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I am America's most wanted.

The number one suspect in my partners brutal murder.
My world as I know it has crumbled, revealing those who lurk in the dark shadows. They wait & watch for their moment to strike, ready to bring me down.

The FBI has turned its back on me, & Los Santos Cartel has placed a bounty on my capture.
I hold the truth & I'm a dead woman for it.

Until one man, both jaded & brutal, offers me protection when I need it most.
All good deeds however, carry a price...

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Romance Readers Retreat says

4.5 Stars

Nina Cross is an FBI agent, one night while attending an event with her partner Garcia, she meets a mysterious stranger. From across the room she feels his eyes on her in a physical way. When he approaches her he won't give his name, will only ominously tell her that he will be her ruin.

From that moment on her life is turned upside down when she becomes the target of the Los Santos cartel. This book is gripping, violent and intense, and Jair will leave you salivating for me. He's dark and mysterious, broody and intense, as a reader you can't help but swoon over him even though it's unclear where his loyalties lie or what his intentions are. He's just that sexy, you can totally understand Nina's weakness for him.

This book is a loose spin-off from the Bittersweet Familia series, although it can easily be read as a stand alone. The Los Santos cartel is briefly mentioned in Sofia, book 3 of the Bittersweet Familia series so it's not imperative that you read them first, although I would recommend you read them because they are great too. I'm looking forward to more from this series and these characters, I can't wait for the next book!

EroticaAfterDark (Lilith) says

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Leann Frantz says

EXCELLENT READ! this is another great book of meliisa janies. Nina and Hunter good through so much together. I will be buying this in paperback also. I need to for my collection. Melissa is a great writer and I can't wait for the next book. I am glad melissa got me started on reading her books

Kaylene Osborn says

Another excellent read from Melissa Jane...

Never Trust a Saint is the first in the LOS SANTOS Cartel series from Melissa Jane who has authored another winner.

Melissa has returned to her darker side and I for one love these books.

Nina, a rookie FBI agent is on the run from the Cartel and she has little choice but to entrust her life to Jair Ruiz. Due to story-line spoilers, I would rather not say much more except that the story takes twists and turns you will not see coming and will have you on the edge of your seat wondering who to trust. This became a page turner very quickly, the story was that good.

Gotta love me a hot guy and Jair Ruiz does it for me.

This story grabs you on the first page and doesn't let go till the last, where you are still trying to turn the page to see what happens next and sadly there wasn't anymore. I will be eagerly awaiting the next in the series. This is a five star plus read for me.

Stacey is Sassy says

A man with many names...

Well, that was a wee bit heart pumping. I just finished *Never Trust a Saint* in one day. I don't get to read all day much anymore. You know the drill, life gets in the way, people to see, places to go, all the other stuff that gets put ahead of reading. But today, my little man went off to his first overnight camp. Of course, he's not stressed at all. I hardly even got a goodbye hug from him. Bloody boys, don't they realise it's HARD. Mum's worry. Anyways...I was a little bit sad. No tears mind you just an underlying worry that he might get there and realise he does miss me. I know Ha bloody HA...AS IF!! So, to distract me from my worry I started reading and boy did I get sucked in.

I realised quickly that I needed to have my wits about me. The pace is fast, the explanations come to you rapid fire and the names whiz by if you're not paying attention. I don't read books like this one very often and I was surprised how much I was into it. There are rival gangs, FBI agents and drug lords to keep note of. Borders and areas mapped out for distributions and places where productions take place. It was explained well, but at times I had to re-read to make sure I got it all straight.

Nina is an FBI agent who specialises in fraud and money laundering. She and her partner of a year Garcia, are good friends as well. When a tragedy happens and Garcia is killed, Nina starts asking questions. Unfortunately, she asks too many questions to the wrong people. Next thing she knows she's the target of a drug cartel. It's time for Nina to GO WIDE – AKA – Get the F#*K out of town.

Who can she trust? Who should she turn to? One man charges into her life when she needs him the most. Who is he? Who does he work for? Why is he helping her?

The man with many names is a bit of a ghost. He steps out of the shadows when Nina needs him, takes out the baddies when she's at risk and carries her to safety when the bullets are flying. He also has one smoking hot body...and he knows how to use it. ;)

Nina and the man with many names at times seem like they are working together. Then it seems like Nina's on her own fighting the world. I never really knew who were the goodies and who were the baddies and that's a good thing. I liked the intrigue and suspense.

Never Trust a Saint was a fast-paced thrill ride from beginning to end. There are shoot em up, bullets flying, showdowns that were bloody and violent. Death seems to be coming for Nina at every turn.

There is an immediate attraction between the main characters that produce some very hot scenes. While we can't always tell who's side the hero is on, it's pretty obvious that he struggles to stay away from Nina.

I enjoyed *Never Trust a Saint* and I was impressed with the authors work. This is the first part of a series and I wait with bated breath for the next part of the story to play out.

I received an ARC of Never Trust a Saint from the author for an honest review.

To purchase Never Trust a Saint from Amazon - <http://amzn.to/1QZATJc>

I'm an Aussie chick who loves to read and review romance, drink coffee, be a *Style Setter* and stalk David Gandy. To see more of my reviews, fashion, food and pervathons -

Hazel *Craves the Angst Reviews* says

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I received this eARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.

3.5 "I am your ruin." Stars!

The Review:

This read was definitely an unexpected and pleasant surprise. When the author contacted me and asked me to review her book, I was sucked in right away by the blurb. It sounded like something I could get on board with and I wasn't wrong. I really enjoyed this read. It had action, romance, intrigue, suspense and it was well written with a flowing and solid story. I loved that the author spaced out the reveals, leaving you wondering who was good, who was bad and who was trolling the grey lines. Though the beginning was a bit slow and took me until the third chapter to really get into it, it quickly picked up and kept right on spinning until the very end.

Nina Cross is a rookie FBI agent. Her partner and best friend is killed, leaving her with a warning and a mystery that's pulled her right into the cross hairs of two cartels, her own agency and a perfect stranger who

both terrifies her and consumes her.

Nina soon finds herself on the run and soon after that, kidnapped. It's one mishap after another for her and she really has to find her inner strength and bravery to survive the harrowing events that she's found herself in. She doesn't know who to trust and those she thought she could trust, leave her reeling and in situations she might not get out of.

Nina and her "perfect-stranger" have great chemistry together and I found myself really pulled into their romance. I do think it was played out to quickly and their insta-romance needed more time to evolve, especially considering the circumstances they were in and the way he presented himself, but it was fun to see how it all played out. The perfect-stranger was a mystery and you never knew what his angle was. The author did a fabulous job with his character, making you second guess everything. And in the end, you're still not sure who might be betraying who.

Along with the insta-romance, there was one other thing I wish had been sussed out a bit more. It was said two or three times in the story that Nina wasn't cut out for being an FBI field agent, and on that note, I will have to agree. Though I liked her character, she seemed fragile and naive. She's had training and she has instincts but she seems to ignore all that when it really counts. No sooner had she met her perfect-stranger, than she fell into bed with him, knowing he was setting off alarms inside her. Throughout their trip, she didn't question him nearly enough and let her libido take over when common sense should have prevailed. Also, there were times when I wanted her to be tougher than she was. I think her character could have really been one of the "kickass" heroines I love, if only she cried a bit less, was snarky a bit more and wasn't shocked as much. Don't get me wrong. She was a great heroine with tons of courage, and the situations she was in would have left me a sniveling mess on the floor crying for my mommy, but I wanted HER just a little more tougher than she was. By the end, I think she was starting to really find the voice I wanted her to have and I look forward to seeing where the story takes her and her perfect-stranger.

This book doesn't leave off with a huge cliffy but there's enough left unsaid that you can't help but want to move on to the next book immediately, and I loved that!

All in all, this was a very enjoyable read that left me wanting more. It might have been my first book by this author but it certainly isn't my last.

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This is a brilliantly written fast paced story. I was gripped in from the start and read it in one sitting. Nina is an FBI agent who is on the run from a drug cartel after her partner is killed. Jair seems to keep popping into her life but can he be trusted? She needs to find out who killed her partner and keep safe. Would have loved Nina to have more balls but I still loved the book.

This is a really great gritty and twisty story. Glad I waited until book two is out before reading so I can jump straight into it. Looking forward to reading more of these characters.

Louise Seraphim Reviews says

Okay so although I'm kinda on a review break, and I'm kinda on a break from contemp reads, I knew I

absolutely HAD to break all that to read Melissa Jane's new dark cartel story.

I have loved every single one of her darker books, and still have not found anything to compare to them. She manages to make a story absolutely compelling and gripping from as early as the first few pages, which is crazy unusual. So I was very excited to read this one.

Like I said before, this is a new Cartel story from Melissa, and not part of her previous Bittersweet Familia series. Yet....there is actually some faint references to a few characters or major players in the other series. But it's not a crossover, just proof that Melissa is able to create a hugely detailed background to her books, and is able to cross many stories together, without it getting confusing.

Nina Cross is gorgeous, stunning yet not obviously so, as she usually hides it behind a uniform. That of FBI. She and her partner deal with fraud amongst other things, which surprisingly made them a target to a bigger kettle of fish. Just shows how clever the storyline is, that you could make a connection between fraud department and Cartels, but it was done, and after her partner was viciously murdered, and it was covered up by the FBI, Nina is determined to find out what happened, even if it makes her a massive target.

So Nina ends up bang smack in the middle of an ongoing war between the notorious Los Santos Cartel and the FBI, oh and another Cartel are thrown in now and then. Everywhere she turns, she finds herself in more danger, or someone is trying to either kidnap her or kill her. So she kind of needs help, and fast.

Which is where extremely hot Jair Ruiz comes in. When I say hot, it's obviously an understatement. What with being dark and brooding, powerful and dangerous, oh and having the incredible Colombian sex on legs gene. He is definitely not a bad person to have around watching out for you. But there is something about him, he even states himself he can't be trusted, but Nina has nobody else. She is on the run, and everyone is after her, she has to put her faith in someone. But is Jair the right person. Hmmmm he certainly can't be the worst.

As with all of MJ's books, this was incredibly gripping. Seat of your pants type tension. And the heat and chemistry between Nina and Jair was off the charts. It wasn't quite as dark and gritty as the Bittersweet series which I must admit, I do love. But the story and characters held this story perfectly without all the blood and gore etc. So I was more than happy. :)

So all in all, highly recommended. If you love a story with grit, incredible sex, a fantastic thriller that makes you think, and grip your kindle. Then this is the book for you!

5 huge stars!!

A copy was provided, in exchange for a fair and honest review

Reviewed for SBR Blogs.

Elfina Renee says

Hands down a five star read. The storyline is incredible and begins with the death of a beloved partner and friend. The streets, and shadows are paved in blood and guts as bullets starts flying. One lone FBI agent, on a mission to get to the truth, discovers she's next in line with a bulls eye on her head.

Jair Ruiz is dangerous, he makes no attempt to hide he's not a man to be trusted, but which side of the fence

is he really playing on? How far will the wolf lead a lamb to the slaughter?

Shanda says

Never Trust a Saint was an unexpected surprise for me. I have been wanting to give this author's work a try but I keep forgetting I have her books on my tbr. I am glad that I took a chance on this book it hooked me immediately and kept me there. I will definitely be diving into her other series soon.

Nina is a rookie FBI agent on the run from a drug cartel after her partner is killed. Nina doesn't know who to trust because everyone is turning on her. She thought things were just fine and doesn't understand why anyone would be after her. Now she is on the run from the FBI and warring cartels trying to get answers to clear her name as well as her partners.

Enter Jair Ruiz, a dangerous stranger that she meets briefly at a charity ball. Jair then shows up in her home to warn her about trusting the wrong people. They have a passionate encounter and then he disappears. As Nina runs for her life Jair reappears, and she doesn't know whether to trust him, or run from him.

I really can't say much more about the story due to spoilers. I will say at times Nina was frustrating because I felt she wasn't getting what was going on around her. It made me question her ability as an agent but she makes up for this towards the end to some extent. Jair was dark and mysterious and I am really curious to know more about him. I hope he achieves what he sets out to do. I am anxious for the second book and yes this is TBC but I didn't feel like it was a cliffy. I think the author left it in a good place where I am intrigued to get more, but not angered over a cliffy. I also liked the steam level in this. Nina and Jair have some great scenes but they aren't overdone. *Never Trust a Saint* is a gritty, violent, and twisty read. Well worth the read, and left me hooked enough to see where the story goes. Well done!

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

Yass! This was so good. I loved everything and more. I can't even, with it being the last day of 2018 another 5 star read for the year. I'm excited to dive into the next one, I'm curious to see what will unfold next.

★?Tamara?★ says

You know a story is going to be awesome when you read the prologue and your instantly sucked in, dinner is delayed and the outside world seizes to exist.I devoured the pages of Never Trust A Saint and I couldn't stop. It will be on my list of favourite books! The storyline was awesome it sucks you in and you can't stop reading. Ninas character was awesome no matter how much shit was thrown her way she kept fighting for what she believed in. So many twists and turns this book i felt like a druggie needing my next fix when I was done.The whole time I was on the edge of my seat thinking who the hell is this Jair Ruiz when is he going to show up again? So many twists and turns, just when you think you have the storyline all figured out BOOM nope not even close.The characters are well developed, the relationship between the Nina and Hunter was perfect.Hunter though wow what a man! Absolutely loved him!

If you are looking for a dark, action packed read that keeps you on the edge of your seat then this book is for you because nothing about this book is predictable, it's everything I love in a book. Absolutely looking forward to second book!

'I am your ruin' - Melissa ruined me in every way possible when it came to this book!

An arc was received for the author in exchange for an honest review.

Jan says

Action packed read

FBI agent's, cartel, mystery men, investigations, kidnapping, shootings it all goes down in never trust a saint.

Not a hot romance read, more action in other ways with twists and turns, danger, lies and deceit and Cartel action.

Some things I struggled with, for example, a man appears in your room, you don't know him you're scared but yet you have sex with him because you're drawn to him?.

If there was a build up to this union I would of got it but she had briefly seen him twice. Seriously ide be shitting myself adrenaline would kick in and no way would that happen.

Nina was an FBI agent but didn't have enough backbone or character for me to like her, someone with confidence and sass yes I could of gelled with and this is a big key to enjoying the book, feeling one with the characters cheering them on at the good bits, feeling the hurt when they hurt but no I didn't get that.

All in all a book filled with action and mystery finishing on a cliffhanger. Will I be reading part 2? sadly no, it wasn't for me.

Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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Lina's Reviews ♡????????? ♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????? ♡ says

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This is so amazing and unexpected! An FBI agent is hunted by an infamous drug cartel. A stranger that enters her life with only one purpose; to destroy her. When Nina's partner is murdered, the nightmare begins for her. On the run and in fear that someone is out to kill her as well, she has to make a choice; trust Jair Ruiz or not. Jair is a dark, tall and handsome man who is certain of one thing; Nina should not trust him.

...lips grazing my ear, he whispered four words I wasn't expecting...

Four words that ignited a fear deep within...

Four words.

'I am your ruin.'

Attraction is a reckless and wild thing and Nina is drawn to Jair. Passion will lead her to more problems though. Trusting will prove to be a huge mistake and when Nina is in the hands of the devil, she understands that you can never trust a saint.

The writing was excellent. The story was fast paced and it takes the reader through a lot of twists and turns. We never truly know who our mystery man really is; not until the very end.

Nina was a good heroine but I would have liked her a little more kickass. I did find some of the early attraction a bit overdone and some of her actions had me frowning. I think she let go too quickly and she barely knew the man. As an FBI agent, she should have been a lot more careful in my opinion.

The hero gave me whiplash till the end! He was deliciously elusive and dark. We never know what to expect from him till the end.

There is mystery, danger and passion.

The book ends on a cliffhanger and I am curious of the next part.

★★★3.75~4 Stars★★★

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