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American tennis player Carter Cook is being held prisoner by the Russian mafia...

Carter is the obsession of mob boss Vladimir Ivanov, a man she once loved. Now a mafia war has erupted on his home turf, and Vladimir's enemies have put a bounty on her head to force him to surrender. If she is captured, his rivals will deliver a deadly ultimatum—his life in exchange for hers. The price for Carter's freedom is Vladimir's blood.

Vladimir holds ultimate power as godfather of the Ivanov Bratva...

He spent five years in a Siberian prison camp and has earned every tattoo inked into his skin. He is a powerful man who rules his crew with an iron fist.

But his enemies have discovered his only weakness—Carter. Vladimir knows if she stays in his world, he is handing her a death sentence, so he vows to get her home and never interfere in her life again. Giving up the woman he loves is the only way to protect her from the bad guys—including himself.

Vladimir's rivals have a different plan for the ill-fated couple...

Some punishments are worse than death, and the head of the Ovechkin Bratva will go to any length to seek vengeance and inflict maximum suffering on Vladimir.

Carter may be Vladimir's weakness, but she is also his only hope for survival. When the boss of the Ovechkin family threatens the man she loves, she must fight for Vladimir's freedom before their rivals can deliver the fatal blow.

Love is blind—but it could also be deadly.

Prisoner Details

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AnessaRenee Reviews says

Ahhhh! There's a third book. No! This book was truly phenomenal. I felt it was a little more intriguing than the first book. I powered through this story because it had my full attention. I love how the story develops between Vladimir and Carter. Carter is truly one bad heroine and I love everything she stands for. Going from the troubled yet spoiled 19 year old to being thrown into a world she never knew anything about. Her loyalty is heartbreaking and truly inspiring. I cried, yelled, screamed and laughed during this book. The character development of all the characters was beautiful and captivating. This book had so many different emotions that you get loss in the story. It does end with a cliffhanger and I'm so anxious for the third book. I truly love everything about the first two books and need more. If you like dark romance, thrilling questions and so much you must read this trilogy. * Reviewed for Sweet Spot Sisterhood *

Paganalexandria says

I'm tapping out with book #2. This heroines puts the Stupid in TSTL for sure. Might be in my top five of dumbest heroines that an author is trying to convince me is smart. Despite that glaring problem, the rest of the story was fairly enjoyable, and action packed. Hate I'll never know how it ends though.

Espresso-Girls Just Wanna Have Books ; A Mafia Romance says

Ermagad!! What a friggin adrenaline rush! I can honestly say this sequel does justice to this series. It's not often a sequel can be better than the first book, but Kat nailed it with this release.

Prisoner resumes at the exact place Obsession ended, Carter's kidnapping! As soon as she enters Russia, it's a plethora of attempted murder, kidnapping, murder, family drama....and the list goes on! Carter entered Russia as a naive American college girl but she left as a hardened woman. Vladimir, Carter's kidnapper and soul mate, is at the center of this clusterf*ck. He's obsessed with her and it's no surprise. The things he did in the first book were extreme to say the least. However, the things Vladimir and Boris concoct in this installment make book one's antics seem like child's play!

If you're looking for an edgy, dark, completely different take on the Bratva, Russian Mafia, then jackpot! This story is such an adrenaline rush that as a reader you have to force yourself to take deep breaths. Before diving in this story, you must read the first book, Russian Tattoo Prisoner, or it won't flow and have that "wow wtf just happened" factor! Just remember loving a Russian mobster and being loved by a Russian mobster is a who new ballgame!

5 stars!

Naksed says

In *Prisoner*, the second volume of Kat Shehata's chilling Russian bratva trilogy, *Russian Tattoos*, we leave the unpredictable, extremely dark and depressing, savage rendition of the real dangers involved when you dance with the devil that was depicted in Volume One of the series, *Obsession*, and enter a more predictable, conventional, romantic suspense blueprint. This is not to say that I did not enjoy *Prisoner*, only that it did not have the punch-in-the-gut shock factor of its predecessor.

The story picks up ten weeks after the conclusion of *Obsession* and quickly moves the action from the U.S. to Russia. We are now in the *pakhan* (mob boss)'s territory and in the midst of a gang war to boot.

I really enjoyed once again the authentic feel of the writing. The setting, from a rustic villa in the countryside that seems frozen in time back to the Czarist years, to an extremely corrupt, sophisticated, urban city where various mob families rule with blood-soaked fists, were extremely well-rendered.

I thought the abrupt personality transplant of the villainous protagonist from *Obsession* into a more conventional romantic hero in *Prisoner* not to be super believable and somewhat of a disappointment. The villain role is now shifted to a rival gang leader whose Eurotrash persona might be annoying but certainly not ominous the way that the protagonist and his henchmen were in the preceding volume.

The plot twists and turns were fast-paced and exciting but on the whole, predictable.

Ends in another cliffhanger. I would for sure like to see the resolution of the story and I will patiently bide my time until it is published.

Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

***** 4.5 Stars *****

Cannot be read as a standalone

This was so good. I think this was better than the first book. There's more action, romance, and suspense. I finished this in one day... again.

Even though Vladimir and Boris left for Russia, they aren't finished with Carter. Someone wants to hurt Vladimir, and they plan on hurting the one thing he loves.

To keep Carter safe, Boris kidnaps her and takes her to Russia. Held as a prisoner, Carter finds ways to cope with her situation. She's stuck with her strong and silent bodyguard, but he becomes a good friend in her confinement.

Vladimir doesn't want to get more involved in Carter's life. He just wants her to be safe. Because of his shameful actions in the previous book, he is a different man. Total transformation. We meet his family and see his interactions with the children. My heart melted in various parts of the story. But sometimes I just

wanted to poke him to get him agitated.

What? His anger is sometimes a turn on.

Everything about this story was perfect. As soon as I finished this book, I looked to see when the 3rd book would be released. I couldn't find any information.... So I guess I'll just go cry in a corner.

Deb Carroll says

3.5 stars. I read book 1, which you have to read in order to get what is happening in book 2. I was hoping that we would see a stronger and better Carter. While she seems to have gotten a little better she is still not a very strong character. She is kidnapped and taken to Russia because there is a bounty on her head that has been placed there by Vladimir's enemies. Didn't his enemies get the memo? He beat her and turned one of his men loose on her and then ordered something horrific to be done to her at the hands of Boris. He was drunk when these things happened but still...

But this is a story and so I understand where the author is coming from. I was hoping that she would be learning some serious kick a*s moves and really becoming a bad a*s, but she still seemed weak to me. Vladimir got better and he stopped drinking which is a real plus so maybe he won't beat on her anymore.

I like the story but I would love for these characters to be stronger and I would love to see them have more chemistry. Warning this 2nd book does end in a cliff hanger.

Heather Pollock says

#review @KatShehata

Russian Tattoos: Prisoner (Russian Tattoos #2)

QueenZany 4.5 Star Review

Russian Tattoos: Prisoner (Russian Tattoos #2)
by Kat Shehata

Wow!!!

So much angst, intense, dark and twisted. With some crazy ass turns. That had me holding on my seat for dear life. Plus I do love those love hate relationships. It only makes the story steamier!!! But to see the love that these two characters have is beautiful. Can I just drool over Vladimir? Well yes I'm a mafia whore!!! I love my Russian Alpha Man!!!

Now that was better than the first book!!! The story seemed to be more complex and steady.
Grrr now I have to wait for book 3!!!!

Arc was provided in exchange for an honest review!

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Johnnie-Marie Howard says

Just when I thought my book hangover was over, I was wrong on so much of that. This author really got me hooked on Mafia stories, and now every other one I read its just not the same. I loved this story, love how it pretty much started where it left off only so much better. The characters stayed the same, somehow they just grew and in this story you grew with them. Your attention is held right from the start. I loved it. I had a very hard time putting it down and knowing that the end was near just broke my damn heart every page was something new and exciting that I couldn't help but turn the page. You couldn't help but feel what the characters were feeling all of them, and you couldn't help but get lost in there mind. This is one Mafia romance story you don't want to miss out on. It's one of a kind that's for sure. #MUSTREAD!!!!

I received this ARC for free in exchange for my honest thoughts

A??ela W. says

This was book 2 in the *"Russian Tattoos"* series Prisoner. Carter Cook has lived with all the abused that was inflicted on her by Boris and Vladimir Ivanov. Carter is the obsession of mob boss Vladimir, a man she once loved. Now a mafia war has erupted on his home turf, and Vladimir's enemies have put a bounty on her head to force him to surrender. This book opened with Carter living with her friend Kiki in her own apartment she begins dating a guy she met in the park and she and Kiki are going on spring break until she is kidnapped and taken to Russia. Boris has her kidnapped because of a mafia war and the Ovechkin Bratva will do anything to get to Vladimir. Boris is doing all he can to keep her save but, Carter needs to learn to keep her mouth shut at times and listen we also meet her new bodyguard Dmitry who is a young member of the Ivanov Bratva he is a boxer with two little sisters after she recovers from a head injury he teaches her how to defend herself. I really liked this book although when two guys attack the safe house she is in while one guy is fighting Dmitry she gets the other guys gun and she refuses to shot him she did hold they off until Boris shows up and shoots them both. When Boris takes her to see Vladimir she is angry at him and she has every right to be he hurt her and had his thugs hurt her also turns out Vladimir get mean when he drinks so he stopped. This book had a few surprises in it like instead of a fake wedding they get married for real. I didn't like how the women of the family treated Carter and Boris wife Anya tries to hit her she fails and gets hurt and ends up in the hospital the book also had a big surprise. This was a really good read this book was well written like the first book with no errors in grammar or spelling. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Live to fight another day.

Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

5 Stars from Brianna!

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

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

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

Get ready for your new obsession...

Sexier. Angstier. More intense. More twisted. If you were barely hanging on by the end of the first book then get ready for this... you'll never be the same again.

Diving right into book two on the heels of that bone chilling ending in Obsession, Prisoner throws us back into Carter and Vladimir's lives, and the mess that has become it. So many ups, downs, twists, turns, and jaw dropping moments ahead for these two. Honestly their journey is riddled with so many questions but their love is completely undeniable.

Vladimir really has started to win me over in Prisoner. They way Carter owns his heart, despite it all including himself... swoon to the max. And Carter, man she makes me want to throttle her at times her alas I'm still rooting for these two.

The push...pull... their happy ending has got to be epic. On to the final book in this series!

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

I recommend this book and series!

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

Sharon says

What Can I say but O M G!!!! Where is the next book in this series, I need it right now. Not later but right now.

RoRo says

Why you ask? Why did I read second book since I hated the first? Well my friend said please and that it gets better. Do not fret, I borrowed this and didn't pay for this sh*t storm.

So even though our heroine sees signs she is being followed, she tells no one and goes about her new life with Patchouli smelling, bracelet making boyfriend (what.an.upgrade) One example,two bulky guards with gloves on their hands arrive to take her and her equally f*cked up friend Kim to airport. Of course they are kidnapped and drugged only for Carter to go into hiding for her 'safety' against the new Russian villain Maksim.

Carter gets this books version of 'Ryan' and he is her bodyguard Dimitri. He is the ONLY character I have liked in this series and he should have been her love interest. This book would have been more interesting if Dimitri fought through the ranks and dethroned Vladimir (killed him :) of course) to end up with Carter and get their hea. But alas we continue on with Vladimir apparently too drunk to realize he bitch slapped and threw his fiancé to the wolves in book 1. I kid you not, he apparently had no memory of how awful he was (LeMotherf*ckingSigh) and now he doesn't drink at all. Great! Now that makes up for being in the Russian mob and STILL letting Boris torture Carter.

Worst of this, Carter does not say 'Pussy' or any word form for Vagina. She address her precious virginal slit as 'down there' and I realized that this happened in book 1 too.

But the f*cken gem of this is that the Pakhan uses the word 'pizda' which I'm assuming is the Russian translation for pussy. Now I have no problem with this, except my younger cousin has a lisp and when he says 'pizza' it sounds Exactly like 'pizda'. Of course I end up laughing hysterically every time I read the word. It was the only highlight ;)

BTW we finally get sex here and it's so boring and Carter asks for reassurance after. Ugh these f*ckwads get their hea.

Lydia H says

HEA READERS!! OMG!
THIS. BOOK.

Seriously addictive.

Kat Shehata will be the death of me!

If I loved book one, this book had in a complete AWE the entire time. There's more angst, action, drama, and holy hot scenes, Batman! Kat Shehata has nailed it once again!!! I can't stress this enough. AMAZING. Ahh!

From the writing style to the characters to the page-turning plot, everything about this book screams MUST-READ! Vladimir....Oh, Vladimir!!! There were a few times while reading where I didn't realize I'd been holding my breath until the scenes were over and I could semi-relax! Yes, I would relax for a teeny, tiny bit since there was always something happening! I found myself waiting for "the other shoe to drop" constantly. My nerves were at an all-time high because I wanted Vladimir and Carter to be okay, to be HAPPY, yet I knew that when dealing with the Russian Mafia, things were NOT as they seemed.

Now, that's all I'm going to say because really, this is a book you need to experience. Before you read Russian Tattoos PRISONER, you NEED to read book one: Russian Tattoos OBSESSION. There are NOT

standalone novels.

Friendly tip: be sure to have this sequel handy when you finish book one and once you finish THIS ONE, be ready to stalk the author. :) FIVE STARS!

Reviewed for HEA Bookshelf.

Sheena says

Bratva thriller....

Prisoner starts where obsession ends...as the action moves to Vladimir's homeland where a war is brewing between rival bratva families....this is much more of a thriller than the first book in the series and the action is much faster paced.....when I reviewed the first book I identified the dichotomy in my opinion between my overall enjoyment and my frustration at the inconsistency with the plot and the characters.... my feelings have continued in a similar vein

I have to say that Carter and Vladimir, the two protagonists, are more predictable in their actions and interactions and whilst Carter continues to behave recklessly at times as the story progresses she seems calmer and develops a more measured approach to the violent world she has become embroiled in...the author is really very skilled at creating diverse and complex characters and against my better judgment I really loved Vladimir's close family...they are brutal and deadly but they also possess a strong bond of love and loyalty..

This really was a gripping read and although I still have my reservations this series continues to captivate my imagination....I am now invested in the lives of Carter and Vladimir and excited to see where this convoluted plot will take them and their comrades in the final instalment of the series..This book was reviewed for Summer's Eve Reads...

Angela says

Wow, just Wow! This is the sequel to Russian Tattoos: Obsession. Newsflash, this one is just as good. This book was beyond words. Everything you will think you know in the beginning, be prepared because it may or may not be what you think. I loved seeing Vladimir with Carter, where you saw his human, compassionate side, not just the ruthlessness you would expect from the leader of the Bratva. I was glad things with Dmitri were handled the way they were. Damn, there are so many things I want to say about how amazing this story is, but I don't want to give it away. All I will definitely say is read Obsession so you know what is going on, but definitely add it to your To Be Read.
