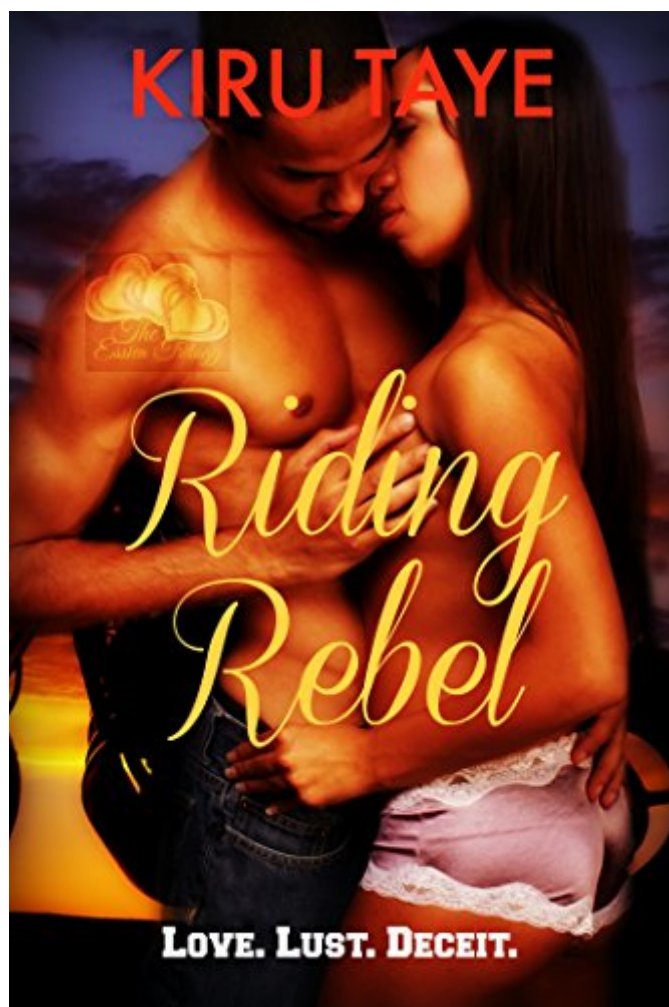


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Synopsis

Seen as the rebel Essien, Tony has always felt like an outsider. With a daredevil lifestyle, he's more at home in leathers than in a suit, and more likely to be seen gracing the red carpets at a movie premiere with a starlet draped on his arms than in a boardroom. Still, he's determined to prove himself to his family and build a successful movie business. Spotting Rita Dike at an event, he sees the potential star of his new movie and his next pleasure conquest. Rita is a journalist looking for her big break. When she inherits the journal of a late friend which claims Tony is not an Essien through the hands of her boss, a man with a shady past, Rita spots the perfect scoop. Her acting classes come in handy when she has to pose as an actress to get closer to Tony. Succumbing to the charms of dark and brooding Tony might just be the only way to get through the close ranks of the Essien family. But as she gets closer to the truth, Rita risks losing the riding rebel who's raided her heart. Can love heal hearts or will deceit break them?

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Customer Reviews

I love the Essien family!! Tony and Rita's story was hot, funny and definitely worth the wait!! I thought Felix was the man but Tony was too hot for his own good!! I have fell in love with the writing

of Kiru Taye and I would recommend this book and all others by her!! Can't wait to read more from this family and the author!! :)

Tony grew up privileged, but had no clear life direction or plan. This lack of vision caused him massive (borrowed this from the story lol) pain and suffering. It also closed hardened his heart. Tony thought using and dogging groupies was the way to go until he came across Rita. Rita was a struggling professional who was trying to do the right thing, but her naïveté low self-esteem made it easy for her to be mistreated. The two lost souls are able to connect on the same level of vulnerability, which is a beautiful thing. Be ready for a roller coaster ride with this one. Strong language, sometimes harsh -- it fits the storyline though.

I couldn't wait for the third installment of The Essien Trilogy. I knew it would be passionate, dramatic and a hang onto your seat type of story. I wasn't disappointed. To be honest I didn't like Tony when I first met him in this book. Sure I found him sexy as hell, but his arrogance and live-life-for-himself manner, annoyed me. Everything changed during one scene where he came to Rita's defense. The more I got to know the real Tony, the more I liked him. One thing I appreciated about the heroine, Rita, was that when it was time to be strong she was. This story had the steamiest sex scenes of the whole trilogy and yet the heart of it shone through ensuring that it maintained balance.

This is my first book by the author so I didn't know what to expect. I didn't even know there was 2 other books in the series until now. Anyway, I really liked this book. It gave you a hint of a different culture along with the evilness that goes with it. This book gave you a hint of mystery, deceit and a romance. While I wasn't crazy for her reason to meet Tony, she did get to know him on a personal level and form a bond with him. It was dirty of her boss to even plan this but that's what happens when jealousy rules your life. This book kept my attention from beginning to end and the flow was so so good. I can't wait to read more from this author. Reviewed by: Amy

This is the third book in the series and I enjoyed this one the most. Tony is complex and on a different plane than his brothers. I love the way he verbalizes his feelings for Rita. I'm fascinated with the culture and the family dynamics. I do feel the Rita is a bit naive. and too quick to give up information. I'm glad that Kris Petersen got his just rewards in the end.

I love the Essien clan. The entire series is gripping. I'm in the middle of Kola right now and can't put it down. The entire series will have you turning the pages at a fast pace. I can't wait to see how each story ends. I highly recommend the entire Essian series.

Riding Rebel by Kiru Taye, is the last installment in The Essien Trilogy. This book told the story of Tony, the youngest of Chief Essien's sons. In the first two books we got a glimpse at the family dynamics among the three sons, Felix, Mark and Tony and their parents Chief and Angela. These dynamics were crucial to the plot of this book. To discover the troubled past of Tony and how it is directly related to his position in the family and his attempt to live up to their expectations, without losing himself, was the main point of the book. This book definitely did not make me like Angela, Mark and Tony's mother, any more. I did not like her in Making Scandal and definitely do not like her character after reading this book. The way she treated Rita, Tony's love interest, just like the way she treated Faith, shows that she herself was a gold-digger and expects all women to act like her. As I felt when reading the first two installments, I loved how Ms. Taye infused Nigerian and some other African cultures into the book. From some of the language, to the village marriage customs, to meals, it made this book more authentic. I use the term authentic because most books I read are written by American authors, or in an attempt to portray an American reality. Ms. Taye is Nigerian and writes her books from that reality. This perspective allows her readers to see a glimpse of another world, but not a made up fantasy. The only part I did not enjoy was the handling of the rape. I felt it was glossed over and did not accurately portray how the woman would have reacted after the fact. This book is part of a trilogy and is best read in order with the other two. -Reviewed by Selina

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