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THE KAGE SAGA CONTINUES...

Michael Kage Santori has just inherited a thriving hotel and millions of dollars. He's poised to become an MMA champion. Things couldn't be better between him and his college boy lover, Jamie Atwood—especially in the bedroom, where Jamie is more than eager to let Kage take out his aggressions on him.

Kage seems to have it all, but success and happiness have come at a steep price. After all of the childhood trauma he endured at the hands of his controlling uncle, Peter Santori, it's a miracle Kage has any shred of sanity left. And now, because of him, Jamie is a murderer.

More than anything, Kage wants to be good. He wants to be the kind of man who is worthy of Jamie's love, but fate has other ideas. His uncle's legacy has a stranglehold on him, and it keeps dragging him further and further down a rabbit hole from which there seems no escape. Worst of all... Kage knows he's going to pull Jamie down right along with him, and he would rather die than let that happen.

Previous books in this series:

Kage

Kage Unleashed

Kage Unmasked

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Akknieszka says

Welcome back, Mr. Santori ?
It's good to see you again.

?❁❖👉 **Sammy ?❖❁? says**

Stopped at 19%.

I loved the first three books but this one wasn't doing it for me.

?♥? **Michaelle ♡♥? says**

Thank you to my GR Brain Twin for gifting me with this!!

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

4.5 stars - First and foremost, fitness model Mike Chabot, will forever and always be Michael Kage. There isn't a more perfect person to play that part, and I'm glad his story is continuing here. Secondly, if you have not yet read the original Kage Trilogy, go back and do so now, as that is where this story all started, and this is a continuation that picks up right where that left off.

Ms. Black has successfully continued with the theme, characterizations, feelings, etc. that were present throughout the original series, and it only takes a few paragraphs for it to all come rushing back. Kage and Jamie are trying to pick up the pieces after Santori's demise, and while things were rough before, they are no real picnic now that he's gone. With the stipulation that Kage cannot sell any part of the business for two years, Kage is determined to get on top of things, to make the business thrive and to eliminate any possible illegal goings on which will only help keep Jamie safe.

Unfortunately, as I said, Santori's reach is still being felt and there are definitely things afoot that pose danger to both Kage and Jamie. But, trying to carry the load himself while figuring things out is starting to take its toll on their relationship. Will Kage get a handle on things before Jamie runs out of patience? Time will tell, as this is just the beginning.

The story takes a bit of a turn about 3/4 of the way through when Kage learns of Santori's journals. I was unsure of this at first, selfishly wanting the focus back on Kage and Jamie. However, it didn't take long before I was sucked into the story just as much as Kage was. I really don't want to like Santori at all, but hot damn, was I on board learning about his earlier life.

Of course, this ends in a bit of a cliffy with lots of stuff up in the air. I was gobbling up pages like pack man on speed, and really cannot wait for the next installment! So good to have Kage and Jamie back, and even though I was frustrated with them at various points throughout, I so badly want them to find happiness and some day make it to that island life Kage has dreamed up for them. Hopefully we won't have to wait too long to find out. Highly recommend.

Review written for The Blogger Girls.

Jennifer says

3.5* this started slow but picked up in the last part of the book. The reveals about Peter Santori revitalized this story.

Bernice says

I found the original trilogy to be a servicable fifty shades type mm book without any real spark, but I guess they were those who loved it, they're probably also going to love this sequel trilogy that's all about unreasonable tension and misunderstanding between a couple that has basically already had a HEA and of course a subplot about the dead psycho uncle's youthful gay romance but I didn't.

AussieMum says

4.5 stars

I couldn't put this down, even when I wanted to punch Jamie for being such a whiny bastard, and even when I wanted to kick Kage in the nuts for...lots of reasons.

Beginning right after the death of Kage's uncle in Kage Unmasked we go through Jamie and Kage's time apart while Jamie finishes college, and their subsequent "outing" after Kage's big interview. There's a lot skimmed over and recapped during this time in order to get to the beginning of this new story, which is basically about the mystery and intrigue of Kage running a, quite probably, illegal empire built by his late Uncle.

I was a little frustrated at both Jamie and Kage and not quite sure where the story was going until I hit (view spoiler)and everything got turned on its head. From then I was addicted. Hungry for more, needing to know everything. The way Maris Black weaved the last part of this book was unexpected and had me on the edge of my seat (view spoiler)

This does end on a kind of cliffhanger, but on a sliding scale, it's not a bad one. (view spoiler)

Bottom line. I'm hooked and I want to know more. Bring on the next.

~Mindy Lynn~ says

4 Stars!

The Kage trilogy was one of my favorite series that I had read last year so was when I saw this book floating around in my feed I had a total fan-girl moment. It wasn't embarrassing, just bit of a "yes!!!" scream. OK, there might have been a fist pump. Anyways.. I was really happy to see there was not only another book, but that it was going to be another trilogy. I am one of the reader's who felt the story was unfinished when the first series ended. I wanted more. Now I got more and I was happy with what I got. But not 5 star happy.

There are a lot of ups and downs in Kage's and Jamie's relationship in this book. Kage is keeping secrets and Jamie is frustrated with the secrets and how much distance is starting to grow between them. Jamie is missing Kage "The Fighter". He's not so much loving the "Businessman Kage". I'm with Jamie on this one. I completely understand the need Kage has wanting to succeed with the business's he's inherited after the passing of his shady Uncle Peter. The problem I have with him is that he holds things back from Jamie which is annoying because it only ends up making unnecessary drama between the two of them. You can feel the distance growing between our guys and it's frustrating. I'm sure there will be a breaking point in the book that will follow.

Peter... I have mixed feelings about what progressed with this man in this book. I wasn't pleased that this man took up so much space in this book. But to confess, I was completely interested in what the author had wrote. But there is no way I am going to sympathize with this man. Why? One name. Evan.

I am looking forward to the next book. Hopefully things move along in a quicker pace and more things are revealed and our men get it together.

Happy reading dolls! xx

Jaime says

Can't wait...just please give me strength if this author has cliffhangers. She is the queen of just leaving you hanging by a cliff, with only one finger holding you up...

Not sure I will survive cliffhangers in this series....I won't have the next book ready to go.....

cynthisizing says

No review because I just can't bring myself to finish this. I liked the Kage series fine but this is just... drama that I can't buy into. I might try again some other time.

Chelsea says

Oh this is a suprise! And a perfect chance to reread the trilogy and find out if I still like it as much as I did the first time round.

Arch Bala says

You should know that I absolutely adore Kage and Jamie! The Kage Trilogy is one of my favorite series' from this genre. I'd advise though, for those who have not read the Kage Trilogy to give it a go first before starting this one because this is obviously not a standalone novel.

The book is called Santori, the first of the The Santori Trilogy which mostly refers to Michael (Kage) and in a roundabout way to his vile uncle, Peter Santori. It picks up right after the event of Peter Santori's death.

The story is told from the POV of both Kage and Jamie's (and one quite an important character in the story). It's very fast-paced mostly recapping what they've been up to through their temporary separation since Jamie still has to finish his degree in Atlanta before moving in permanently with Kage in Vegas.

The whole vibe of the story isn't as dynamic as its predecessor so there's a bit of a disconnect from Jamie and Kage for me. There's more telling in it than actually showing if you know what I mean.

I still adore this two but I thought the narrative in general was a bit draggy. Kage keeps on reminding himself that one of the reasons they've had problems before was their lack of communication but he's consciously NOT communicating with Jamie and vice versa. I mean, I get it. They wanted to protect each other and not be a nuisance but if you think about it, they just sound like two immature kids playing house.

The Peter Santori angle was the biggest reveal of this installment but while I find it fascinating, I find it a bit unnecessary to give that much of a space in telling his story. The last few chapters were almost drowned out by him and I got lost wondering about the implications of this reveal. I mean it is shocking but to what extent? The guy is dead, after all.

I don't want to sound like I hated this book because I honestly don't. There are fun parts in it especially the Paul-debacle. Gosh, that was over the top hilarious and I'm fucking living for it. I think I've to pause reading for a good ten minutes just to laugh! That was really funny and cute!

Now, I am anxious to get hold of the second book because I wanted to know where the author will take this story and up to what extent. It has a lot of exciting possibilities and the very thought that it's going on the dark side is very much thrilling!

Lastly, that cover featuring Mike Chabot is absolutely swoony!

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Eugenia says

4 Stars! A fantastic follow up to the Kage Trilogy!

What we have here is a failure to communicate.....at least Kage does. Yes, Kage, our favorite MMA fighter is back. That sexy MFer along with Jaime and his willing, dirty self.

Hmmmmm HOT sex aside, Kage is now running his dead uncle's empire. Jaime finishes school and is back with Jaime. Peter Santori was not much of an uncle to Kage and had some shady dealings. Kage wants to keep all of the "bad" from Jaime. To protect him. So he doesn't tell him about the threats he's been getting or why he's so stressed. Jaime doesn't buy it, but takes what he can from Kage.

I HATE non-communication tropes, but here some of it makes sense, but a lot doesn't. I want to smack you upside the head, Kage, you twit, for lying and not talking with Jaime!

There's a sketchy therapist in there that seems to me a little too convenient to for Jaime to find. And then there are the old journals from his uncle Peter which truly begin a new story of sorts, for a good part of the book. It's quite interesting, really, and gives insight into the Alcazar Hotel and an interesting side of uncle Peter Kage never knew about.

This book is great! The sex is HOT and messy, and there's a lot of stuff going on. I'm so looking forward to the next book and hoping that Kage confides in Jaime before he loses him.

Lily says

How did I NOT know about this?!

But still, there's no way I'm reading this without it's sequel. So for now, I'm waiting ~~patiently~~.

Matthew Lee says

Omg

I seriously just love this author and the books she puts out! A few grammatical errors but it didn't bother me at all. Can't wait for the next book in this series!!!
