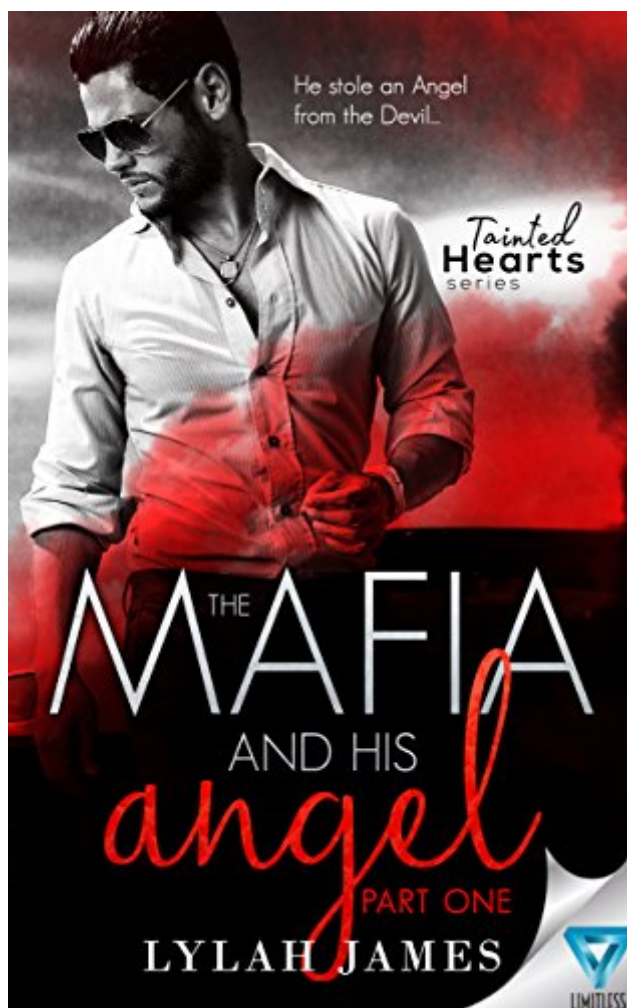




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# The Mafia And His Angel: Part 1 (Tainted Hearts)



## Synopsis

Alessio is Cold. Ruthless. Killer. I am respected and feared by all. I wasn't put on this earth to love or be loved. I was put here to wipe out every last member of the damn Abandonato mafia, to pay them back for my mother's death. When I find a strange girl hiding, beaten, under my bed, I don't let her live out of compassion. She's a trinket, my plaything. Ayla thought Alessio was only one more man who wanted to use me, hurt me, and throw me away. I don't know what it is to trust anymore. I can't find my heart under the pain. Alessio found it. He touched it, and brought it alive again. But if he discovers just how dangerous I am to him, I'll lose my life.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow. I am utterly speechless.... For the first time in my life I am unable to put into words how much I loved The Mafia And His Angel. It was UN-PUT-DOWNABLE, and a novel that will stay with me for a very long time. One of my favorite reads of this year, and easily my TOP reads of 2017! The Ivanshov Bratva family were living in peace. Until one night everything changes.....The heart and

soul of the family is slaughtered. The queen and the child within her are dead. Lyov's beloved angel is no longer with him. And little Alessio saw it all. Traumatized and filled with bitter rage, he promises his father all the Abandonato's will fall one by one. "I had lived with it for twenty-two years. I should have been accustomed to it by now. but every-time, it was worse. The pain never ceased. I was chained to my past. "Alessio's childhood was taken away from him, at a very young age. As the king, he is brutal. Cold, Calculating, and bitter. His once pure red beating heart, has now turned cold as ice. And is truly feared by all. Alessio's goal is so close he can almost taste it. But it all changes when he falls upon a young woman under his bed, covered in mud and bruises. He doesn't know it yet, but this girl is his undoing. His Salvation. His Downfall. His Kitten. His Angel. "I didn't have an angel, for a monster could never have an angel." This specific flashback legit had me sobbing. It was so heartbreaking..... All the flashbacks were. It shows us the readers what Alessio lost as a young boy and he had to grow up. No child should have to go through what he did. "Stay strong. Don't break. Don't show weakness." Ayla is tired. Beaten, Cold, Hungry, and Lost. She is a pawn in her father's game. Given to a man who abuses her every whim. She decides her only option is to run far and fast. What Ayla doesn't expect is that she was in the hands of the Devil and fell into the lap of a monster. Alessio and Ayla both have suffered. And find solace in one another. But evils of the past are out to haunt them. Add a rat in the mix, and mad man of a fiancée! No one is safe..... Alessio has so many enemies now..... If they find out about his weakness.... who knows what they will do. But what about her secrets.... Her secrets will destroy everything they have. It's only a matter of time before it all explodes. The Mafia And His Angel ruined me in the best possible way. An absolute gem to read, that I highly recommend to everyone who loves MAFIA. It was such an emotional ride, that was so heart-wrenchingly powerful. I am dire need of part 2 and FAST! My hands are extra grabby, I must know what happens next. P.S. -> Alessio, Nikolay, Phoenix, and Viktor are ALL MINE! I AIN'T SHARING!! XD

This is a solid debut novel! I've been falling in love with the mafia trope, and this novel really hit the spot. I'd recommend a few more content edits, because the writing really drags at some points and is a bit boring to follow at others. Cutting out excess bits would do wonders for the prose. I'll use the first page as an example, since it's not too much of a spoiler... Ex: We don't need a whole paragraph that says in a bunch of sentences that something big is happening. Once is enough. Twice if you really wanna repeat yourself. But anything more is overkill and will be skimmed. That said, it's a promising debut novel from a promising author that has quite the Wattpad following. I'm looking forward to more! PS I'd recommend that you don't read it until all of them are out.

“He was captivating and demanding. Ruthless, yet gentle. Alessio was a dangerous man but when he touched me, my body responded without fear.”

•THE MAFIA AND HIS ANGEL was absolutely brilliant!!! Sizzling desire, spine-tingling intrigue, danger at every turn, an epic love story this book had it ALL. If you too are a fan of dark mafia romance then this first installment in the spellbinding Tainted Hearts series is gonna drive you wild!!! On the run for her life after years of being used as a pawn in a cruel game, traumatized mob princess Ayla Abandonato flees into the night and unwittingly seeks refuge in the luxurious estate of her father’s worst enemy. Oops! Turns out, Bratva’s mob boss Alessio Ivanshov is out for eye to eye vengeance against her Famiglia and won’t stop until the entire Abandonato bloodline is annihilated, but he has no clue who she is and when he discovers the petrified little intruder hiding under his bead, covered in dirt and bruises, and drags her out to face the music, he decides to keep her. As his maid. AND his plaything. Cold and ruthless to the core, Alessio relishes Ayla’s fear, and having her at his complete and utter mercy. But he senses something in her too. Arousal. She is as magnetically drawn to him as he is to her, and there is something about the tiny young woman’s innocence and fragility that twists his gut and arouses aching tenderness and fierce protectiveness inside of him. He longs to soothe her, bring her peace, heal her shattered heart and broken soul. But war is brewing and anyone who betrays him will pay the ultimate price. When he discovers his raven-haired angel’s traitorous secret will she too meet the same fate? Holy moly! What a MAGNIFICENT debut from the insanely talented Lylah James! Her writing is stunningly beautiful, the story gorgeously crafted, and the plot deeply evocative. This is a very emotionally intense read and from the very start, I was hypnotized by this lush love story set amid the dark and gritty Mafia world. I truly felt all the feels in this book •Nervousness, Giddiness. Fear. Anticipation. Arousal. Lust. Longing. Heart palpitating excitement!! and was instantly swept up into the plight of these multi-faceted characters. Tortured for years under the hand of her fiancé Alberto, her Italian mob kingpin father’s second in command, Ayla was just a toy for pleasure and for pain. Her days had been spent trapped in her room, her nights filled with terror, and she had never known happiness or kindness or the warmth of a loving embrace. She’d been desperate to escape from the nightmare she’d been born into but as she hides out in the enemy’s lair, did she find her true salvation or an even worse prison? The torment Ayla endured and her crippling fear and debilitating panic attacks are like a DAGGER TO THE HEART, but at the same time, you rejoice at her bravery and resilience, and root for her every step of the

way!!Meanwhile, menacing mob kingpin Allesio rules with an iron fist, and after suffering unspeakable loss, is a man consumed with vengeance. His plan is simple and straightforward until achingly innocent Ayla infiltrated his fortress and dares to try to chip away at his steely defenses. At first he doesn't trust her but in many ways they are kindred spirits, both wrestling with ugly demons and painful, heartbreaking pasts. Over time, his skittish little kitten's sweet demeanor and gentle soul draws out the softness in him, and in each other's arms, they finally find a semblance of peace. Ayla is the light to his dark, but the question remains whether he will extinguish her inner light forever when he learns he is falling for his enemy's daughter. Sighhhhh! I SWOONED so hard for this delicious Alpha hero! With his big, powerful body, those mesmerizing bluish-steel eyes and that devilishly sexy smirk, Alessio is dark, predatory, and so gloriously seductive he is guaranteed to leave you all aquiver! He is feared by all, his word is law, and he WILL spill blood in his quest for revenge, but his undeniable love for his sweet, angelic beauty starts to change him. Begins to pump feeling back into his stone cold heart and ever so slowly tames the primal beast inside of him. But you know what they say about a caged tiger. you never know when he will strike!!! There is SO MUCH raw palpable emotion and smoldering sexual tension that flares between this couple, I could barely breath through some scenes!!!! This is truly a love story that triggers PASSIONATE emotions in the reader, and as with any riveting Mafia romance, there are thrilling twists and turns, an undercurrent of chilling suspense and plenty of deadly showdowns to leave you ducking for cover! Overall the pacing is good, though I did find that the plot dragged in a few places in the second half and the story lost a bit of dramatic urgency along the way. And I felt a little let down after all the buildup that the couple never fully consummated their relationship in this first installment--however, considering the heroine's traumatic background, I can see why the author took this approach. And I have no doubt that when they FINALLY surrender to their passion it will be well worth the wait!! Minor quibbles aside, this darkly alluring masterpiece truly ELECTRIFIED my heart, and after that nail-biting cliffy, I am clamoring into for THE MAFIA AND HIS ANGEL: Part Two!!

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