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Keep your friends close and your enemies closer...

Christina Parker agreed to go to work for the BN because she thought it would keep her and her loved ones safe. But the BN's training facility is more like a prison than a school, and rumors about her illicit relationship with an IMA assassin make assimilation difficult - if not impossible.

At the same time, Michael Boutilier has his hands full trying to deal with his psychotic boss's latest sick and sordid plan to broaden his sphere of influence...through social media.

In this age of six degrees of separation, their problems might be more connected than they think...

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Rabidreading says

I am soooooo behind on reviews for this series (I've only written a review for book 1 - sorry, Nenia!) but rest assured, once I get out from under the mountain of my TBR pile and start catching up on things, reviews for books 2 and 3 will be posted, because they are too good *not* to review.

Until then, here's what you need to know: The IMA series is BADASS. No, really, it is. There's intrigue, danger, lots of kickassery, and a deliciously complex romance that doesn't follow the usual rules. Michael and Christina are one of my all-time favorite couples and I love the way their story has played out. Heck, I love EVERYTHING about the series, and I really can't recommend it highly enough. If you haven't read it, you are missing out.

Nishat Sarker says

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so i finally finished it. YAY!!!! I LOVE THIS SERIES!!! one of the best series i have ever read. Michael and Christina are back with their complicated and sexy relationship.

i'm gonna use a lot of pics and quotes so please bear with me.

the book starts exactly where it left off in "Armed and dangerous." right after Christina makes her move on Michael and they get right down to it. lol.

i was so glad for all the sexiness of this book. Michael is a perverted bastard but hot nonetheless. their morning is full of moans, groans, kissing and grabbing.

"I'm a mess," I muttered, shifting uncomfortably. I was still tender and a little sore. He was a big man, and it was not in his nature to be gentle. "You look like you just got fucked long and hard." Michael cupped my breasts. "It's a good look for you." When I opened my mouth, a rusty squeak came out. "It is?" "Oh yes." He traced his tongue along the corners of my mouth before tugging at my lower lip. "You should do it more often." He flicked my nipple with his thumbnail. "How about right now?"

although Christina is still not sure where they stand or what the night meant. but she is not one shy away anymore. she came out of her shell in this book and i loved every but of it. she is still dreading over her job at the BN. she is anxious, scared and paranoid. this create some tension between her and Michael. but i understood her dilemma. the girl had the right to be all riled up about it and i wanted slap Michael for being so impatient. she grew much stronger in this book. she came terms with her feelings for the most

complicated man. she accepts his flaws and habits. she knows that no matter what, this flawed man will protect and love her with all he has. she learns to toughen herself up. she knows she is gonna step into lion's den and she mentally prepares herself. i thoroughly enjoyed her. i loved how she stood up for herself in front of Michael. she didn't take his bullshit. she gave him a piece of her mind if he did something stupid and treated her wrong. she also became really good at what she does and her feelings for Michael grew in the process. she had an inner battle at how she came to love this man but at that point she knew she just did. no questions asked.

Which side of him was I supposed to heed? The cruel, cold side? Or the sweet and fumbling side that was so heartbreakingly awkward? Michael had many personalities, all of them untrustworthy. I didn't want to be just one in a lineup. I wanted clarity. I wanted to know if he was worth making room for in the shambles my life had become, or if I should just cut my losses and move on.

NO!!!! you need to BE WITH HIM, Christina

But truth was truth, and how could you deny something that was, in and of itself, the very essence of being? I missed having another body in bed with me. Specifically, I missed having his body in bed with me. So much so that it was almost a physical ache. It wasn't even about the sex so much as the comforting graze of skin on skin, of the discord that came from feeling a heartbeat that wasn't your own. A universe tangential but apart — two distinct worlds brushing into overlap, eclipsing one another without consuming. If that was not love, then I imagined it was something quite close. I liked the feeling that came from knowing I was not alone. Michael would kill to keep me safe. It was hard to fear the monsters of the darkness when the most dangerous of all of them slept beside you every night.

awww...she missed him...A LOT!!!

Michael...lord help me, where do i start? i fell in love with him in a whole different way. he was still that mean and cold bastard but he was also the man who loved Christina like that's the only thing mattered to him. the way he treated her...ok, he wasn't sunshine and rainbows but he was raw and stripped bare front of her. he didn't shy away when he wanted to show her what it meant to be with him. he wanted her and he made it VERY clear...oh did he want her? i was so jealous of her at one point. lol. if he could, he would have devoured her. he was absolutely CRAZY about Christina. but he also put her in place when she was being childish. and good lord, the man is a PERVERT!!! I mean P.E.R.V.E.R.T. not that i'm complaining. I LOVED IT.

“You don't want to touch yourself, that's fine. Rub your breasts for me then. Lick your fingers and rub them. No, not like that. None of that dabbing shit” — as she poked them uncertainly with a finger — “you're not finger-painting. Touch them the way I would.” She cupped their weight in her hands, looking at me for confirmation. I nodded, breathing out when she began to knead them. “You're kind of a pervert.” “Not really,” I said. When she began pinching and stroking her nipples, my mouth went dry. Maybe a little. “Get 'em nice and wet. Pretend that's my mouth on you.” Hot white heat was bursting behind my eyes. “All this right here, it's all because of you, my petit dirty girl.”

“I bet they weren't, you naughty girl.” He ran his hand up my leg. “We both know you can be dirty. What's a little more? I dream about you, Christina. I could tell you what you're wearing. What you're doing.” I swallowed hard. “Here? No.” “That's what makes it fun. That's what makes it wrong.” His whisper sent a tremor through me. “And that's what makes it right.” “No.” I shook my head slowly. “No — ” “Short skirt,” he said, in that low voice. “Real short. When you bend over, that's when I see

**you're not wearing anything beneath it, though I kind of suspected from the way it molds to your ass.”
“Michael, stop it.” “You're wearing a tiny white blouse. Most of the buttons are already undone. You haven't got anything on under that, either. Around your throat is a striped tie. It was in a bow, earlier, before I unwrapped you just like a little present. You're going to tie me up with it.” My jaw dropped.
“You like being tied up?”**

YES, HE DOES!!! lmao!!! your controlling and dominating man got a tied up fetish. :p
and is it me or is it just hot in here? *fanning myself*

he grew as a character too. he knew the risk of being with Christina. he knew that asshole Adrian is looking over his shoulder and watching his every move. but he was bound. but that didn't stop him from bring sarcastic or putting that motherfucker in place. he didn't let him pull his string. i loved how strong he was. he was also sweet at times. i guess i can say he was cotton candy when it came to the girl in question. most of all, his heart was in the right place. in the end he knew Christina is what mattered. that he finds his solace in her arms, he loves her and she is the first priority. he didn't once hesitated when it came to her. he put his life on the line and went to save her.

and...HE WAS HOT AND SEXY AS HELL!!!

the story was fast paced and action packed. you won't get bored with them and the story...just like Michael said. i love Nenia's books. there is nothing overly dramatic. the characters talk things out and doesn't jump to conclusion. i HATED that motherfucker Adrian. ugh...what is wrong with him? there some new characters that are introduced. my heart almost stopped at the end. i'm not gonna say anything. you will just have to read it.

and now i'm gonna share some of my favorite quotes and some pics. ENJOY!!! :)

the table scene was...HOT!!!

“Fuck,” he said, his voice ragged . The hand at my back wove through the strands of my hair, pulling my head back. “No more foreplay.” He dropped to his knees in front of me. Gently, he bowed me backwards against the desk so that I was forced to lean back on my arms. He licked his fingers. “Hold on tight now.” My panties slid down easily as he hooked his fingers through the waistband. Then he sealed his lips between my thighs as his fingers slid inside of me.

hoo...too hot.

Twelve hours ago, I had her tie me up, and she sucked me off with that incredible mouth of hers. I only just restrained myself from coming in her face. My God, that full lower lip of hers could drive me crazy. I had her put the condom on, and then she rode me like a racehorse to the finish line. My dick had felt like rubber when we were through.

he has no shame. lol.

“Don't let them do that. Don't cry. I'll be all right. We'll fix it. We'll make them pay. Anything you want. Just, please, darlin— I don't know what to do when you cry.” “Oh, Michael.” Hair got into my mouth when she pressed her face into my neck. “I love you.” “I love you, too.”

They became each other's rock. They both gave each other love but they also understood one another and become stronger. Their bond was beyond anything. It was sweet, honest, raw, passionate, intense and sexy.

I LOVED THIS BOOK. it will stay with me forever. this is one of the those serieses that's going on my absolute favorite and cherish forever list. I'm gonna miss Michael and Christina like crazy. they made me fall in love with them from the first book and their transition was so beautiful that i keep falling in love with them over and over again throughout the books. ugh...i'm getting all teary. i am SO gonna miss that perverted, sexy as hell and broody assassin and the girl who brought him to his knees. Until next time, love birds. Happy fighting and fucking ;) :p

Goodbye for now...but not to worry, There will be a fourth book. *jumping up and down from joy* ;) more smexy time,more Michael and Christina, more actions and did I mention more smexy time? Whatever...I love those two getting it on lol. <3

100000 Sexy, broody, perverted, action packed star. LOVE YOU NENIA. thank you for writing such an awesome series.

A MUST READ!!!!

Joana says

***review to come!

*must not be lazy :D

Oh and Michael?

:)

Another epic buddy read, with my friend and fellow Michael lovah , the awesome Vilda!

Oh this is going to be fun!

Alisa says

Can I have this book right now? Please? Pretty please? Pretty please with kitten gifts, videos, pictures, memes, and catnip on top?

Release date on Halloween? That's only 28 days!

And there go my plans to spend the night out with friends.

After Reading:

Mother of Ctullu, that was brilliant.

A message to Nenia:

Please lock yourself in a room and never stop writing amazing novels. Thank you.

-Alisa

And yes, I read this again after a week. It got even more amazing.

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

OMG THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH STARS FOR THIS BOOK!!!

"It is far more pleasurable to break something beautiful. A butterfly's wings, so much better to tear off than that of a common fly. A crystal sculpture shatters so much more satisfactorily than a dull jar of clay."

Let me start with the first chapter of Locked and Loaded... We have a scene with bucket loads of sexual tension and then a huge shocker, we get an erotic scene!!! WHAT??? You may ask why I'm so shocked. Well I didn't think Nenia wrote erotica, hot erotica, sizzling erotica! You've been holding out on us!!! I may have read some scenes six times over... Particularly one involving bondage and Michael...

Locked and Loaded is set a short time after the last book Armed and Dangerous. Christina and Michael have a tentative relationship, Christina is still awkward and shy when it comes to anything involving her, Michael and a bed. But I think she's also started to mature. She may be a prude and lack self confidence, but she didn't let Michael push her around.

She's agreed to work for the BN, a sacrifice she makes in order to keep her and her father safe. But she might have bitten off more than she can chew. There are enemies who are hard at work, an arch nemesis orchestrating events that could prove fatal. To be quite honest I didn't know who to trust, everyone was a suspect. This book should be a movie, that's how gripping it was, there were so many twists and turns.

*"What's your rush? Live fast," he said, "f*ck slow."*

I know I'm rambling here but Michael Boutilier is hands down my favourite book boyfriend, he's so cocky and so sexy and when he says anything in French I freaking melt!!! Freaking sigh!!!

He is the connoisseur of topping from below!!! OMG he let Christina take over!!! And it was freaking awesome!!! What's more, he didn't lose he's alpha appeal because of it!!!

If you haven't read this series, trust me, just give it a go! This is quality romance, suspense, action and Michael!!!

Amanda says

I had such an awesome weekend reading all 3 IMA books back to back. Locked and Loaded is the final book for now. Initially, I thought this is the last book, which brings me to start reading it in the first place. I hate the feeling of having to wait for what feels like a lifetime to sate my next craving. But well, is too late now. I will just have to endure a few miserable months for the next release. Meanwhile, maybe I should check out Nenia's Horrorscape.

The IMA series had come a long way since Cloak and Dagger. The first book introduces us to Michael, an anti-hero that did all the unspeakable things as an assassin and felt no remorse. He is wild, volatile, intense, manipulative, sarcastic, had a dry sense of humor, hate himself and will do anything to achieve his goal. The only thing he take pride in is his absence of a sadistic streak. But now, all he wants is to keep his girl safe and leave all this life-threatening trouble behind him.

"I hate you."

"Hate myself sometimes."

"Good. You're a son of a bitch."

"Probably. Never met the woman."

I'm still all giddy from the ending of Armed and Dangerous, after all the unrequited love and longing for the one he can't seem to have, Michael finally got what he wanted from Christina. I'm so damn freaking happy for him. We are treated to a much welcome honeymoon phase between the two for a few blissful days. Their back and forth banter is always hilarious and I'm actually not surprise that even their sex scene is funny.

"How rough are we talking about?"

"Hair pulling, maybe. Biting. A little scratching. Faster pace. Nothing that would break your skin."

Everything should be all lovely and dandy, but sometimes Michael's insecurities and paranoia (which came with the job), make him think too much and self-sabotaging his relationship. What's up with all the assuming and jumping to conclusion. Wish I could slap some sense into him. Anyway, he was totally adorable when he was acting all weird and awkward.

I was the mess. She was Little Miss Perfect, aspiring saint.

Christina came up with this bizarre plan of enrolling herself into the BN (IMA biggest rival) to acquire their protection. I'm not too convince about her worthiness in this spy-craft biz because she had yet to prove

herself in the field. So my favorite duo got separated yet again (Nenia should really stop keeping them apart too often), Christina is going into the BN for some 'training', while Michael was summoned back to the IMA.

Christina started to work for the enemy today and I had a date with a psychopath.

The said psychopath aka Adrian Callaghan aka 'Energizer Bunny of Bullshit' (according to Michael) was planning some kind of world domination. Insert evil laughter. I swear this man makes me shudder sometimes.

Michael kept being jerked on a tight leash by Adrian and all this back and forth was driving him insane. He needs a plan, a handful of accomplices and a great truckload of luck to be able to break free from this evil monster.

Meanwhile, Christina found herself in these secret training facilities where everyone had a secret agenda, including herself. The place where she thought will keep her safe turned out to be another place that might be the source of danger. It seems like sleeping with the assassin with a bad reputation is overall bad for her well-being.

Sometimes when I was with him I felt like a modern-day Scheherazade hoping that love would be able to ward off death.

Since Michael and Christina are apart, we have their dual POV back and forth to keep track of what is happening at their respective locations. Although I wish they could do things together, but when they are going solo, it's still entertaining to read. But I find myself reading at a really quick speed just to see them back together.

There isn't a big resolution by the end of the book, but I'm happy for Michael and Christina for being where they are now. I can see Michael making some big plans and send some shit up the fan in the next book.

"Kiss me", he said, cracking a smile. "Make you feel better."

"No it won't."

"Make me feel better, then."

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

Yayyyy I won an arc :))))

?Beth? XoXo says

FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK!!!! :D

I want to read it NOW!!!! XD
Ommmmg the cover is fuckn god
#covergasm #hot #sexy #iloveu
MICHAEL!!! There better be like 20 pages of hot sexy SEX!!! <3333333

Angie **loves angst says**

"I was a weapon. It was my job to kill, and kill as cleanly and quickly as possible."

The anticipation continues to build, and each book gets better than the last. Nenia has finally given me what my little, pervert heart wanted. Hot and steamy times featuring Christina and Michael. These two are so wonderful together. After being "together" for so long, they just know the other so well and words are not necessarily needed, they can say it all with just one look. These two never defined their relationship but its clear that they share deep feelings and would risk their lives for each other.

"Michael would kill to keep me safe. It was hard to fear the monsters of the darkness when the most dangerous of all slept beside you every night."

In the beginning after getting their freak on Christina and Michael part ways. He goes back to work for Adrian Callaghan and she begins her new job. Let me just say that **Adrian Callahan needs to DIE**. As Didi mentioned to me, its especially clear by the end of this book that he must be stopped by a bullet in the head, or a knife in his heart. I'm not picky, he just needs to go. Things are not easy for these two and there's twists that I did not see coming and this is why I absolutely adore this series. Nenia's writing is funny, and the characters managed to stay true to themselves even as they adjust to the rapid changes taking place among them. This book sets up the anticipation for the continuation quite nicely, and I can't wait to see what trouble Christina and Michael will find themselves in next. With these two around, trouble abounds.

"Trust No One"

Rating: 4 I Love This Series Stars

Chloe Qin says

OMG THERE'S GOING TO BE A THIRD BOOK! AHHHHH

OMG I CAN'T WAIT OMG OMG OMG OMG OMG OMG HYPERVENTILATING

Kristen says

Cloak and Dagger = 3.5

Armed and Dangerous = 4

Locked and Loaded = 4/4.5

I have read lots of books. Throughout my reading journeys, there has been one “affliction” I have noticed that happens time and time again to many of the lead characters. The affliction: a main character starts off the book as such:

but, after falling in love, becomes more like this:

Now, I’m not saying that this is bad all the time. Sometimes I like the fact that the main character changes and becomes more soft and sappy because of the love he/she feels for another character. Awwwweeee, so cute.

In saying this, it is EXTREMELY refreshing to read about an asshole main character who does not feel the need to change because he has developed romantic type feelings.

Enter, Michael Boutilier. We are introduced to Michael in Cloak and Dagger, where he can best be described as an asshole. In Armed and Dangerous and Locked and Loaded, he seems to have developed some feelings for Christina Parker, but I would still describe him as an asshole. I LOVE IT! I give mad props to the author for sticking true to Michael’s character throughout all three books.

Honestly, Michael made the books for me.

In closing:

Didi says

THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF THE BEST SERIES I’VE READ. SERIOUSLY!

What is it about this funky mix of romance, espionage, suspense, secret agents, double agents and loads of intrigue?? IT IS BEYOND ENJOYABLE.

The third book in, and definitely not the last, kept me on the edge of my seat. I honestly loved everything. EVERYTHING.

The first third of Locked and Loaded was devoted to Christina and Michael. It literally picks up from where Armed and Dangerous left off. Christina has pitched the BN into giving her a job as a programmer. She's nervous as hell and isn't sure if they'll bite, but she needs this. Michael has also been beckoned by the filthy and slintastic Adrian Callaghan for another mission.

With a couple of days to themselves, the couple I have fallen in love with connect and finally get some heat a' brewin'! FINALLY!! and I mean some serious, pull-the-alarm heat! This short time together changes them as a 'real couple' for the better. Although there was some miscommunication and ill-fired signals, they find themselves forming a stronger bond. Christina also starts to come to terms with her feelings despite the mercurial nature of the man that loves her more than life.

From then on it's an action packed ride. It wasn't as intense as A and D, but the story keeps getting more and more interesting. The betrayals and suspense are out of this world and add to that the beautifully developing romance between Michael and Christina, and this series just gets better with age.

I couldn't believe some of the developments! nothing predictable at all but very smart and in line with how sleek this series is.

I swear, Adrian needs to be taken out and I'm hoping something to that affect takes place in the fourth book. But what really stood out this time is how I've come to love Michael despite his inability to truly be a good guy. He's done some very bad and disturbing things but he's unapologetic. He is truly a man that doesn't sugarcoat his past or future intentions.

I've come to love a character that isn't necessarily redeemable. And the greatest thing? Christina has too. She accepts him for who he is despite everything. But she sees he's capable of good, even if it doesn't appear so. Really, the only thing that could redeem him if you were looking for something is Christina. He loves her desperately and would end his life to protect hers. She brings out what his past and working for the IMA took away: Companionship, love, loyalty and trust. The good truly does show when it involves her, so if that's all he's capable of, I'll have him.

I'm also glad Nenia Campbell doesn't try to defend him through others eyes. She gave us this scarred, emotionally stunted man and I LOVE HIM ANYWAYS. And He loves Christina so much for that as well.

To say I'm excited for the fourth book would be a huge understatement! I love being surprised and having my theories turned on their heads!! loved this, love the series! highly recommended!!!!

Daiane says

It's actually a 3.5

Remembering how good Michael looked in formal wear made my chest ache and reminded me of something Mamá had said to me long ago. Something along the lines of, "Don't ever trust a man who looks like a snake in a suit."

She never gave me any advice about what to do if the man in question looked even better out of it. I suppose

the initial warning was supposed to keep the situation from progressing that far.

THAT
BEGINNING

As the book picks up from where the second left, we FINALLY get to see them together. REALLY together.

However, even though Christina is changing, she is still far from what I expected her to change into. She is still a prude. She started working for the BN and I thought that this would change her. Okay that she is a programmer, but as I also am one, this doesn't mean we would just spend our days in front of a computer and lose in the action. I know she can be bad too but is not enough. Michael doesn't want her as an assassin but he also has to see that she has to survive with him. They pass through a lot of bad situations but he has to notice that although he is always protecting her, his life is in danger all the time. So if something happens to him, he has to see that she should learn how to handle life/death situations by herself. In the meanwhile, I would love to see her seriously protecting his back in the action, not only being the "I choose your side while I could choose theirs" style.

Anyway, I'm looking forward for her real mean side.

This was not a home, but a temporary place of residence. I could come or go and the room would not care. It would go on. And then, when the next resident came along, the process would begin anew. Nothing left of me behind.

I really enjoyed the descriptions. I already stayed in a room that was my home for a while and Nenia was able to pass the right feels there. However, the time at the BN kinda left me bored. There were not a lot of interesting people and after a while the things she was learning didn't amaze me. The same with Michael. For me they were the best characters. I know this is to be expected as they are the MCs but I would like good second leads. Aside from the bad guys of course.

And Adam....

Gosh how I want him dead...

And there will be a next book...

Estelle says

Natalie The Biblioholic says

Something happened to me when I read this book. Something spectacular. It was just as suspenseful, just as action-y, just as great as the rest of the series. Wanna know why *this* book was so special?

... It made me change my mind about Christina!

Yup. That's right. Kudos to the author for this accomplishment cuz I'm known to be a stubborn ass bitch.

So, at some point in the plot (and yes, I'm intentionally being vague), Christina became badass and I loved it!! She shot someone people! She even got to show off her hacking skills too. I was so happy that she finally owned up to loving Michael and officially left Denial-land.

And of course Michael was amazingly awesome as usual. I cannot wait to see what he has planned to take down Adrian once and for all. On to book 4.

XO
