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The long-awaited sixth installment of Laura Antoniou's Marketplace series!

When last we saw Chris Parker, he had been bought by master trainer Tetsuo Sakai and was blissfully ensconced in Japan under Tetsuo's wonderfully sadistic boot. And here we join Robin Cassidy, now contentedly serving a slave contract for a rich Chicago businessman. But the Marketplace is shaken when a new Trainer of Trainers must be anointed and the resulting machinations and clashing loyalties threaten to tear their world apart. Everyone has a stake in the outcome and Chris Parker is about to find out who is with him and who is against him.

Richly told, interconnecting threads of Parker's previously unseen past with his complicated present, The Inheritor also weaves in the narratives of many favorite Marketplace characters, including Robin, Ken Mandarin, Ron Avidon, and features appearances by many more, including Jiro, Rachel, Michael, and Grendel.

The Inheritor Details

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Danny Tyran says

Laura is better from book to book. This one allowed us to catch up with our good old friends (her previous books' characters) and discover some interesting new ones too.

I totally love Ms. Antoniou's vision of Domination/submission. It's more focused on duty, honor and service than on eroticism, although, having erotica in its keywords, there are sex in this novel as in the previous ones.

I particularly liked the interaction between Chris and his Japanese master Tetsuo Sakai. And I loved the way "Mr. Parker" (view spoiler).

This book made me think about many important things, cry, laugh and feel a lot of other emotions.

Robin? Is she not delectable? I'd buy her. ;)

Laura lets us foresee a sequel. I hope so much that there will be soon a book 7 in the Marketplace series !!! In the meantime, I will read it all over again.

The only wrong note is that there are many typos. By the way, in French, the female form of "my little kitten" is "*ma petite chatte*", NOT "ma petite chat". There are other mistakes in the French sentences. Maybe Ms. Antoniou should find a beta... reader, of course, or a *slave-editor*. ;) But the book is so great that I chose not to "punish" her, so I didn't remove one star.

I strongly encourage you to read this novel, but first start with the previous ones, otherwise you would not live as intensely all the emotions triggered by this story.

Michelle says

I laughed, I cried, I cared. The characters we've come to love continue to grow and have new experiences. The sex scenes are passionate and beautifully written, but even they provide information about the story's progression. Erotica at its finest.

Seraphina says

I absolutely love Laura's writing style. And this book was so long in coming, but worth the wait!

So many of my favorite characters were back to their old tricks. And some new ones. And, my goodness, did my heart break a couple of times. But it was worth it.

Amy K says

After reading the previous Marketplace books this one will rip out your heart and nail it to the wall. And you'll enjoy every moment of it.

Theresa Glover says

We all read smut. There's no reason to deny it. But there's no reason to read bad smut when there is intelligent, well-written, complex, and engaging erotica like this on the market. Just because something sells a bajillion copies doesn't make it good. Quality matters, and what makes a good book, regardless of genre, is good writing. Laura Antoniou is a respected member of the BDSM community and clearly busts her ass to write a damned good book. I read the first Marketplace books (The Marketplace, The Slave and The Trainer) back in the 90's, and I loved them then. Since that time, Antoniou has continued the Chronicles of Chris and Robin (my unofficial title) through 3 more books (The Academy, The Reunion and The Inheritor). I was fortunate enough to have an opportunity to meet the author in 2015 and started re-reading the series then. Due to (reasons), I wasn't able to finish at the time, but have finally finished the last two books this year. Like many fans have already howled about, there are some seriously gut-wrenching moments in the last book, but it is a satisfying, gratifying, earned and well crafted end to a fantastic series. I highly recommend getting this series on audiobook because the voice talent embellishes the high quality of writing with a gloriously dignified and sophisticated accent. Besides, who doesn't like hearing graphic sex scenes read in a wonderfully prissy British accent?

Tequila says

I love this book. I hate that it's over, but I love how it ended. While I am hoping for more books in The Marketplace series, if there isn't, I am 100% satisfied with the way the series has ended. If you have read and enjoyed this series, you must read this book!

Sévérin Grimm says

Oh, Laura! How much I love this series!! Please, give us book 7 soon.

Laura gave exactly the perfect mixture of everything I love in a Master/slave life and of the Marketplace's developments. I never have enough of Chris' drama.

The Romance Evangelist says

If you're a fan of The Marketplace, this book is a must-read. I'm so glad I contributed to the Kickstarter so I didn't have to wait!

Michelle says

All I can say is WOW! The series could end here but I sure hope not. I laughed, cried, and thought 'what the hell'. It is all in this book.

Effie says

Laura Antoniou has done it again! As if *The Marketplace* series is not enthralling enough, she gives us *The Inheritor*, the sixth book in the series, and she shatters the boundaries of the imaginary bar to which authors so vehemently aspire.

The Inheritor brings the characters from the rest of *The Marketplace* books together so we, the readers, can glimpse the paths their lives have taken, whether they are in service or are providing those who serve. The book is necessarily lengthy so Antoniou can weave their individual stories together, and for that I am grateful because I did not want this book to end. Like many of her characters, I was enslaved, sated, and I yearned for more.

As I refer to *The Inheritor*, my admiration extends to the series as a whole. What is normally an inhumane concept—what? A slave market? People owned like property, subjected to the whims and dark desires of owners as their Masters and Mistresses?—evolves into a truly emotional and deep-seated need for certain individuals to serve others and achieve happiness while performing the different levels of service.

Duty. Honour. Service. All of the respected participants in the Marketplace, whether they are trainers, owners, or slaves, hold these values in the highest esteem. This is amplified in *The Inheritor*, where the intricate character and plot development embody such angst because of the return of the prominent characters in the series and the strategically placed crises they face. We see Robin Cassidy's need, hope, and love for lifelong service to her Master, and the weighty, impossible dilemmas placed squarely on the shoulders of (my) series favourite, Chris Parker, jump out of the pages and delve into our hearts. Chris's anguish, in particular, is crushing while he revisits the memories of the defining moments in his life, as they lead him on his destined path, and the empathy for his plight is palpable as he grapples with his true desires and profound respect for duty. It is truly the tender moments in his life, in his relationships, that highlight what a special man he is to all.

While *The Inheritor* is moving and inspiring, I would be remiss if I did not mention the inherently erotic nature of the book. Although much of its kinky content and flagrant sexuality may be shocking for some, Antoniou pushes readers beyond the physical to focus on the psychological, spiritual, and emotional aspects of *The Marketplace* world. It is a place that accepts people for who they are—all sexualities, all races, all kinks, all flavours—while enforcing its own moral code before allowing individuals entry. Make no mistake here: the people in the Marketplace are adults and they enter willingly. Duty, honour, service, as well as sacrifice, are stalwart pillars of the Marketplace society. Built on tradition, values and rules, it is a fictional society with its own niche in a complex world. My only hope now is that a seventh book is already in the works.

The Inheritor is a wonderful installment to *The Marketplace* series. I absolutely recommend the entire series

to all readers who enjoy erotica and a finely crafted story; everyone should experience Laura Antoniou's exceptional writing. When readers reach *The Inheritor*, they will not be able to put it down because of her incredible characters and their extraordinarily different lives.

Gina says

Patience paid off - and this was the best in the Series!

No spoilers here - but the story has it all!!

You laugh, you mourn, you feel! Hurt, pain, joy, pleasure, depression, heartbreak, disappointment, excitement, awe, humor, love, hate, and sympathy - it's all there for the reader to experience and appreciate! And Laura has once again displayed her uncanny talent to weave real world politics and power plays into a fantasy world based in power and dominance and submission.

There are social, religious, cultural, sexual and psychological themes most don't understand skillfully explained, and framed by Chris Parker's personal journey and how it is affected by, and affects those around him.

Discoveries and revelations abound! Old friends and new acquaintances, memories and future events are all there for the reader's appreciation - leaving you eagerly guessing what's next - not only through this story - but hopefully in the next !!

there will be a next - right???

Byrdie says

I'm really glad that I got the Kickstarter edition of this book, because I think I've been waiting for it for almost seven years. I'm not sure if this installment is meant to finish the series, but it well could. Nicely played.

Deanna says

Finally finished *The Inheritor* by Laura Antoniou last night while walking the treadmill at the gym. LOVE the book. My reaction when it said, "This has been an Audible recording..." NO! NO! NO! It CAN NOT be the end! What about ____ and then, I want to hear the rest of the conversation Chris is having with ____, and What are ____ and ____ really up to?

Cliffhanger! It was a Cliffhanger! Do we need to have another Kickstarter so Laura won't have a single financial worry while she writes the next one? How can I help? I am in withdrawal! I love you Laura! You make my (fantasy) life wonderful! Guess I will just start back at the beginning of the series again and listen for details I missed before and wait patiently for my Kickstarter stuff.

Sévérin Grimm says

Wow! What a book! I loved it. I would certainly re-read it one day. This is what I call intelligent BDSM. And that's not only sex and SM. The characters are flesh and blood, and vibrant. A must read!

Thanks to Danny Tyran who suggested this book to me. :)

Amy Shannon says

Totally Amazing

I have read every one of the Books in The Marketplace series. I am a big fan of Chris Parker and his journey of finding himself and being who he really wanted ... a slave who serves. now being faced with a new task that he needs to decide to overland lose his current life or disobey and lose an entire legacy. Entering the world of the marketplace of consensual sexual slavery and how it's explored. These stories are no longer taboo but an open mind is required. I love how this also touches on the stories of those characters who were in the other books. If there are any more stories to follow, I will definitely be reading it. Absolutely loved this.
