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Russian mob boss Vladimir Ivanov has many enemies—one of them just kidnapped his wife.

A mafia war has erupted in London, and Vladimir's enemies know his one weakness is his deep passion for his new bride, Carter Ivanov. When rival mob boss Maksim Ovechkin kidnaps her, Vladimir is willing to pay the ransom with his own blood.

But Maksim's plans go deeper than that. Vladimir's blood may not be enough.

Maksim wants Carter for himself.

Carter has a secret—she's pregnant with Vladimir's heir.

If Maksim finds out, the consequences will be disastrous. But Carter isn't willing to give up on her husband, even if her loyalty to Vladimir puts her life on the line.

Some risks are worth taking, however, and Carter has a plan.

Unfortunately, Maksim is one step ahead of her.

Carter is no mafia princess who needs saving. She's a force to be reckoned with. But she'll need every ounce of her strength to defeat Maksim and his Bratva, and keep her family alive.

Criminal Details

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Cherryl Montgomery says

Finally they get their HEA!

Glad and Carter had a tumultuous road to go in the beginning of their marriage. The kidnapping of Carter was very stressful to read. She grew up in a very short period of time, but her stubbornness turned out to be her best weapon for survival. Her love for George and Vladimir was all the insensitive she needed for survival

Even though their HEA was conditional, they were still able to keep their blended family together with much love FOREVER!

This was an enjoyable read, full of suspense and drama.

Corrie says

Criminal was the perfect ending to the Russian Tattoos series by Kat Shehata!

Criminal is book 3 in the series and reading books 1&2 are critical to understanding what is happening in book three.

Throughout this whole series, Carter has been the main character and you really see her progress all the way through. In the beginning she was young and mouthy, always doing things her way and on her time. It took a lot of correction from Boris and Vladimir to make her into the Queen she has become in Criminal.

Criminal really ticked off my most important must haves in a 5 star read. Reading is an emotional experience for me and so for a book to get 5 stars, you know it has taken me there and back and I am exhausted at the end.

I needed to laugh - while I will admit there wasn't much to laugh about in book three, one of my favorite characteristics of Carters is when she pushes back at Boris or whomever is guarding her at any given time. Because she has evolved into this new role, you really don't see much of it in book 3...but if you look closely, you'll see it.

I needed to cry. Check. This book was heartbreaking in some places. OK a lot of places. By chapter 10 I was in tears for Carter and Vladimir.

I needed some action. Check. Holy Moly did I get action. I had a hard time trying to keep up with everything.

I needed some drama/suspense. There is definitely that. It's the Russian Mob so...

There has to be great romance. It has been a while since I have read anything with as much chemistry between the main characters, which I think I can contribute to the fact that I have read from book one. I was

invested in their relationship. It has been one that has been quite a roller coaster ride from the beginning. The love between Carter and Vladimir is hard to put into words, but it's very deep and at times destroys you.

This book was an all around win for me. I am truly sad to see this series end. There were a couple other characters that I would love to see developed and get their own story. Who knows what is next!

Reviewed by Corrie H. for Lamplight Review and Promotion

A??ela W. says

This was book 3 in the *"Russian Tattoos"* series Criminal. This book picks up where book 2 left off Carter Ivanov and her bodyguard Dmitri have been kidnapped by Maksim Ovechkin and taken to London. This book had a lot of violence in it and Carter had to fight both physically and mentally to keep her family together. Boris other son Yuri works for Maksim and is consider a trader by the family and although she was told not to tell anyone about the baby she does tell Yuri because she believed that he was going to hurt her. When Boris shows up to get her she refuses to go and although I thought she was being stupid Carter was being smart and thinking about her family she puts her life on the line to safe her loved one's. Maksim wants Carter and he makes all kinds of crazy deals with her. When Vladimir showed up to turn himself in it was funny that they got busy in the small cell with Dmitri chained to the ceiling. When she is caught lying about hurting herself she is forced to fight Valentina Maksim's bodyguard pregnant or not. Carter was forced to fight for her life and the life of her baby and she remember the things that the guys taught her and also Yuri help and she was able to knock her out. I liked Maksim he was willing to do whatever he needed to get what he wanted and he wanted some kind of program that Vladimir had. All hell breaks loss when Yuri decides to help his brother's Vladimir and Dmitri after Maksim makes them fight a death match with each other and in the mist of all that while Maksim and Vladimir are fighting and Mak has some skills the big boss shows up and put an end to all the BS. This was a really a good read that I stayed up all night to complete. Carter returned home to the US without her husband with a story to tell her parents and the police about her abduction and how Vladimir helped her and they fell in love and got married. Carter suffered some PTSD and when the orderly in the hospital spoke to her she thought it was someone that Mak sent to kidnap her again and although she is happy to be home with her friends and family she wants her husband. Months go by without and word from Vladimir and she keeps herself busy by redoing the house making room for the baby and with Dmitri's little sister's that they adopted. This was a good series and this book was the perfect end to it. Vladimir comes back to his family just in time to see his baby born. This book was well written like the other books in this series with no errors in grammar or spelling.

Live To Fight Another Day

Maksim

Dmitri

Boris

Lydia H says

*** ALL THREE BOOKS MUST BE READ IN ORDER. ***

*** SPOILER-FREE REVIEW. ***

YOU GUYS. What a conclusion!!!! Vladimir and Carter's story was explosive from the very beginning and it all ended perfectly! I am very sad the trilogy is over, but man, it was an EPIC ride through the very end.

In this book, Carter and Vladimir's relationship is tested beyond what they've ever encountered. I found myself feeling tense, anxious, and in need of knowing how everything would unfold. Kat Shehata has me nervous! I felt like I could not turn the pages fast enough! The build up felt intense! The action, drama, and suspense were just right! Gosh! I was in book heaven!

There's not really much I can say, I mean, this is the final book in the trilogy. Do know that all the books are a MUST and this one....well, this one just might be my favorite one of all! Vladimir and Carter's love story is a journey you need to experience for yourself. These Russians are sexy and they sure keep things interesting!!

FIVE STARS!

Andrea says

Wow, book three was expected to be pretty intense, but it was crazy intense!! It has the intense drama you come to expect from this bratva series and it's action packed! It had me turning the page faster and faster. I just had to find out what was going to happen next. We get to see the somewhat immature Carter grow up and Vladimir learns how to be a better man for her. I have to say that book three redeems books one and two and makes it a worthwhile read. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.

Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

5 Stars!

Edgy. Sexy. Suspenseful. Intense. Dark(ish). Kat Shehata has an explosive, heart pounding series out that will leave you on the edge of your seat...gripping the pages...and gasping for air. I'm not sure how I've missed this author in the past but you can be sure she's on my radar now.

The Russian Tattoos trilogy has quickly become an addiction of mine I do not want to shake. Addicting. Captivating. Intriguing. Mysterious. Gritty. Raw. These three books following Carter and Vladimir were simply brilliant and I could not get enough of them and their twisted journey.

And yes I know, while I'm not a huge lover of the angstier, darker storylines... something about these books just drew me in and before I knew it, I was three books deep.

Get ready for your new obsession...

Finally it's here! The last book for Carter and Vladimir. I followed their path and got all tangled up. These two ripped out my heart at times and left me a mess. I've laughed, cried, smiled, swooned, got pissed off, angry, and wanted to scream *yeah the feels have been so real* to the top of my lungs..reach in and grab hold of these two in moments... but that's just the them I've come to discover.... and every moment was leading to this heart-stopping conclusion.

Get ready because it's about to go down! War is here. Boundaries will be tested. Lines will be pushed. Lives are on the line. You'll never see it coming and they are gonna take you by storm... hold on to your panties and seats *aaaaaand hearts*, this is gonna be quite the epic fall. Will they finally get it... ALL?

This is the kind of books that sets my bar high in romance. I'm looking forward to more from Shehata in the near, mg near future.

If you have a secret addiction to mafia romances like myself then Kat Shehata is definitely a go to read!

I recommend this book and series!

Review Post >> <https://reneeentress.blogspot.com/201...>

Megan Hawkins says

So firstly I want to thank the author Kat shehata for sending me this book that I won in a giveaway I really enjoyed it so thank you. Now onto the actual review as I stated earlier I really enjoyed this book I admit I've never read the first two of the trilogy so i didn't have the back ground info on the characters and relationships but I managed to pick up what happened straight away and it was remarkable easy to understand and work out. It was also straight to the point and it was amazingly written aswell with a great plot. Now the plot I've read many different mafia novels in the past and while it seems like this would be another version of the same plot line I have to admit the ending did serprise me and weren't at all how I pictured it ending if honest but I won't give anything away. I think after ready this book I really got to read the first two. I love the whole loyalty and protection that carter displays through out this book to her family and ongoing forgiveness she gives to so many people. Thank you again Kat for writing such an amazing book.

Forever

Lynda Clark says

Epic Trilogy!

I loved, loved, loved this 3 book series. It was a sexy, thrilling ride from the first book to the last. If you like mafia stories with dominant alpha heroes and strong sassy heroines, this series is for you. Each book picks up where the last one left off and they are not stand alone. I normally don't read series, but this one is so worth it. I had never heard of this author prior to reading this trilogy, but will definitely be exploring more.

Maris Altma says

What an amazing ride it was. Gah, I felt so hopeless in times and jeez I cringed and cheered. Emotional rollercoaster. Am I the only crazy who thought Maks is actually not bad :D When he described some stuff I was like khm what is wrong with me, why I like what he says. And I love villains who redeem themselves. I really hope a book about Dimitri and Maks. Dimitri was fantastic, If I would be Carter damn it would have been hard to say no to him ? And Maks Maks, what can I say. He was an asshole but one sexy cunning one.

Sheena says

Thrilling climax..

This final book in this series is without doubt also the best...the action starts where the last book concluded and the thrills and spills continue throughout...the premise of the series continues to be exciting and I love the balance of light and dark in the plot with humour and camaraderie as well as the brutality and ruthlessness of the Bratva world in which the action takes place..

Carter's and Vladimir's characters have grown....their relationship continues to be complex but much more believable as they battle together against a deadly enemy...the subsidiary characters are also well developed...in particular there is a special place in my heart for Boris, Vladimir's trusted advisor...despite the fact that his previous behaviour was unconscionable...he epitomises the values of his family of strength and loyalty with a good helping of tough love...

As this entertaining trilogy comes to a thrilling climax I can honestly say that, although I may have had my reservations with the previous books, I have become addicted to the lives and loves within this gripping series and as I finally say goodbye to Carter and Vladimir I am honestly sad that the journey is over.....This book was reviewed for Summer's Eve Reads...

Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

***** 4 Stars *****

Cannot be read as a standalone.

I had a lot of fun reading **Criminal**. There were some scenes that seemed really unrealistic and irrational, but overall I enjoyed this story.

My favorite character in this book is definitely Dmitri, and I hope that there will be a book about him.

Michelle Rechtien says

Great series

FINALLY, the drama slowed down. Never thought I would find series with almost too much drama but, this one was it; every time Carter turned around there is drama her being beaten, injured, kidnapped, fighting for her life, and Vladimir's life on the line! This series gives an all new meaning to life having its ups and downs. Love appears when you least expect it to, and clearly it is worth fighting and even dying for. Vladimir loves Carter with everything he has and she in return. Carter is young and makes a lot of stupid mistakes, as she is supposed to; I am sure she had no clue what falling in love with Russia's number one pakhan entailed but, she learned. The only reason it got four stars instead of a full five is because of the writing about sex. I do understand Carter is young and a virgin but, the "down there", touching me "there", "put it in" really got old! For the record calling it a penis is not sexy! Calling it's cock makes it a whole lot sexier. Vladimir made Carter do a lot of things, never made her do anything sexual but, maybe when they started their sexual encounters he should have made her ask for what she wanted, maybe he should have made her learn to call hers and his body parts out. That is really my only complaint about this series. I loved it; it is action, and drama packed, watching a highly usual love grow into a deep commitment while watching Carter grow up and Vladimir learn how to love a partner was good. I highly recommend this series and have little doubt, I will read it again sometime. Enjoy

Jamie says

Vladimir love!

This the third and final book in the Russian Tattoos series by Kat Shehata. Wow! If you've made it here than you know you've been on an emotional rollercoaster! I read this trilogy in three days! Needless to say, I've neglected to get any work done.

But... oh, my ever loving gracious! I'm in love! Vladimir is Russian hotness to the extreme! In Criminal we see Vlad struggle some, by the end of the book dominate Vladimir is back. Fighting for the love of his family.

Carter! Wow! She was a force in this book, definitely no damsel in distress. She was completely badass.

There is so many twist, turns, and layers in this book. Read it. Trust me.

Myra Espino says

Omg!!!! This book is way better (the best) than the first 2 books in the series!!!! In this book, I cried, fell in love and sweating bullets on what will happen next. There are so many intense scenes and unexpected events in this book!! Just WOW!!! I can't even....

This book is a must read!!! But first, read the first 2 books so you'll understand the flow of the story and you

won't get lost. Ms. Kat did it again!!!

Joy Corkery says

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Russian Tattoos: Criminal (Russian Tattoos #3) by Kat Shehata opens with the kidnapping of Russian mob boss Vladimir Ivanov's wife, Carter. Carter is held up in London by rival mob boss, Maksim Ovechkin, and won't be released until Vladimir pays the ultimate price, his life. What Maksim doesn't know is that Carter is pregnant with Vladimir's child and she will do anything to protect her family.

OK, I just want to put one thing out there before we begin: Criminal can be read as a standalone book but I recommend reading the first two books in the series before starting this. Why? Like me, who did read this book independently, you may end up a little lost. While the storyline of Criminal will still be easy to follow, you will find yourself asking many questions about how the characters came to this point and, unlike others who have read all three books, you won't have developed a strong tie to Vladimir and Carter which, from what I have read, is a disappointment.

Whatever order you choose to read Criminal in, I can promise you plenty of action. Plenty of hard-core violence and backstabbing, the kind you can only find in the gangster genre. Consequently, this leads to a deep and sinister story with the most sinister part, for me at least, being Carter's love for Vladimir. Don't get me wrong, I can see how she fell for her husband, the girl-next-door falling for the bad boy is nothing new to this world, but it didn't stop me thinking "what the hell are you doing?!" as she continued to stay with him and also defend the relationship. And this was the frustrating part of the book for me; Carter was too weak. I really couldn't connect with her as a person and I certainly didn't understand her marriage (although a quick Google search gave me more of an idea of the background).

In terms of the other characters, none were exactly likeable, except maybe Dmitri (Carter's bodyguard), but all were interesting, especially Vladimir. I think if you were a fan of Christian Grey of the Fifty Shades series, Vladimir will have a certain appeal to you.

Overall, I did enjoy the story. Although there were times I wished I hadn't begun the series at number three, it was still somewhat of a page turner for me and I just needed to know how it ended. I would love to read your comments below about the series; I need some people to discuss further with!

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.
