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Every family has its secrets...

As the first anniversary of her marriage to Vice President Nick Cappuano approaches, Lieutenant Sam Holland is dreaming of Bora Bora—sun, sand and a desperately needed break from the DC grind. But real life has a way of intervening, and Sam soon finds herself taking on one of the most perplexing cases of her career.

Government worker Josh Hamilton begs Sam to investigate his shocking claim that his parents stole him from another family thirty years ago. More complicated still, his "father" is none other than the FBI director. When a member of Josh's family is brutally murdered, Sam begins to question how deep this cover-up goes. Is it possible the revered director was part of a baby-napping ring and that others involved are also targets?

With a killer intent on deadly revenge and her team still reeling from a devastating loss, Sam's plate is full—and when Nick and their son, Scotty, take ill, is her dream of a tropical anniversary celebration in peril too?

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Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

Irresistible! I wish I could give more than 5 stars! FATAL IDENTITY is another exciting addition to the series, filled with salacious scandals and more of the dreamy goodness of Nick and Sam. I can promise you that once you start reading this book, you won't put it down until the very last word. If you haven't read this series yet, I have one question for you: what are you waiting for?

What do you do if a man walks up to you and accuses one of the most powerful men in the country of kidnapping him thirty years earlier? Well, if you are Sam Holland, you investigate, never mind that you are on suspension from the department. Sam never met a case she turned away from and unbelievable as this one is, Sam is not going to walk away, even though she would be going up against the director of the FBI and the might of his agency at his disposal. What no-one is prepared for is the scandalous secrets, deceit and lies that are revealed, spanning several decades, ultimately ending in murder as the investigation deepens; and the potential fallout for one of the nation's top security agencies.

But Sam doesn't just get to play super cop. She is a wife and a mom and her love for her family is undeniable. She is settling in with her family and gets to show her softer and nurturing side when her boys fall ill, which I really enjoyed. And the sexy Nick Cappuano. I wouldn't mind finding him in my Christmas stocking this year. Smart, successful and so very supportive of his wife's career. You couldn't ask for a better husband.

There is a lot to love about this book, but little I can write about it, to avoid spoiling the experience for readers, but I cannot recommend this book and the entire series enough. I really hope that Ms. Force keeps the stories coming for as long as possible.

Disclaimer: I received this book for free from the Publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

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Cocktails and Books says

4.5 Cocktails

There isn't a book in this series that I haven't adored. FATAL IDENTITY keeps the Sam and Nick train rolling with another fantastic story involving kidnapped children, the FBI and Nick proving why he's my freaking alpha male book husband.

Full review to come.

Sunny says

4.5 Stars

ARC Review

This series does not get old. Sam and Nick are back and celebrating their one year anniversary. It's hard to believe that so much has happened in this year and true to form there is another mystery at hand. A young man approaches Samantha, who is suspended for an event that occurred at the end of the last book, because he recognizes himself in an adult rendering of a Missing Child's picture. He wants Sam to investigate. The catch? He is the son of the current FBI Director. For the first time in awhile, this mystery threw me for a loop. It kept me guessing and I could not have imagined the ending.

This series is wonderful not only for the suspenseful stories but also the family that makes up Sam and Nick's world. It's a family of team members, blood relatives, and yes, even some of the Secret Service agents. Nick has to navigate around his role as VPOTUS, but he always prioritizes his role as husband and father first. I may have said this before, but it is worth repeating, Sam and Nick have a model relationship. Simple, but not easy.

For the fans of the series, you will note that Marie Force throws an interesting tidbit or two that had me saying, "hmmm." First, it seems as though Sam's unwavering support from Chief Fransworth may be coming to an end. Sam is under scrutiny because she punched a fellow officer at the end of the previous book. He deserved it, but nonetheless, he wants to press assault charges. Chief Farnsworth, her godfather, let her know that he may no longer be able to protect Sam from the fallout from her unorthodox and often, rulebreaking methods of solving a crime. This is one of the reasons I like Sam. She operates in the gray. There are times she breaks the rules, but it is not without consequences.

Spoiler Alert

Another interesting and disturbing issue is Avery's continuing obsession with Sam. He loves Shelby, but he still can't help fixating on Sam when he is in the same room as she is. He is confounded by his reaction. Is the author forecasting a future risk or is this just closure for a loose end? Nick and Avery do have a heart to heart, but I don't know if I fully trust that resolution. I think it is a odd thing to bring up (again) and I guess only time will tell.

IN A NUTSHELL:

If you a fan, this will be a truly satisfying addition to the series. This book is just as romantic as the first, even more so because their love is tempered and enduring.

Julie says

Fatal Identity by Marie Force is a 2016 HQN publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

After all the terrifying events that took place in 'Fatal Scandal', the next book, 'Fatal Frenzy' slowed things down and allowed Sam to address some heavy PTSD symptoms, and gave everyone else a chance to deal with the fallout. But, as cathartic as this was, for the characters and perhaps for the reader as well, I was happy to see this tenth installment get back to a more balanced pace.

Sam must cool her heels after being handed a suspension, while everyone nervously waits to see if the second lady will be charged with assault, after throwing what most of us will agree was a justifiable punch.

None the less, Sam finds herself embroiled in an explosive situation, when Josh Hamilton begs her to help him discover his true identity, after he begins to suspect the family he thought he was born into, may have kidnapped him a baby and raised him as their own. This is a shocking allegation all on its own, but as it turns out, Josh Hamilton's father is none other than the director of the FBI. Wowza!

Things really get complicated, when Josh becomes the prime suspect in a shocking murder, prompting a closer look at the esteemed director's family life.

Meanwhile, the team suffers another horrific blow, which leaves Gonzo in worse shape than he already was, while Nick and Scotty come down with an acute case of the flu, which could mean Sam's anniversary plans are in jeopardy.

This is another explosive, high octane, super steamy, addition to this wildly popular romantic suspense series. There is a lot to analyze, so here goes:

I was pleased with nearly all the developments in this chapter of the series, in regards to the recurring characters. Gonzo has some serious moments of doubt, but I loved the way the author addressed these issues in such a realistic fashion.

Some real progress was made in other relationships and I was very relieved by how everything seems to be shaping up for our favorite couple and their close acquaintances and friends.

The investigation into the alleged baby kidnapping, is full of mind blowing twists, with the most scandalous revelations I've encountered in... well, I don't know when. Whew!

Overall, fans of this series will most likely find this latest addition as addictive and satisfying as they have all the prior installments. Personally, I closed this book with a feeling of deep satisfaction, because the story ties up a few loose ends from the last two books, and gives our favorite people a nice little reprieve they all deserve.

However, it does make me wonder what we might expect in the future. Hopefully, there will be wedding bells and the pitter patter of little feet!!

This one gets 4 stars

Jonetta says

Originally posted on The Book Nympho

Sam Holland is waiting to learn her fate following her assault of fellow detective Ramsey who made fun of her ordeal with Stahl. She faces suspension and possible loss of command, in addition to legal charges. In the middle of all this, Sam's approached by Josh Hamilton for help in investigating his questionable parentage. He thinks he was stolen as an infant. What makes this explosive? His father is the FBI director.

It was interesting to see Sam blend home and work as she investigates Josh's case from the sidelines. There's a surreal sense about when she has to deal with issues at home in her role as a wife and mother, too. It felt like a life test for her, which she seemed to pass with exceptional ease. Josh's situation quickly ramps up to a dangerous level and Sam threads that needle between her need to explore things on her own versus when to escalate the situation to her command.

I really liked this story as we see Sam seeming to have learned from her past "lone wolf" experiences and embracing all aspects of her life, including wife, mother and Second Lady. The case has shocking results and the procedural aspect was intriguing. Sam just may have taken the steps to master having a career, being a mother and supporting her husband by owning her White House role. There are secondary storylines, too, that were heart wrenching and poignant. This was a good one and I cannot wait for the next book

(I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review).

Mei says

I love this series, I really do, but I'm starting to think that Nick and Sam are cursed!

They don't get to have a normal life! I got that the vice-president and homicide detective don't have an ordinary life, but for them it does get over the top! They'd not get to stay in bed when ill (fever+barfing...)!!!

Still I appreciated the light moments when Sam's snarky side came out! I also like Nick's possessive side, even if it was a little bit exaggerated.

I'll be reading the next one too!

Reen says

Sam and Nick's story continues with Fatal Identity. Could the adopted son of the revered FBI Director be the baby kidnapped thirty years ago and never found? Sam is suspended and yet manages to find a way to keep herself involved unofficially. Great story with a few twists and turns, keeping me engaged and reading! The part where Avery has to look after Sam when she falls ill with the flu she caught from Nick and Scotty is quite comical.

***Avonna says**

I am still completely in LOVE with the "Fatal" series from Marie Force! Sam and Nick are right up there

with Eve and Rourke from the “In Death” series as my all-time favorite romance series couples. Fatal Identity is the tenth book in the series and it is just as good as the first.

Sam and Nick are about to celebrate their one year wedding anniversary, but it will be a close call to making good on their getaway. Sam is put on suspension for her altercation with Ramsey and is waiting to hear if she will be prosecuted or not. Josh Hamilton, the son of the FBI Director, shows up and will only deal with Sam regarding his suspicion that he is not really a Hamilton, but a stolen baby from 30 years ago. Gonzo is still not handling his loss of his partner well and may lose Christine and his son. And for the first time, Nick is very sick, along with Scotty, which makes Sam realize she can’t be everywhere at once and learns to delegate more to her team.

There are many twists and turns in this book that had me worried at times for my HEA, but it happened and I couldn’t be happier. It is like catching up with old friends every time I read a new Fatal book with Sam and Nick and all the secondary characters. Off they go on their Bora Bora trip and I can imagine them very happy for now!

Anne OK says

Brace yourselves! Book number 10 scores a 10! Marie Force once again has another surefire winner in the magnetic and extraordinary “Fatal” series. After being suspended and sent home, Homicide Lt. Sam Holland can’t seem to escape murder and mayhem when a killer diller case literally shows up on her doorstep – this one involving a high-powered government official. There are plenty of inventive and imaginative twists in this child kidnapping plot. Expect a great mix of deceit, lies and murder that seals the deal for a mind-boggling suspenseful read. Of course, love and heat-filled romance are always present when handsome and sexy Nick Cappuano and his beautiful wife keep things sizzling on the burner, as well. Yes, you’ll also find those snickerlicious moments that readers have come to expect and appreciate from our Vice President and his DC police lieutenant. Force’s signature crisp wit and intelligence in both the character interaction and dialogue are also in full *force* (yeah, I couldn’t help myself there!).

As time goes by, the couple and their adopted son, Scotty, have settled into a loving relationship and warm family life together. You’ll see more of all of them in a familial setting as Sam is called upon to do caretaking duty when flu season hits. A cast filled with other favorites from this series is always an added plus as well. One such favorite of mine, FBI Agent Avery Hill, steps forward in this storyline once again. I adore that man and it was nice to see him a bit more settled and happy in his life – although still a bit awed by Sam.

No need to further tempt the fates and spoil the ride by giving any more details. Read the book blurb and you’ll find quite enough intrigue to prompt a one-click and begin another fun-filled adventure packed with suspense, heat and heart with Sam and Nick!

Thumbs up! High Fives! Bravo! Kudos! Way to go! Terrific! Outstanding! Loved it!

Anne says

I have loved every book in the Fatal series, and this one is no exception.

Samantha (Sam) Holland has been suspended from her job as Lieutenant of homicide for decking another police officer (totally justified, IMO). As she's leaving the police station, a low-level government worker begs her to look into a case for him -- he thinks he may have been kidnapped as a baby and raised as the son of another man. His "father?" The powerful head of the FBI.

From here, we go on another exciting adventure into both Washington's elite and its low-life criminals.

Very nerdy of me to say, but I feel like I'm seeing some old friends with each of these books. I really love this series.

Vee Paige says

4.5

After reading a couple of books I couldn't finish, I was afraid I've lost my reading mojo. It seems I just needed an interesting plot, a kickass heroine and a swoonworthy hero. Absolutely loved it. Nick and Sam keep getting better and better. I think Nick as Vice President adds an exciting layer to their relationship. Sam is such a badass and I love her snark. I thought the conflict was easily resolved in the end, but I enjoyed the dynamics of the whole gang in trying to solve the case.

Gonzo's problems kinda stilted the momentum of the flow which was why I deducted half a star. Also, I don't know how I feel about Avery. I mean, I'm glad he's there to provide us some possessive moments involving Nick, but I'm not liking him very much and I'm feeling sorry for Shelby.

All in all, an unputdownable read and that seems to be very rare for me these days.

Ann says

7/28/2016

5 stars! LMAO!!!! Just received an email from the author with a link to an explicit bonus story.... "Fatal Identity: After the Epilogue" from Sam's 1st person POV regarding her prep for her anniversary trip to Bora Bora. This is EXACTLY what I wanted, and was wondering why the author didn't include the deets of this part of the story originally because I imagined it would be hilarious. It was. :D

7/27/2016

4 stars. WOW!!! That was one helluva bizarre case for Sam and crew. No way did I have THAT one figured out before it was revealed. But the unusual crime hoopla was offset by a tamer story with Nick, Scotty etc. Was it just me that felt that? Sure there were meltdowns and presidential goings on but Sam's home life was more mellow (not that it's EVER as mellow as the average person) and her snark dialed back a level as well as the fun banter between Sam and her colleagues. But then again she WAS suspended for a few days (if you

can call it that) and then there was the flu bug, etc. As Nick/Sam celebrate their 1 year anniversary it will be interesting to see how the story evolves after this bk.

Nick is still as wonderful as ever and his jealousy over Agent Hill always provides some grins. I flew through this bk in a day, a definite page turner. Now it's time to do a re-read so to speak on audio. Unfortunately, now I have to impatiently wait for bk 11. Can this author write any faster???

Corina BookTwinsReviews says

I really, really come to enjoy this series. But especially Sam and Nick.

The police cases are always unique and thrillingly captivating, but I have to honestly say, this time it the shit hit the ceiling. I was glued to my phone, and carried it with me everywhere, including bathroom, so I wouldn't have to press the pause button.

And that scene when she interrogates the wife at the end - OMG - I was driving down the freeway cracking up. I think people thought I was CRAZY!!!!!!

Sam and Nick's relationship was something I came to cherish. Even though Fatal Identity had some well earned tension, the way they handled it felt true to character. It wasn't added just for additional upheaval, the opposite actually, it was something Sam and Nick had to figure out themselves as part of their growing as husband and wife. And I thought they did a fabulous job!

All in all, I'm now a BIG fan of Marie Force and can't wait to dive into book 11!!!

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♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

This is my first experience of a Marie Force story and although it's book ten of a series, it can be read as a standalone. However, I think maybe this is one of those instances where just because it CAN BE read as an independent story, it doesn't mean that it will work effectively that way for all readers. I felt very much like there was an assumption that readers already had an established relationship with the characters, which of course as a new reader, I didn't and consequently some elements did not work for me or warm my heart like I expected from this romantic suspense. Some of the dynamic between certain characters was a little perplexing, but again maybe if I had read the entire series I would have felt differently. The suspense

element which hit its climax during the last ten percent of the story is quite engaging and made me want to continue reading. I've no doubt that fans of this series will potentially have a different view from me and that's one of the wonderful things about reading.

****Advanced copy provided for my honest review thoughts ****

Mo says

I did enjoy it but something was lacking. Maybe things are starting to be a little bit repetitive here. I love Sam ... and Nick. But again, we have Avery, crushing on Sam (what about Shelby?). We have Nick, jealous of Avery. Sam is suspended ... again. This is book 10. It is hard to keep things fresh maybe.

Will I read the next in the series. Probably. But this one was a bit disappointing.

There was a character called "Maura"!
Don't see that name too often in books.
