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Anthony Bianci

Since I was a kid all I ever wanted to be was a gangster. I wanted to be feared, to be respected, and for everyone to know my name.

And then she came into my life.

I never planned on falling in love with the mob boss' daughter. She was forbidden but somehow she became mine. She made me crave things I didn't even know existed and made me forget about the things I thought I wanted. My quest for power faded away and was replaced by my undying love for her.

Until reality bit me in the ass and I was sent to prison for three years, doing time for a crime I didn't commit.

Now I'm out and she is creating a life for herself, just like I always wanted for her. Only I'm not a part of that life. I won't ruin her any more than I already have with my poisonous lifestyle.

No matter how tempted I am.

Adrianna Pastore

I wanted him from the very first time I laid eyes on him.

He was everything to me, my first love and probably my last.

Then my father ruined our perfect little life, and he walked away from me.

I tried to fight for him, for our love, but he pushed me away.

When the love you crave is beautiful, yet forbidden, you can't help being tempted.

So I'll fight for him. For us.

Even if I'm the only one fighting.

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From Reader Review Forbidden Temptations for online ebook

Stephanie Mae says

Adrianna & Anthony share a unique history of growth, love, passion & heartbreak. A forbidden love so desperate they cling to one another over the spans of years. True love torn between family, obligations & loyalty. Life as Mafia. It comes at a price. Forbidden Temptations is just that!

Anthony's worked hard; his sweat, his blood & loss of his humanity. All to get into the family fold, he's always wanted in for as long as he could remember. It was hard work; mentally, physically and emotionally. And Anthony learned the hard way; spending years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Now that's loyalty!! But that also came with a price; losing his family & one true love. Making the most of it he does what he has to keep himself alive; that means keeping everyone he loves away from him. However, Adrianna is one strong woman, she's persistent & strong willed. And only has ever had eyes for Anthony. Although she comes with baggage, she's keeping hopes that Anthony & she can continue on with their lives together; making up for what was stolen from them. They have an extremely bumpy, painful road ahead of them. Reviewed for HeadTripping Books by

Shameca Smith says

5 STAR READ!!!

I loved this story. It is the second book in the series, and I think I will be going back to read the first book just to get a little more back story on Anthony. I'm not much of a mob/romance type of reader, but this book may be one of my favorites. I was instantly drawn into the story and felt the connection between the characters. It wasn't forced at all, and it wasn't overly "mobby". It broke my heart knowing that Anthony let people beat him up during the fights just to feel pain. The love that he has for Adrianna is something that he cannot get over, and neither can she. He tries to push her away as much as he can when he is locked up because he cannot stand to see her pity/sadness looks, but when she comes back to tell him a secret he wants to push her away for good. So will a one night stand come between these two? Will Anthony finally get his reason for pushing her away for good?

Sultry Steamy Reading says

I received an ARC of this book from IndieSage PR in exchange for an honest review and as part of the book's blog tour promotions.

First, let me just say that this is my first book from this author. That means that I wasn't able to read the first book in this series. I also went into this book without any expectation and only wanted to see how this author was. Now, let me also say that I truly enjoyed this book. I enjoyed it so much that I resolve to read the first book and get to know more people in this series. I also have to say that I will also check out her other books too.

I've read many mob romances before. Of course, the darker and grittier they are, the more I love them. With this book, I was pleasantly surprised at the way that the author wrote her characters. I also loved the way the love story was played out amidst all the mob conflicts and all other challenges. I am a sucker for second chance romance, so the fact that this is one also became a huge factor in my being able to enjoy the book. All

in all, I am glad I tried this author out. Sometimes, it does pay well to take a chance on a story.

Sybil aka Lala says

Epic

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noun: epic;

a long poem, typically one derived from ancient oral tradition, narrating the deeds and adventures of heroic or legendary figures or the past history of a nation.

synonyms: heroic poem, long poem, long story;

the genre of epics.

a long film, book, or other work portraying heroic deeds and adventures or covering an extended period of time.

synonyms: epic film, long film;

informal: blockbuster

“a big Hollywood epic”

informal

an exceptionally long and arduous task or activity.

“the business of getting hospital treatment soon became an epic”

This is a love story spanning over ten years and told creatively in a seamless series of flashbacks and letters. It has all the elements of an epic story: danger, intrigue, mystery, and above all two lovers hopelessly in love with each other and unable to be together. It centres around the mob, but where most similar stories tend to glamourize the lifestyle and traditions, this book shows the pain and destruction it can cause in people's lives.

Anthony and Adrianna have loved each other since they were teenagers. Adrianna is a mob princess while Anthony, who had always wanted to be gangster, works for her father. Their relationship has always been off limits, but when Anthony is sent to prison to do the bidding of Adrianna's father, he realises that he can never be what he needs to be for her. He breaks her heart and pushes her away so she can build a life for herself outside of what a criminal mobster can offer her. When he is set free, he has to watch her live this life while still hopelessly in love with her. He knows what he's become, a broken and soulless man.

There are many twists in this story and as soon as Anthony sees a way for him to be free of all the reasons he can't be with Adrianna, he takes it.

Epic

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adjective: epic

relating to or characteristic of an epic or epics.

synonyms: heroic, long, grand, monumental, vast, Homeric

antonyms: understated

heroic or grand in scale or character.

“his epic journey around the world”

synonyms: ambitious, heroic, grand, arduous, extraordinary, Herculean

informal

particularly impressive or remarkable.

Anthony was an awesome hero. Strong and capable, yet bitter and angry for all he had to go through but his love for Adrianna was amazing! How he could only be reached by her, and how was obsessed with her even while pushing her away was beautiful. He was sexy as all fuck. Dark, dangerous, covered in tattoos and with a filthy mouth he was perfect and the image of this brooding brickhouse of a man clutching a small blue teddy bear has taken up the number one spot in my spank bank.

I definitely recommend this book. It's a heart wrencher, but it's all SO worth it.

(ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review)

Melyssa Winchester says

Title: Forbidden Temptations

Author: Janine Infante Bosco

Genre: Contemporary Romance, Suspense

Series or Standalone: Standalone Series (Tempted Series #2)

Rating: ★★★★★

Review

This book took me by surprise.

I have to admit, I went into this book expecting much the same in terms of the mafia/mob aspect. I also expected that it would be a quick read, but it was anything but.

I've never had the pleasure of reading this author before, so I didn't read the first book in this series first. I also had no idea how I would gel with her writing style. As it turns out, I didn't need the first book here. I do think that there was enough information shared throughout that gave me a good background on anything that may have come before this, so I wasn't missing anything and I enjoyed the writing style.

Now, in these types of books as I've said before, often times the pacing is very quick. The two main characters are thrown together quickly and everything they experience moves very fast. That didn't happen here at all and I enjoyed it. It set itself apart from other books with the same type of story because it took its time. It showed you the distant past and it walked you straight up into the present in a way that gave the reader a chance to connect with all of the players that were a part of this book.

I was able to connect to Adrianna's father and Anthony's boss, Vic, just as easily as I could the both of them. Same goes for Jimmy (*rolls eyes*) and then Nikki, Mike and especially Jack when he did make his appearance. It's a gift to be able to make the reader invest in more than just the love story aspect of a book, but also all other sub plots going on around it, and Janine did that here with me. She did it so well that at points in the story, I could feel my heart freezing up in my chest with concern over how it was all going to play out.

The slow burn for Anthony and Adrianna. The back and forth, while at times making me wanna pull my hair out the same way it seemed that Adrianna wanted to, was well done. I don't think I would have enjoyed the book nearly as much if they had just walked back into each other's lives and gone on like the past didn't happen. Like there wasn't these very real obstacles in their way on the road to happiness.

I enjoyed seeing the evolution of their relationship. How they started and then how they came to be who they are in the present time. When Anthony comes home having done a bid for a crime he didn't commit, now older and more jaded, but still just as in love as he'd been when he left, and Adrianna going through the same kind of growth, but also never losing those feelings that even though she'd tried to move on from, she never actually could. There was growth there, but also more to be had and the author gave us all of it.

These two have been through so much together and a lot of it, as it unfolded and I learned, hurt my heart. I didn't want this for any of them. But life, and more importantly love and relationships are never pretty, but it's through all that darkness and hardship that some of the most beautiful things can happen and even though it was messy in the past and present, what they did have was ultimately beautiful.

I'm trying not to give much away because I do believe that this is a book you need to experience for yourself in order to get all of the feels from it that I did, but I will say that this book was so much more than a romance and while I didn't see it playing out quite the way it did in terms of the more action/suspense elements of the book, the way it all came together in the end was beautiful to witness.

The redemption of a man that for so long didn't believe that he was worthy of it and what that man does for his family, when for the majority of the book I was looking for reasons to crucify him the way some of the characters wanted to, was brilliant and my favorite part hands down...the part that really brought the tears to my eyes, was the very last line of the book and who delivers it.

In terms of perfectly executed endings, that one wins hands down. Luca owns my heart!

Janine Infante Bosco, you have written one hell of a captivating, emotional, and at times very real story and I am so glad that I got the chance to read it. I will carry the story of Adrianna and Anthony with me always.

If you're a fan of the ones that don't come easy, with characters that aren't perfect, but are pretty much perfect together. Stories that take their time and let things progress at their own pace, or ones with a little bit of suspense, I think you'll enjoy this. I know I did.

My thanks to the author and all others involved in letting me experience Anthony and Adrianna's story before release. I enjoyed it immensely.

Catherine Wright (Cat's Guilty Pleasure) says

I was given a copy in exchange for an honest review.

This book will pull you in from the very beginning. This was an amazing book. This book was an emotional one and shows what loyalty is all about and how far you are willing to go for those that you love. Janine really knows how to write a story that pulls you in and will not let you go until the end. I can't wait to read more from her.

Review done by Cat from Cat's Guilty Pleasure

Crina (Reading Addict) says

Originally posted on <http://readingadd.blogspot.ro/>

So, this was quite of a ride and I feel so tired right now. And it's not because the book made me fell asleep or something, but because it was as a rollercoaster and now I have no idea how to feel.

Before reading this one I also read the first book, even if you can read them separated. The idea is that you have a main story and in each novel you see the main story from the perspectives of the two main characters and also their little story. So, if you read the first novel and now you read or you have read the second one, you saw or you'll see how the main story is there, in both of them, unchanged, but the other stories are different. In the first one you see the story of Mike and Nikki and in this one you have Anthony and Adrianna.

I can't say that I have a favorite book or a favorite couple, because they are different in many ways, but now I'll focus more on Anthony and Adrianna, being the review for the second book. But both books are awesome and you should check them out!

This second book was darker than the first one and more complicated. Also the characters have a darker and twisted past together, and that can just make their story even more dense. But I liked it and I had a very good time reading this one, reading both from Anthony and from Adrianna and trying to put together their story, and wait to see how is going to end. But I won't tell you, because you have to read the novel if you want to know and really you won't regret reading it!

I think that this book, and also the first one, are worth reading, because they are beautifully written, they have realistic characters and realistic situations, which are realistically treated. And also there are a ton of emotions, so many and of so many kinds, that you won't know how to feel and how to react. You will feel so overwhelmed and invested in the story, that when you reach the end you'll feel like you've been underwater for a long time, you are dizzy and your mind if foggy, but you also feel very good and you're happy.

I have no idea if this review is coherent or not *I'm still laying on fluffy clouds due to the story :))* but all I'm going to say is that, if you like New Adult and Romance with a bit of suspense and action, with mafia

and fights and guns and stuff, then you'll enjoy this one. It's so action packed due to the mob thing but also you have the tensions between the main characters and the people around them. It's crazy and you should try! Also, there are a lot of steamy scenes if you are curious. So, what else do you want me to add so you just pick this up and stop oggling my review?! Go and read it!

Sammy- Just Let Me Read says

This was one of the most emotional and engaging books I have read in a while, and I loved every minute of it. Anthony and Adrianna's story was an epic, unforgettable journey of the unbreakable bond of love between two people who had the odds stacked against them. We got bits and pieces of their story in *Illicit Temptations*, Book 1 of the series, but never really knew the details of what was happening between them. Adrianna is the daughter of a crime boss and Anthony is one of his top employees. The two begin a relationship when they are young, and things are going well between them until Anthony is forced to make a sacrifice that will separate him from the woman he loves. It sets off a rift between the couple that lasts for years and causes heartache for the both of them.

I loved the relationship that Anthony and Adrianna shared. The two of them were connected not just on a physical level, but emotionally as well. Their love knew no bounds and there was no one else who could ever compare for both Anthony and Adrianna. The scenes we were given when their relationship first began were my favorite. I love that the author went back in the past and showed us how their bond began forming, and how things developed physically between them. They were head over heels for each other from the beginning, and although Anthony tried to fight it at first because of who she was, he found he couldn't resist her.

"She was heaven. She was hell. She was everything forbidden and everything that was always so tempting."

Their steadfast love for each other made their separation all the more heartbreaking. At one point Adrianna had tried to move on from Anthony but was unsuccessful. The two of them occupied each other's thoughts constantly, and I loved the loyalty that they both had for each other. There were times where I wanted to smack Anthony and shout at him, "Just be with her!!", but at the same time I understood his need to keep her safe and separated from his dangerous lifestyle.

"I didn't just love her; I fu*king cherished her. That woman owned me; my body, my soul, and my black heart."

My heart ached for Adrianna and all the suffering that she went through. Her father was a huge barrier that stood between them, and she not only lost Anthony when he went to jail, she lost her relationship with her father as well. She was forced to endure a lot on her own, and even when Anthony tried to push her away, she found that she could never stop loving him.

"Even knowing the pain falling in love with Anthony would cause me I wouldn't take it back. Not then and not now."

The author did an exceptional job conveying the emotional turmoil that both of these characters were experiencing. Through it all, they were two people who just wanted to love each other. Even with all the time that passed, neither of them could ever fully accept that they couldn't be together. These two fought for each other and for their happiness, even when it looked as though everything was working against them.

"I know there are so many reasons you and I should've given up already but as long as I am breathing, I

won't ever give up on you."

This couple's journey was not an easy one, and their struggles were heartbreaking at times. Through it all their love for each other never wavered, and that's what makes this story so beautiful. I thoroughly enjoyed this story from start to finish. I know that the author has more books planned for the Temptations series and I can't wait to read what she has in store for us next!

--Reviewed for Just Let Me Read

Amy says

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Janine Infante Bosco
5 stars

Anthony Bianci wanted nothing more since he was a kid to work for Victor Pastore. His father was nothing. Anthony wanted to be respected and wanted a place with the big boss. Val actually took him under his wing, Vic's best friend and right hand man. Vic never noticed him though until an issue arose with his daughter Adrianna. But even then Vic never made him what he wanted to be. Anthony never planned on falling in love with the oldest Pastore. She was forbidden but Adrianna was just as eager to be his as he was hers. Everything was coming to a head until what Anthony thought he wanted came to pass. He was taking a fall for a crime he didn't commit leaving Adrianna for three years. Anthony got exactly what he wanted ... right? He finally got noticed by the big boss ... Vic reminded him of his allegiance to the family. There was nothing more to do than keep Adrianna away. He had to make Adrianna understand she needed to build a life without Anthony in it; especially since he was out and back in the thorns of the family.

Adrianna Pastore has never loved or will she ever love anyone like she does Anthony Bianci. She has wanted him the minute she laid eyes on the man all those years ago. She tried to move on. She couldn't. Anthony has been cruel, but his push and pull has broken her heart one too many times. Loving Anthony is forbidden according to her father. The man she adored has done nothing but ruin and destroy everything that has ever made her happy. However she wont stop .. she wont quit fighting. Someone has to.

This was book 2 in the Tempted Series and its soooooo good. Book one was Mikey and Nikki's story. You get some overlapping time in this book so you are not lost at all. However I would recommend reading the first book Illicit Temptations prior to reading this one just because they are fantastic. We are introduced to additional characters in book 2 as well and I cant wait to hear their tales. Jack is definitely in this mix. There are two more books coming our way in this series next year. I also now MUST click up The Riverdale Series from Janine. Headed that way and you should as well. Click them all up. Love this author and her great reads! Keep them coming ... Im ready!

Review to post to Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets.

Clare says

I wish I could give this book 10 stars!! I was given an arc and I just can't say enough about Anthony and Adrienne's story. It was an emotional read for me. I loved how the other series were tied in this story. This is

an absolute must read!!

Annmarie says

3.75 stars. I wanted to slap him sooooo many times!! Okay, there is another woman scene but it's not descriptive, we come in after they finish, and that's the last of her. Nothing drama worthy. This is after his romance with the h and after the breakup, but they get together in the end, obviously. HEA, no cheating. Adrianna also has a baby with another guy while Anthony is in prison but he was there for 3 years and he pushed her away. The father is out of the picture and an addict. He was a good guy but his addiction just got the better of him. So Adrianna is raising her baby on her own. Anthony eventually gets his head out of his butt and there is a great reunion, after a lot of stumbles. And on to the next one.

Julie Reveles (ILST BLOG) says

*** On behalf of I Love Story Time, review by Juls ***

"If there was one thing I knew for sure, it was that we loved one another passionately, wildly, and that fucking love ... well ... it was combustible. We loved each other so fiercely that we fucking destroyed each other."

When I read books by AMAZING authors like **Janine Infante - Bosco**, I sometimes feel that there is no way that my little review can give their stories any justice. Those of you that have followed my reviews of Janine's books, know that I seriously love everything she writes. I have read EVERY. SINGLE. BOOK of hers, and I will continue to read anything and everything that she writes! She is one of those authors that if it has her name on it, I would buy it no matter what the story is about. I wouldn't even have to read the blurb to know I needed it. I can think of just a handful of author's I feel this way about, and I will say, she is at the top of that list!

As I have said before, there isn't much I can say to explain how good *Forbidden Temptations* is. I really liked Anthony from book 1, and I fell in love with him again in book 2! I was told by a little birdie that the sex in this story is a little riskier than usual. I would have to say that it is true, but I couldn't have imagined it any other way! With all the animosity that Anthony carries with him, his sex scenes would have to be intense! He is definitely the dirty talking, take charge kind of guy that I always knew he would be! Don't get me wrong, he had his sensitive moments too. I loved everything about him!

There was so much that went on in this story. It was intense, mysterious, and full of love and forgiveness. There were laugh out loud moments along with moments that made me cry. It truly had a little of everything. If you haven't started this series, I highly recommend that you do! Anthony and Adrianna's story is something that will always stay with you. I loved that no matter what was thrown at them, they never stopped fighting to be together, I believe that is what makes their relationship so real. Things always get in the way, and life is never easy, some people fight, and some people don't. But in the end, Anthony and Adrianna's love always came out on top.

“I’ll always fight for you because nobody will ever love me like you do.”

~Juls

Jenny says

ARC provide by the Author in exchange for my honest review. Thank you!

I don’t know how she does it. Janine Infante Bosco continues to pull me in and fall in love with her characters.

Forbidden Temptations is the second book of the *Tempted Series* and OMG...if I thought I was in love with Mike and Nikki, Anthony and Adrianna literally stole my heart right out of my chest.

There is nothing like a second-chance romance or childhood crushes that bloomed into failed love. For all intent and purposes, Anthony and Adrianna’s story blew me away. What I loved was how the mix of past/present references was tastefully done (not overly done) and left me wanting more at the end.

Considering the push and pull dynamic of their relationship, and moments where I was Team Anthony, then Team Adrianna, then Team Get-it-Together, I couldn’t be happier when Anthony said “eff it all” in order to get his girl.

I cannot go too much into the happenings of the story (other than what the summary provides), but will closer to date of release.

Read it. Fall in love with this crazy, mobster-raised/living gang, and just hold on to your seat for more. Now the question is...who is next?

Patty says

****Review originally posted on 18/11/15 on Bookish Wanderlove.****

Wow. Wow. WOW!!

If I could give this more than 5 stars I would!

I honestly did not know what to expect from *Forbidden Temptations*. This was fantastic and beautifully written! And let’s not forget emotional!

When I first came across *Forbidden Temptations* I knew it was a story I just had to read. I wasn’t aware at first that this was the 2nd book in a series, however it can be read as a standalone. However, I do plan and hope to get my hands on the 1st book.

Janine did an excellent job creating characters with depth! Now a days so many characters are one dimensional and hard, if not impossible, to connect and relate to. That was NOT the case in Forbidden Temptations! I'm so in love with Adrianna's character. She wasn't your typical mousy female character but actually very strong, vocal and not afraid to fight for what she wants! And Anthony, oh sweet Anthony. The mouth on that one! Anthony's character was so interesting and intense. There was a lot of self reflection he needed to do to really come to terms with what he really wanted and what was expected of him.

The FEELS! I did say that this was an emotional read for me. Janine's writing style blew me away! She was so descriptive but captivating with her words. There wasn't a single point that I found myself eye rolling at the typical sentence structures authors use now a days that sound cheesy. She gives reader a slap in the face reality of the mob life.

I can't wait to pick up Uncontrollable Temptations which is the next book in this series!

Books Laid Bare says

If you have not read the first book in this series then my suggestion would be to do so as not only will it let you see the characters from the very beginning but it will give you a chance to get to know Anthony and ladies you really need to get to know Anthony.

He is one intense dude, dang he has a filthy mouth. But that is not all he has going for him, he has it all and in bucket-loads. But he wasn't without his faults, I wanted him to step back and take a good hard look in the mirror and see the man that Adrianna loved, the man that he was underneath the expectation, beyond the bravado.

And then you have the powerhouse that is Adrianna, a strong woman, who had a love for a man that lived in a very dark world and that she loved regardless. A man that she had no choice but to forgive time and time again because no matter what he did, he belonged to her.

His relationship with Adrianna was so strong, so powerful, he was so attentive and considered with her, he showed her a side of him that he kept well-guarded but he allowed her to see that by being so open with her she could afford to treat him the same way, it was engaging and beautifully effective.

I hated Victor, everything he stood for and everything he did, I hated the mere fact that he was breathing most of the time, in fact he really was a waste of good air, it was hard to see him as anything more but I wasn't sure if I was being fair to him all the time, most of the time yes, I wanted to kick him where I knew I would leave an impression.

They gave everything they had to each other, they left nothing behind and no matter what they had to face, and they faced it together just as you would in real life. The story wasn't just a romantic ruse, it had so much more going on than just their relationship. There was drama, suspense and mystery and as the title would suggest temptation, but it was more it was sexy, funny and emotionally engaging.

But the star of this book is the author, she presented a novel that was 100% believable that didn't stylise the world that Anthony and Adrianna were surrounded by, it showed it at its very worst and she held my hand as she lead me down a path that was littered with characters that I would never wish to meet in a month of Sundays. The actions they undertook and the activities they were involved in were not pretty but in some circles they are very real and that realisation is one that cannot be taken lightly, for some this is life.
