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*From the bestselling Shelby Nichols Adventure Series comes the long-awaited story about Alejandro Ramos. Don't miss this thrilling mystery adventure about our favorite hit-man.*

**USA TODAY and Wall Street Journal Bestselling author Colleen Helme offers a clever mix of mystery, laugh-out-loud humor, and page-turning adventure in the highly acclaimed Shelby Nichols Adventure Series.**

More than sparks fly when a hit-man and a spy join forces.

Ramos's job as the right-hand man to a mobster used to be easy until Shelby Nichols, a mind-reading soccer mom, joined the organization. With all the trouble she gets into, he's constantly putting his life on the line just to keep her alive.

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**FROM THE AUTHOR:** This book is a stand-alone novel from Ramos's point of view and is based on the characters from the Shelby Nichols Series. For readers of the series, this book takes place between book seven, *Crossing Danger*, and book eight, *Devious Minds*.

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*Did this book about Ramos live up to my expectations? Yes 100 times! Another win for Colleen and the Shelby World! Cannot wait for more! ~Berls at Because Reading*

*This is a true stand-alone story, and a thrilling roller coaster ride for Ramos and Agent Sloan.~Amazon Reviewer*

*Devil in a Black Suit is a Shelby spin-off, and she's not in it a ton. However to me, that makes each mention of her even sweeter. It was a fun journey to take off the beaten path of the Shelby universe, and I loved every step of it! A great, refreshing Ramos-centered mystery thriller! I hope Colleen Helme writes more stories about my favorite hit-man!!~Amazon Reviewer*

Perfect for fans of Leslie Wolfe, Russell Blake, Camilla Chafer, and Jon Mills.

## Devil in a Black Suit Details

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## From Reader Review Devil in a Black Suit for online ebook

### Sally says

OMG!! I LOVED THIS BOOK! After 10 books, we finally get one about Ramos! I listened to the audio version, it took me a minute to adjust to Will Damron's narration since I'm used to Wendy Tremont King for the Shelby Nichols adventures! For Ramos' character, Damron did an awesome job,, and that music at the biggest/ending of the audiobook, they're sooo Ramos!

I really loved how we got more about Ramos' background and his family and all that! I hated the Ramos/Sloan parts! UGH! I so ship Ramos and Shelby... but but.. she's married and I love Chris too! I'm not sure how Colleen Helme is going to work that out... Maybe Chris would be interested in an open relationship or something lol..

I WANT MORE !

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### Jeanie Jackson says

Any book about Ramos would be great but Devil in a Black Suit is much more than just any book! An awesome and terrifying adventure to help an old love ends up sending Ramos to Cuba to discover what really happened to his father. He isn't surprised to discover that the hard to resist woman and trouble travel hand-in-hand. Filled with heart, suspense, and action, Devil in a Black Suit gives us a wonderful peek into not only Ramos's parents' past but shows us once again who he is today.

This book falls between Crossing Danger and Devious Minds but it does not need to be read in sequence with the Shelby Nichols series. I do believe a familiarity with that series will make the book more enjoyable.

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### Khara Santorelli says

#### Loved it!

I have read (and re-read) all of the Shelby Nichols books and this was a great treat (to view things from Ramos's side of things). As we already knew, he is quite the "softy" at heart but this showed that side of Ramos even more. It definitely shows that Ramos can get into enough trouble on his own without Shelby running into her constant troubles! So the two of them are really double trouble! The suspense was great and this book definitely kept me on my toes. I was not expecting things to play out how they did!

I loved getting insight on Ramos's background and it just made me love his character even more!

I definitely did not like the Sloan/Ramos thing. Yes I know Shelby and Ramos are not together but I kind of wish they were (I know, that's bad but, we will just blame those thoughts on Colleen for making Ramos be so AWESOME)!!!!

And I kind of can't help but love that Ramos is always thinking about Shelby and how he loves being her hero!

I cannot wait for the next book....time to re-read to catch up again!

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### **Coco.V says**

?FREE on Amazon today (10/4/18)!!

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### **Denise Colvin says**

Great book!! We get a chance to see what made Ramos into the man he is today. He finds family he never knew he had. Ramos realizes that Uncle Joey and Shelby are his family and that he can depend on them no matter what. Every time he gets involved with Sloan he almost gets killed.

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### **Tracy Trixy says**

Wow... Ramos...

How wonderful that we have this little gem ?

It was engaging being in Cuba with him and learning what happened to his family. Brilliant.

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### **Shannon says**

#### **Love the Devil in a Black Suit!**

The Shelby Nichols series is a pretty awesome series with all the trouble Shelby seems to find, but having a whole book dedicated to the hotter than sin Ramos? Spectacular!

We finally learn quite a bit more about Ramos' life and past, a deeper look into what made him the man he is today.

This story makes you fall a bit more in love with Ramos. Grab a copy and read it today! Haven't read any of the rest of the series? Get to it! You're missing out on a great, fun read. Start with Carrots, you won't be disappointed.

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### **Melinda says**

Whew, I LOVE this book. Normally books that offer a different persons perspective in a series are not that great to me but who doesn't love Ramos? Even with the best of intentions trouble seems to follow Ramos. Will he find out if his father is still alive? Will he even escape Cuba? You must read this book!

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### **Donna says**

At last! Ramos gets his very own book! Now if only he could get his very own movie too, so I could admire him in the flesh.... Sorry, slight daydream there!

Anyway, the book! As always with this series of books, this is a well-written book and a good read. It's quite fun seeing events that have happened in other Shelby books, but this time from Ramos's POV, and with the surrounding adventures (or should I call it mischief?!) he's been up to as well. It's also nice to see the human side to him that can sometimes be missing in the other books (except when it's just him and Shelby), and to see him even want to explore his own roots too. I won't say how that turns out (spoilers!) except to say that, as usual, nothing goes quite as smoothly as it should! All in all, an excellent read for fans of Ramos (and who isn't!), and I hope we get more books like it in future.

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### **Sharon Grow says**

Another wonderful book in the "Shelby Nichols" series...although this time, the story is told from the point of view of Ramos! Shelby is able to read minds since she was shot, by a bank robber, when she stopped at the grocery store to buy carrots (if you have not done so, you need to read the first book, "Carrots", super funny as she realizes what is happening to her). What started out as an unwilling working relationship for mob boss "Uncle" Joey Manetto, she now assists him by "reading" his business associates. Alejandro Ramos is a "fixer" or hit man for Manetto. He has been there for Shelby every time her life has been threatened and over the years he has developed feelings (that he shouldn't have) for Shelby. Ramos gets involved with government agent, Sloan, when she asks for his assistance. From Florida to Cuba, Ramos stays one step ahead of the attempts to kill him. The action is amazing & the touch of humor makes this mystery so appealing. While in Cuba, we learn more about Ramos and his life before Manetto. Although Shelby is married with children (and it's not that I want anything to happen to her husband), the glimpses of attraction that we see between Shelby and Ramos tugs at the heart strings. I received a free copy of this book and voluntarily chose to give an honest review. (by paytonpuppy)

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### **Marsha says**

When you love a series there are always supporting characters you would like to know more about. Well, in the Shelby Nichols series Ramos is a character that has many fans wanting to know more. "Devil in a Black Suit" is his story.

In this novella, Ramos, is contacted by the government in an effort to get Uncle Joey to take down a Mexican arms dealer. The contact is none other than Mia Sloan, the Agent who helped Manetti and Ramos get out of Mexico alive. Manetti doesn't want to be associated with guns but grants Ramos permission to assist Sloan if

he so chooses. Ramos can't help but remember the passionate time he spent with Ramos In Mexico but he also knows not to fully trust her.

While meeting with Carlos, the arms buyer, Ramos enlists Shelby's assistance in scoping out his true intentions. She also checks out Sloan's motivations and neither are good. Ramos is nobody's fool and has set things into place that will ensure he gets out of the viper pit alive. Good thing too because there is a disaster just waiting to happen.

In the aftermath of the chaos, Sloan is apologetic but leaves Ramos with a parting gift, information that his father just may be alive. Now, he is determined to go to Cuba to discover for himself whether or not his father is alive and if he has any family still remaining there. Of course, much to his surprise, Sloan just happens to be in Cuba as well and she needs his help once again.

This read is chocked full of suspense and action packed moments. Ramos is as hot as always and takes no prisoner. We are able to finally get a glance at his past and what makes him the man he is today and in the end these details make you love him all the more.

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### **Thomas says**

Even though this is a Shelby Nichols adventure, Shelby rarely makes an appearance. The star of the book is Ramos, the right hand and hitman to a mob boss. Ramos meets up with U.S. Agent Sloan, a blast from his past, he learns some information about his long lost father, gets abducted and taken to Mexico for a bounty on his head there. He leaves Mexico with a bang, and winds up in Cuba looking for more information about his father.

Of course with this being Ramos, all doesn't go according to plan there either.

I originally read this story in a combined novel for Christmas. Colleen has made many changes to the story, added more information from Ramos past, and added a boatload of new stuff making for a first class adventure story that had me looking forward to the next predicament he would be facing.

This is a true stand alone story, and a thrilling roller coaster ride for Ramos and Special Agent Sloan.

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### **Sammuel K. Hitchcock says**

It was very interesting and informative to learn about Ramos's past life before meeting Shelby. At first I was disappointed that Shelby was such a small part of the story but as I read further, it made perfect sense. I have read all of Colleen Helme's books, and like all of the rest, this one was well written and thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining! I can't wait for the next one.

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### **Katarzyna says**

When I first heard that Colleen was writing a separate story about Ramos I was super excited. There's nothing more a fan of Shelby Adventures can ask for. The day this book came out I couldn't wait to come

home from work and start reading it.

In this book Ramos travels to Cuba to learn more about his father who disappeared when Ramos was a young boy. His adventure starts with a woman from his past - Sloan. Even though I am not a big fan of Sloan I like her presence in Ramos' life. I think she brings out a softer side of Ramos which, of course gets him in trouble. But Ramos wouldn't be Ramos without trouble.

I really enjoyed how well Colleen transported us to Cuba. The description of Havana's architecture and cuisine made me feel like I was there with Ramos and Sloan. Now I want to try some Cuban coffee and arroz con pollo.

Overall this was an entertaining book full of suspense and action with just a hint of romance. I kind of hope we see Sloan's character reappear in the future so we can see how Ramos deals with the feelings he's got for her. Could she get him in trouble again? We shall wait and see.

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### **Magi Kyle says**

#### **Just simply wonderful**

Devil in a Black Suit fits Ramos. He sure is. This Book was wonderfully written. It kept me entertained the whole time I was reading. Lots of suspense without making the reader cringe too much. Which was great. This book gave me a great inside to the personal side of this muscular but debonair right hand man. I can see why Shelby has to be careful around Ramos. I know I would be tempted by him as well. Great Story line. Great Cities . Wonderful ending. Great job Colleen keep up the good work.

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