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Dante Marcello's life has been a carefully planned event as an heir to a Cosa Nostra throne. For as long as he can remember, he's had one goal in mind, and that's becoming the Don. With his father ready to step down, it's Dante's turn to step up. But without a wife at his side, his seat as the boss is on shaky ground. Until she shows up with an offer he wants to refuse, but can't.

With her, he's got everything to gain.

Catrina Danzi is known for her angel face and a predator's grace. For over a decade, she's worked as a successful Queen Pin dealing with a repertoire of clientele who can't afford a scandal. That's why they ask for her and why they call her Queen. Marrying Dante Marcello means giving up the business and status she loves in order to gain protection she can't provide on her own, but she no longer has a choice.

Without him, she's got everything to lose.

The rules for their arrangement are simple: no intimacy, no emotions. Dante isn't looking for love and Catrina doesn't need attachments. In the end, life has a way of breaking down walls when you least expect it to, and once love gets in, there's no bleeding it out. Together, they make a formidable team the Commission won't be able to ignore. Catrina's secret of what she's kept safe will put the entire Marcello family in danger when it finally catches up with her. The Marcellos have yet to be beaten, and they're not about to start bowing down now.

Even the most beautiful things are a little filthy.

Filthy Marcellos, Book Three

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S.M. West says

5 BELLO STARS

Well, I must say that I think Ms. Kris **saved the best for last**. Dante Marcello, the heir apparent/up and coming *Don of the Marcello Cosa Nostra* – his story was fantastic!

Both Lucian and Gio's love lives were easy -not saying there weren't issues – but rather they fell in love easily. Whereas Dante is not interested in love, **“Love complicates shit”**, he has nothing to offer a woman. He's already found his true love, *La Cosa Nostra*. But only one problem, to realize his rightful place as the Boss of the Marcellos, he needs to be married by age 30 to a fully Italian woman. Dante is 29 with no prospects in sight.

That's where the arrangement comes into play. Catrina Danzi has a proposition for Dante that has them both getting what they want with no love or emotions in the way.

Catrina Danzi - “She was cartel born in a Cosa Nostra ruled world who taught herself how to be the Queen.”

“People like us, we're not supposed to feel. We don't get attached. It ruins us. Together, we'll be the perfect pair.”

Of course, easier said than done. Without giving anything away, these two and the way their relationship develops and evolves was amazing, realistic and so riveting. Of course, there was a lot of this...

...and this...

And of course, this!

I freakin' loved Dante! Just as I thought, **he was the hottest and most complex of the Marcello brothers**.

And Cat is amazing! **Cat is sinfully beautiful and also a force to be reckoned with.**

Like Dante, she rules her own world, **she is the Queen Pin**. She doesn't like most women as she has no use for their silly games and men are merely her pawns. Until Dante Marcello. The only man to get her and challenge her.

“You might have been a queen before, but I gave you the keys to the kingdom today.”

“I might not need a man but I want one. You, specifically.”

This final book was very well written and the story was filled with tension, lies, secrets, steamy sex and of

course...

And it wouldn't be a memorable Mafioso story without...

While this is the third book in the series and I would suggest reading them all, if were to only pick one to read from the series, I'd highly recommend this one!

I must say that I missed my mafia sisters on this one...lovelies, you are going to ADORE Dante! xoxo

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

Dusti Hanrahan says

Fucking PERFECTION!!! Good Lord the Marcello's are engrained in my skin!!!!

Nicla says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Shanny says

***5 stars ***

I was really excited to read Dante's book, from what we learned about him from the previous book, I knew his story would be different. I was not disappointed his book was fantastic, best in the series!!!

Dante Marcello is next in line to become the Boss, but to be able to take his place he must be married. This is were Catrina "The Queen" Danzi comes in with a proposal that will help them both get what they need. Cat was such a kickass heroine, loved her!

I really liked how their relationship went slowly from business to love.

I took some time for Dante and Cat to realize their feeling for each other but when they did it was amazing. They were just perfect together, they completed each other!

So this is the end of the Marcellos borthor, this was a really great series full of romance, action and some HOT HOT HOT scenes. I have to say Bethany-Kris knows how to write those steamy scenes:)

Thanks to the Mafia ladies Snow, Sasha and Suzanne for making reading this series so much better!!

And big thank you to Bethany-Kris for letting us read an advance copy.

~Mindy Lynn~ says

5 Stars!

This one ticked all my mafia buttons and was absolutely my favorite out of the three books. I actually only read the first 2 because I was wanting to read this one. I guess I could have skipped the first 2 but I am stickler for reading books in order.

Dante Marcello is next in line to be the Don in his family. He is ready. The only thing he is not ready for nor does he want is marriage. But in order to be the Don he has to make this happen. Enter Catrina Danzi AKA The Queen. She has worked as a Queen Pin for decades and has no desire for a man or love. But what she does need is protection and marrying Dante and using his families name will give her just that. So an business arrangement is put in place. He gets to become the Don and she gets his protection. There are rules of course. No intimacy, no falling in love, and no emotions. Dante has everything to gain by taking this deal while Catrina is giving up everything she has worked for so she can have his protection. But it's just not her she's trying to protect...

The chemistry between these two was burning up the pages. They were hot together. I loved the banter and how they fit so perfectly together with their cut throat ways. She was the perfect fit for his life in and outside the bed.

As with the books before this one I loved the family dynamic. The brothers are closer than ever and their mother is as fierce in her love for children as ever.

There was some really edge of your seat moments in this book that was missing in the previous 2. I literally couldn't read those moments fast enough. The Queen was a badass. Just saying.

In the end it was a solid series that I enjoyed.

Happy reading dolls! xx

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

After being overwhelmed by a combination of RL and a book slump of epic proportions, I was pretty surprised when I basically devoured the 3rd book in the Filthy Marcello Series. Reading about Dante and

Catrina was exhilarating, and being able to read about the other Marcello Brothers was like coming home. I seriously hit jackpot when I started reading this series, Bethany-Kris writes Mafia romance that engages the reader in the most amazing way. If you haven't read the Filthy Marcellos Series and you love Mafia romance then I would tell you to seriously consider reading this one. I love the Marcello Brothers and I absolutely adore the woman they love!

Okay so back to Dante. Although Lucian is the oldest Marcello brother, Dante is his father's heir by blood, but don't be mistaken, these brothers are tied together by binds much stronger than blood. Dante has always wanted to be the next Boss, he lives for his role but unfortunately that's all he sees himself doing. While his brothers build lives with their wives, Lucian and Jordyn have a baby boy now, he is content to watch from the sidelines knowing that he can never have the same thing. He could never bring himself to marry a woman knowing he could never give her children. But the Cosa Nostra demands that the next Boss be married, otherwise his position may go to someone else.

Enter Catrina, she is an anomaly in the mafia world, a Queen Pin. To everyone else she exudes confidence, a take no prisoners' kind of woman. If men aren't lusting after her then they're intimidated by her, but Catrina has her own dark secret, which is why she and Dante make such a fitting pair. They both need something from each other. Dante needs a wife who knows the score, and Catrina needs a powerful husband that will help keep her secrets actual secrets. In the beginning they try to be cold and aloof to each but ultimately Catrina is Dante's equal and he quickly falls for her.

"All of those lights, this place, and those streets... they're ours, Cat. So, I don't want to hear that nonsense coming out of your pretty mouth again. There's no need to feel like you're hiding some kind of pauper beneath your clothes, not when you're over-looking and empire."

Catrina's secrets slowly eat away at her, their growing attraction and feelings are making her question herself. Dante is convinced allowing his feelings for Catrina to grow would only end up hurting her.

God, his insides were ripping apart. Dante had never felt so entirely torn up before. It was like his soul was tearing from his heart because of this goddamn woman. How could a person love someone and despise them at the same time?

So let me stop before I babble any further lol. This series is pretty solid for me, you'll see I've rated the books before this one all 5 stars. That's because it has all the things I covet when reading a mafia romance. You'll delve into the mafia scene, with no filters. You get what it is, and that is power, money, drugs and this thing of ours, The Cosa Nostra. But because I'm a woman and I love romance it also has a good dose of romance and sizzling hot sex scenes. Dante and Catrina were insatiable and they were scorching between the sheets.

I know that this is the last book in the series but I'm really excited to read the Spinoff Series, especially now that it seems as if there might be a position for a *capo di tutti capi*>. Maybe there'll be some insight on that :D

***Have honor.
Love fiercely.
Be filthy.***

Ashleyjo says

I liked book one, Lucian's story. Book two on Gio was a bust for personal taste reasons r/t the heavy drug theme. Book three, Dante's story, was good - 3.5 stars.

Like book one, I enjoyed Dante's love story. The romance is the star of the show in these books.

Unlike his brothers, love doesn't come easy or fast to Dante. He's not only not looking for it, he simply believes it can't & shouldn't exist for himself. It was interesting to see him go from a place of mutual need, to lust, to friendship, to respect, to love.

The FMC, Cat, is also an interesting character. She's a hellcat - period. She, too, must go through long steps to get to love.

Excellent job on the characters!

Even Gio's character grew on me in this book. I stand by my review of book two that the drug use and immaturity was just beyond my personal reading tastes. It was nice, though, to see him taking a more adult stance on life in this book while remaining the jokester.

The sex scenes were very well done.

I loved the thorough HEA for all the characters. Felt whole, complete, but open to storylines for the next generation of Marcellos.

Why the 3.5 stars... ????

My problem with this book is basically the same as book one. The mob side of the plot is quite far fetched in how it operates and is presented to the reader. A perfect example is the DON, Dante, going on a Rambo style mission with only his brothers as backup. Uhm, yeah.. No.

There also failed to be that professional vs brothers shift and separation in how the brothers publicly interacted with each other after Dante becomes DON.

It did detract from the story for me since the book is equal parts mob politics and romance.

Keypoints

- slow developing romance
- violence mild to moderate, with a couple non descript deaths and one graphic.
- no OW/OM
- mild bondage w/ consent
- drugs are sold but not used
- thorough HEA for the entire series cast and possible Segway to next generation series.

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

5 Dante può leccare il mio birilli

It's sadly the last and final installment in the filthy Marcello series but that doesn't mean it didn't go with out a bang, oh no. They say save the best for last and that's exactly what these filthy but addictive Capos did.

At age 29, Dante Marcello or more better known as the soon to be "Don of the Marcello Cosa Nostra" has accomplished all that he desired to become Boss. With great power comes even greater struggle and that's exactly what Dante has done for the past several years but now with the Boss title nearly grasping by his finger tips this under boss has ruled the streets with determination but there's only one problem, to become king he must have a Queen. Finding an italian wife before he hits 30 is something Dante can't figure out, but as it all plays out the Hunter gets hunted

"Spit it out. If you've got a problem, I'm willing to hear it. If you're too much of a goddamn coward to speak the fuck up, then sit the hell down and shut your mouth before I sew it closed. Do I make myself clear?"

When the Queen calls the king arrives. In this case Catrina Danzi or Queen Pin. Working lucratively and fast this queen was making her own Kingdom until she needed a king to play the part. But this queen didn't come into the world of power easily behind her hazel eyes and perfect smile this queen had secrets that only a King could hide. And what a king does she find after capturing Dante's attention and not only with her killer looks, this queen makes a deal and there will be bloodshed after she sits on her throne. Matching all his criterias this king can finally goes to rest but sleep with one eye open love cause to figure it out you'll have to read the rest.

"Very little about a man interested her enough to keep her attention. The only reason she required men in her life was for business"

With both parties coming to an agreement that their relation is strictly for both their gain. Dante and Catrina are both ready to play the part but with Dante confessing on why he can't give Catrina what she needs emotionally as husband, Catrina has the same mutual feeling. But how long can lust hide.

"Good god, the girl could fuck. And she tasted like candied sin on his tongue".

"Again," she demanded.

"Oh, we're not done yet,"

Dante promised darkly.

it's not just all cat and dog chase in the bedroom but the Marcello's are in for a big shock, blood was promised and blood you shall get. A little torture and a whole lot of destruction it's finally game time cause this Mafiaso won't rest until the enemies are dead

Catrina smirked and whispered, "BOOM".

I can't tell you how ecstatic I am, no wait I can LOL. This is truly my top 5 favourite Mafiaso reads and definitely an amazing experience overall. It's extremely realistic as far as fiction goes and the best part is that I got to share this experience with most inspiring and wonderful bunch of women I've ever known I'm talking about my triple SSS's, Snow, Shanny and Suzanne you guys are the most filthiest and downright spectacular ladies I've come across LOL keep being filthy ;).

A BIG BIG BIG thank you to a remarkably beautiful and fascinating woman Bethany-kris for fueling my mafia obsession by lending me an Arc of her book. Thank you all and especially DANTE I LOVE YOU! ;)

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Bethany-Kris says

Three things in life made a man most vulnerable: sex, love, and children.

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Sometimes, even the most beautiful things are a little filthy.

"I don't know if I believe in love that is untainted and free of manipulation and filth," Cat said, dropping the conversation altogether and going back to the beginning all over again.

"Oh?"

"But I would like to."

"Call me Cat."

On the inside of her left index finger, one word was tattooed in fancy black script: *Queen*

Radmila says

4,25 STARS!!!

"Have honor", Gio said.

"Love fiercely", Lucian added.

Dante smiled. "Be filthy."

Dante has a problem

Lucian is not going to take over the family. I am too young and I'm not made for it. You've got six months to get your shit figured out..

He needs a wife

"A woman isn't going to make me a better boss."

"But she might make you a better man, Dante. And I bet that's what you're most afraid of."

I heard you need a wife.

"I have a little to offer a woman by way of a life. In fact, my life is Cosa Nostra, has always been, and will remain so. I have no interest in finding love, settling a woman down into a world she can't control or be a part of, never mind putting her second for my choices. Because she would be second-always. I think that's incredibly unfair. What woman would want a future she can't be certain of?"

"Yes, because of that, I think we're a good match, Dante, I don't want a man to love me. I don't want anything from him beyond business and mutual gain. I have no interest in settling into the life of a housewife."

Dante chuckled. "A good match, huh? You've made me want to kill you twice now." Cat appreciated his honesty. "I have more effects on men. That is only one of them. "So I'm learning", Dante said under his breathe.

Three things in life made a man most vulnerable: sex, love and children.

Overall,since I discovered Bethany-Kris, I am in heaven. I love all her books and this one isn't exception. Dante was amazing, but Lucian is still my favorite. I love Cat. She reminds me on Melody (*Ruthless people*), but Melody is special in her own way. If you are looking for good mafia book, I recommend you this series. You are going to love Marcellos.

Snow says

4.75 Capo di tutti capi stars

yeah, i've finished it...I'm the last of my Mafluts to finish with Dante's story... sorry gals! LOL

review to come...real soon! **and here it is!**

This was the final story in the **Filthy Marcellos series** – and it was about Dante the mafia heir, the third Marcello brother. His story brought the final closure to all of their lives...

the three of them, the filthy Marcellos, they stirred things up, made them buzz and rattle... boy, was this the prime time of my life while reading about those three brothers, or what?

Well, it was. I had a blast, enjoying the world so much foreign to MY real world and only could I imagine what that part of life really could look like – well, **Bethany-Kris** gave me that and so much more! She writes like she's living it and while doing that she's bringing me along for the ride. I've never felt so much a part of some fictional story and felt drawn and connected to its characters then through out these three stories, well, to be honest with one character a little bit more than with the other two...

LOL, and well who ever read my reviews, knows who I'm talking about! (view spoiler)

But now, this is about...

Dante Marcello

Anyway, Dante is the one to step up as a Don and needs to fullfill all the rules that Cosa Nostra conducts one of them being properly wed by the age of 30 and to have a full blood Itallian wife by his side but unfortunately there are no candidates in his sight nor he's looking for them. He's reluctant cause he's formed a life by his own standards, he's become a man according to his own plans and visions and he felt no need to change that.

“A woman isn’t going to make me a better boss.”

“But she might make you a better man, Dante. And I bet that’s what you’re most afraid of.”

But that all changes when the course of events sets him in an encounter with the most dangerous spieces of them all – **beautiful, smart, resourceful, lethal and dangerous business woman** Catrina Danzi /Cat also known as Queen – a Queen Pin, a ghost provider of the white substance in the crime world meddling with the line of Dante's covered territory.

A woman with an agenda and the strength and enough balls to stand up and demand for it.

Catrina Danzi the QUEEN

Yeah, that little girl from the Sicilian village sure came a long fucking way from where she started. Men were her pawns and she was Queen. She moved them as she saw fit, not the other way around.

“I’m a woman, but I wouldn’t go so far as calling myself a lady, Dante.”

She makes him a deal, proposes an agreement that would benefit them both...

“A good match, huh? You’ve made me want to kill you twice now.”

Cat appreciated his honesty. “I have many effects on men. That is only one of them.”

“We run this city. You might have been a queen before, but I gave you the keys to the kingdom today.

no need for any other sort of connection, no attachments, no sentiments...well, or so they thought...

People like us, we’re not supposed to feel. We don’t get attached. It ruins us. Together, we’ll be the perfect pair. Together, we have nothing to lose.

They try to avoid any closeness, but the attraction is visible and palpable and they can’t deny it for much longer...

“I want you to do it again.”

“Do what, Catrina?”

“Kiss me. I want you to do it again and I don’t want you to stop.”

so, yeah, things get steamy and wild and passion takes over...

it’s not long that the “no attachments” becomes deeper and more and old insecurities and doubt rattle this untypical union...

“What could you possibly lose, Dante?”

“Me. I didn’t want to lose what made me who I was. It’s what I’ve identified with my whole life and if it were to change, all of the things I thought I understood would be gone. So I wanted to keep what I knew.

But it’s hard to keep your most powerful organ in the human’s body closed cause it has a mind of its own and there was nothing that they could’ve done about it...it was a fight lost before it even started, cause those who play with fire eventually get burned and devoured...

“Dante—”

“I’m sorry because I love you.”

Love owns your loyalties, hopes, and desires. It always will."

Dante gained more than he ever considered possible, more than he ever dreamed of...cause he had closed that door not daring to dream in the first place...depriving himself of all those precious life altering notions that he left buried deep inside of him for so long...

"Cat—"

"Is your equal who tests you, makes you consider things beyond what is only in front of you, and she makes you happy all the same. It's crazy, isn't it? Finding that person when you least expect to?"

"I don't want to fuck you, I want to love you,"

And then as the story unfolds, shit starts to happen, Dante and Cat are thrown into the fire again...all the Marcellos are involved in breath taking, nerve wrecking and gutting situations filled with explosions...

shooting....

car chasing....

...never knowing how it would end only hoping and thriving to bring their loved ones to safety.

NOT giving away much...the love was there, after all, it was a slow build, it was tested...but they found each other, their love enduring even when things didn't look so bright or went in their favor...

"I'm always going to love you."

"Even when you hate me?" Cat asked in a whisper.

Because sometimes, she knew he would.

"Yeah, even then."

I loved seeing all of them interacting, evolving as lovers, husbands and...well, not giving that away...

The epilogue was an insight into all of their lives several years ahead... and I have to admit they were just the right amount of fiction and real for me...

I loved how they fully gave themselves through out it all, life, in giving affection, in business, in friendship and brotherhood.

Protection, connection and love were the things she asked for and also provided.

SO DID THE COSA NOSTRA. LA FAMIGLIA. DIO.

They were Marcellos and they owned it.

Phenomenal series which I highly recommened

I'm glad I've shared this experience with my Mafluts (Irish, Shanny and Suz – girls you rock and rule in my mafia book! LOL)

So, so glad to be given the ARC of Dante's story from the talented author Bethany-Kris!

reviews of my fellow Mafluts

IRISH

SHANNY

SUZ

Ana O says

4 Filthy Stars!

Even the most beautiful things are a little filthy.

I love love love flawed characters. Hence this book.

Ah, the mafia. You gotta love those guys. Mobsters are a society within a society, with their own rules, own codes of conduct, own ways of reacting to the world. It's not a job, it's a way of life.

I haven't read many mafia books but I can say that Filthy Marcellos is one of the best ones. In many ways it's more honest and less cliché than I expected which I greatly appreciate.

If you're looking for the typical shy virginal heroine then I'm sorry to disappoint you because Catrina is exactly the opposite. She's someone you wouldn't want to mess with. Ever.

Dante is the perfect anti-hero. Not good, not bad, but honorable.

The epilogue was perfect. Am I the only one rooting for Catherine to become her father's successor? I absolutely love her. Times are changing, it could happen.

Good job Bethany-Kris.

Bev says

Well, well, well. I started off this book not liking Catrina very much at all and was I ever upended! Catrina is a brilliant character - strong, sassy, independent, takes no prisoners, hard as nails on the outside and so soft and sweet underneath all that strength. Dante - I wasn't too sure about him either, he came across as rather a cold fish at first, but did these two ever sizzle.

I love how their relationship built slowly, no rush, no insta-love here. Just two adults trying to make the best of things whilst quietly falling so damn hard for each other. And whilst I'm on the adults subject - Catrina effed up monumentally and the author could have taken this down the drama/angst route. Instead once again I got two adults that acted like adults and TALKED to each other. What a refreshing change that makes, kudos to the author for that.

A brilliant read to round off the series all wrapped up in a fab epilogue.

4.5 stars

Natalie The Biblioholic says

Starting this series is a decision I definitely don't regret . Getting to read about the Marcello's was a delightful adventure and this book did a great job of wrapping it up while making me interested in the Next Generation. The children (and Gio) did a great job of keeping me entertained.

Dante intrigued me because although he is the middle child, he always acted as if he was the oldest. He is usually very serious and controlled. His lighthearted moments were few and far between. I assume this is in large part due to what was expected of him. He was being groomed by Antony to be his successor, the future Don. He definitely took on this role admirably.

I love Cat's introduction to the story. With her red hair and bodycon dress I imagined Jessica Rabbit. The intricate and well-thought-out plan she had to manipulate her way into Dante's life gave their story uniqueness. It was a great way to differentiate their story from those of the other couples. Their chemistry was off-the-charts hot and I really liked the way they fell in love. There was no rush and yet it happened in no time at all.

Every scene with the Marcello brothers was amazing and when it came to the suspenseful part of the story the way they worked with each other further proved how strong the love and bond between them really was. I'm almost sad to see them go but at the same time I'm reassured that I'll see them again in Filthy Marcellos: Legacy and the spin-off series the author has planned.

Enjoy! xo

Melanie (mells_view) says

A good marriage of convenience read!

Pretty darn good. Marriage of convenience between a future mob boss and a Queen pin. I of course loved this story. Mob stuff and a queen pin with secrets. What more could I ask for? It's a bit of a slow burn and the tension isn't crazy high, as a lot happens off book, but this still a good story.
