



# Lynne Constantine pens short story “The Deception”

REVIEW

“The Deception”: A Short Story Character Prequel to Circle Dance

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Lynne Constantine and her sister Valerie created some incredibly engaging characters in “Circle Dance,” (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform) and we’re left clamoring for more. Lynne is back with her own prequel to “Circle Dance,” called “The Deception,” describing Stewart’s introduction to the Parsenis Family.

Fresh out of Stanford grad school and at a conference, incredibly pompous and conning Stewart Elliott is bored out of his mind and ready to walk out. Then he hears an announcement: something about staying to learn how to “ignite your passion.” He’s intrigued and sticks around. The speaker is Nick Parsenis, successful real estate developer, proud Greek American and loving family man. Stewart quickly Googles Parsenis and decides this is his next victim: a successful entrepreneur that he can

learn from—and manipulate to get whatever he wants.

Stewart takes the opportunity to meet Nick afterward and turns on the charm. He practically has a job before the end of the conversation. Now to claw his way to the top—and one of Nick’s beautiful, young and naïve daughters may be the easy route.

Our resident louse gives quite a performance, and Nick takes him under his wing. Soon, he meets Nick’s daughter Theodora, and sweeps her off her feet. She’s still in college, so Nick gives Stewart a friendly piece of advice: slow down until she finishes school. Undeterred, Stewart hatches a plot to deceive the entire family, cementing Theodora’s love and commitment, and Nick’s devotion to him.

As we saw in “The Betrayal,” Stewart was a manipulator from his younger days. As he gets older, he masters his craft. The Parsenis Family have become our friends. We care about them, and get so angry for Theodora and what’s to come. Stewart will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

Together, the Constantine sisters have developed this family who we’ve become so

connected with, we can’t get enough of them. Separately, they have crafted beautifully written stories giving us a glimpse into Stewart’s past and how he ingratiated himself into this wonderful family. It’s so well written, we want more.

Apart, they write really good stories, but together, these sisters create magic. I’ll say it again—I hope they’ll come together to compose a full-length prequel. Or even a sequel to “Circle Dance.” We just can’t get enough.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

<b>ACROSS</b>	37 Hunting cry	<b>ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE</b>
1 Sea (Fr.)	39 Polish border river	V A S C F S A S A
4 Amer. Standard Version (abbr.)	41 Family member	P A N E H O T A C M E
7 Inlet	42 Hawaiian fish	P R A C T I C E A H A B
10 Pledge	44 Tag	S A I G U M I A K O T B
11 Social affair	46 Uncle (Scot.)	U T E L E V O
12 Old-fashioned oath	49 Disease (pref.)	M E A S U R E T I N G E
14 Vega (2 words)	51 Immense	A N N A E S P T E A L
16 Concerning (2 words)	53 Joyous	S T A G E P I C A R D Y
17 3 (Rom. numeral)	54 Former cloth measure	S E C Y M A L
18 Pueblo Indian	55 Poultry	U F A U P S E T G O D
20 Office of Economic Development (abbr.)	56 According to (2 words)	S A R I R E N O U N C E
21 Feminine (abbr.)	57 Female ruff	A L C A E A T C A T A
22 Universe (pref.)	58 Guido’s note (2 words)	A A L S R O A R A
24 King of Athens		
28 Plant slip	<b>DOWN</b>	
31 Wings	1 Gardener caste	7 Portuguese coin
32 Twitch	2 Case or box (Fr.)	8 Shame
34 In the past	3 Fluidity unit	9 Rhine tributary
35 Brain ridge	4 Endeavor	10 Fetish
	5 Wither	13 Month abbr.
	6 Seaweed	15 Orkney fisherman’s hut
		19 Distress signal
		21 Noted psychiatrist
		23 Admonish
		24 Insult
		25 Eng. cathedral city
		26 Orgy
		27 Pose
		29 Alas
		30 New (pref.)
		33 Grain beetle larva
		36 Salt (Fr.)
		38 New sugarcane shoot
		40 Blacksnake
		42 Angola (abbr.)
		43 Nut
		45 Tree stump
		46 Ass or donkey (Ger.)
		47 Polynesian spirit
		48 Loop trains
		50 Harem room
		52 Pronoun