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Anya Caliendo left her family and their resort two years ago. She was ashamed and afraid that her family would blame her for some of their father's ruthless dealings. Now she returns to the resort in secret to find files to clear her name, but she doesn't plan on running into her one-time lover, Quinn.

Quinn used to work for Anya's father too and he's out to do the same as Anya – clear his name. When he runs into Anya, they strike a deal to help one another. Quinn wonders how he can trust a Caliendo to keep her word. Will she turn out to be just like her father?

Amid the secret meetings and late-night file searches, Anya and Quinn also fight a connection that seems to draw them closer and closer. Will they be able to clear their names and rekindle a romance or will their past destroy the future they so desperately seek?

This book can be read as a STAND ALONE, but for more enjoyment read them in the order of the series, as all the characters appear in future books.

"Ms. Leah's ability to create romantic scenes that are like wispy clouds, not clearly defined, not graphically detailed, but hinted at and fleeting after she has set the warm up scenes to intense passion. I always trust my imagination, and with Shannyn Leah's guidance, it was sparking and sighing and once again, melting down. That is romance. That is sensual heat. Give us a tease and cut our minds and hearts loose to make the best scenes ever! Kind of brings out our own personal melting point, as if she wrote each scene specifically for each reader." ~Dii Tometender~

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Kathy says

This is the 2nd Caliendo book and it's even better than the 1st! We get into more of Robert Caliendo's deceit and manipulation of people including his own family. Fortunately Robert is dead but his blackmailing etc. lives on and this time it's Anya & Quinn dealing with their pasts. They are a hot couple if they can get past themselves and their guilt. Really should read this series in order as they seem to build on each other gradually introducing you to all of the family members. Really good series though!!

I received a free copy of this book and voluntarily chose to review it.

Ashleigh says

Anya Caliendo left her family's resort two years ago after becoming involved in her father's dirty dealings. Anya is forced to return home in order to find a secret file that will clear her name and right a wrong that she feels responsible for. However, she doesn't plan on running into her ex-lover Quinn Barker. Quinn used to work for her father, and is also on the hunt for a mysterious file so they decide to make a deal, and look for them together. Can they find a way to trust each other without knowing what the other is hiding? Will they even be able to keep things strictly professional given their intimate history?

So each book in the Sunset/Caliendo Resort series is stand alone, but they are still interconnected. Kind of like Jamie McGuire's Maddox Brothers series or Kylie Scott's Stage Dive Series. As you already know, I'm a huge fan of this format so definite points to Shannyn Leah, excellent choice, I love it. I can also attest to the fact that each story is truly stand alone, as this is the first book in the series that I have read (which I believe is #2) and I didn't feel lost, or disorientated. I knew exactly what was going on which is a tricky thing to do when you have crossover characters.

However, I will note that Leah does recommend you read the books in order to really enjoy the series, as all the characters appear in future books.

Sunset Rivalry was a 3*s for me personally because I didn't truly connect with the main characters, but with this type of series I always find you'll have your favourites, Quinn and Anya just weren't mine. But I'm interested to see what else happens at the resort! And from my Goodreads research, I see Leah has written a few other series in this style so I'll definitely be checking those out as well. The storyline was also a little predictable. Not just in the usual HEA way we expect and love, but I had guessed the plot twist before it happened. That doesn't mean I didn't like or enjoy the read though, I just saw it coming.

Overall, I'd recommend this if you're looking for a nice, easy, romantic read with characters that will return if you fall in love with them. I have a feeling a few of you are going to want to see Quinn again...

This is a perfect summer read!

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. This in no way affected my opinion of the book, or the content of my review.

Pamela Lunder says

Loved loved loved this book. Anya is determined to help the person she blames herself for hurting. Quinn is determined to find the files he needs. The two of them teaming up and finally admitting their feelings for each other. I love them as a couple and I think Dave, Pamela, Memphis and Rhiannon are pretty perfect too (thank you Shannyn). This book has a very special place in my heart and will forever.

Pauline Frost says

This series is one you don't want to miss. Well written perfectly paced with strong characters you can relate to. You are caught from the first page and even the fact all are stand alone reads you can still follow along on each story.

Carvanz says

Anya and Quinn's relationship began two years ago. Anya's father was not to be trusted and Quinn worked for him. That didn't stop her from falling in love with him despite his shady dealings. Quinn had a hidden agenda in getting close to Anya and the truth of that secret keeps him from going all in with her.

This was a great lovers to enemies to lovers romance with a lot of push and pull in the beginning. These characters both have reason to keep their distance but the chemistry that flairs when they are together cannot be denied. I hurt for both Quinn and Anya as they suffered through so much to try to find their own form of redemption.

I enjoyed the pace of this book as well as all the secondary characters and the added color they brought to the story. The steam factor isn't high and it's a fade to black but still gave me enough to feel the passion between the hero and heroine. While this isn't a low angst read, it isn't extreme either.

Overall, this is a very nice book with characters that I cared about and was invested in. Would love to have had an epilogue but I'm hoping we'll see more of them in the books following this one.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Trigger (view spoiler)

Marnie says

"We will take this one day at a time until you do. Together."

And this is Quinn's promise to Anya, his former lover, since her return to her family after an unexplained absence of two years.

Two years ago, her father exposed Quinn for the heartless man that he was. Two years ago, her father died. And, two years ago, she was responsible for almost killing someone and her life then changed drastically.

She's not the same vivacious chef that she was. She hasn't cooked in two years, and it looks like she hasn't eaten much in that time either. Guilt has been eating her alive as we see the legacy of blackmail and deceit built by Robert Caliendo almost destroy the lives of not only his own family from within, but many more throughout the years.

Quinn Barker had been Robert Caliendo's digger of dirt, just like his father before him, only his own motivations completely differed. For one, Robert has something to blackmail Quinn into doing this dirty work for him, and Quinn himself had his own motivations. This goal was further complicated by his fascination and secret love for a certain gorgeous Caliendo chef.

Sunset Rivalry is a well crafted second chance romance that sees Quinn and Anya have another go at discovering love, trading secrets that neither of them know the true depth of, and learning to trust each other.

Trouble is, when Anya realises just who her guilty secret has affected, she's convinced that those she loves will no longer want to be around her. There are plots within plots in this series, and as fast as my questions are answered, I always have more! 5 Stars for the continuing twisted legacy of Robert Caliendo.

Laila Viking says

I like these stories that has a bit of mystery in them. There is also love, lust, trust, friendship, hurt, drama, passion and twists. A standalone but has connections to the previous books. You get updates on the characters that was in them. I recommend you read the whole series.

Great characters, storyline and plot. Very well written. A bit too predictable but enjoyable read.

Crystal Wilke says

Sunset Rivalry is book two in the Caliendo Resort series. You'll want to read this series in order. Who doesn't enjoy second chance romances? This is Anya & Quinn's story. If you have read Sunset Thunder or the McAdams sister series then you are well acquainted with Robert Caliendo. The search still continues for files and revealing secrets. The Caliendo family is trying to fix the wrongs but sometimes the past is hard to forgive & forget. You'll have to grab a copy of Sunset Rivalry to see if Quinn & Anya can finally have their true happiness. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Smashlybookaliciousreviewingchicks says

This is book two in the Caliendo Resort series and while each can be read as a standalone, you may just want to read the others cause you definitely cannot just choose one Caliendo that you want to know more about.

We wanted Anya's story since she was so mysterious in book one and we want to know more about her father's story and how this affected not only her family, but her. Don't worry, if this is your first book in this series, you will get enough of the background to feel as if you know what transpired with her father's dealings that impacted the whole family not only when he was alive, but even in his passing.

Quinn oh Quinn you may be hot, but your mystery was not what I really thought of when I met you in book one. My heart breaks once we know the real reason of why you were working for Mr. Caliendo. Oh, that fling may have been part of the game a couple years ago, but that spark is still there and that connection was real even if it started out as a fake. Will the search for the files bring your answers? Well, I know if they did or didn't but I won't tell. The mystery surrounding the files and the revelation is going to have you page turning until the very end to get the answers.

Anya may have left the resort two years ago and be ashamed of how events and people got hurt in her father's dealings, but she is coming home to grab a file she needs to clear her name and then to head out again away from the resort. You can feel her pain, her sense of missing the restaurant at the resort and the shock she felt when it came to some revelations. Will she decide to stay once the files and secrets are revealed or will it be too much for her to handle?

There may be sibling rivalry in this Caliendo family, but Miss Izzy still needs to get herself knocked down and when it happens it better be a man who can handle her. Emma is funny and like the peace keeper of the family who is very outspoken and that is saying it mildly. I cannot wait to read the next sibling in the Caliendo family.

Cathy Tremblay says

“He liked her, he craved her, but he was ready for her to stab him in the back like he'd done to her. ``

Anya Caliendo left 2 years ago. She left her luxurious life, a career she loved and a man she was deeply attracted to but that deceived her. She now has to live with the weight of her dad's last wish on his deathbed; she has to redeem his faults.

Quinn Barker is used to be in the shadows. He won't let his feelings drive him away from his goal; to access the Caliendo secrets to uncover a certain hidden file. He wants to make amends to the people he hurt by working for the dark souled Robert Caliendo. His dad had a last wish he has to accomplish in order to finally be free and live his life.

Two families pulled apart by a drift caused by lies, pains and a deceitful man; Robert Caliendo. Anya and Quinn used each other but develop a mutual attraction that they are trying to push away. Quinn confuses her by caring but pushing her away and sending Anya mix messages. She wants him but he is torn between his family and the woman he loves.

He wants her to find something more ,better than what he has to offer; She wants him.

Anya's father's dark manipulative side ruined a lot of lives and his children once again are paying the big price. Can she and Quinn leave the past behind, get past their families' feud and finally let loose of their love for each other?

Shannyn Leah, as usual brings us in a world where we fall in love, get heart broken and keeps us on edge a few times! Even thou her books are standalones; I'm always excited to find out what will happen in the next in the series! Bravo!

Socccergypsy says

** ARC provided in exchange for an honest review. **

Oh sweet Lord. I would give this 10 stars if I could! Having briefly been introduced, or really rather a reference to Anya in a prior release (this is a stand-alone novel but part of a series so you know of the characters prior to their personal "book") I did not realize how closely I would associate with her. I think I fell for her harder than I have for any of the heart-breaking, blood-boiling, scorch your retinas gorgeous males I have had the privilege of meeting in this series! Her trials and guilt broke me. Love this girl; love this story. Nothing...absolutely nothing I would change.

Shannyn Leah says

How about a round of Mud Shoes? Favorite part!

Becky Claxon says

Anya Caliendo has been gone from her family's life and Resort for the last two years. Her brother Marc hired Quinn Barker to find her and make sure she is all right. Quinn used to work for Anya's father and help him dig up information to blackmail others. Since their father is dead, the family has been trying to make up for all of Robert's past mistakes. Anya is sneaking into her suite at the resort to try and find her key to her father's office. Anya's father told her about the files he had on everyone before he died. Anya has been taking care of a woman named Rebecca that tried to get away from Anya two years ago, fell into the street, and was hit by a car. Anya has felt responsible for her condition and wants to reunite her with her family. She needs the file to see where her family is living to reunite them. Quinn is also looking for the file on his sister Nikki to see if Robert has something to do with her death. Quinn needs Anya to get to the files so he is staying right by her side. They used to have a romantic relationship before Anya took off. Now it seems all they can do is fight and not trust each other.

I loved Anya and Quinn together and the heat the two produced. They had a long road to try and trust each other. They had to trust each other before they could tell the other their secrets. For awhile I wanted to bop Quinn's brother Dave because of how rude he was to Anya and her family. He didn't want to listen to any of them and he sure didn't trust them. I loved this book and strongly encourage you to read the book. I was given a copy of this book and voluntarily read and reviewed the book.

Dianne says

Even the Calientos can't pick their family and now the ghosts of the late patriarch's dealings are coming back to haunt and hurt not only members of the family, but others as well. Secret files, well documented and possibly devastating need to be found, need to be uncovered and lives need to get back to normal, free of the weight of mystery hanging over their heads. That is what brought Anya back, sneaking around like a thief in

the night and that is how Quinn found her, on a mission himself to find files that concern his family, a family used like well-paid puppets to do her father's bidding. Of all of the men to catch her red-handed, it had to be the one man she has never forgotten, the man who didn't want her.

Quinn is hot, self-confident and aggravating as the devil, so Anya must gather up her "Caliendo" attitude as they put together a lame plan to find the files and split up, never to cross paths again. Guess their hearts didn't get the memo, but too much time and too little trust makes for prickly, cool days while under the cover of darkness their nights are searingly hot. Can they survive what they may discover?

What Shannyn Leah has done to the Caliendos this time is nothing short of deviously brilliant! Amid the angst and anger of the past, the accusations and the partial truths, one man and one woman must choose happiness no matter what, but it's easier said than done, especially as the final truths of the files are unveiled. **Sunset Rivalry** is proof that Shannyn Leah is maturing as an author with something to say! Her mastery of romance, mystery and turmoil, as well as her ability to weave her words into an engaging and high-tension tale will entangle the readers in the webs she has woven. Not to worry, if it is romance you want, it's all here, hot and electric, sweet and sassy and oh so satisfying. Let's not forget the cast of characters that bring it all together in perfect pitch. Shannyn Leah's Caliendo family are a little pampered, a lot rich, but the loyalty is priceless! Ms. Leah can write, but don't take my word for it, try it, yourself!

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Pam says

Ms. Leah is becoming a favorite "one click" author of mine. The Caliendo Resort is a series about the Caliendo family & the lies, betrayal & trust issues left behind when their father died. Anya had disappeared two years ago shortly after her father passed. She was afraid her family would find out the role she had in one of her father's secrets. On his deathbed he asked her to do him a favor. It went horribly wrong & a woman ended up hurt. Now she's sneaking my around the resort trying to get into her father's secret room to recover the woman's file so she can find her family. She knows the footprint of the resort. It can't be that hard, right?

Quinn took over his father's job as a PI for Mr. Caliendo. Marc Caliendo, the son, has asked Quinn to helping the family find Anya. He can't believe it's this easy when he catches her sneakers no around the resort. He turned her into the family & once she was back in the fold, told her he'd help her find the file she was looking for if she helped him out with his file. He can't stop the chemistry or his feelings for her from

growing.

Shannyn Leah has managed to set up this story in such a way that the reader's attention is immediately caught & kept. This story has romance, betrayal, family tensions, lies & mystery. Anya's hurt & feelings of guilt catch your emotions & you can't help feeling for her. Quinn is hot, sexy & extremely manipulative. He has tension with in his own family over his actions & sexual tension with Anya. Quinn & Anya both need to learn to get past what her father's has done & their individual feelings of guilt. They also need to learn to trust each other & their feelings. The plot builds in intensity until the final twist you really don't see coming.
