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Blind legal eagle. Mafia Don ex-husband. What could possibly go oh-so-wrong?

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From Reader Review LUCA - Her Ruthless Don (Ruthlessly Obsessed Duet, Book 1): 50 Loving States, New York, Pt. 1 (Ruthless Tycoons 3) for online ebook

Fashionista says

This was really good! Luca is super sexy! ??

Sim Gee says

What's what's the Most Ruthless that what!!!

This Ruthless series has been something else! And I thought I was ready for Luca I really did. But I was so unprepared. He just a little bit of everything. And I think he may be the most ruthless of them all and the most loveable. And Amber and her history, just wow she is my Shero. It's a must read.

Kim C. says

Luca and Amber are unforgettable?

Luca denied his destiny for the love that occupied his heart. Because of an miscalculated choice to protect his love. Upon love discovering his error in one of worst ways possible. Love them turned away because somethings can't be worked out. Leaving Luca no other option, but to embrace the beast within.

After Amber's tragic accident that leaves her with an unexpected loss. Her mind in a twist and decide to say goodbye to love.

Now we find both Luca and Amber still struggling to feel like they've made progress without each other 5 years later. But, can one argument and car ride leaving Amber in a deep dream like sleep fog be the rest button both didn't know they wanted.

Lol, there is something to be said about riding a pony now?

AvidReader says

Not safe! Both of them with others during separation. Still it is enjoyable. Will read the next book anyway.

Paganalexandria says

Amber and Luca's story starts in the past. She is the daughter of his captor. It sets in motion everything good and bad that follows.

The Good:

1. Amber's blindness adds a layer to the story without beating a reader over the head with it. She is also a very likable heroine.
2. Luca is very flawed, with toolish tendencies on the alpha-hole spectrum, but still retains something to root for. This version of mob life was surprisingly unvarnished. The sense that familiarity doesn't keep you safe was woven throughout.
3. Grittier when I expected mafia lite.
4. Theodora Taylor writes hot without sacrificing believability in the romance. The love despite the issues feels real.
5. Other couples of books never read show up, but didn't confuse. It does make me want to catch up on the other books in the Ruthless Tycoons series though.
6. Race, cultural, and social status norms in mob life are talked about, and I appreciated it.

The Bad:

1. This is the first book I've read by this writer that ended in a cliffhanger. That was an unpleasant surprise.
2. Some of the events in the couple's timeline will bother some Safety Gang hardliners.

Final Thoughts:

I'm kicking myself for not reading this sooner. This writer proves once again why she is IR royalty. Annoyed it ended in a cliffhanger, but already reading the next book. Not scrimping on the page count helps.

Marianne says

Theodora Taylor is showing off her talent with the last books. The tycoon series is really wow. Starting from Holt and now with Luca (a special mention to Zahir), she has really matured as a writer. I am starting to crave her releases. Her books are addicting. This cliffhanger left me upset at first but IF the following book is really so "brutal" as she said, it will surely be worth the wait. This girl is on fire!

Bibi says

Spoilers

Sigh. I wanted to love this so much except I couldn't because Luca reminds me of Naz (from Darhower's *Monster in His Eyes*), but a more beta, silly version. Another sore point was having Luca's mob activities occur on-page. It bothered me and, I won't lie, it diminished my

enjoyment of the story considerably.

So, Luca was kidnapped by one of his father's rival mob bosses, kept in a basement cage, and then was beaten to within an inch of his life. Bella/Amber is the daughter of the kidnapper and also the person assigned to feed Luca. After having done nothing to impede her father's evil deeds, Amber, who suddenly (and probably because of Luca's "angelic and beautiful face") develops a conscience, decides to save Luca. However, before she could execute the plan, a bunch of guys storm the house to rescue Luca and in the process, they kill Amber's mom while Amber herself sustains grave injuries that render her blind.

Fast forward 10 yrs and Luca is hell-bent on revenge and he means for Amber to pay.

As I mentioned earlier *Monster in His Eyes* has an almost identical plot but with a much more robust and nuanced execution. This, otoh, was facile and in no way as mesmerizing. That said, it was still quite enjoyable and I will definitely read the concluding duet.

Theodora Taylor says

Loved writing this couple. Hope you love them, too!

Nancy L Thompson says

Wow

The only reason I'm not pulling my hair out is because the second book will be out really soon. I love Luca and I hope he doesn't change who he really is.

Davina says

Wow. This book is twisty and dark and absolutely epic.

Luca and Amber have a dark history. They meeting in terrible circumstances which ultimately changes both of them forever, with Luca emotionally scarred and Amber blinded. Years later, Luca meets Amber again, this time to use her as an instrument of revenge. But the joke ends up being on him because the woman he sought to use as a means to an end in a long game against an enemy ends up winning his love. To say that Luca and Amber have an uphill battle in their love story is underselling everything against them.

It's tough to expand on the entire love story as of now. I feel that book one ends in a way that you know there's still a lot more story to tell because it's almost like another love story between a completely changed Amber and Luca by the last few chapters vs their initial story, which is two young people who fall in love but learn the hard way that sometime love just isn't enough. If the upcoming "Amber" book will feature their eventual happily ever after story then "Luca" is their starter love story. It's wonderfully told with just the

right amount of doom hanging over them. Readers can't help but root for them but the timing isn't right and they -mostly Luca - still have a lot of growing to do. I totally recommend this story.

Heck of a cliffhanger. Can't wait for part 2.

Deloris says

I'm always ready to read a Theodora Taylor book, and Luca's story was just as hot and interesting as I thought it would be. Amber is a strong woman who falls for Luca, not knowing who he really is and then..... you read it, it's quite electrifying. Now I'm waiting for the second part of their story.

Karen's Bookshelf says

Ms. Taylor does it again with another over the top alpha male that we hate to love, but just can't help it. This couple was up one minute down the next, on one minute off the next minute, and I loved every twist and turn of their journey. I was biting my nails waiting to see what was going to happen when one of the biggest secrets of the storyline was revealed and then it ended. Needless to say I was just a teeny bit miffed knowing that I had to wait to see what happens next, but that is my only issue with Luca and Amber's story, especially since Ms. Taylor doesn't usually make me wait. But that's okay, I'll be just as excited when part two of their story drops. Just please don't make me wait too long and please no more cliffhangers if you can help it, of course.

***Dee's Reading Time Matters says**

Luca is LIVE!!!!!!

"The calm before the storm"

Another riveting story by Theodora Taylor that grabbed me from the start! What I will say is that T.T. was able to focus more on this memorable couple's journey and not Amber/ Bella's handicap and that was inspiring within itself if you recall how she lost her sight. The only thing that threw me about "Luca -Her Ruthless Don:50 Loving States, New York (Ruthless Tycoons 3)" was the ending because this author has NEVER, NEVER, EVER used the dreaded cliffy in her stories. Was I upset about it, well hell to the yes but after emailing the author on Facebook I was given a reasonable and plausible explanation which I will always treasure her valid response. So I'm cool with it now knowing that part 1 will be like the "calm before the storm" because Luca has to show Bella all of who he really is... after all this is the Mafia lifestyle!

5 and the journey continues stars *****!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Patricia says

Rosie J. says

TT knocked this ONE out of the PARK. Luca is #1. My favorite of the Ruthless Tycoons. Amber -- you're in trouble girl!

Longer review to follow ... soon.
