be more Love in my future!

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Ryan is good at one thing and that is women. On what seems to be a typical morning, Ryan's life is turned upside down. A woman he barely remembers claims that he is the father of her newborn baby. Struggling to come to terms with a life he never wanted, Ryan seeks the help of his family.

Lynn was abandoned by the man that she loved and was left with bills she is now struggling to pay. When things became too much to handle she finds herself on her brother's doorstep.

Ryan meets Lynn when he is desperate need of a nanny. Lynn seeing this as a way out of her financial hole takes the job.

I thought this was a unique story and not your typical boy-meets-girl love story. In Unexpected Love, you have two strangers dealing with life's unexpected who find each other and possibly love.

~Jenny

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## Spunky N Sassy says

SNS Rating: 5.0

~~~~~Dee's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

Casey has another winner with the story of Ryan and Lynn. The characters are strong, the scenes are realistic and filled with true emotions. Ryan has the most growing up to do. To see him take a leap forward to accepting his responsibilities and opening his heart to real staying love has been so much fun. The whole family dynamic which includes Sean, Beth, the twins, Beth' parents, Lynn's family and Courtney's family has made this reading adventure exciting and enjoyable. I love a good book with believable situations and characters, with issues to deal with that strengthens the people involved and with that element of threat and danger that steals your breath away. This book has it all in spades!

~~~~~Patricia's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

In this second installment of the Love series. Ryan who is a manwhore finds out one day that he has an unexpected surprise waiting for him. The surprise is a bouncing baby boy which throws a wrench in this playboys life. He then has to find him. Nanny that is where Lynn comes in. Lynn also has connections with Russ one of Courtney's nannies. Sean is still reluctant to forgive Courtney. Sean and Beth will welcome their baby girls onto the world. But an unexpected tragedy strikes wit Ryan and Beth. Will they finally come to terms with their relationship and give into the inevitable? Again Casey writes about you get wound up with your emotions in.

## Teresa says

I absolutely loved this book about Ryan and Lynn. Ryan is a nurse in the NICU unit and a playboy when he's not working but when he receives a call from the hospital saying that his son is born and he needs to come down to bring him home or he'll be put up for adoption.

Lynn has been unable to find a job in the saturated market for nurses and her boyfriend has dumped her to "find himself", leaving her with student loans to pay and no job that will pay enough to do so. She decides to ask her brother if she can move into their unused apartment that is shared by her brother and cousin who are mannies to the Derrick and Courtney Murphy, a mob family that's in charge of the Northeastern states. Ryan doesn't know what to do, he cares for babies everyday but to take care of his own son, he's clueless. Lynn offers to take on the job taking caring for Brady but what Ryan doesn't know is that the Murphy's have offered to pay for her salary which is double what Ryan can pay her. Within a short amount of time both Lynn and Ryan fall in love with each other even though she hasn't told him who really is pay her salary. There is some back story with Courtney and Sean who are still feuding over her comment in "Silent Love" but Lynn becomes good friends with Courtney and understands that the Murphy's are family to Ryan, Russ and Jarrett and if she wants to become part of Ryan's life she needs to accept them as well.

Wonderful book and I have already loaded up "Dangerous Love" which is Derk's story.

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## Kim says

This one was okay but nowhere near as good as the first one. I was bored to death for about the first 17 chapters honestly. I mean I don't care about reading how many times a baby eats, how long it sleeps, or how much it shits in my romance novels. It was just way too much and it drug out way too long for me. Then he and Lynn hook up suddenly, bam everything is great.

I understood Ryan's struggle, well other than his whoring around, but it just made him seem like a wimp. I can understand how he felt being forced into a situation he never wanted but man up about it. I still liked him but he was nowhere near the man his brother was in his book. I liked him and Lynn together although I didn't feel anything when I read this one like I did with Sean and Beth.

One thing I did feel was like jumping in my Kindle and stabbing Courtney repeatedly. For the love you selfish twat can you not do the one simple thing Sean asks and stay away! I mean call, send cards, send letters but stop being an obnoxious meddling twat.

I hated Derk in this one until he somewhat redeemed himself at the end. But with what is sure to be enough Courtney to make me want to gauge my eyes out as well as some mentions of his story having a "not traditional HEA", after this one I think I will hold off and maybe come back to it. I have had all that is the character of Courtney I can stand after these two and the only way I think I will ever like Derk is if he ends up with the wife, picket fence, and at the very least a dog (I am fine with no kids) but short of that I don't think I will care about his story at all. I was really excited about this series but I am thinking the first book is the only one that will be a read I truly enjoy.

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## **Lena says**

ARC provided courtesy of The Book Gurus. This review also appears at <http://words.blank-stare.com>.

Unexpected Love is the second installment in Clipper's "Love Series." As far as I can tell, the series revolves around a group of cousins in the Millen family. Close-knit to a fault, the family is filled with ex-military alpha males who protect the women in their families at all costs. This book in particular focuses on Ryan Millen, a playboy whose life is turned upside down when he unexpectedly becomes a father overnight. Financially strapped Lynn enters his life and the two find a seemingly mutually beneficial arrangement around the care of his son newborn son Brady.

I think this is a great book for readers who enjoy romances filled with Alpha males and/or military-types. Every single man in this book is imposing and aggressive, bordering on overbearing. The women in the book seem to enjoy that so it works. But if that's not your thing ... Unexpected Love may not suit your fancy. Regardless of personality type, the guys in the book mean well and Clipper does a good job of pairing them with women who balance them out and in some cases go toe-to-toe with them. The author also manages to highlight the value of loyalty and family throughout. She captures the love that the couples have within their relationships, though that often looks different from one to the next.

The story is an interesting read, but there are a few issues I ran into that kept me from really enjoying it. First, I struggled with the plot. I didn't find Ryan's growth entirely realistic, and Lynn was more at his beck and call than in charge of her own decisions. While the sentiment behind their actions seemed genuine, they didn't seem very likely to happen at the pace the author presents them. I also felt the plot created new obstacles and resolved them at a rushed pace. It's as if the loose ends were tied up simply to be able to get to a new obstacle. I also found the grammatical errors frustrating, although not overtaking. A re-edit would resolve the issues easily.

The treatment/development of cursory characters left a lot to be desired. While a significant amount of development wasn't necessary for Brady's mother Katey or Lynn's ex-boyfriend Robert, their roles in the plot are undeniable. I felt Katey's reappearance was unrealistically sudden and its resolution left me wanting more. The same can be said for Robert's initial presence and exit. I would have appreciated a more fleshed-out handling of how these two fit into the story, rather than something that felt rushed to pull or push them out of the storyline.

This book can be read as a standalone, but I don't recommend doing so. It is very clear that in order to understand the complex relationships and references in Unexpected Love, you need to know the back-story of the other couples, namely Sean and Beth and Darren and Courtney. I found myself getting frustrated because I wanted to understand the nuances of character behaviors, responses and descriptions of previous events. I hoped they'd be addressed in this book, but they weren't. After doing my own research and seeing there are at least 4 books prior to this one that tell the stories of all of the characters, I will make an effort to read those before moving on to another book in the "Love Series."

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## **Joanne Swinney says**

I knew from book one in this series that I was going to be hooked. I couldn't wait to continue reading about the other characters in, The Love Series.

I would say that you could read each book as a standalone because each story is based around one of the main characters, but to enjoy the full experience of this fantastic storytelling series, I would advise starting at

the beginning. There's no better way to live, and breathe each character as you take their journey with them.

This book is about Ryan Millen, the twin brother of Sean who I read about in book one. God, I just knew his story was going to be swoon worthy.

Ryan's life is literally turned upside down. I wasn't sure how he was going to go from playboy to family man since his record of past relationships was full of one night stands. No ties, just simple fun going from one partner to another.

Ryan's story is compelling, the need to know what happens next makes for a great page turner. Everyone deals with situations, and events in their lives differently. When you have a strong family, support system like Ryan's who will not let him neglect his responsibilities it makes, Ryan's life that much more difficult.

Lynn is on the right place at the right time some might say. Her brother, and cousin who already work for the Murphy's, Ryan and Sean's cousin would disagree. Entering the Murphy family can be dangerous. If you haven't had a family though, and desperately want to be part of something more it's a risk many would take.

Lynn and Ryan both seek something neither can really admit to needing. Relationships are never without certain complications, and Ryan most definitely has complications in his life.

Danger, love, amazing sex. This story has it all. I would definitely recommend you read this series.

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### **DemetraP says**

It was just ok. I give the author credit for writing a book about a baby and having most of the book take place with bottles and diaper changes and screaming fits.

The heroine is the baby's nanny.

Overall, I didn't like the plotline. It needed romance.

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### **Alex ? says**

2 stars only because I liked the heroine

He was eww & meh ?

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### **BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says**

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When an opportunity sits in front of Lynn that she can't refuse, unexpected things happen that change the lives of those involved.

\*I can't believe how smoothly the words flow throughout this book. This is the first thing I have ever read by Casey and I have to say she is an awesome author. I loved all the characters. I noticed all the characters have a story to tell and I can't wait to find out what those stories are. It seems all the secondary characters were just as important to the story as the main characters. I loved that. This story is also fast paced but you're not left wondering what's going on.

At first I didn't like Ryan and his reactions to things that he didn't like. I really liked watching him "grow up" and become the father he should have started out to be. I absolutely fell in love with Lynn. She is not afraid to put any man in his place and she is smart and very witty. What a perfect female character to the playboy manwhore that Ryan is. I will definitely be reading more from Casey Clipper. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Jackie's Book Review says**

Ryan Millen life is about to have a 360 degree turn happen to him in a matter of an announcement. Yep it's not something that the notorious playboy ever expected...Fatherhood. Now Ryan's world is completely turned upside down and Ryan is screwed. Ryan's one night fling wants to put his baby up for adoption, not so with Ryan.

Lynn is struggling to just make it while her ex dumped her and she can't afford to pay her bills while trying to finish up nursing school. While looking for a job she becomes Ryan's son's nurse to help with her dilemma and Ryan's.

Both Ryan and Lynn have a turn of events that have happened to them and the question is can they both accept how their cards were dealt. There is a relationship the grows with them but not with out the questions and answers that lay ahead.

This is not a cushiony love story, it is a story of rearrangement and change for the main characters. The author has written the storyline to flow with events that take place with Ryan and Lynn very well.

Good and Enjoyable Read!

## **Imani says**

It's just a pet peeve of mine when characters from a former book are too involved in the story line. Saw way too much of Sean and his wife and their opinions and everybody else's damn opinion on Ryan's situation and I was only at the beginning of the story.

So yeah I didn't finish it cause I was tired of seeing all these other people and I didn't find them likable.

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## **Donna says**

Ryan Millen is a NICU nurse, former Navy Seal, and confirmed bachelor. He loves taking care of the fragile newborns but doesn't want any kids of his own. When a woman giving birth declares Ryan is the father and she is giving the baby up for adoption, Ryan has to face the responsibilities of being a single dad. Enter Lynn, an R who can't find a job in a saturated market. She becomes Brady's nanny and immediately falls in love with him. Who wouldn't fall in love with a precious baby. Trouble is, Ryan and Lynn develop feelings for each other but neither believes it is a good idea to act upon those feelings. Can they get past their misgivings and find their HEA?

This is another HOT, sexy couple who I thought would cause my ereader to overheat!! They don't simply create sparks-- they cause a fire!! I love Lynn's sassy attitude. It is a perfect match for Ryan's fun-loving ways. I loved how Lynn didn't hold back when she told Ryan off concerning his behavior and his attitude toward Brady.

I was very pleased to see Ryan struggling, both physically and emotionally, with his role as daddy. I feel his behavior was right on the mark. Realistic. Granted, not all men would have the same reactions Ryan did. Some men want to have kids. Ryan didn't. I applaud Casey Clipper for the way she wrote their relationship. I won't spoil it but I loved the outfits. You'll understand when you read it. So cute!

I was hooked from the first page to the last. Couldn't put it down. All the characters are complex and well-developed. Did I mention the sex is Hot? Well, it is. Not too graphic, which I like. I most definitely recommend you read Unexpected Love. Actually, the entire Love Series. They are all interconnected but are stand-alone stories.

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## **Amy says**

Unexpected Love (The Love Series Book 2) Kindle Edition

This second book in the Love Series by Casey Clipper was just as good as the first, maybe better.

In this book we follow Ryan Millen, Sean's brother. He's a love them and leave them guy, through and through. Adjusting to Sean and Beth's new love is hard for him to take, but he knows he only wants one night stands and no commitment. Once again, what you want and what you get are sometimes 2 totally different things.

Lynn, trying to hold it together long enough to pay her bills, vowed to never rely on a man again, especially since her ex left her high and dry with no job, no money and all the bills. She turns to her brother Russ, who

just happens to be the “mannie” to the head of the mob.

When Ryan ends up with a small situation and needs helping hands, Russ calls on his sister. She needs a job and Ryan desperately needs a level headed adult to help him through. Thrown together by fate, they are going to find out they really need each other.

Another home run by Casey! This series is starting to get darker and more involved in the mob aspect of the plot. I loved this story. The twists that Casey brings to her characters make them real and relatable.

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## **Gemma Weir says**

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3.5 Stars

Unexpected Love is part of the Love Series, it's the first book I have read by Casey Clipper and I was lucky enough to have been gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review so here goes...

This book is a standalone and although it's not essentially I think I would have enjoyed it more if I had read the previous books in the series. The other couples that are seen in this book definitely have back stories and I felt a bit out of the loop for not understanding their histories.

I like Ryan he's a complex character as I this book we see two completely different sides of him. I actually really loved player Ryan and I don't feel like we go to see enough of light-hearted Ryan before his life changed dramatically.

Lynn is a really sweet girl she seemed much younger than the age she's supposed to be but I loved that she was both innocent and yet could throw a punch.

Seriously who the hell is Derrick??? And what happened between Sean and Courtney???

The story was two extremes either slightly slow or breakneck quick, I enjoyed the drama but I would have loved to see more of Ryan and Lynn's romance. I feel like he needed to try a bit harder than just jumping her.

What happened to Robert???

I enjoyed this book but I think I would have loved it if I was privy to more info about the other characters. Yes this book was about Ryan and Lynn but Sean, Beth, Derrick and Courtney featured heavily and not having any idea what happened between these couple left me feeling a bit disconnected.

This is entirely my fault for starting a series midway through but unfortunately it did affect my enjoyment of this book so it gets 3.5 stars from me.

