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Every love story is important, whether it ends in a happy-ever-after or tragedy, because two people shared something so special that it made them value each other's life more than their own. I know this is true because my life with Salvatore Santini was a beautiful love story...

One that ended far too soon.

But I would rather live for only one day with him, than suffer a lifetime without him. Being with Salvatore was worth a thousand deaths. Through him, I experienced heaven on earth, something very few people find. So don't cry for me, I was truly happy. But if you can't stop your tears, save them for Salvatore...

The one I left behind.

**The Five Families series is a collection of standalone novels and novellas centered around different members of ruling mafia families on a famous island off the southern coast of Italy.**

*Books from this series can be read as a companion to The Santini Brothers and My Masters' Nightmare series.*

*I Love You, Salvatore* covers 26 years, chronicling Rosa's and Salvatore's love story. It's broken up into 3 parts: The Early Years (age 10-19), The Middle Years (20-29), The Final Years (30-36), with a current 2014 scene spliced through. It's from Rosa's point of view.

## I Love You, Salvatore Details

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### **Barbara says**

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What happens when a naive girl felt in love with a son of a Dom...two children with totally different backgrounds meet and can't be apart no matter what, an amazing unconditional love! Rosa and Salvatore's love is not an easy one, a beautiful look at love that few ever really feel!

Marita A. Hansen has created a beautiful, but very painful love story, I love Salvatore Santini – love him from the beginning but when he becomes a hard mafia man – SWOON – He is incredibly sexy and the sex scenes with Rosa were off the chart hot – He is perfect!

So if you're looking for passion, LOVE, heart breaking, Mafia world in a Italian way, read this book!

Thanks so much Marita A. Hansen for the privilege of reading this wonderful book!

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### **My Salvatore!**

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### **Michelle Mayorquin says**

#### **Wow must-read!!**

I really like the story i cried a little. Why did it have to end like that fuck it was a good read.

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### **Bea says**

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### **Aqilah says**

First I want to thank the brilliant author of this wonderful book, Marita A Hansen, for being so kind and giving me an ARC of this brilliant book. She is a brilliant writer and I can't wait to read more of her amazing books!

This is the sweetest book ever.

Little Rosa is so cute. Even as a child she knew she loved him! Her character was so sweet and loving. She was adorable. The love she felt for Salvatore was beautiful. I loved how she eventually knew that she did try and ignore what he was, but accepted it in any case. I loved how she would call him Signor with some very cute catchy word next. It made her playful and even more sweet. But my favorite thing that she called him was definitely 'big bad mafia man'. It was too cute!

I loved their friendship and that he bought her a doll house when she was 11! Could he be more perfect? I think I loved them as children most, actually I loved them all the time. I literally highlighted half this book. It was that good.

The one thing I didn't like was that she hated his family... Well in the beginning she did... When she first spoke about my dearest Ricardo it made my heart hurt, he was such an angry little person. So adorable! But eventually she loved them all like they were her own family. I especially liked Savatore's sister, Anna. This is the first book that she is really in and she has a very nice character. I would love to see more of her. Bella was sweet too, but she has a much more heartfelt story.

Her family I don't think ever really loved the idea of her marrying into the Mafioso. But I guess that is very very understandable, very realistic. I love that about Marita Hansen's books, they are realistic, not farfetched or anything.

One of the best parts of this book is when he starts to tell her about the things he does. He was so honest and she did accept it no matter what. That was definitely one of my favorite parts in this book. Well in any book.

This book was wonderful. I can't say how much I loved it. This book even though it was a novella it wasn't rushed. It was paced nicely and everything had its place.

The last chapter of this book was heartbreak and sad and emotional and everything it should have been. Just brilliant.

Well basically from start to finish this book is perfect. From their secret love affair to their first time, everything! Everything was just too sweet!

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### **Mummy's Naughty Corner says**

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Cover :- 4 stars

Sex/steaminess :- 4 stars

Story line :- 5 stars

Characters :- 5 stars

Overall rating :- 4.5 stars

Personal rating :- 5 stars

Book Pairing:- M/F

Did it give me a book hangover :- Almost  
Is this a review book or personal read :- Review Read

Why I chose this book?

I got the pleasure of being a Beta on this read.

What I liked about this book.

- \* The character development was fantastic.
- \* The story sweeps you away.
- \* The mix of the gritty gangster live with the sweetness of the romance was perfect.

What I didn't like about this book.

Nothing really

Would I read more from this author?

Yes

Would I recommend this book?

Yes

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### **Menna says**

*\*\*5 Amazing beautifully heart melting and saddening stars\*\**

**"He was the man of my dreams,**

**My perfect prince**

**Someone who could do no wrong."**

This story was the sweetest beautiful story I have read in a long time. It has all the factors that would make a romantic read perfect for me.

I LOVED the reality of the story, it felt so real not some corny soap opera. I loved Salvador and Rosa so freaking much, they were perfect together, loved them through their ups and downs, their banter and the amazing unconditional love they had for each other.

**"Is the big bad mafia man scared o one diaper?**

**Sì, give me a knife and I'll go kill Selena instead, because it's better than wiping Piero's merda."**

**Salvatore** had the whole package any wife could wish for; caring, gentle, selfless, hot, sexy, loving, kind and so much more. He was the perfect husband, father and family man.

As for **Rosa** , I really loved her she was perfect for him. She was also, kind, loving, got balls, fierce, funny, hot, loyal....

They just completed each other, they were the perfect example for the term soulmates.

**"And I hope to see wrinkles here one day, because it'll mean I still have you in my life."**

In a time like Nowadays where lots of people have gone through bad relationships that had made them give up on love or don't believe that love truly exists anymore, this story has made me believe that love could be enough, that no matter what life throws at you, as long as you have a person who truly loves you and have your back, nothing will ever matter, you would stand side by side against the whole world.

**"I would rather live for only one day with him, than suffer a lifetime without him."**

I also liked that I got to see some glances into the other Santini brothers's life, especially Alessandro and what happened to him. It made me want to read more about them now more than ever.

The hardest part in that book was reading and feeling through every word the love they had for each other and how much she was crazy about him, knowing what will happen to her at the end, really broke my heart.

I actually cried at the part they talked about exchanging wills, even though they joked about it and tried to lighten it up but that made me tear up more.

I know now that Salvador's book is going to be really hard to read but even though I loved Rosa I hope he could move on like she had asked him to...

I really loved this book, glad that I have read it and I won't forget it any time soon.

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### **Dianne says**

Grab some tissues, reign in your heart and your temper, dust off your passport, we're going to travel across both an ocean and time in a truly contemporary tragic love story staged in the violent world of the heartland of the Mafia. Two young children from totally different backgrounds meet, Rosa is the young daughter of a seamstress, Salvatore is the son of a Mafia Don. Their worlds are polar opposites, but attraction knows no boundaries, it just is, and when it's real, and friendship and love grows, there is nothing that can stop it. Rosa is revisiting her life with Salvatore since age ten. He is handsome, has a quiet power that surrounds him that she doesn't understand. He comes from wealth, and the type of power that even those in authority fear, a position where politics play an even bigger role than love.

Salvatore's family has plans for him; they have arranged a marriage that is beneficial to the family. Rosa has never been good enough in their eyes, she has no power to give them, and she would not make a good wife to a powerful Mafia son. Salvatore, although his heart is not in it, is destined to follow in the family business. But these two hold an ace that changes everything and Rosa's own strong will will become the catalyst to their marriage. Their devotion to each other brings them through the most heartbreak times, strengthening

their love, proving their love. Will Rosa ever be accepted into the family? Is she a weakness that others can use against Salvatore?

People change, but behind closed doors their love is a raging inferno. Rosa's stroll down memory lane is truthful, sometimes emotionally crushing, but a beautiful look at love that few ever really feel. Will it last through eternity? Will it strengthen with time? Will it be enough to carry her Salvatore through life? Will the family taint the love they have? Will they have to separate after all these years?

I love, absolutely love when one of those hidden gems pop up and total blind me with its brilliance! Sure, I read the synopsis and I thought I knew where this was going to go and how it was going to get there, I was not even close. Marita A. Hansen has absolutely created a beautiful, yet painful love story that spanned decades, ups and downs, happiness and sadness, and never once did I doubt the depth of the love between Rosa and Salvatore! That is skilled writing, to build so many obstacles, so much danger and never once let the love die out through the changes that life brings is so refreshing to see. Ms. Hansen's ability to transcend decades with such smooth transitions and is phenomenal, to do it through the eyes, mind and heart of one character, is what makes this tale so strong, so riveting and so memorable.

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### **Valentina "TinchyB" says**

Review to come ;)

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### **Johnnie-Marie Howard says**

I rather enjoyed the time I took to read this fantastic story. It really helped sum up the others that I have read and really blends into them as well just a little hop into a back seat all it really is. It's meant to be a stand alone but to really understand what has happened I recommend reading My Masters Nightmare along with Ricardo which those are amazing stories as well. It has only taken me a few hours to read this bad boy from cover to cover and love every minute of it. The passion, love, and truths it holds is really a wonderful site for the heart to hold. This is one story I feel I didn't get enough of I in a way want more I feel I need more it's that great. MUST READ!!!

\*\*\*I received this story for free in exchange for an honest review, see more of my review @

### **Mary B. says**

This book was not what I expected, it's MUCH better than what I expected. I liked this author's other books, but this one was the first one I could call beautiful. Her other books about the mafia were dark, this one was a mixture of sweet and tragic. It gave me the chills. The writing was beautiful, especially the tiny poems at the top of some of the chapters. It really set the mood.

The book is taken from Rosa's perspective, which is also different from the author's other books, which have multiple perspectives. I prefer multiple perspectives, but for this book the single one was perfect. Rosa took us through her love story with Salvatore, right from when they first met. Little Rosa and Salvatore were adorable. I loved how they grew through the book, from when they were in school to adulthood.

And Salvatore - swoon! He is the best Santini brother. He is so chivalrous, a true gentleman, but not a push over. When he was setting Rosa straight about what he is really like - a hard mafia man, it was the best moment in the book for me. I can see him holding a door open for a woman, then turning around and shooting a man in the head. He has two sides to his personality and I loved that about him. He is incredibly sexy and the sex scenes were off the chart hot.

He is also intensely loyal to his family, which is another wonderful quality. The way he reacted when Alessandro was hurt was heartbreakingly.

Additionally. I want to read more about Silvio. His story combined with Bella's and Luciano's is heartbreakingly and I NEED to know more about him.

I'm eagerly awaiting the next book.

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### **M.A. McRae says**

There were obstacles, and yet this love could not be denied. I very much enjoyed this story of Rosa, daughter of a seamstress, and Salvatore Santini, Mafia.

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### **\*kawehi.reviews says**

? I received an ARC via the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! ?

*I Love You, Salvatore* held a multi-dimensional feel that impressed and fueled my imagination!!

It made me think of a double edged sword— both beautiful and deadly, in which love and obligation to one's family legacy run dire consequences which can lead to fulfillment or utter destruction.

Rosa and Salvatore's story was actually my favorite of Marita A. Hansen's stories. While I'd only ever read *Ricardo* from this author, *ILYS* held a more basic and natural feel to its infrastructure and felt a lot less

gritty and depressing than its predecessor.

Don't get me wrong, I do like dark and high stake reads with complications and complexity. But! What I liked here was that I got to see everything occur from one single dimensional perspective--- all the way from humble beginnings, through tumultuous challenges and awakenings, to where things are now.

Rosa and Salvatore's love is not an easy one, as one can imagine for someone associated with the Mafia lifestyle, and in any relationship—they go through their ups and downs, agreements and disagreements, as well as ever adapting adjustments toward making their love work in this turbulent and chaotic world set against them.

**#A realistic and engaging Mafia romance that grab readers from the very go and keep you guessing till the very end!**

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### **Marita Hansen says**

LAST DAY TO GET *I Love You, Salvatore* for .99 cents.

<http://www.amazon.com/Love-Salvatore-...>

*Special note: Although it states this book is The Five Families #1, it is also classified under The Santini Brothers #1.5.*

Spans 26 years.

A sweet, but tragic love story.

One point of view.

Rosa's.

You will love Salvatore too.

*"The mafia isn't something I can run from. It's just as much a part of me as my heart and lungs are. Like air, I will die without it..." Salvatore Santini.*

*Our love story didn't begin when we first met*

*We were only ten  
Instead, we became steadfast friends*

*The daughter of a seamstress  
The son of a Don*

*Two children who didn't understand the consequences  
Of becoming friends*

~Rosa Aggio.

***I Love You, Salvatore* is now available.**

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**Noara says**

**BY FAR, THE BEST BOOK I READ THIS YEAR!!!**

Review to come.....

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**Chris-Wait-For-It-Awesome says**

What can I say except WHY?????????????????

After all they've through WHY? I was going to cry, I knew I was going to love it but it still gutted me.

Absolutely gutted me.

Recommend to all who want a tragic love story...

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