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Izzy Caliendo is a wild child. Born into a rich family, she uses her status as a pampered princess to avoid work, play the field and live her life the way she wants.

Until Gunner Mann comes along, anyway.

Gunner, hired by Izzy's brother, Marc, to decode their grandfather's secret files, is mysterious, dangerous and doesn't bow down to Izzy's wild ways.

When Marc traps these two in the basement together to finish the files, sparks start to fly. After Izzy finds out about her own file and is confronted with confusion about her past, she turns to Gunner for help. But Gunner is running from his own past and doesn't want to involve anyone—especially a Caliendo woman. He is so close to freedom—how can he turn back now?

The more time he and Izzy spent together, however, makes it harder and harder for either of them to walk away. Will they simply finish the files and go their separate ways or will deceit, lies and secrecy actually bring these two people from opposite worlds together?

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## **Sunset Flare Details**

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## **From Reader Review Sunset Flare for online ebook**

### **Timothy Hendricks says**

I really enjoyed this book about Izzy. In the beginning I wasn't sure how I felt about the handcuff deal with Izzy at least initially. I don't think in real life a person would have taken it in such stride as Izzy did. At least how the situation was described and I was a little miffed at Marc because he seemed to have no problem with it to begin with. However as the book went on I was less concerned about the handcuffs as I was in the beginning. I think in this book the true nature of Izzy came out; although I think we saw glimpses of it in past volumes in this series as well as in the "The Lake Series." I'll always remember the line in Lakeshore Candy when she tells Riley, "What are you waiting for? Let's go get Abby." I liked the twists and the turns in this addition of this series. I liked that they were in it together. Unlike in the other additions of this series where there was this little break that would occur between the two main characters. Gunner and Izzy seemed to hang on to one another. They couldn't seem to let go of one another even though there were those moments they thought letting go would be best for the other. Also, I felt in this book Izzy seemed to find herself and I liked that. And, I thought the ending was very well done; by the Caliendo(s) turning to Abby to help bring Izzy out of her funk and to be by her side as Izzy and Gunner were reunited. I especially enjoyed the friendship bond between Izzy and Abby. It was very special.

I look forward to reading the next book in the series which is, Sunset Shelter. I am currently reading, Dax which is a new book by this author, Shannyn Leah. I am enjoying it thoroughly. One of the things I like about Dax is the setting. It continues in Willow Valley. I like that connection.

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### **Pamela Lunder says**

I wasn't so sure I was going to like Izzy. I always thought she was a spoiled little princess but she really surprised me. I think that she just acts tough and spoiled because nobody in her family would keep her in the loop about everything that was going on. Then to find out the secrets of her past that was hidden from her. She had a reason to act the way she did. Gunner was the perfect person to bring out the sweet, caring side of Izzy. Gunner believed in her and helped her through everything. I loved this book and can not wait for Corbin and Melissa's book.

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### **Becky Claxon says**

This is Izzy Caliendo's story. Izzy has driven me a little crazy throughout the two series. I couldn't understand how she could be so outspoken, unfeeling at times, and never working. By the end of this book, I understood her so much better and was happy to see her fall in love. Marc had Anton Caliendo from Italy come over to help decipher some files they found in another secret room in the basement. Anton brought Gunner Mann with him to help. It seems that the Caliendo's from Italy were part of the mafia. Robert got involved with them using online gambling, and his father had left Italy to try to get away from some of it. Gunner was married to a Caliendo in Italy and worked for the Caliendo's. Anton was arrested for crimes he didn't do. Anton helped him to make everyone think he is dead and had been in hiding for three years.

Gunner and Izzy rubbed each other the wrong way to begin with, even though they were both attracted to

each other. They had some fun fights that had me laughing.

This book had some intrigue and betrayal. It also answered some questions I have had throughout the series. I loved Izzy's story. There is more to Izzy than anyone gave her credit for. Gunner takes the time to really get to know her and make her feel worth something. The ending was so exciting. I strongly encourage you to read the book. I was given a copy of the book and voluntarily read it and wrote a review.

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### **Kim Lewis says**

What can I say about Izzy Caliendo? She is the baby of the Caliendo family and hence has been spoiled and protected by the rest of the family all of her life. She likes to party, shop and generally do anything she can to not work - not that she needs to. However, she is hiding from her past and memories that she is not sure are real or imagined. Gunner Mann is also in hiding from his past but has come to the Caliendo Resort with Anton Caliendo, a relative of the family at the request of Marc Caliendo to help decode the secret files of Marc's grandfather and father. When Marc has a meeting and Anton is insistent that a member of the Caliendo family be present at all times while he and Gunner try to decode the files, Marc locks Izzy in the basement with Gunner. Needless to say, sparks fly between the two of them. When Izzy discovers things about her family and then reads her own file, she needs Gunner's help, but will he risk getting involved with a Caliendo woman again, and can two people from very different backgrounds find common ground? I enjoyed the dynamic of these two characters and even though Izzy can be annoying at times, she did grow on me. Shannyn really knows how to bring her characters to life.

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### **Deb Diem says**

Sunset Flare by Shannyn Leah is a solid five star read. Ms Leah has delivered an awesome story that is well-written and loaded with phenomenal characters. Izzy and Gunner's story has lots of twists and turns, it's a reading maze, you don't know where you'll end up. There's plenty of sass, humor, suspense, action and sizzle to keep readers glued to their ereaders. I've followed Izzy through the previous books in this series and I'm glad she finally got her own tale. I totally loved this book and look forward to reading more from Shannyn Leah in the future. Sunset Flare is book 4 of the Caliendo Resort Series but can be read as a standalone. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

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### **Shannyn Leah says**

I am SO EXCITED to share Izzy and Gunner's story with you!!!

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## Dianne says

She comes on like typhoon, on steroids! He is dark, mysterious and has past he is unwilling to share. When Izzy met Gunner, it was a less than heavenly delight, as a matter of fact, he was pretty sure she was an overly pampered, overly self-centered she-devil who could use a good spanking. For Izzy's part, hey no one told her there were new security guys on the grounds before she smashed his cameras with a bat. Besides, he is arrogant, cold, closed off and absolutely gorgeous, did I mention bossy?

The Caliendo family has a history, one that is dark and terrifying, and it smacks of Mafia, torture and worse. Gunner's job is to uncover this past, catalogue it and assure that all of the skeletons have been dragged out of the closet. What Gunner hadn't expected was to find the aggravating, obnoxious and spoiled little princess was so much more than a shallow tease.

Izzy pushes every button Gunner has and not always in a good way, she just can't help herself. She IS a tease, she does like to flaunt her sexuality and looks and she wants Gunner, plain and simple. Izzy also knows no boundaries as she secretly investigates his past, only to find that Gunner was also hiding secrets, huge secrets. The question is, what will they do now? Flirting is one thing, but what about their hearts?

**SUNSET FLARE** is one of Shannyn Leah's most intriguing tales to date! Shannyn's heroine starts off as less than likable, everything negative that Gunner thought pretty much sums up Izzy. Gunner is a ghost, a dark shadow who lives life on the edge of danger with every breath. Together they make a most unlikely pair, are they worth fighting for?

Shannyn Leah has grown some real writing chops and it shows with each new tale she shares. **SUNSET FLARE** is an example of how bold her writing has become as she adds some real meat to her romance that goes beyond clichéd angst in to true heart-grabbing story of life, love and taking a chance!

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## Tonya Peterson says

ok first of all shannyn leah your just awesome!!! second I think izzy is my favorite character of all and I will always have her back. so when izzys and Gunners story came out I was jumping up and down. the more you read about izzy you find out that beneath all the "speak your mind" and "I don't have to work" front she is hiding her true feelings. and yes parts of this book gets really really good and hot and others your just drop chin in awe or sad and others your laughing so hard you have to remind yourself to breathe..

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## **Cathy Tremblay says**

“His heart couldn’t handle the rise and falls of love, cracking his insides like an earthquake and swallowing everything he’d believed was real.”

A wild voyage down Izzie Caliendo’s life filled with fun, laughter and sassiness. She is mouthy, speaks her mind, sexy, bitchy and a player!

Gunner Mann is sexy as hell, doesn’t trust anyone around him; women even less.

I was once again on the edge of my seat reading this book and I just couldn’t put it down. Shannyn Leah has a way with her writing that keeps us on edge, make us laugh, cry and hold our breath at every unsuspected turn of events.

Izzie is fun and it’s impossible not to like her. I was glad to see more of her wittiness and her sassiness and of course to finally get to meet the real Caliendo Princess.

Gunner is running from his past; Izzie’s own past comes back. In order to protect the spoiled but yet lovable Izzie, Gunner is ready to turn his back on the only person that ever made him feel something real. Izzie is all about fun and not strings attached but for once in her life she might see what life can really be about. She always had flings only to protect her own heart. A non-emotional heart cannot be shattered.

Sexy, fun and wonderful read. Even thou all her books can be read as standalones; I was happy to reconnect with characters from her previous books. It’s always a pleasure to travel into the world of Willow Valley.

Can’t wait for the next Chapter of the Caliendo’s story with Corbin!

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## **Cathy Stansell says**

Sunset Flare ( The Caliendo Resort #4)

By: Shannyn Leah

I have read all of the prior books in this series and could not wait to get my hands on this one. I was so excited to read about Izzy Caliendo and Gunner Mann. Talk about Fire and Ice! She is one feisty woman, and had me laughing right from the beginning of this book. Gunner and Izzy both have misconceptions about each other, and it is so hilarious to read it.

As usual no one informs Izzy that there is a new security guard on the property. Izzy's brother Marc hired him to decode some files for him. So she takes care of that one in her own little way. (I just can't let out some of the good secrets) Gunner immediately thinks that Izzy is one spoiled girl who needs a spanking, and from the way it looks he would love to be the one to do it.

Izzy pulls some shenanigans that will have you splitting your guts laughing. Seriously I was in the waiting room at the hospital and I literally had to hold my hand on my mouth. My daughter kept looking at me like I had lost my mind. Izzy is just a sneaky girl and that gets on Gunner's last nerve.

When they end up hooking up together, they both say that is the only time, but the situations they get into always throws them back together. This makes for some serious problems, but again I do not want to ruin this for anyone.

If you read the previous three books in this series you will know the Caliendo family has some secrets. But Izzy soon finds out Gunner has a few secrets of his own.

I can't say how much I enjoyed this book. Shannyn Leah has just gotten much better with each story. This one by far has been my favorite one yet. Shannyn please keep up the good work and I will be patiently waiting for the next one.

\*I recieved a copy for an honest review\*

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### **BookAddict says**

Izzy is easily the most memorable of the Caliendo siblings, somehow managing to steal the spotlight periodically in each of the other Caliendo Resort books. If Izzy is around, we can always count on outrageous, yet blatantly honest, statements and a little extra theatrics. As the baby of the family, she's been pampered, protected and spoiled, so I knew it was going to take an extraordinary hero to be strong enough to stand by Izzy as well as put her in her place when she needs it. It's clear that Gunnar is that man, from the first time he pushes Izzy into the swimming pool, and later handcuffs her to her chair. That's when the real fun begins. Despite the pesky little attraction arcing between them, Izzy doesn't do relationships and Gunnar has a threatening past about to catch up with him.

Shannyn Leah has outdone herself with this one! One of the joys of finding a newer author is watching her grow in her craft, and I can clearly see this author's progression in this series. Each book is better than the last (and the first book was pretty darn great), and I enjoyed the advance copy I read of Izzy's story best of all. Of course we have the same phenomenal character development and a seamless, fast-paced storyline with plenty of excitement, intrigue, suspense and surprises. It still has that soap opera feel with some over-the-top bits, and a great dose of humor and snark with tons of heart to carry the plot throughout and fully engage the reader. We get a few more answers about issues related to Robert, but don't worry, you can read any one of these books and not feel lost. There's also just enough of a tease to whet the appetite for the next book in the series, which I can already tell is going to be fantastic. You can start with this book and then catch up with the rest, or if you want the whole sequential experience, start with Thunder and read your way through so you're ready for the new release. One thing's for sure – these Calientos will provide hours of entertainment and you will not be disappointed!

\*I reviewed this book freely and voluntarily, having made no commitment to provide a review and receiving no compensation of any kind from any source for this review.

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### **Carrie K-Ski says**

The latest of The Caliendo Resort, By the Lake Series is absolutely riveting. Ms. Leah effortlessly pairs suspense, and family drama, with sexy romance. Complex beyond what I expected- the story just kept getting better as it developed. Sunset Flare is fasted paced and intriguing with twists and turns.

Izzy is one of my favorite Caliendo siblings...she's fun, sexy, sweet, spoiled, and naive but she's strong, knows what she wants, lives her life how she sees fit and loves sex and a good time. She's grows and matures



as the book progresses and finds she's not immune to finding more than just a one night stand.

Gunner is a sexy alpha with a tainted past he's trying to overcome so he can live his life, who is perfect to challenge Izzy. I adore this couple. The whole family is crazy and I can't wait to read more.

This book was given in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Carvanz says**

Loving this series so much!

I've been wanting Izzy's story from the beginning. She's the wild child who doesn't even attempt to filter what she says, full of life and fun. But she suffered a traumatic even in her childhood that was dealt with in a most unusual manner. Add that to the fact that her "father" never wanted her and her real father never claimed her and she has a few issues that prevent her from taking a relationship with a man seriously.

Gunner has so many secrets and once he helps to interpret Robert Caliendo's files he will be free from the target on his back. The last thing he wants is a snobby society woman who is the very image of everything he despises. But once he starts to really get to know Izzy he realizes there is so much more to her than what is on the surface.

I really loved this couple. They worked together to open themselves up and when things turned bad, it didn't take long for one or both of them to take action to correct the situation. Izzy was cute and quirky and totally outspoken but when she shared her fears and insecurities she totally stole my heart. Gunner was the perfect match for her once he move past is initial impression. All he wanted was to protect her even at the cost of his own life.

This is a fast paced read with the perfect amount of humor, fade to black sex, and a cast of characters that help to build this story up. The ending felt a tad rushed but mostly because, like the previous books in this series, it does not have an epilogue. I'm really holding out for a doozy of an epilogue when this series ends! I need it!! In the meantime, there is more to the series and I am curious to see what's going to happen next.

I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

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## **Pam says**

Izzy Caliendo is a spoiled, pampered flirt that knows no boundaries. She sees no reason to find a job & fights anyone that suggests it. She's also fiercely protective of her entire family. Therefore, when she sees someone skulking around the resort setting up cameras, she assumes it's the press & goes out to destroy them. The misunderstanding wouldn't have happened if her brother had just told her what was going on. Like she was

to know that Marc, her brother, had hired Gunner to help him out. It's too bad that such a sexy alpha man is such an arrogant ass!

Gunner Mann has been brought to the Caliendo Resort to help his benefactor Anton decipher the private files hidden in the secret room. Once he is done, Anton swears he will make sure Gunner is free from the Italian Caliendo's reach. He thought it would be an easy job until he saw her destroying his cameras. Izzy looks & acts just like his former wife - willful, spoiled, hot headed, attention seeking & narcissistic. He can't stand women like her. So why is he so attracted to her? Is there more to her than meets the eye?

This story has it all. It's funny in places, sarcastic, romantic, sad, mysterious & dangerous. The plot engages you in the beginning in what feels like a dangerous moment, hooks you with the hilarious scene at the pool & keeps you interested with drama & passion. The danger & anticipation builds as Izzy & Gunner get to know the private sides of each other instead of their public personas. These characters are proof that you can't always rely on first impressions. Shannyn Leah has done a masterful job at adding intrigue to her romance books. I'm hooked & can't wait for Corbin's story.

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## **Smashlybookaliciousreviewingchicks says**

Miss Izzy's book is finally here in the Caliendo Resort and Sibling clan (book 4). Izzy is always full of spitfire, is the princess and is easily misunderstood. We got to see a side of her from the other books, but once we see the inside scoop to Izzy we see that she truly does have a heart and yes, she may be a spoiled princess who doesn't work fully, but she is very giving. Her actions show how she has grown and how some changes will be made for the better.

The lies, deceit and secrecy continue to come out when it comes to the family files. These files as we know it will either continue to destroy people or do the opposite and bring closure. Holy bomb flare, totally did not see this twist coming. The tunnel of lies will either weave freedom or not. Gunner has met his match with Izzy. Those Caliendo women know how to push your buttons. He may be able to decode files, but his actions he does to Izzy has you laughing. He's a man of steel and doesn't move so its quite comical. Izzy not attending the family meetings make sense after placing our hearts on the line with that Antic (not quite the word, but close enough).

Gunner and Izzy have a connection and he takes the time to know her, the real her. He gives some good insight on her file and things that make you say ah, yes it does make sense on why the parents kept the secrets they did over the years. The time was not right for the revelations.

Speaking of revelations, Melissa I knew something was questionable when it came to you. Interesting how this case will play out. As you read the story you know you are coming to a closure in the series since the siblings all have a book already and the coding of the files are coming to a close, but Corbin decided to come out to play before the Sunsets in the cabin. Score, we get to see how all this plays into how horrible Robert (the father) was and why the hiding had to occur.

You really don't want this series to ever end. I love that you don't have to read them in order if you choose not to. You still see the characters and the story continues on how evil the dad was, but you are never confused or feel you are missing a piece of the story. Each book covers this story to the point where you feel like you are in the family and can feel the pain and feel free once the mystery is revealed in each book. Inquiring minds want to know more about Abby, Izzy's friend. She is one of the McAdams siblings. I've read one of their stories and it's just as good as this series. There's something about Willow Valley that makes you want to be a tourist and see the good clan and the Bad boys of WV.

