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Sasha.

He's dark and mysterious. Quiet and lethal.
An Irish mobster.
Pure sin wrapped up in a beautiful package.
But there's also something off about him.
He doesn't feel anything. He shows no emotions.
Sometimes I question his humanity.
He hasn't spoken to me in two years. Not a single word.
But we share a secret, he and I.
And if it ever comes out, I have no doubt in my mind...
He won't have a problem killing me too.

Ronan.

I've slain for her. I'll do it again.
When it comes to Sasha, there isn't a line I won't cross.
I watch her. She doesn't know it.
She thinks I hate her. Sometimes, I think I might too.
But I'm always there, lurking in the shadows.
Craving her. Trying to keep the beast within at bay.
I'll keep her safe. I'll slaughter anyone who tries to hurt her.
The only thing I can't do... is protect her from myself.

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Danielle ❤️? Pretty Mess Reading ❤️? says

*****4.5 STARS*****

Unfiltered review here... <https://prettymessreading.wordpress.c...>

Well damn, damn, damn.....I loved this one right here.

I want to talk about Ronan first – He is one crazy ass motherf*****r. He didn't get his nickname, Reaper for no reason. He is killer through and through. But damnit, I found that shit so sexy. OMG! Yassssssssss! When he walks, his body screams, “You don't want to fuck with me.” I think I may need to see doctor because I am really loving killers way to much right now. I don't think it's normal.

Now normally I hate stalkers but he was the sexiest damn stalker I have every seen. (Yes I know this is a book and I've never really seen him.) But when you understand his back story it helps put things into perspective. He had one seriously fucked up childhood, if you can really call being taught how to kill from age 8 a childhood to begin with. He never had the opportunity to learn how to interact with others. He only learned how to kill them.

His loyalty is beyond amazing. I'm thinking I need to me some mob friends because they are loyal a hell and that is what I need in my life.

Poor Sasha, this girl has had a rough life.

She had no idea what she was getting into when first started dating, Blaine, another member of the mob. He forced her to be a stripper, beat her and used her body as his personal sex machine. He had no feelings of remorse.

Once you get involved in the mob, it's not easy to get out - unless you are ready die. Sasha knew too much, had seen too much so there was no easy way for her to leave. So she did what she had to do. She kept working at the club and she kept her mouth shut.

Baby girl dealt with heartbreak after heart break and Ronan was always there, lurking in the shadows trying to help anyway he could. He had some "interesting" ways of helping but it was all Ronan like, so it worked.

Sasha and Ronan have this crazy, odd, weird connection that no one can explain. He's broken, she's broken....it's a match made in heaven. But no, on the real, Sasha brought Ronan to life. She may not have been the strongest heroine I read about but she was definitely the right one for Ronan. Her personality was exactly what Ronan needed.

"Damaged souls have their own beauty. A dark, terrifying beauty. The same type of beauty I recognize in Ronan. He isn't like those other men. The ones who tell me how much they want my body. The filthy things they want to do to me."

Sasha gave Ronan something other people didn't give him - acceptance, letting him know that it's okay to be himself. She never made fun of him or saw him as anything less than a man. Where others saw a psychopath, she saw a loving man. While others feared him, she craved him.

What many people fail to understand is that a man never reaches his full potential until he meets the right woman. Until that right woman comes along a man is not complete. Sasha completed Ronan.

Let me say this....I don't often find series that keep me so captivated after the first book. This one right here, yes it kept my attention until the last word and beyond.

So, I think I kept it pretty so I'm going to call it a night and start on book 3, Ghost. I can't wait!!!!

Now go and read this damn book....

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◆ Anna's ??????g\$ ◆ says

5 STARS!

Awards won:

- *Best Writing
- *Best Male Character in a Leading Role
- *Best Female Character in a Leading Role
- *Best Male Character in a Supporting Role
- *Best Female Character in a Supporting Role
- *Best Character Development
- *Best Couple
- *Best Plot
- *Best Feels
- *Best in its Genre

Additional award: maximum satisfaction and enjoyment

You think the first book was great? Well you're in for surprise! Because this book tops it all. Best mafia romance I've ever read. I cried, I laughed, I smiled, I swooned, I fell in love with everything in this book.

"Because... Ronan. Always Ronan."

QUICK REVIEW:

Enjoyment: 5/5

Writing style: 5/5

Storyline: 5/5

Hero: 5/5

Heroine: 5/5

Secondary characters: 5/5

Hotness/steam: 5/5

Romance: 5/5

Angst: 4/5

Darkness level: 4/5

Humor: 3/5

Depth of the book: 4/5

POV: dual, 1st person

Recommended for: fans of Tillie Cole (Scarred Souls series), Pepper Winters (Destroyed), J. M. Sevilla (Marked series), Jessica Clare (Hitman series), Nashoda Rose (Perfect Ruin, Unyielding #2), L. J. Shen (Sparrow)

Triggers: (view spoiler)

DW says

I received The Reaper from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I was a little anxious to read Ronan's story after the Crow. I was a little obsessed with Lachlan. I wasn't sure how I was going to like Ronan as much as Lachlan but I do, if not more.

Ronan has very strange ways. He knows nothing about love and affection. He was raised to be a killer. It is the only thing that he feels that he is good at. He likes to torture while he is interrogating his victims. Thus the reason he is the reaper.

Sasha is a dancer at the club that Lachlan owns and is good friends with Mack, Lachlan's girlfriend. She is crazy in love with Ronan.

Sasha tries so hard to bust through Ronan's walls but he is not an easy man to talk to. He is not awkward, just quiet. She doesn't give up on him and he finally starts to soften a little for her. Despite Ronan being such a broken man, he loves Sasha and will do anything to protect her. He always has, just never knew how to express his feelings.

There is a little action because this is the Irish mafia after all. You know there is going to car chases, shootings, kidnappings and stabbings. That is the reason I love mafia books. Mafia with romance is even better.

Another great book by A. Zavarelli. I have yet to be disappointed with her books.

Candace says

This series has completely captured my attention. I am loving these alpha-male mobsters! Like the first book in the series, 'Reaper' was dangerous and incredibly hot!

If you've read the first book in the 'Boston Underworld' series, then you'll remember Sasha as the nice stripper that became Mack's friend. Similarly, Ronan stands out as Lachlan's best friend and the man he trusted to guard Mack. You'll probably also recall that there was some serious sexual tension between these two.

On the other hand, if you haven't read the first book, this book could easily be read as a standalone. Having

the background provided in the first book was nice and helped me understand the history between all of the characters, but it wasn't absolutely essential. If you choose to read this book and haven't read the first one, you'll have no trouble following along or understanding what is going on.

After finishing the first book, I couldn't wait to dive right into this one. Sasha and Ronan's story was so much more than I had hoped for. It was emotional and heartfelt. Honestly, I didn't see it coming.

Ronan is deeply scarred from his past. He has survived abuses that no one should ever have to. While it is simply amazing that he grew into a functional human being, he was not left without some deficits. In so many ways, he is childlike and closed-off.

This was something that I didn't pick up on in the first book. I knew he had issues being touched, but didn't understand why or to what extent. He was a strong and silent type, but I had no idea that there was far more going on. Everything is slowly brought to light in 'Reaper'.

Although I didn't find Sasha's history to be surprising, it was still incredibly moving to read. Like Ronan, she has survived some terrible things in her life. Neither of them have had it easy and I think that is why they are such a great match. They get each other in a way that others would not be able to.

The more time the two spent together, the stronger their bond grew. Ronan showed a completely different side of himself when Sasha was around. The trained killer would morph into a sensitive, tender and insecure lover. He was so vulnerable with her that my heart melted.

It is a Mafia story, so you can expect plenty of danger and action to keep you on the edge of your seat. The author has done a nice job of balancing the hard and soft sides of this story. It is gritty and dangerous, but also romantic and heartfelt.

Overall, this was a fantastic read. I am hooked on this series now. Thankfully, each book to this point has provided closure and hasn't left me hanging. That makes the wait for the next book far more bearable.

Stacey is Sassy says

An Audio Review

Wow!! Well, that was an interesting experience. The *Irish Mob* sure do look a wee bit different to the *Irish mob of blokes* I've met up till now. My encounters with anyone from Ireland so far includes the "to be sure, to be sure" variety, not the "I'll blow your bleedin brains" type. I've even been to Ireland and stayed in a relative's rundown castle (which was bloody cold) and managed to avoid any scary types. The scariest things I experienced in Ireland was their driving and maybe overdosing on potatoes. Fried potatoes for breakfast, chips for lunch and roast potatoes for dinner. I like potatoes, but not to eat them at breakfast lunch and dinner. So, to meet the mob and see this side of Ireland was a real eye-opener.

The audio of *Reaper* was everything I thought it would be and more. I was sitting on the train listening to some pretty horrific scenes practically hunched up in a ball. I was seriously freaked out to the extent that I was looking around waiting for a knife or gun to be pulled out by someone around me. The narrator, Tracy

Marks, does an awesome job of grabbing your attention and making you feel like you're part of the scene. I think I was mostly affected by the violence more than anything. The sexy times were frequent but to be honest, listening to them on audio is way different to reading them. For one, I don't normally have an audience when I start to get twitchy. Secondly, I'm still convinced everyone around me can overhear it, so I'm forever turning the volume up and down depending on the level of profanity. When it comes to the accents, I felt that the narrator did a really good job. It's hard enough to do accents let alone change from a male to a female character. I'm adding Tracy Marks to my favourite narrator's list. Not necessarily for her voice but because she brings emotion and feeling to the characters that other narrators just can't do as well.

Storyline...I knew after reading *Crow* that this book was going to be very, very interesting. Poor bloody Ronan. That man...I just wanted...I just needed to give him a hug. The horrors he faced and lived through were unbelievable. No child should have seen let alone lived through that. It bloody scares me that children are used in this way, but then again we know, not just in Ireland but worldwide there are children being used and abused.

I really want to think that this is all from the author's imagination, but to some extent, I could imagine it to be real. Even though I mentioned I've only met the "to be sure, to be sure" Irish, I know there are the "I'll blow your bleedin brains" too. I remember the news reports of bombings and violent protests. We heard U2 sing about *Sunday, bloody Sunday* and saw movies like *In The Name of the Father*. Innocent people die and there's always the wrongly accused fighting to be heard. So, I knew that Ireland isn't just four leaf clovers and leprechauns, but it still shocked me to see this side of Ireland.

Sasha has had a hard life. Her mother is dying of cancer and she's the only one available to financially support her. Sasha's dad is dead and her sister is in another state studying. Sasha doesn't want this life for her sister so tries to shield her as much as possible. Look, I felt sorry for Sasha, but I definitely felt that she brought some of her problems on herself. Yes, I'm quick to judge, but she seemed to just keep falling into the same traps over and over again.

The relationship between Ronan and Sasha is a little strange. Ronan is obsessed with her and even though Sasha knows it, she doesn't know the extent he has gone to and will go to, to protect her. It's a little...no, probably more accurate to say a lot unhealthy the way the relationship starts, but you always know there's something different about Ronan. Ronan's past has made him unable to have normal relationships. He doesn't recognise love, is uncomfortable being touched and generally only knows violence. Sasha knows all of this but refuses to see just this. She wants what's underneath. She wants to push past his vulnerable shell and bring him out just for her. Ronan does eventually come out of his shell...just because it's what Sasha wants.

I really enjoyed the audio of *Reaper*. The author drags you into the seedier, violent side of the Boston Underworld and takes you for a ride. This series is awesome and I can't wait to meet more of these crazy Irish Mobsters.

To buy *Reaper* from Amazon - <http://amzn.to/2d1CUFe>

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Sh3llraiser says

This is Ronan's and Sasha's story. It was dark. A more palatable dark, though, than some other "dark" romances I've read, which I appreciate. Ronan has some stalkerish tendencies, but I'll allow it. Cuz, Ronan.

Both characters have painfully pined away for each other for a couple years, but they are both so messed up, they never did anything about it. Until now. Well, Ronan is so scary that Sasha didn't really dare try anything. Who could blame her?

The author does a very good job balancing the dark and fluffy here. We have flashbacks where we see why Ronan is so messed up. Sasha is broken too, so they make a perfect match.

But then we have the corgi scenes which humanize Ronan. Because who can resist their wee little legs?

In some ways, Sasha was the alpha here. Ronan is very inexperienced sexually and most importantly, emotionally - and with anything involving intimacy. She took the lead and it worked. *that ice cream scene though*

The sex scenes were... different. Not as hot as the ones from the first book, but this couple is more desperate...unhinged in a way?

I read this in one day, so it's definitely at least as good as the first. I was not annoyed by either main character, which goes a LONG way for me and romances. I liked the plot, the danger of the mafia... The fact that they are Irish mafia, well...

The ending had a bit of the cheese. Everything you expect with a typical romance HEA. But I am definitely continuing. These books have just enough drama to keep you interested, but not enough to make you want to rage (bless you, Zavarelli).

My review for Crow is here.

Buddy read with MacHalos.

Original post:

ERMAGHERD. RONAN.

NiCoLeTa E. says

4,5 "Lethal" stars

This was the second book of the Boston Underworld series and it was equal good as the first one...
Even though i have to admit that "Crow" will be always higher in my heart!!!
As the first book, the second was having romance, chasing, killings, and generally an interesting plot...

In "Reaper", we focused on Ronan and Sasha whom we already knew from the first book...

Sasha before three years, she made a bad choice and she walked into the mobster world unwillingly...
At the moment, she is a stripper on the Irish mob's club and she is trying to earn enough money for taking care her ill mother...

Sasha had her own secrets that are bounding her in this world and she can't avoid many things that are causing her troubles... but she is determined to leave this ugly world no matter what...
Her only soft spot is the gorgeous, silent and broody Ronan who seems to hate her guts, even though that they are sharing a great secret.

"My dark prince. The reaper. The man who spilled blood for me without pause. For that reason alone he'll always be on a pedestal that no other can reach. He'll always be the memory I revisit in my darkest of times."

Ronan had a difficult past. He was raised to become a killer and he doesn't know more things than that...
Most of the feelings are unknown to him and when he is feeling something that he doesn't understand, he is scared and he is running on the opposite side...

He was infatuated with Sasha from the first moment that he laid his eyes on her but he can never have her.
His feelings for her is scaring him, so that's why he is keeping his distance and he never speaks to her...
Ronan is Lachlan's best friend and he could do anything for him...
His main job on the syndicate is killing people while he is torturing them...

And that's why he's got the nickname "The Reaper"...

"My purpose in life has only ever been to kill. It was the sole reason for my existence as a wee lad. To learn how to kill. They taught me well. There is not anything else on this earth I can do so efficiently. Conversation, understanding others, making decisions. These are not things I am well versed in. But killing, I can do. Without question. Without hesitation. Without a shadow of doubt in my soul. I was born to take life."

Sasha and Ronan seem that they don't like each other, but something important happened between them before two years...

They are keeping a huge secret in order to protect each other... and from that moment, they were keeping their distances...

But lately something is changing and they can't seem to stay away from each other... even though that the things are difficult!!!

"It's not soft. It's not sweet. It's something wild and three long years in the making. A kiss that purges the memory of all other kisses before him."

So what will bring the future for those two???

Will Ronan stop running away from Sasha and take a chance with her???

Will Sasha abandon her plan in order to stay with Ronan???

Will those two be able to stay together and be happy when they are having so many demons to changing them down???

"I've seen him kill. I've tasted his rage too. Tasted it so fiercely that some of it spilled over onto me, tainting me with the mark of the animal that lives inside of him. I crave that animal. I crave everything about this man with his perfect suits and his complete lack of human emotions. Maybe, just maybe, I envy him too.

What it must be like not to feel anything. Anything at all.

I want that for myself."

As in the first book, here are happening too many things as well...

They are some mob business, some chasing, unexpected turns, sexy scenes and all this combination is building a very good adventure...

Sasha and Ronan together were adorable...

Yeah, i know!!! Ronan was a bloody killer with no remorse, but it wasn't his fault... If you have witnessed his past, you could understand him better...

He was a huge, handsome, powerful man who protected fiercely those who he was loving, but in his heart, he was still a little innocent kid.

He had so many issues and Sasha managed to unlock him and made him see the world and love differently.... and i liked this changing.

"She can hate me. She can despise me. But fear me?

No.

I want to go to her. To comfort her and placate her with lies. But I won't lie to her. I can barely even speak to her. I don't know what to say. I never know what to say."

Sasha was a good and wonderful person.

Yep, she made some mistakes in her youth, but who isn't making mistakes???

Her mother and her sister were her whole world and when she was left behind alone, she just wanted to leave

this awful world and to start a new life away...

But there was Ronan... and she was so in love with him, even though that she would prefer not to... He was important for her and she would never betray him... But he was keeping his distance from her and she didn't know what to do with his strange behavior...

He was coming to her and then he was running away from her...

He was driving her nuts, but she had to be patient if she truly wanted to be with him...

Will she sacrifice her life to stay with him in a world that she hates????

"My heart beats for him.

The man who shares my secret. The man who holds my life in the palm of his hands. Sometimes, I think I could love him. But most of the time, I just hate him. For making me weak. For tempting me to stay. For wondering when he'll finally make good and kill me too.

I don't know how it's possible to have feelings that are such polar opposites. I want to slap him. I want to scream in his face and force him to acknowledge me. His cavalier attitude towards me is worse than any of the pain Blaine ever inflicted on me. I'm not even worth his attention. A moment of his time. And yet, when he walks into the room, everything else ceases to exist."

It was a good book and I enjoyed the ride very much...

I liked that I saw enough of Mack and Lachlan for once again...

I adore the connection that Lachlan and Ronan are having...

Phew!!! And now, I'm wondering...

Who will be next???

Maybe Rory and Scarlet??? Or not???

?✿? Alicia ?✿? says

4.5 Tortured Soul Stars

My dark prince. The reaper. The man who spilled blood for me without pause. For that reason alone he'll always be on a pedestal that no other can reach. He'll always be the memory I revisit in my darkest of times.

******May Contain Spoilers******

Sasha finds herself trapped in a relationship she does not want to be in, unfortunately that relationship comes with Major baggage. Blaine is part of the MacKenna syndicate (irish mafia) and he drags her into his world.

When Blaine "leaves" Sasha is still trapped in the syndicate. She strips and dances at *Slainte* a high end strip club owned and run by syndicate. Sasha's mum is dying of cancer, she keeps dancing to pay the bills

determined to get out once her mother passes.

Reading about Sasha's mums battle was very emotional for me and had my heart breaking for her. She is right about one thing:

No one should have to go like that :(

Ronan/Reaper's story starts when he is a little boy being held captive and tortured on a compound that trains little boys into killers.

Don't fall asleep little fella," he says. "Or you'll never wake up again."

The torture/training turned Ronan into the emotionless killer he is, hence the name Reaper. Ronan has difficulty with understanding emotions and likes things to stay the same and be straightforward (typical man). This is why he hated Sasha at the beginning for the simple fact she made him feel things he just didn't understand.

I love a tortured soul and Ronan didn't disappoint. However as I am not a huge fan of heaps of inner dialogue which this book had lots of, it made it a little less enjoyable. I found there was not as much suspense and intrigue as the first in this series but I still really liked it.

I thought it was a lovely love story about stepping out of your comfort zone and defeating your demons for the one you love.

Sabrina says

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Holy Hell this book broke my heart! Reaper was so damaged and all I wanted to do was give him one big hug and never let him go. His character was almost like a little boy at times, trapped in a killers body. It was tragic and at the same time absolutely brilliant. The emotions he evoked from me are the very reason I have such a strong love of reading and I already want to go back and read his story again.

His and Sasha's relationship was definitely complicated and they had a lot to work out, but that's what made it so intriguing. I loved seeing them circling around each other, both wanting to make that first move but both too scared. The sexual tension that was between them because of that conflict lit up my pages and had me in

love with them. I definitely can't wait to move on and read more of this series but I think I just found my favorite Boston Underworld couple.

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

5 STARS

I've never believed in fairytales. There is no white knight in my story. Only me. And I'm not the girl who gets the prince. I'm the girl he bangs because he can.

Holy.

Hell.

I do believe I just read one of the most tortured anti-heroes ever. And let me tell you, I've read A LOT of dark romance. I've read the violent, broody, alphahole bad boys, but all of them pale in comparison to Ronan Fitzpatrick

I've been called a sociopath. A monster. But I don't fancy myself one. I'm simply a man doing a job that needs to be done. If it wasn't me doing it, someone else would be. The men that I kill, they've all had it coming. They knew what they were getting themselves into. They've either done Niall wrong or threatened the syndicate in some way. And threats have to be eliminated, just like vermin. One of the few moral codes I still abide by. I will protect my brethren at all costs.

Cross the MacKenna syndicate, and you'll find yourself in front of The Reaper. He's the man that handles all of the delicate and painful jobs. When someone needs eliminating, they find themselves in Ronan's basement, their screams forever becoming a part of the cement walls. A brutal upbringing that knew only pain, Ronan doesn't function like any other man. He's numb. Unfeeling. He only feels rage and breathes punishment. There's only one person that ever stirred a different reaction in him, but she's forever off limits to a man like him.

Damaged souls have their own beauty. A dark, terrifying beauty. The same type of beauty I recognize in Ronan.

Sasha hasn't had an easy life herself. Taking care of her ailing mother and protecting her younger sister put her in the crosshairs of a man that changed her life irreparably. Forced into a life she never wanted and doing whatever she can to survive, she's tired. All she wants is to leave, move to a different place where no one knows her or her past. There's just one problem with that; Ronan is not about to let her go.

He nudges my legs apart and pushes his palm between my legs like he owns that part of me. Who am I to argue? He does fucking own me. He's polluted my mind so that I can only ever think of him. Only ever want him.

Their relationship is a turbulent one. Both of these characters are so completely messed up, it's a wonder how they go through the motions at times. But yet together, they made a messed up sort of sense. They offered each other a calmness that they never found on their own. They were like violent waves on a rocky coast.

I've seen him kill. I've tasted his rage too. Tasted it so fiercely that some of it spilled over onto me, tainting me with the mark of the animal that lives inside of him. I crave that animal. I crave everything about this man with his perfect suits and his complete lack of human emotions. Maybe, just maybe, I envy him too. What it must be like not to feel anything. Anything at all.

This was such a dark, captivating story. I was glued to the pages, completely enraptured. My heart hurt for everything that Sasha went through and I wanted her to feel just a little of happiness. It made a dark sort of sense that she would find it in the arms of a ruthless killer that's a borderline psychopath.

Ronan was just...GAH. This man. His training ensured that he feels almost nothing. No empathy. No sympathy. Most human emotions are far beyond his realm of understanding. But you see more and more of his humanity peak out with each minute he spends with Sasha.

Nobody else gets to see you like that," he declares. "Ye're claimed." His words douse me in gasoline. His eyes light the match. And when he grinds himself against me, all that's left to do is burn for him.

I loved this gritty and sexy dark mafia romance. The story was completely unputdownable and the characters vivid and unforgettable.

Find me on:

XxTainaxX says

I'm so hooked and jonesing for the next story. This was awesome! Ronan is so complex and unique. His tale is sad but I love how he develops throughout the story. Sasha has been in love with him for years and she learns how to deal with him tactfully. Ronan is obsessive and possessive but it seems to be a part of him. He is very different in how he sees the world as his behavior is derived from his experiences or a lack of them. Sasha is a survivor. She does what she must to get by but the life she loves is wearing on her. When faced with losing her, Ronan finally reacts and coupled with what's going on in the mafia world, the plot thickens. The story flows flawlessly and the writing is done well. The imagery is graphic but essential to the telling. You get sucked into this world and it's gripping hold remains to the end. I'm very glad I read this and am dying to read book 3! Safety: No OW/Sharing. h is forced to do things to another man to protect herself and H. There is rape and abuse. One of them was a V their first time together. No condoms. There is pushing away.

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

5++++ Fucking Awesome Irish Mafia Sequel Stars

Holy *fecking* Christ, people.

For those of you who are unaware of this series, this book is the sequel to this awesome book.

As you can see, I *lurved* it.

Now, nine times out of ten, a sequel to a book I *lurved* ends of being, well....

It always seems like the first one is just SO fucking awesome...

...it's like a drug.

But then you crack open book two and soon realize...

However, such was NOT the case here.

Because a strong white crystalline central nervous system stimulant this was indeed.

And I *adored* every moment of this thing.

As I said about book one, this book was "Val Perfect," meaning that it had ALL the ingredients I LURVE....AND pulled it off to boot.

Those ingredients, again, being:

1) Mafia - IRISH in this case.

Now (again)...I'm not sure how legit the slang, culture and all that jazz was depicted here, but...

2) Super hot Irish Mafia Alpha Male...who is the perfect possessive asshole - with a side of some SERIOUS emotional...glitches...

Again...

Now, I'm not sure if AZ was trying to establish Ronan as being on the spectrum or if he simply just had troubles connecting to his emotions based on his upbringing, but again...

3) A rational, mature heroine who was trying to get through some super heavy shit...who - again - I didn't want to punch in the face the entire time.

Again...let's celebrate.

I really, REALLY liked Sasha.

It seems that in books like these, we either get saddled with a TSTL idiot...

A TSTL idiot who *thinks* she's a badass...

...but isn't.

Or the stubborn one who thinks she is "helping..."

...but is really just a) making things more difficult for the H and/or b) basically handing herself over to the bad guy.

4) H/h have a previously established "connection," but are working out some of the...kinks.

It was obvious in book one that there was something going on between Sasha and Ronan, but we weren't completely sure what.

And in this book we get the answers to all of those questions, and more.

5) Some - more -cool actions scenes.

Which, again, weren't perfect.

But again...

6) A continued sense of "brotherhood" between Ronan, Lachlan, Rory, and Conor.

This never gets old...and snuggles.

7) A supporting cast of characters, including new potential couples, that make me WANT to read about more.

STAT.

Hellooooooo Rory and Scarlett!

But what I loved most of all?

Again:

You can tell that the author did her homework.

I've said this before, and I will say this again.

And again.

SO many times it seems, authors want to write about something they know nothing about...

e.g., sports, NCAA athletics, gangs, prisons, law enforcement, the mafia, the justice system...

...and you can tell that they didn't do their due research diligence or just plainly decided to "wing it," leaving the story feeling cheesy and shallow.

(Looking at you...and you...)

OR, they decide to go SO overboard on the violence, etc., that it ends up being a convoluted mess of things that would never, EVER happen.

But not so here.

Again, I felt that the author really fleshed things out and "stayed in her lane" - aka didn't make things so fantastical and violent in the quest to make them "seem real" that they just end up feeling ridiculous.

But she also didn't err on the side of caution in the way that some authors do in an effort to not make her supposedly tough characters dislikeable to some readers. (Looking at you...as much as I love you.)

In my opinion, this was - again - just the perfect blend of...well, everything I like lol...

In fact, I think I even like this more than I liked book one, because...well, Ronan...

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

??Complimentary Copy?? Provided by the author
"A. Zavarelli" in exchange for an honest review..Thank you!!

TITLE: Reaper
SERIES: (Boston Underworld #2)
AUTHOR: A. Zavarelli
GENRE: Contemporary Romance
RELEASE DATE: May 24th, 2016

MY RATING

I was almost afraid to start this, mainly because I cray cray loved the previous book in this series **Crow (Boston Underworld, #1)** and for the fact that it put me in a major book funk for days, so this one has a lot to live up to.

REAPER This is the second book in the Boston Underworld Series by A. Zavarelli, this can not be read as a standalone because previous characters do cross over, and it's where we were first introduced to these two characters, this story picks up where book one left off, I crazy loved the first book and would highly recommend it..

This author is the Queen of all Queens when it comes to Mafia and everyone knows I have a weakness for this genre..

Reaper focuses around Sasha and Ronan, told in dual POV'S, Ronan is a trained killer, the go to man who does all the underhanded shit for the syndicate. Sasha was incorporated into the first book, as one of the clubs dancers that always stayed in the background, the club mouse so to speak, say boo and like a mouse she would likely scuttle away, Sasha, was raised as a good catholic girl who ended up associating with the Irish Mob all due to one unwanted date.

Delve deeper and both of these characters are fighting the dark demons of their pasts.

"One thing I know for certain is that this killer - the Reaper - isn't my white knight. In fact, in this story, I very well suspect he may even be the villain. Because if Blaine ever finds out how I feel, it will certainly be the death of me." - Sasha

Ronan is such a complex man with so many deep layers to his character, always watching from the darkness, hidden in the background. A man of few words, a broken, dark soul.

Damaged souls have their own beauty.

A dark terrifying beauty.

The same type of beauty I recognise in Ronan

Sasha is hard to get a handle on, her ailing mother is in the process of passing over, so in the beginning of the book we see a sad pill popping, broken down Sasha.

*I will never understand what it is about this quiet,
enigmatic man that renders me completely senseless.*

Ronan feels it too.

This explosive link between us.

*All I have to do is enter his orbit,
and I'm a slave to his power.*

GAH ok well shit I thought Crow would've been hard to beat, but I shit you not this book left Crow in the dust!! And I do not say that lightly. This author yet again ticked ALL my boxes when it came to this book, the grit, the broken man, the likeable sassy heroine..

Ever want to jump in a book and fix/save one of the characters that the author is tormenting with her words, Ronan made me want to crawl within the pages and grab him out of the authors clutches lol

Jessica-✿Chatterbooks Book Blog✿ says

Reaper is the second installment in the Boston Underworld series centering around the characters of Ronan and Sasha. In my opinion, Ronan, a.k.a. "The Reaper", was the most intriguing secondary character in the first book, so I was excited to learn more about him. In Crow, Sasha seemed very much a fragile victim, and I was hoping to see something more to her. I also really looked forward to seeing more of the characters I already knew and loved. Thankfully, I was not disappointed.

We know from the first book that Sasha and Ronan have a history, but we are never told exactly what it is. The author doesn't waste any time remedying that by showing us the events that led up to the death of Blaine, Sasha's ex-boyfriend and Ronan's fellow syndicate member. Ronan has barely spoken to Sasha since the night in question, and neither of them have told a soul about any of it.

Ronan had a rough life, and it left him with more than a little emotional baggage. He endured unimaginable horror at the hands of a radical political fringe group. He never met his mother, and it would have probably been better if he never knew his father, even for the brief time that he did. Torture, isolation, and unspeakable cruelty were all he knew from his childhood until he met Crow and his mother. Because of this, he finds it hard to show or even understand his emotions. The one person other than Crow that he cares about is Sasha. He doesn't know how to act around her, or what to do with his feelings for her. Ronan convinced himself that he wasn't worthy of Sasha; therefore, he doesn't interact with her unless he has to...at least that she knows about anyway.

Sasha has harbored feelings for Ronan for years. She doesn't understand why, after everything they

experienced together, he won't even mutter a word in her direction. Sasha has tried to do her best her whole life. She sacrificed so her sister could live a more worry free life than herself, and go to college. She strips to afford a good home nurse for her dying mother. She dealt with Donny to keep Ronan from getting into trouble, even though it was unpleasant to say the least. Sadly, she feels like she will have absolutely nothing to show for it once her mother dies. Her mother will be gone, her sister will be gone, and Ronan will still have nothing to do with her. This leads to her making the decision to move and start over somewhere else when that happens.

Sasha starts getting late night drop ins from Ronan when her mother is nearing the end. At first, it's just things like him tucking her into bed at night after she falls asleep, but it quickly turns into something much more interesting happening in that bed. Ronan always winds up abruptly leaving, usually without a word, after their sexual encounters. This leaves Sasha hurt, frustrated, and even more determined to leave as soon as she can.

After Ronan finds out her intentions, he tries to do whatever he can to keep her with him. However, fate has other plans when Ronan and Sasha's past catches up to them. Donny made sure information got out about what really happened to Blaine in the event of his death. Now, they have to worry about the feds, and also how Ronan's own people will react. Not only that, but Ronan botched a hit on a man named Andrei, also known as "The Butcher", putting his life in danger, as well as Sasha's. What will happen to Ronan when the syndicate finds out what he has been hiding from them? Will Sasha be killed for what she knows? Will they be put in prison? Will Andrei off them before they have to worry about it? Do Sasha and Ronan have any real chance of a happily ever after?

This was such an awesome book! I was nervous that because I loved Crow so much, Reaper would be disappointing. I'm happy that was not the case. I enjoyed every minute of Ronan and Sasha's story.

Reaper was a much more emotional book than the previous one in the series. Several things contributed to this. Learning about Ronan's upbringing, and seeing the way it still affected him ripped my heart out. No one should have to endure such atrocities. Sasha has to deal with watching her mother slowly die of cancer. My own father died of cancer, and I know first hand how painful that can be. My heart broke for her. The emotions I felt watching these two come together is indescribable. Not to mention, Mack and Crow interacting with Sasha and Ronan were some of my favorite parts, and they gave me all the warm and fuzzies. The scene with Ronan, Crow, and Alexi trying to diaper a baby was really something special. Lol

Without a doubt, my absolute favorite thing about the whole story was Ronan. I adored him, and I understood his behavior completely. I wouldn't have been surprised if he wound up in a mental institution after everything he went through. I think, the fact that he isn't completely insane or a monster himself is astonishing. He usually shows a very limited range of emotion. Intimacy is way out of his comfort zone. Even normal social interaction can be awkward, confusing, and almost painful for him; which made watching him try to be different for Sasha even more heartwarming. My heart literally melted over a part where they visit a doctors office. If you have read this already or when you do, you will know what I'm talking about. He is fiercely loyal and protective of the people he cares about. Lastly, like Crow, he is a complete badass. Ronan may be raw and broken, but he is also strong and incredibly beautiful.

I am happy this book gave me a greater appreciation for Sasha, too. I loved how willing she was to always give Ronan time to come to terms with things at his own pace. She tries to understand and reassure him, no matter how difficult that may be. Her loyalty to him is endless, never wavering, even when her own well being is threatened. I admired how she unfailingly put the ones she loved before herself. Sasha was truly the perfect woman for Ronan in every way.

I enjoyed this book immensely, and I can't wait to continue on with the series. I rated it 4 stars instead of 5, because it lacked a tiny bit of the spark that Crow had for me. The romance was more on the sweet side, the action wasn't quite as exciting, and the heroine wasn't as strong as I would have liked. I don't want to make it sound like this story was unimpressive, because it wasn't. I would recommend this book to anyone who thinks they would find it even remotely interesting. The writing was amazing. This author continues to impress me with her fantastic storytelling. The story was unique, engaging, romantic, and addictive. The romance was beautiful. The characters are endearing and complex. There are so many reasons that I could give for you to read this book, but mostly I recommend this because.....Ronan. ??????????????

Khadidja says

Reaper by A. Zavarelli is part of a new series, It can be read as a standalone. However, there are interconnected characters (Lachlan Crow and Mack, even her best friend who disappeared in book 1).

Sasha:

Both Sasha and Ronan are great characters, she's a stripper, she works at a club owned by Lachlan Crow (The hero of book1), Well she did what she had to do to survive i'm not judging her, from her perspective she had no choice but to go with the flow.

Ronan :

Trained to be a soldier. a killing machine, His childhood was heartbreak and hard to read, it was awful. he slept in bed of broken glass. he was tortured till pain became part of him, the worst pain someone can endure, and when he managed to kill his superior and run away he was almost raped by a priest after seeking his help.

This book it is kind of hard to describe how it made me feel !! Mad, sad, happy. I do like the writing style

and the author makes you feel the pain of that poor little Ronan. it was my first book by A. Zavarelli, and I'm impressed, looking forward to reading more from this author in the future.
