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Carter Reed (Carter Reed Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Emma decided to skip the gym and went home early. It was the last easy decision she made because she found her roommate being raped by the boyfriend. She had two choices. Call the cops and be killed by his family's mafia connections or kill him first and hope to survive. There was no choice to her. She killed the bastard first and went to the one person who could protect her. Carter Reed. He's a weapon for the rivaling mafia family, but he's also Emma's secret. Not only was he best friends with her brother, but she's the reason he became that weapon in the first place. This book is not for the faint of heart.

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Customer Reviews

I read "Cole" first and didn't even realize Carter had his own story first! While you don't have to read Carter's books before you read Cole, I still prefer to. I really liked Carter and Emma - I liked the way their relationship progressed with the exception of the insta-love, I wish it had built up more first. More background given on them together besides the AJ connection. Similarly so with all the friendships. I don't think it was well established the depth of friendship between Mallory, Emma, Ben and Amanda. It was told much later. Due to the circumstance Emma and Mallory found themselves

in, more background on their friends they went to would've made the story even better - who are these people you chose to run to and divulge the crime you committed? We didn't find out until much later when it was just Amanda and Emma. The secondary characters were great, they really added a lot to the main characters and the story as a whole. Overall I loved this book!

I loved so many things about this book. It was captivating, heartbreaking, angsty and sweet. Tijan writes well and her stories are intense, which I enjoy! What I do not like about Tijan's writing is that she makes her Heroines behave stupidly. They repeatedly do things that as a reader, makes you think "why the heck did she do that". Emma repeatedly blamed herself for the problems that Mallory had gotten herself into and felt she should turn herself over to the mob to be killed in order to save Mallory! WTH! I loved the book but was frustrated by Emma's stupidity at times.

They are already in love. Don't expect to watch that happen. For some reason the consummation keeps being put off for no reason but when it happens it's almost like if you didn't look carefully you'd miss it. The same type of drama keeps happening over and over. I felt like this book just rambled around in circles with not much purpose. I can't even imagine why the author would make a 2nd book for this couple. There's nothing left to happen. However I did read and enjoy Cole which is part of this series. I just didn't enjoy this book.

Emma was on the run. She came in to her roommate being raped. The only thing she knew to do was aim and shoot. What didn't click was that she just shot the son of a mob boss. When she was younger before her brother died he told her if she ever needed anything or anyone to go to Carter Reed, so that's what she did. Carter Reed had always been watching Emma, protecting her in the shadows. She didn't know he was there but he would never fail her. So when he got the call that she was in his club he didn't falter a step. So begins the hunt down of Emma and Carter's never ending trial of getting her to listen for her safety and protect her. Great read! Can't wait to hear more from Carter and Emma!

This dark, mob-style romance is full of secrets. I loved the interactions between Carter and Emma, and I was thrilled at the openness between them. Usually you get an alpha male who wants to "protect" his princess by not telling her anything, and while Carter is hesitant, he usually does tell Emma everything. I love that. It's like they are a power couple as they deal with revenge and getting out of the Family. Both come from broken backgrounds and had horrible circumstances that brought

them to where they are today. While I feel that this could be a standalone book, I'm excited to see that there is a second book. Sexual Content: There was a lot of hotness in this book, and sex scenes there are, but they leave a little to the imagination. Level of Violence: There are shootings, and beatings, and discussions of violence. Recommend This Book? Yes!! and anything else Tijan writes!

Wow, this book was nothing looks I respected it to be. The suspense, the mob feelings the fighting and the helping each other. There were so many people you thought you could trust and you couldn't. Finding out who you could trust, grieving those you lost and loving those who were there for you. Carter might have been a bad guy but those he loved he looked after and made sure they were okay. He protected them at all cost. He had protected her all her life after her brothers death

I'm writing this review after my second reading on this book. This was the first of Tijan's books that I'd read. I promptly read everything else she's written after finishing this one the first time. I'm usually so invested in getting to the next book that I forget to leave a review. This book is a great introduction to Tijan. It's got it all: romance, sex, drama, the mob, friendships, etc. It's a real treat to be able to have all of those elements come together in such a cohesive manner. I tend to avoid reviews that start sharing specific plot points and spoilers so I'll try to avoid doing that with this review. I'll conclude by saying that it's not often that a mob hitman gets to be the hero. If you're a fan of romance with an actual plot then I recommend this book.

I had this book waiting in my library for a little while because I wasn't sure if I'd like it. NOW I'm smacking my head "what were you thinking? Why did you wait?" LOL I really LOVED this book. I felt that it moved along really nicely and the storyline was different from other things I've read. I like that the love story aspect, while being a prominent role in the book, wasn't too overshadowing to the back story. I love the balance in the book. I think Carter is a sexy badass and Emma is a strong woman who brings out the redeeming qualities in Carter. I can't wait to see what happens next for them!

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