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*She's been a bad, bad girl. And he'll fight all of Hell to save her.*

Ava, the Sin of Greed, swore over a millennium ago she'd never cry over a man. But after her first-ever boyfriend dumps her, she's not only crying, she's a dead woman walking.

The devil doesn't take kindly to one of his Seven Deadly Sins canoodling with an angel.

Though she never spilled Hell's secrets, she's on Lucifer's hit list. And since his punishments tend toward the apocalyptic, she plans to run as fast and as far as possible from everyone she loves—including her closest friend, Dante—before she meets her fate.

Dante knows every inch of Ava's delectable skin...in the dreams that burn his body while sleeping the daylight sleep of a vampire. Once they were almost lovers, and that almost still haunts him to this day. As much as her defection with a Heaven-bound hurts, he can't ignore the siren call of the inner GPS that always draws him to her side.

Though she tries to push him away, he's not getting her face this fight alone. But as need and desire twist together into a fuse primed for the barest spark, Dante realizes he'll have to make a heartbreaking deal to save the only woman he'll ever love.

## Lost Wages of Sin Details

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## Got Romance! Reviews says

Title: *Lost Wages of Sin: Sinners and Saints: Book 1*

Author: Rosalie Stanton

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Genre: paranormal romance

Length: 117

Heat Level: sensual

Other: oral

Reviewer: Brecken Stevens

Date: July 19, 2011

Ava is in a pickle. She shouldn't have fallen for an angel, shouldn't have shared her secret about being one of Lucifer's embodied sins, and probably just shouldn't have gotten out of bed that morning. On the run from demons and her former overlord Ava turns to Dante, a vampire and old friend for help and support. Always just buddies, she's shocked when Dante reveals how much he cares for her and how much she reciprocates. With hell itself after them, Ava and Dante might not have the time they need to figure out just where they're headed.

Ms. Stanton has a very creative little world going on here. I love the embodiment of the sins concept-lots of fun possibilities there. Dante and Ava are fantastic characters and I loved being their cheer leader as the story went on. It's always tricky to write stories like this because the back story has been done in hundreds of different ways. I didn't love the back story of hell and heaven in this one. It just hit on a few points I personally didn't love because of my faith. Readers looking for a love story will find it here along with the start of a series that is sure to be a lot of fun.

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## Tigris Eden says

Very entertaining read. I enjoyed the sarcasm between Ava and Dante. That Ava is one of the Seven Deadly sins was a very interesting twist. Review is going up at the Erotic Blog :D

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## Sarah Ballance says

Summarizing this book in a paragraph is a daunting challenge. The story is so rich, so vibrant, that it defies explanation - to read this one is to walk the streets of Natchez, to feel Ava's fear and heightened emotions. It's to look in the eyes of Dante and see every wicked inclination, every desire, every unbelievably sexy, torrid thought, and beg for more. His love for Ava is so profound it will make your own chest tighten, the sex so hot your pulse will race. You can't help but experience every breath of this tale - lazy and hurried ones alike - and by the time it's over, you've lived it. Rosalie Stanton has an unbelievable ability to fuse humor, heat, and passion into her stories, and *LOST WAGES* does not disappoint. A MUST READ!

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## **J.A. Saare says**

This is one of those books that had me thinking, "Why didn't I think of this? Holy Hell!" *Lost Wages of Sin* is a fantastic read, offering everything PNR fans crave.

Ava is hard as nails, yet, hides a vulnerability she's too terrified to reveal. As far as heroes go, Dante is lick-your-fingers-after-you-touch-him YUMMY. There are so many facets to this book, all of which lead you to the next installment in the series. I, for one, cannot wait to read more (Lucifer's book -- can I have it?).

I'm able to review this quickly because I was fortunate enough to get to read this prior to release. It's that good. One of my faves by Rosalie Stanton.

More, please!

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## **Kelsey says**

So far this book is da bomb. I was so impressed right from the first page. I've only gotten through a chapter and a half so far but I'm already looking for more from this author!

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## **MBR says**

### **4 Stars Exciting Debut of Sinners and Saints Series**

*Lost Wages of Sin* is book 1 in an exciting new series entitled *Sinners and Saints* that hit the stores this April. Rosalie Stanton is an author who knows exactly what she wants to convey to her readers and does it with style, humor and red hot passion that leaves the reader wanting more of where her stories come from. Having loved two contemporary romances by the author before, I knew that Rosalie Stanton wouldn't disappoint me even if this is the very first paranormal/fantasy romance by hers that I have tried out.

*Lost Wages of Sin* is centered around Avaritia (Ava) who signifies "greed" in the seven Sins that Lucifer himself controls in order to tempt mankind into succumbing to the throes of Hell fire. Six thousand years old, Ava herself has never succumbed to what she is, though she has remained a faithful servant of Lucifer until she meets an angel who turns her life upside down and makes her yearn for something that has always been out of reach until now.

Before Ava knows it, she has been betrayed in the worst way possible and is on the run for her life from everything that is familiar and she holds dear. When she encounters Dante, sin incarnate and her friend for the past seven hundred years, Ava knows that she is not strong enough to say no to the heated looks that Dante keeps sending her way, making her want to give all of herself to a vampire who signifies everything that a woman ought to need in this life.

Dante who has been in love with Ava ever since she stumbled across him in his hour of need knows that he is willing to take whatever it is that Ava would give to him. When an unexpected kiss between the two opens

up the flood gates of desire that both Ava and Dante have been keeping in check for centuries, Dante knows that there would be no turning back, not for him anyway. With a unique take on Christianity that lends the story an extra interesting facet, *Lost Wages of Sin* is a book not to be missed for fans of fantasy/paranormal romances.

What grabbed me most about this novel is of course Dante whose utter devotion and love for Ava shines through each and every single one of his actions. Though when compared to Ava in strength and physical abilities Dante falls short, nevertheless he never hesitates to put himself on the line for the love of his life and each and every single time he confesses his love for Ava to hear nothing of that nature in return just made me bleed for him a little. Let me not forget the banter between Dante and Ava that serves to be as much of a turn on as the actual scenes of intense hotness that Rosalie has down to a pat, the scene in the alley being my favorite!

As one reviewer has already pointed out, its hard to identify who the bad guys are, and I found myself just as fascinated with Lucifer's character as I was with Dante's towards the end. The hardest part is going to be waiting for each of the books in this series to come out, and maybe finally, reach a happily ever after for Lucifer himself? Well, a gal can always hope!

I finish off my review with a glimpse into the explosive scene that takes place between Ava and Dante that serves to be one of the hottest scenes in the story.

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## **Marq(ReadingRomanceinColor) says**

I stumbled upon this author while #convointruding on a twitter convo about someone named Dante and him giving some good tongue loving. LOL! My interest piqued, I asked my girl Dren what book was she talking about and where can I find it!

*Lost Wages of Sin* was a very pleasant surprise. I started reading the book with zero expectations but ended up thoroughly enjoying it. Ava is a demon who works for Lucifer. She had the misfortune of falling for an angel named Sebastian. Her relationship with an angel doesn't sit well with the big boss and jeopardizes Ava's career and life. Dante is Ava's long time friend. They hang out, kick demon ass together, but little does Ava know, Dante has the serious hots for her. With Ava running for her life, Dante is by her side and seizes the opportunity to tell her how he truly feels.

Dante is a well-written character. He's a vampire, so of course he's gorgeous and sexy. But what makes him endearing is his sense of humor and his loyalty to Ava. I love stories about friends who become lovers. I think they are so romantic and cute! And the basis of any lasting relationship is friendship.

I loved the banter and dialog between Dante and Ava. Both are hilarious and sarcastic. When Ava decides to finally let down her guard and have some sexy time with Dante, the story quickly went from humorous and cute to hot and sexy. And I now understand why Dante's tongue was getting so much air time over twitter.

There's even a hashtag for it: #DanteTongueLove. Woot!

Lost Wages of Sin was a great read. Rosalie Stanton packed a lot into a little over 100 pages. The story was filled with wonderful characters, great plot and dialog. I loved the other characters that were introduced: Ava's sisters, Sebastian, Lucifer and Big J. I can't wait to read more about them. Ava is definitely a heroine that can hold her own and I LOVE that!

Lost Wages of Sin is a light and funny paranormal romance with memorable characters and hot, steamy sex (tongue loving FTW!). I am definitely looking forward to reading more from this author.

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## Ni\_kii says

\*Its 4 ½ stars...I hate goodreads for its rubbish whole number review system!

Ava has done the unthinkable by falling in love with an Angel. Greed personified, she one of Lucifer's most deadly and secret weapons, one of the seven deadly Sins. When a Bishop has a crisis of faith, Lucifer sends along one of his big hitters (i.e. Ava) to try to tempt him over to the dark side. Unfortunately, Big J has done the same by sending Sebastian, a hot Guardian Angel, to try to protect his faith. Sebastian and Eva fall in a big way, but they know that their respective employers won't allow them to be together. Ava hands in her 2 weeks' notice to Lucifer, which he grudgingly accepts, because Sebastian is doing the same. She didn't suspect that, supposedly higher being Sebastian, is a big spineless wimp. When faced with the true consequence of becoming one of the fallen, he begs forgiveness from God, and returns to the fold, leaving Ava high and dry. Ava now has a massive problem. She no longer is guilty of falling in love with an inappropriate man and mating him, she is guilty of telling Hell's secrets to a Guardian Angel. This carries the penalty of death, leaving her estranged from her siblings and fighting all of Hell for her life. Enter the delectable Dante, a Vampire that has been her go-to guy for 700 hundred years. He doesn't know what Ava actually is, only that she isn't purely demon, and that he needs to protect her. He travels across the country when he hears that she is trouble and does everything to protect her. In 700 years he has never wanted anyone more than her and he'll be damned if he doesn't do everything to protect her from all of hell itself.

Wow wow wow...Dante is HOT! Had that out of the way, now let's get on with the review: D

I was sent this e-book to review by the author. That hasn't influenced the review in any way, but I'm so glad that she did. This book was a fabulous mixture of fantasy, erotica and comedy. The world building was fabulous, although the mythology gave a lot of knowledge to absorb. I love fantasy worlds that are built on Myth and Legend, but every first book in a series, its harder to read than its successors will be, as it takes time to get absorbed into this uber different world. In this reality, Heaven and Hell are active participators in the world at large. Both sets of minions reside mainly on their home turf, but they like to come down to Earth to try to interfere with the daily lives of the mere mortals around them. Ava and the rest of the Sins (we meet Lust and Envy also in this book), are Super-beings. Born from the imagination of a devout Christian and created in flesh by Lucifer himself, they do not follow the normal rules that govern the rest of demon-kind; they can enter even consecrated turf. When the Bishop has his little meltdown, Lucifer didn't only send a Sin because he needed a big hitter, he sent a sin because said Bishop was in a church!

Dante and Ava are one hot little couple...when they finally get it on! They have both been attracted to each

other for centuries, but neither will admit it to themselves or the other. Dante doesn't like feeling so much for one person. She is the only female he has allowed into his life for an extended period, and he just doesn't want to screw it all up. She is his best friend and he doesn't want her to be another roll in the hay. She's the challenge he never wanted, yet when he hears she is in trouble, and why, he drops everything to speed across the country toward her. Ava may not respond to him outwardly, yet she recognises how yummy he is. At one point she describes him as "a bit too perfect" but she knows his reputation and won't give her virginity to just anybody. (Side note here- The author describes all Vampires as good looking and states that it is a bit like natural selection, as the more handsome a Vamp the more neck he gets. I was hooked, but then got to wondering how this would be the case unless vampirism directly altered the genes in some way?) Considering that she is one of the devils ultimate weapons, she had a serious amount of personal beliefs and morals (I liked that this was a job to her, not a way of life). Dante had gone a long way to proving that he could be trusted with her secrets; he was her only constant in life. Trusting him with her heart when she had witnessed all the broken ones he had following in his wake? He had to do a bit more than be a good friend! When he protects her from evil, stays with her so she isn't alone, threatens a being straight from the mouth of hell to protect her and refuses to allow her to surrender to her fate? Getting there :D

Overall, I loved this book. It was funny in quite a buffy-esque way, the pace was high and the mythology had a twist which was very creative. I loved the characters; from the romantic interests to the sisters they were all likeable, yet flawed characters that kept my interest and made me want more (I cannot wait to meet the male Sin's). I enjoyed the twists and turns that kept me guessing and the thought of Lucifer being a surrogate father was quite fun (although he sounds hot!). The sex scenes were SMOKING....I want a Vampire :) There were some parts where it felt there was a bit too much telling rather than showing, but for the majority the writing was fabulous. A series I will be continuing so I recommend you pick it up too.

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## Dren says

Review originally posted on <http://www.DrensB-Spot.com>

So last week I played #convoinvader on Twitter. Author, JA Sare was tweeting praise about a book she just read that was written by her critique partner, Rosalie Stanton. So of course my interest was IMMEDIATELY piqued. I love Author-to-Author love so I head on over to Goodreads.com and read the blurb. Shortly thereafter, I let my mouse do the shopping and BOOM! Chessiebomb's got a new book. Then the fun starts....

After a painful breakup with an angel, Ava is running for her life, trying to stay one step ahead of her former employer -- Lucifer. What once appeared to be a grand event - Ava turning a fallen angel now looks like Ava's shared hell's secrets with the enemy. She goes into hiding until she can figure a way to clear her name to get back into Lucifer's good graces.

Enter Dante. Long time friend and vampire playboy shows up to help. Ava is completely oblivious that Dante's attracted to her.

"Shut up," she snapped. Then she captured his cheeks between her hands and brought his mouth crashing down upon her own. And all thought of the collection box or the demon in the black robes vanished. Dante moaned, his demon receding, all fight abandoning him as his body seized what it wanted above all else. Ava was against him. Ava's lips molded to his. Ava."

While I've noticed a increasing trend on "Angel & Demon" themed books, I'm happy to say that Lost Wages of Sin is taste of something different. Stanton has done an excellent job creating a story that strikes down the traditional line of thinking that "demons are bad, angel are good." The underlying layers of the relationship between Lucifer and "Big J" are so subtle that it doesn't insult religious senses. It's really unique and crafty storytelling!

In the beginning of the story, Ava and Dante are the perfect Non-Couple. They snark at each other. They fight like \*pow-pow\* with each other and they've always got each other's back when fighting their enemies. But the pressures of trying to clear Ava's name brings them closer than either of them ever expected. Soon their relationship shifts from friendly banter to smexy faster than a New York Minute.

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### **Kim Mccoy says**

If you love demons, vampires, cosmic battles, romance, laughter and well written stories you should totally give this book a read. I seriously can't praise this book enough. Rosalie Stanton is my favorite up and coming paranormal romance author, but this book is a work of art from start to finish. With a great romance, there needs to be good chemistry between the characters and Ava and Dante are AMAZING together. I love couples that can banter back and forth and Ava and Dante certainly are good at that. But my favorite part of Lost Wages of Sin is the universe Rosalie has created with Lucifer, Big J. and the Seven Deadly Sins. I love the way that Rosalie takes the Christianity story that we've all been raised with and makes it exciting, fresh and new. I never thought I'd develop a crush on Satan himself, but by the end I'm trying to figure out who are the bad guys and who are the good. The hardest part will be waiting for the next in the Sinners and Saints series to come out!

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### **Billie says**

I just have one word to describe this book: amazing!

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### **Wendy \*Sebella Blue\* Mitchell says**

Review posted at The Romance Studio.

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### **Chelsea says**

**This review was originally posted at Vampire Book Club.**

Lost Wages of Sin has the kind of hero paranormal romance fans will want to eat up. Or lick. Or, hell, you'll want him.

In addition to gorgeous attributes and sexual prowess, Dante is the guy that melts hearts. He's a vampire who breaks rules, laughs at his own jokes and is generally badass ... EXCEPT he would do anything for Ava. He



loves her so deeply and is willing to risk the wrath of Lucifer and any powerful demon just for the chance to be at Ava's side. He'll do it without question or explanation. And he'll do it regardless of if his feelings are returned.

Bad boy vampire hottie with a heart? Take me now, Dante. (Seriously. But don't tell my husband.)

(Damn, I should have put that at the end, huh? You're not even going to keep reading. You're picturing Dante.)

Ava has lived for millennia, and for the most part, she's kept her interactions down to just her immediate family in hell. As a Sin (a la the 7 Deadly Sins) she has abilities demons do not. She can enter consecrated ground, for example. She reports directly to Lucifer and enjoys being one of his favorites. But all that came to a crashing halt when she fell for an angel. She planned to quit and ride off into the sunset with him. She told Lucifer. Her angel never showed. Now everyone thinks she's a traitor, and so she's on the run. The one person she's let know her at all, other than her brothers and sisters, is Dante. The vampire could be helpful in a pinch and, though she probably wouldn't admit it, he has a great way of lightening the mood.

And she never guessed he was in love with her. But on the run only three days, and Dante found her. Refuses to leave her. Even after she comes clean with being a Sin, a deeply guarded secret, he wants to stay with her. And he has no problem making it clear his light sexual jokes all along were real, and he really wants to be with her. And not just because the angel got there first.

Ava is complex and strong. She's been the good girl in hellspawn terms and now she wants the freedom to have something for herself. She has to decide if her feelings for Dante are legit, a result of a rebound or just what happens when you're in a life-or-death situation.

Lost Wages of Sin hits all the marks: it's about love at its core, a hero you'll be thinking about for quite some time, great mythology and just enough sexy action to get your attention. Plus, it's a novella; so quick read with instant satisfaction. I'll be on the lookout for the next in this series. In the meantime, you should download the novella now.

Sexual content: Sex scenes

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## **Sayuri\_x says**

Review to follow at Parajunkee's View.

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## **Carol 27 says**

A friends-to-lovers paranormal romance with a very intriguing concept ... 3.5 stars

This is a well written, friends-to-lovers paranormal romance. It has a very unique concept – the Seven Deadly Sins embodied in human form existing with other notable Hell-dwellers – Hell Demons, Lilith (the mother of vampires) and Lucifer to name a few. The characters are well defined and engaging. There's some angel & demon mythology along with intrigue, action and humour, plus several very steamy scenes between

Ava (the Sin of Avarice) and Dante, her steadfast vampire companion. The primary plot dilemma – Ava's troubles with Lucifer seemed to take forever to resolve – to the point that I felt it had lost some of its importance when all was said and done. While I enjoyed the originality of this story, I found it to be slow moving at times and overall a bit too wordy. Perhaps that's due in part to the fact that this is the first book in the series and there were many characters to be introduced.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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