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Lucian Marcello is aware of the expectations following him as the oldest son of one of North America's most infamous Cosa Nostra Dons. Family in his world is more than blood and sharing a last name. It's the honor, respect, business, and the life. Being a Capo is just a stepping stone until it's time for him to take on the role of underboss but a chance meeting with her could be the one thing he'd risk it all for.

She is exactly what he didn't know he was looking for.

Jordyn Reese spends her time trying to stay under the radar of a man who wouldn't think twice about killing her. Unwillingly affiliated with a dangerous MC gang, her life is dominated by the men surrounding her and her future rests solely in how useful she can be for them. The last thing she needs is some Mafioso gaining her more unwanted attention from the club.

He is everything she should stay away from but can't.

Notoriously violent when it comes to getting what he wants, Lucian will stop at nothing to make the target on Jordyn's back disappear. But sometimes the worst threats are the ones you can't see until it's too late. The truth behind Lucian's history is about to take center stage in more ways than one, and it'll either save him ... or kill him.

This world leaves everyone a little filthy.

Filthy Marcellos, Book One

Filthy Marcellos: La Cosa Nostra is not just a choice of regime and routine, it's a culture. Born as mafia royalty, the Marcello brothers were raised ingrained with the beliefs and rules of what it meant to be a Mafioso prince. It is for life. Their status is considered a given right. They will always be these people. They will always be Marcellos.

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TeriLyn says

****Lucien generously provided as part of the Complete Collection in exchange for an honest review.****

5 "Love can make a bad man a monster." Stars

I love this writing style of Bethany-Kris. The story here continues much later in time than *Antony* but there's still so much symmetry and continuity from that novella to the story of *Lucien*. As the reader you're privy to a vast, complicated history that resurfaces itself in big ways. The themes of the importance and faith in family and strength are prevalent as this author takes deeper into the web of Marcello family. Lucien Marcello is a dark, complicated man. One for whom finds solace in providing protection to woman who needs it, a woman for whom grabbed his attention at first sight. The connection between Lucien and Jordyn is palpable. She's an outstanding heroine and their passion together gives fully to the reader. I really enjoyed this Mafia love story and can't wait for *Giovanni*.

I plan to review the series as a whole once finished with the Collection.

S.M. West says

4 FILTHY *La Cosa Nostra* STARS

This was a BR with Snow, Sasha and Shanny! It was my first Bethany-Kris read and it was loads of fun! I love getting down and dirty with the mob! And Lucian Marcello was all that and more!

"Being an Italian born Cosa Nostra family was everything when it came to living life as a Marcello. Family. Honor.

God. La famiglia. Onore. Dio.

Greed. Money.

The business.

It all needed to be handled just."

The Marcellos from Antony, the Boss, to his three sons, Lucian, Dante and Giovanni – **"They didn't need to spill a drop of blood to make a point. Magnetic. Intelligent. Bold."** Lucian Marcello is the eldest of the three and also adopted. The son of the Don's deceased best friend.

Lucian is cold and ruthless but also has a tenderness that we only see when he's with Jordyn Reese. Jordyn's born to a young, loose woman whose ambition in life is to have a good time. Jordyn's mother ODs when she's thirteen and she's taken in by the MC, the Sons of Hell.

When Lucian and Jordyn cross paths, it's combustible. These two don't understand it but can't deny it either. So their story begins as they navigate the threats and danger within both their lives while trying to explore and discover their attraction and affection for each other. While Lucian gives Jordyn safety, his protection and love. Jordyn helps Lucian wrestle with his childhood demons and also find peace and love.

“Never before had Jordyn wanted to feel like she was owned by a man. That everything she was, her body, heart, soul, and mind, was only his. Lucian did that to her - *for her.*”

“The kiss is to love what lightning is to thunder...that kind of love is the *colpo di fulmine – the thunderbolt.*”

“Jesus, *Lucian.*”

“Again,” he demanded, grinding harder into her sex, his fingers grabbing tightly to her hips. “My name in your mouth just like that, sweetheart. Like you adore and love me, only me. Like I’m all you need and want.”

Jordyn whimpered low, “You are.”

This was a **fast read filled with action, murder, hot sex and a really sweet and refreshing love story.** While Jordyn had her moments (okay, only 2) where I seriously questioned her thinking, she and Lucian were mature and their relationship development was real with no over the top drama.

Now I need me some more Marcello...Gio's story here I come!

Here are the reviews of my BR beauties:

Principessa Snow

Principessa Sasha

Principessa Shanny

Guest reviewer for SlutSistas Book Blog. For more reviews and blog posts.

Bethany-Kris says

Free everywhere!

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iTunes | <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/id95...>

Kobo | <https://www.kobo.com/ca/en/ebook/filt...>

And if you love audio:

Audible: <http://www.audible.com/pd/Mysteries-T...>

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

3.5 Stars

This was a pretty solid mafia read that I *really* wish I had read two years ago.

"Two years ago" AKA...when the damned book *actually* came out.

Yeah, yeah...what can I say? I'm a little slow on the uptake sometimes.

Wait, wait, hold on....

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REVIEW

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BREAK

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Sorry.

I'm watching my boyfriend Chris Hemsworth in that *Huntsman* sequel/prequel thing and a ~~sex scene~~ moment pivotal to the understanding of the plot just came on.

Hmmmmmm, all done.

Yep, that's right, I took one for the team.

For science.

But anyhotaustrianass, as I was saying.

I wish I had read this book two years ago.

Because two years ago, the the events of this books and the overall tone in general would have would have seemed darker...filthier...just more-ER.

But alas, after reading THIS series, THIS series, and THIS series?

THIS book just seemed so much more tame in comparison.

Regardless, it's all relative and subjective, no?

This may seem darker than those other books in some people's minds, after all.

That said, I did enjoy this one well enough and will most likely continue with the series at some point, especially being that it's available via KU.

Find me at:

Christie«SHBBlogger» says

[the hit attempt (hide spoiler)]

Deborah says

Honestly, not as good as I expected 3.5*

I have mixed feelings about this book, I loved 'Antony' and couldn't wait to start 'Lucian' and it started really well but along the way it became apparent that (for me anyway) something was missing.

While I liked both Lucian and Jordyn (despite one incredibly stupid moment) I just didn't feel their chemistry, there was sex but I didn't feel the heat or the passion.

And while I loved his parents and brothers and the feeling of family I felt the story should have had more, it was obvious from the first attempt who the bad guy was and I know it wasn't supposed to be a surprise I would have preferred it not to be so obvious so early on.

I was all set to continue on with this series but I'm going to take a break before I start 'Giovanni' partly because 'Lucian' wasn't everything I expected and partly because I'm not sure how I'm going to feel about Gio's book since we know beforehand he has issues with alcohol and probably drugs.

Fanny says

Lucian es el primer libro de la saga Filthy Marcellos escrita por Bethany-Kris y narra la historia de Lucian y Jordyn.

Practicamente estaba contando los dias para poder iniciar esta novela, queria terminar algunos libros que ya tenia comenzados para poder dedicarle toda mi atencion a esta historia, y la empece muy motivada, estaba casi segura de que me enamoraria de este romance de mafia y lo hice ... hasta la segunda mitad.

Lucian inicio de una forma impresionante, la trama era atrapante, la pareja protagonista tenia muchisima quimica y la pluma de la autora me estaba resultando muy fluida pero en algun momento de la segunda mitad todo se vino abajo.

La historia perdio esa potencia del principio y se volvio una lectura del monton, sin nada destacable, ademas el ultimo tercio del libro se me hizo muy monotono y repetitivo, despues de eso ya no pude volver a conectar con lo que se narraba, pero lo peor de todo es que ya ni siquiera tenia curiosidad por saber como terminaria.

Objetivamente se que Lucian es una novela mas que aceptable y que esta muy bien narrada pero por alguna razon a lo largo del camino dejo de parecerme tan asombrosa y tampoco ayudo que sintiera como si los protagonistas hubieran tenido una evolucion a peor.

Quizas este es un ligero caso de " no eres tu, soy yo ", ya que como dije, en un comienzo la lectura me estaba encantando, ni siquiera me molesto demasiado que hubiera insta-love, puede que este no fuera el tiempo de leer esta tematica o puede ser debido a un gusto personal, sea lo que sea, Lucian no fue todo lo que imaginaba.

2.75 Estrellas!

Snow says

6 "MY-KIND-OF-MAFIOSO" stars

review to come.

I'm going in...LOL **April 8th**

This was a buddy-read with my guuurls Irish, Shanny (although I call her Shhh) and Suz and it was a total hit for me...

I don't know how to put it mildly, so I'll go straight to the head!

Dear God, I got shot through the heart and he's to blame –

Lucian Marcello (the name itself gives me goose bumps) – Capo, the killer and yet the most gentle and attentive alpha male I have ever met , well had a chance to read about, that is – but he doesn't give **LOVE** a bad name (Bon Jovi just happens to fit in there like ordered) he makes it **WORTH** every pain, every beat, every breath in one's being.

I fell in love the instant I 've met him and he was suddenly in my head looking like this...

but he wasn't a man who gave love easily...and he didn't kiss cause...

“Kissing was so very intimate. Emotional, even. While sex was carnal, kissing was passionate. It filled in an entirely different way. Lovers kissed. It was almost meant to claim someone, to keep them, taste them, and have them for only you in that private way.”

You see, I know exactly how the heroine Jordyn felt through out the whole story cause 100% of the time I wished I was her. LOL Nah, i ain't gonna post my picture here haha, but I would picture her like this ...

cause she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen...

She was a young woman who wasn't aware of her own strength, she was a survivor (had a rough life, mother a junkie and deceased, left in the hands of the MC club - **whose name shall not be mentioned here, cause they were just so pissing me off, I just wanted them...well, dead** - and that vile man, the MC President, Jesus, I don't even wanna spend any of my thoughts on that mother f*cker!- anyway, Jordyn was left at their mercy like some scum, trash to be f*cked and used...well, the f*ck NO!!!)

and this is where Lucian, my/her hero mobster comes in...

well, when they first see each other, it was like a flash of bright light, a vision that kept lingering in his head, torturing him, haunting him...and when he saw her again, his mind was set on her, cause this couldn't be a coincidence...

He saves her, heals her from the horrid consequences of MC members' cruel beating that she took...and he gave her the **ONLY** thing she wanted at that moment from him – **SAFETY**, not asking or demanding anything in return...

“You asked me to give you something,” Lucian continued, not taking his frustrated gaze off hers for a moment. “You needed to be safe, and I’ve done that. That meant to me I needed to make sure you didn’t have to go back to that life at all.

But he was a very complex man, troubled with his own demons of the past, questions of selfdefinition, of total fulfillment and self appreciation under this hard mask of cruel...
he was also deflecting, he was holding himself back...from himself and from her touch, from her body, mind and soul...

“I already told you. I’m not a good man.”

“I don’t want a good man, Lucian,” Jordyn whispered.

“You should. A good man who will give you everything you want, keep you safe, and adore you the way you deserve. You should want that.”

“Funny, isn’t that what you’ve been doing?”

She was broken physically and she thought that matched her from the inside BUT he saw ...

“A female that drives me insane, but you probably don’t even realize it. Skin the color of cream, and eyes like the sky. My hand molds perfectly into the curve of your waist and you fit against my chest beautifully. You smell like peaches. Your laugh is kind of musical. I watch you all the time, wondering if you’re going to change somehow, and you don’t.

And she’s growin strong with him, beside him, for him...emerging into his world, excepting him for who he is and forming the person who she wanted to be to stand strong and proud next to her man. She was sassy and spoke her mind, protecting him and standing as equal in support and love...and was forever grateful for it...

“Thank you.”

Lucian’s dark brow rose. “For what?”

“Keeping your promise and giving me safety. Taking me out of something I couldn’t escape myself.

Being you, I guess.”

“Only for you, bella mia.”

She made me mad at one point but she redeemed herself toward the end and now I can understand why she did what she did...she had to, BUT still she pissed me off!

it was an infatuation at first sight, for all three of us, I guess! LOL

but they could only put it on hold for a small amount of time, the power, the pull was too strong, too carnal... and the resistance was futile...

“What do you want?” he asked her.

Jordyn’s lips ghosted into a smile against his cheek. “Now?”

“No games. Just tell me.”

“You. I want you.”

“Ho bisogno di te. Need, sweetheart. I need you.”

But that is also the unknown territory for both of them...

“You want me to need you.”

“I do,” she agreed softly.

“Good, because I’ve never needed someone, Jordyn. Not once. I’m going to follow your lead with whatever this is.”

“Show me, then. Show me what need is, Lucian.”

And yet there were insecurities rising up and stirring the clear waters...but he was such a man about it, reassuring Jordyn, that she’s all he needs and wants

“Just let me apologize, Jordyn. I don’t want you to be someone else. I don’t need you to be anybody but exactly who you are. Maybe the way I’ve gone about this whole thing has made it seem like it, but I want you for you.

emotionally and physicaly...

"I want you," Lucian ground out through clenched teeth. "On me, soaking me, fucking me like you do."

God, the way he loved her, gentle and soft...

"High above her head, their fingers tangled together against the pillows. Hazel eyes stared into hers as gasping pants turned into rising cries. There was no gimmick to their love-making, no fast and dirty words or fucking. It wasn't needed. Her body responded to his so well without it."

yet hard and passionate...

"For a brief moment, Lucian simply felt her.

"I need you to move," Jordyn said hoarsely. Every muscle in her body felt wound up like a coiled spring ready to snap. "Please, just move."

Lucian laughed deeply. "Are we over gentle, sweetheart?"

"So over. Fuck me."

This is my favorite part in the book (I won't tell what had caused this, but they had to be apart for a while and the need, the love is so vivid in his words and in his touch..., and through out the almost physical, carnal need he still respects her and keeps her safe....I was just swept away...)

"You know I love you, right?"

"Of course."

"Good," Lucian murmured heavily. "Because tonight, I want to fuck you like I don't. If I have to leave tomorrow, I won't be able to touch you for who knows how long. I want you to feel me for days, bella. In you, on you ... my fist in your hair, fingers digging into your sides leaving marks, my teeth on your skin ... everywhere.

I need to know if that's okay," Lucian said quietly, a huskiness saturating his words.

Just bloody hell! What that man did to me! He ruined me for others! LOL and this was my undoing!!!

Lucian's mouth curved with a wicked smirk as he released her nipple. "Hurts, doesn't it? You like a little pain. Tell me what I want to hear, beautiful girl, and we'll really get started."

"Sweetheart, say it."

Jordyn yanked on his hair, giving back that pain and making him look at her.

"I want you to fuck me."

"Christo, sì," Lucian groaned in response.

Such a dangerous man, a merciless, brutal killer, an executor...and somehow she (and me!) felt safe, protected, loved...

"Revenge was sweet.

At two feet away, Lucian's Eagle met the man's forehead, stopping him.

"I told you it'd blow off your face."

It did. Lucian didn't flinch at the after spray of fluid, blood, and matter."

His voice was a command, sharp, clear and impersonal...

"Pull out a gun and I will shoot you," Lucian said loudly. "Move and I will shoot you. Look me in the eyes and I will shoot you. It's pretty fucking simple. The quicker we say what we want to say, and get what we came to get, the faster we'll be gone."

He was brutal, seeking for revenge, cold and eager to protect what was his...

"Where is Will Vetta?" Again, no one answered. Lucian pulled back the trigger and didn't even blink.

"If I can't have Will today, I'll take second best as a prize, Ron. I think we've both earned it."

"I don't want Jordyn," Ron tried to say.

Lucian shrugged. "But Will does. I won't let him have her and you're a damn good example to make."

That effectively ended the conversation for Lucian. And Ron's life.

The story was flowing like the river, the current drew you deeper and further with every stroke...

I was in a movie with some awesome characters, **Antony the Boss** – phenomenal Papa bear of mafia, the true mafioso, cruel, dangerous, commanding like the true Boss should be but justified and caring; **Cecelia – the mafia mother Bee**, as equally determined and caring as her man and those two hot brothers – the youngest reckless, manwhore Capo **Gio (Giovanni)** and elusive, hardcore man **Dante – the underboss**...

there are also characters that made my blood boil from anger and frustration, but since I was not able to do anything about it I just had to turn the pages to see how „my fave people“ would deal with those scums!

I loved **reading and imagining picture perfect in my mind as my new favorite couple hold themselves in action, in banter, in support, in love...and some steam, too...**

„I want the kind of love from a man who knows and notices everything about me. From the silly little things, to the big things, and all the in-betweens...

She didn't want a good man. She wanted her kind of man."

Guuurl, who wouldn't? You lucky bitch! LOL

Yeah, like I said **he's my kind of mafioso, my kind of man, too...** just like this...
?

God, i wish it never ended...

DW says

It was okay. I just didn't love it!!

Sasha elle a.k.a. Mrs. Liam Callahan! says

5 mafia Nutella jars

Who ever says that I'm obsessed with mafia books is so very wrong. Obsession doesn't even begin to describe my relationship with the mafioso men heck I'm not gonna even deny the the fact that I'd share my Nutella with them. And that's where our story starts from though denial and negligence are a few things our main hero knows about but that doesn't mean he doesn't get what he deserves.

Lucian Marcello an all alpha Mafioso. Being Capo means coming from privileged and a powerful family, though that might be partially true about Lucian, let's say this Capo was born to a powerful man but to a secret Mother. Having a father who was a caporegime should mean that young Lucian was mafia royalty but when his mother was his father's mistress, Lucian was forced to be brought up in the streets while hiding his identity until a helping hand comes in the form of Anthony Marcello "The Don". Rescued and loved Lucian's life changed drastically from having nothing and living off garbage to having two loving parents and equally rowdy brothers, Lucian Marcello wasn't only a sexy tattooed Capo but with a heart of gold and truth as his only language kind of man but this Marcello prince was already king .

"Being an Italian, Cosa Nostra born family was everything when it came to living life as a Marcello.

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La famiglia. Onore. Dio.

Greed. Money. The business.

It all needed to be handled".

Life is pretty mundane for Lucian. Business is running smoothly until the MC's create havoc, Lucian and his brother's will set the boundaries straight for the "Sons Of Hell" MC but not before this Marcello gets tongue tied when he finally meets his match in the most unlikely of places, inside a confession box

"Crossing the short distance to the confessional, he grabbed the curtain and tugged to open it.

And promptly froze right where he stood. She was beautiful. Not in the usual, pretty face, clear skin, and bright eyes kind of way.

No, the woman behind the confessional curtain was beautiful in a heart stopping, stunning, and make-your-lungs-ache kind of way".

With Lucian completely struck by lighting our Capo still has to find out who she is but with emotions running high, this fever will take over Lucian's heart , soul and mind.

"B-bella, scusi," Lucian stuttered, apologising for his intrusion and letting the curtain fall closed as his shaking fist returned to his side. "Merda".

Merda exactly, Cue in our beautiful heroine Jordyn Dawn Reese. At 21 jordyn has managed to see some pretty rough situations. After being brought up in the world of MC Sons Of Hell, jordyn isn't safe. The safety she had was snatched away when her then husband who was merely appointed for marriage to give her protection was taken away and now Jordyn is a walking target as MC'S property. Our heroine is waiting for the ball to drop but she won't go down without a fight with blame in her heart for her mother jordyn can't help but think about the handsome stranger who made her body tingle at confession, she's holding on and maybe waiting to feel safe again

"As it was, Jordyn already felt out of place in this house of God. Women like her didn't make a habit of going to church, let alone being seen near one. It was only something she did occasionally, whenever her mind was filled with crap she couldn't handle, or stress was eating her alive."

But when Lucian goes about taking care of the MC's with Jordyn on his mind let's say our hero wasn't expecting to see her again that soon and of all places at Sons Of Hell. With constant stream of emotions going through both Lucian and Jordyn's head there's going to be a war waged and not just between two groups but between two hearts.

There will be a whole lot of blood shed and Jordyn's worst nightmare will not see the light of day. After all that's said and done this mafioso will protect and fight for his queen

In the end I have to point out that Lucian is by far the most realistic Capo I've had the privilege of knowing and yes I'm talking more better than wait for it... LIAM *gasp!!!*. Yes more than Liam why you ask because though Lucian was Capo with a not so great semi childhood but the one thing that man had was RESPECT!. He didn't stalk our heroine nor did he show signs of the mine syndrome you know the obsessive *you're mine Goddamit* or my personal favourite *Pee in front of me or with the door open well cause you're mine* ??? there right there is BULL FECKING SHIT!. Overall a must read if you want a bad boy who has his head on straight and knows how to respect women I mean come on what more do you want :).

I ain't done yet so let's get one thing clear for those who haven't read the book .. you all hate WILL okay , don't ask why you just hate him end of discussion when you read the book you'll find out. So I asked my ladies how they felt about Will and this is there verdict.

•Snow: "I didn't give a shit, the bastard was dead and stuffed like a pig, that was actually enough for me"...

•Shanny: "Will was handled? I thought he death was to easy"!

•Suzanne: "Ya Will's death was a let down".

•Me: "FECKING arsehole I'd probably put I'm him in a burning inferno for starters mafia 101 bitch"

And now you know ;).

Here are the links to my lovely ladies reviews:

- Sexy Shanny
- Sassy Snow
- Sinful Suzanne

➡Open spoiler at own risk ;).?
(view spoiler)

Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

Barley 3 *Fast-Forward* Stars..

Now Before you all pull out your guns and start shooting me in the ass for rating a mafia novel a 3 star...Hold that thought for a second lovelies,Give me a chance to explain..I'm just saying that

First,Let me point out the fact that this book wasn't bad,not at all..It just wasn't good enough..
Something important was missing,Something that **makes or breaks** an excellent mafia novel.And honestly I can't seem to figure out what "that" is...

My thoughts on the plot : Maybe I expected more after listening to all the hype and reading all the excellent reviews by my besties here on GR..Or maybe *J.J.McAvoy's Ruthless People* set my mafia bar unrealistically high.But for what ever reason,I found myself getting perpetually distracted and putting this book down numerous times :/

My Thoughts on the Characters: Both were charming and likable characters..They weren't overly annoying nor were they prone to stupid decisions.So that defiantly a plus point,right there.
While I did like them individually as characters,together their chemistry came across a bit bland.Despite the fact that there are numerous sex scenes,there was just no spark.*Poof*Nothing there :/

Would I recommend it ?

Not really,No..Unless your a HUGE mafia fan and can't bare to let this series pass.;

Will I be continuing the series ?

Nope. *shrug*

Any Warnings ?

Not really...UNLESS your NOT a fan of the EROTICA gene or *INSTA-LOVE*.

Ashleyjo says

Cazzo merda !!!

Meet Jordyn

I really like Jordyn. Despite having a snowball's chance of surviving hell, she's strong and intelligent. She's a survivor, but not a badass. She's open to the less than legal and cutthroat side of the criminal world, but isn't an unscrupulous bitch. It ends up being a good mixture of character traits for me.

"The only thing Will couldn't take from Jordyn was her mind, her spirit, and her strength. Those were all hers. He couldn't ruin them if she didn't let him."

I love that she immediately recognizes her feelings for Lucian as "*something*", but doesn't mentally jump off the insta--love cliff; instead she wanted to be sure her feeling weren't just an infatuation or hero worshiping.

Likewise, she's not out to change our dark knight or become the hero of his story. She sees he is dangerous and far from a choir boy, but is yet trustworthy and tender with her, and accepts that for exactly what it is vs trying to redeem him or whitewash him into a good guy.

Lucian

Lucian is perfect. This nice mix of dapper and gangster.

Did I mention he is a virgin at _____... A virgin at WHAT exactly you'll just have to read to find out;)

Unapologetically mafioso? Yes. And, when I've read about such men laughing, crying, and blushing in other books, it has **always** seemed feigned and unrealistic. Here, however, Lucian's sensitive side is the **perfect** balance of being a natural alpha male presence while also being an affectionate lover.

Him: "I'll be gentle."

Her: "You always are."

Him: "And when you want more than gentle, I'll give you that, too."

Her: "Good."

Honesty! For f's sake I get so tired of the same old damn stories revolving around the same old lies and deceit for the same old SINGLE purpose of angst. Lucian says exactly what he means. He answers the FMC openly and honestly. He doesn't lie to her. I Fing love that.

And the shit that comes out of this man's mouth...

Him: "You know I love you, right?"

Her: "Of course."

Him: "Good because tonight, I want to fuck you like I don't."

The Plot

There's quite a bit going on between the people who want her dead and the people who want him dead, mafia politics, family politics, past traumas, and a romance.

It's well done for the most part. Certain parts were actually very well done, such as the elevator scene. The sex scenes were very steamy and well written for straight-laced romance.

I think the romance was much stronger than the mafia storyline and 'bad guy' storylines.

Her 'bad guys' were known. The resolve was very lackluster, but realistic.

His 'bad guys' were supposed to be a mystery. I'd say that is the weakest point of this plot. Who was behind it was blatantly obvious and the why of it felt forced.

Another weak point is how the FMC interacts with the MMC's dad. That element felt very forced into the realm of nice. It was too easy. It was too OTT that she'd speak to him as she did.

Satisfying end.

So, it's a mixture of things that worked very well and some things that were meh, but not horrible.

Key Points

Key points to consider:

- Violence and murder - moderate
- FMC is beaten severely in graphic detail.
- No OW/OM present tense. (The FMC was formally claimed by an MC member, but it wasn't love and he isn't present in the book.)
- The characters go to the Catholic church often.
- Drug use (weed.)
- This is a standalone within a series and has epilogue for the couple at the end.

Bottom Line

One of the better MC/Mafia books I've read. I find that most are either too abrasive with OW/OM and lacking any moral compass or are too cheesy and whitewashed. This to me was just the right temp. Characters & romantic plot were excellently written. Secondary plot points were weak in some areas, which is my main deduction in my rating.

3.5 stars

Thank you for the recommendation, Roisin.

Radmila says

Reread 22.-23.02.2016.

4,25 STARS!!!

*"Family. Honor. God.
La famiglia. Onore. Dio.
Greed. Money. The business."*

After reading Antony, I made another great decision by rereading this book. Ah Lucian!

Lucian is adopted son of Antony, who is mafia boss. Lucian's real father was Antony's best friend John Grovatti. He was killed by previous mafia boss Vinnie Catrolli under false accusation that he was beating his wife Kate, who is also Vinnie's daughter and sister of Cecelia, Antony's wife. Kate isn't Lucian's mother, its Lina. John's love of life.

I know this is too much infos, but I suggest you to read first Antony's book and then Lucian. It will be easier for you.

Anyway, back to the story. Lucian is part of Marcello family. He has two brothers: Giovanni (Gio) and Dante. He is in mafia business, like his father.

"They were a little bit filthy, Lucian's family. Lawbreakers. Troublemakers."

This days, MC The sons of hell are giving them headaches.

Jordyn

Jordyn is working in a strip club Legs and Leather, owned by Ron, VP of the Brooklyn chapter of the Sons of Hell. She's been working there for 5 years, started after her mother's death. Since her boyfriend Gabe (Ron's son) died a year before, he was also her protector, she finds herself as a target of Will Vetta, the president of MC.

"Being an old lady doesn't help when the one guy in the club who protects you is gone and the highest one up is gunnin' on you something awful. I can't even tell you to run, because it sure won't do you any good, but you can do this."

I loved Lucian and Jordyn. Lucian was knocked on the ass from the very first sight of her.

"B-bella scusi."

I now why **Snow** is obsessed with Lucian and she is not the only one.

"It's okay, sweetheart. This isn't going to happen again. Ever. He won't ever touch you again."

"I'm pretty straightforward with things I need and want. You're one of them."

"People are watching us again."

"Good. Beautiful things should be watched. They shine."

And now, if you excuse me I am going to read Gio's book.

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

4.5 FILTHY MARCELLO STARS

I just feel like going "Uuuuurgh!!! At last!" I mean come on it feels like it's been ages since I've read a book that I devoured overnight let alone compelled me to write a review. Mafia romances are pretty popular at the moment and as much as I appreciate that, I don't enjoy every single one I read. And lets be honest the plot is basically the same, so the author has to use her writing ability, basically give an old plot fresh life by writing it well.

What I loved about this book was the fact that, although it is a romance and of course I want the romance at the forefront, but I also need to feel like I'm reading a book about the Italian Mob. It has to feel authentic, and that's what this book gave me. My idea of an authentic mafia romance.

Our main characters are Lucian and Jordyn. Lucian is a Marcello, the creme de la creme of the mafia his family is at the top of the food chain when it comes to the mafia since his father is the Don. He's mafia prince with a dark past, being the illegitimate son of the previous Mafia Boss will do that. When he was only six years old, he had to run and live on the streets or be killed. He's come a long way though, he was taken in by his father's best friend who also happens to be the reigning Boss.

Jordyn is a widow, at only 21 years old her life is in jeopardy. As the member of a MC outfit her previous status of an old lady can no longer protect her. She's club property, forced to do the bidding of the club president who obviously hates her guts.

Jordyn and Lucian meet at the confessional booth in church of all places. Now this is where I feel I have to warn you, Lucian and Jordyn's romance was positively whirlwind, in other words we had a bit of an insta-love situation. Now I say this in hindsight because it never bothered me. This was just one of those times.

"Thank you."

"Never thank me. Not for helping you, sweetheart. The only thing I need from you is for you to tell me what you need, when you need it. If I can, I will always give it to you."

"Safety," Jordyn whispered.

Lucian nodded, his fingers ghosting over the multiple bruises littering her arm. "I can do that."

"Don't cry," he said again, kissing her jaw.

"This is what people who love do, Lucian. They cry when someone they love hurts."

"But I don't hurt with you, Jordyn."

When Lucian puts Jordyn under his protection, he brings down the wrath of the MC outfit down on his family. Jordyn's life is at risk and Lucian will do anything to keep her safe. I loved how close the Marcello family was, I loved how Cecilia Lucian's adopted mother doted on her husband and boys and welcomed Jordyn with open arms. It just made me feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Don't get me wrong the Marcello boys are Made men but when it comes to their mother they're still just boys. Jordyn character came through pretty strong too, once she felt safe with Lucian I have to say she showed herself to be a strong and capable woman. So there's definitely no doormat or meek heroine in this story.

Plot wise the story had me riveted, Lucian and Jordyn's relationship was intense, Lucian was helluva sexy, and caring and possessive of Jordyn. *swoons* The next two books are about Lucian's brothers Gio, the baby of the family and Dante, Anthony's underboss. I have to say I'm very excited to read their stories. Hopefully I'll love Gio's character too, even though he seems to be a bit of a goofball!

Their life didn't fit into society's norms. It didn't fucking have to.

Lucian wasn't an honorable with this Cosa Nostra roots and the gun always hidden at his back, but was Jordyn's.

And with her, it was good to be filthy.

Shanny says

4 stars

Another great mafia read!
