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## Jessica Figueroa says

Armstrong is assigned to a new partner Danni who is on a mission to take down a trafficking ring that went after her sister. She refuses to let anything get in her way even her new attractive partner Armstrong and he can either help out and stay at the sidelines or get out of her way but she will do everything in her power to go undercover and take down this ring

I loved how strong willed Danni was as a character. She didn't back down when others wanted her to back off. She was actually a bit bull headed about things charging in a not meaning to cause a bit of trouble with how she did things. I also loved that even though Armstrong didn't like the way she handled things he did make sure to stick around and make sure that his partner was safe because she's not willing to back down and he wants to be there for her. I also loved the connection between the two and that the relationship that they seemed to be forming didn't get in the way of the case that they were doing. I loved that Armstrong was also there to ground her and to not focus on work so much and to relax and slow things down a bit. Overall I thought that this book was pretty good I really enjoyed it.

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## Teresa Woodard says

I really liked this romantic suspense. Straight from the headlines crime paired with honest mature characters. I can't wait to meet more of the Black family. Trigger warning for sexual violence themes.

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## Shone says

Once again Ms. Mello has combined two serious subjects added a dash of romance giving us a great story. There are times when you are trusting a character, then in the next scene you are shaking your head saying oh no! A great mixture of mystery, suspense, and romance the story keeps you turning the pages to see what's next.

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## Lynn Spencer says

I've enjoyed some of Deborah Fletcher Mello's novels for Kimani, so when I saw her starting a new series with Harlequin Romantic Suspense, I picked up **Seduced by the Badge** on a whim. While it has a few uneven spots, the book is still very readable, and I enjoyed this author's jump from contemporary romance to romantic suspense.

Set in Chicago, the novel features Armstrong Black, a detective who is part of a joint task force investigating murders that appear to be tied to organized crime and human trafficking. Black is part of a respected Chicago family whose members work throughout law and law enforcement in the city. One gets the feeling that other members of the family may feature in future books, so I found myself reading with an eye toward who I'd like to know more about in later installments.

As the book opens, Armstrong learns of a new killing that may be related to his investigation and also learns that he has a new detective from Atlanta joining his task force. Danni Winstead has called in every favor she can think of to catch this assignment, not only because she has been working on crimes that may be related, but also because she believes that this investigation holds the key to figuring out who was behind a vicious attack on her sister.

Sparks fly between Armstrong and Danni right away. As the story developed, I found myself enjoying the interplay between them and looking forward to the rest of the book – which is always a good sign. It takes a little longer to get to know Danni, but right off the bat one can tell that Armstrong is confident and comfortable in his own skin, qualities that make him a likeable hero. Much is made throughout of the fact that Danni looks much younger than her actual age, but to the author's credit, this does not go in the creepy direction that one sometimes finds in older romance novels where we are hit over the head with heroes fetishizing the heroine's childlike appearance. In this book, Danni's apparent youth comes into play more as a friendly joke or as a way for her to infiltrate a trafficking ring that preys upon young girls.

This is a partial review. You can find the complete text at All About Romance:  
<https://allaboutromance.com/book-revi...>

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### **Angela Anderson says**

Seduced by the Badge is an amazing read and great introduction to the Black family of the To Serve and Seduce series. I thoroughly enjoyed every page so much, I did not want to put this page-turner down. From the moment Chicago Detective Armstrong Black met Atlanta Detective Danielle "Danni" Winstead, they clicked and fell in sync. However, there is hesitancy due to the badge and a common goal to take down the bad guys behind a string of murders and sex trafficking that has hit close to home for Detective Winstead. They are both determined to bring down the bad guys all while trying to keep their feelings in check and dance to the tune of the badge instead of the true tune of their hearts. They must learn to trust one another and speak the same language. Seduce by the Badge has a level of mystery and suspense so intense that it keeps you hanging on to the last word of every page and turning with anticipation of what's to come next. It has the right touch of twist and turns and of course romance that brings it all home for a romantic suspense.

Deborah Fletcher Mello did a wonderful job in book one with the characterization of the characters, especially the Black family. You feel connected to them like you know them and they are a part of your family. She takes you on a journey as Detective Black and Detective Winstead attempt to unfold and solve their case. I love Armstrong and Danni's story. You will find yourself piecing the puzzle pieces together, solving the case with them, all while rooting for their love. I look forward to the next book in this series.

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### **Love2readtoo says**

I really enjoyed reading this new series by Deborah F. Mello. The storyline was good, the main characters were good and developed as well as all of the secondary characters. The topic was very relevant and the story flowed smoothly. It kept my attention the entire story. I would recommend that you put this story on your books to read list.

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## Debra says

Read this ARC. Totally enjoyed the story. Danni & Armstrong worked great together. The story kept you guessing and brought light to an issue that's becoming more prevalent in our society. Looking forward to the next installment. Great job!

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## Tikia says

### Good read!

It lacked some of the romance I was looking for being that I have read more of this Author's books it just did not hit home for me. It just seemed like the relationship was... I don't know how to explain it. I would have liked it more if Danni and Armstrong had more of a getting to know each other phase. Overall good book.

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## Natalya | TheIslandReader says

I was invested in the suspense and while I figured out most of it pretty early on, I liked seeing how Deborah got us there. I was rooting for the secondary characters and hoping that they would get the endings they deserved. It wasn't necessarily nail-biting for me, but I was definitely interested.

Now while I loved the suspense, the romance left a bit to be desired for me. I got that Armstrong and Danni liked each other but I didn't really feel anything deeper. The chemistry was pretty tame. I felt like their attraction was on simmer throughout the whole book and I wanted to kick it up a few notches. It never got hot in the kitchen, so to speak. They progressed a little bit toward the end but I wasn't as emotionally invested in the two of them by that time.

If you're looking for a solid suspense novel with a sprinkle of attraction, I think *Seduced by the Badge* is a solid option to satisfy the need.

**\*\*I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.\*\***

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## Dj says

Sworn to protect, tempted by desire...Chicago (detective) Armstrong Black follows the rules—his rules. When he's assigned to partner with an Atlanta (detective) who's hell-bent on bringing down criminals who targeted and abducted her sister, he's determined to stay in control. But stunning Danni Winstead is all blazing temper and sweet temptation. Working with her tests Armstrong's restraint; trusting her could put them both in fatal jeopardy...She goes undercover, posing as a teen, with sex-trafficking ring. Discovering who the cleverly shady boss who is really in charge is challenges them all until the very end Danni knows 12 languages and hears a name when they interrogate the Czech man who kidnapped her sibling. Information

from the party at the community mom's house gives them information they need to start the search. Danni sneaks off alone and finds herself ensconced in the life easily.

i generally don't read suspense, but i know Mello's work as an author and couldn't pass up a chance to read another one of her books. i was not disappointed. anxiously awaiting the next book in the series

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### **SHIRLEY JONES says**

Suspense, drama,murder,mystery and romance! What do you do when you fall for the wrong guy ( your partner ),make a new friend(who might have dangerous secrets) and have a crime to solve? If you are Danni Winstead and your partner is Armstrong Black,you come out on top! Deborah Mello introduces us to a new family and I can't wait to meet the rest of the Blacks!

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### **Karen Taylor says**

#### **Awesome**

This was my first book that I read by this Author. I was flawed by this book! The story was amazing from the beginning to the end. Hot from the first page. Awesome, hot, exciting, family and love. I will be buying more books from her.

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### **Hazel Robinson says**

#### **Very Good**

Had me guessing, I thought I had figured out who the bad guy was. This book had one thing I didn't see coming. A crooked cop. Cannot wait for the next story about the Black Family. One other thing I liked about this book was they didn't jump into bed on page two?, they made it all the way to the end of the book before they had sex. I have enjoyed this author for years, Good Job

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### **Cassandra Baker-Durham says**

Loved Danni and Armstrong story. Danni was so stubborn and bullheaded and kept Armstrong on his toes throughout the book. I wanted to smack her a time or two. Poor Armstrong was gone before he ever knew what hit him. Loved this story and can't wait to read more.

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### **Monica \*\*can't read fast enough\*\* says**

**3 1/2 stars**

If you are looking for a solid romantic suspense story to pick up for the summer that will keep you turning the pages, then go grab a copy of Mello's *Seduced By The Badge*. This is my first Mello story and I was happy to discover that she has a clear and straight forward writing style. *Seduced By The Badge* is more focused on story and character development than on just the burgeoning romance between Danni and Armstrong. There's no eye roll inducing cat and mouse games between the main couple, their romantic relationship develops in a very modern and realistic way. I will admit that I usually enjoy a bit of drama and tension between the main couple of a romance story, but this being romantic suspense made the fact that romance and heated encounters took more of a secondary role just fine with me. This isn't a hot and heavy romance, it's a good story with a romantic thread.

I appreciated that Armstrong isn't trying to solve things for Danni or trying to save her from herself or anyone else. He sees her for what she is, a capable and driven professional, and from the beginning he respects her abilities and backs her up instead of stepping out in front of her. Danni is not written as overbearing or hyper sensitive with a chip on her shoulder, which was great. That's not to say that she isn't aware of or even annoyed by the challenges that she faces as a woman in a male dominated career, but that she faces the challenges and annoyances in a way that I liked.

This being the first book in a series, we also get glimpses into the personalities and possible future stories involving the large Black family. I am looking forward to continuing this series as well as grabbing some of Mellos earlier books. I have definitely been missing out on some good writing.

**\*\*I requested and received an ARC of *Seduced By The Badge* in exchange for an honest review.\*\***

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