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Inauguration day is almost here...

Lieutenant Sam Holland is on leave, recovering from an attack that shook her to the core. With no case to distract her, she's trying to stay busy—even voluntarily meeting with her new White House staff. But it's not enough to keep the horrific memories at bay, and her family is worried...especially her husband, Vice President Nick Cappuano.

Nick is dealing with his own demons where his wife's safety is concerned, losing night after night of sleep as he works to make sure what happened that day will never happen again. The pressure is building inside the Cappuanos' marriage, and something's got to give before Nick takes the oath of office.

When two college girls go missing in the midst of inauguration madness, the chief of police needs the one cop he can count on to find them and save the Metro PD from disgrace. In a case full of ugly twists and turns, Sam will have to confront her past and find her strength again...before it's too late.

Fatal Frenzy Details

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Jonetta says

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As Sam and Nick prepare for the upcoming inauguration, she's still recuperating from her physical and emotional injuries sustained from Stahl's assault. Clearly suffering silently from the effects of PTSD, Sam wonders if she'll ever be able to return to the job. In the meantime, her team is grappling with a tough case that appears to be a potential serial killer at large.

This was a gripping story addressing some very tough issues, including PTSD, survivors guilt and grief. Sam's path back wasn't easy and she's still a work in progress. I liked how her situation was addressed even if her recovery seemed a little fast. Of course, her husband, Nick, the Vice President-Elect is always the perfect balm for anything that ails you.

The book is aptly titled with all the inauguration preparation wrapped around the normal chaos associated with Sam's job. I liked that the fusion of that with her role as Second Lady was dealt with much more realistically. There are many heartwarming moments interspersed with the tragic ones, making this a much more interesting and layered story, if not terribly exciting. (I needed a break after the last book.)

I'm still in love with this series and looking forward to the next phase of Sam and Nick's lives. We were also left with a sense of coming political intrigue, just enough to leave me wanting.

Petra says

My least favorite book of the series so far. The focus is on all the relationships rather than the crime/suspense side. It's emotional but was heading too far into being melodramatic.

Sue says

I'm not sure but this actually might be my new favorite, it was just that good.

SPOILER ALERT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please don't read further, there are big spoilers on the SERIES if you continue... consider yourself warned.

Those of you who follow the series know Stahl had held her hostage and threatening to kill her while torturing her in book 8. That left Sam pretty damaged in book 9 where she literally didn't trust her instincts, wasn't sure she could go back to the force after her wounds had healed.

She finally gets some help from Nick/Sam's doctor friend, BTW they have got to find him a nice girl. He is perfect. Anyway, they move on and just in time. A member of the force is killed and not only do they have a cop killer on the streets but he's a human trafficker as well. Talk about a creep from the word go.

To top it all off it's Inauguration week, with Nick's big day coming up.

A lot of folks are going to say Aw! Come on! Nick starts out in book 1 as a Senator's Chief of Staff and by Book 9 he's being sworn in as Vice President. I get that, but if you want to enjoy the series that's how it rolls. I'm hoping for now they leave Nick alone for the next 4 years or at least 10 novels. He's climbed as far as he needs to. It was tricky how they managed in the books the logistics of the Secret Service with Sam's job.

I'm still hoping miracle of miracles that Sam does get pregnant (That's what I was hoping for with the ending of this book), didn't happen. Either that or some gunman at the Inauguration where Sam saves the day. But Sam balances things out, I wish J.D. Robb would take a page out of this series and let Rourke and Eve adopt.

Anyway I seriously think this was one of the better books in the series to date. Nick was in a lot of scenes in this novel and I find that when he isn't I don't enjoy the books as much.

Karina says

When Marie said Frenzy, she really means Frenzy! What a roller coaster of events and emotions! I love this latest installment of the Fatal series so much. To me the crime and investigation took a back seat to emotions: in tragedy and in celebration. So different from the previous books where a case almost always drives the story and the triumph we feel at the end is because of the resolution of the case. This book was less of a crime/suspense/thriller book and more a life story: love of family, love of friends, love of the job, how one must face and deal with tragedy, as well how to start moving forward. It started out with sadness but ended with a huge amount of happiness and celebration in spite of the tragedy. A lot of tears and as usual, laughter, with this one. Kudos Marie! Can't wait for the next Fatal book!

Mo says

Another good read. I love Sam. Well, I love Nick too but Sam is my kind of girl. Doesn't know how sexy she is, loves her jeans and boots and isn't too inclined to dress up but when she does, she does it with bells on!

I am away in Bonnie Scotland and don't have much time for reviews. xoxo

Dawn says

Tissue alert!!! Good and Bad tears but tears nonetheless and me feeling that kind of emotion over a book is totally 5 stars. This is a series I started several years ago and I have become quite fond of Sam and Nick and the crew.

Back story on the couple, but you should really read all the books to get the whole thing with the impact that

it deserves, Samantha is a homicide detective and Nick was someone from her past that she fell almost instantly in love with. Although the feelings went both ways, a sociopath kept them apart for seven years. They met again when she was investigating his best friend's murder. Since that day they have gotten married and are trying to adopt a son, Scotty. Nick has also become Vice President of the US. They are also trying to recover from Sam being kidnapped and tortured by a former colleague.

This books picks up there with Nick about to be sworn in and Sam is questioning whether or not she will ever want to be a cop again. She doesn't feel safe anymore. Gonzo is running the dept in her absence and they are trying to solve a seemingly random case where a madman is running the streets killing people with a knife.

Everyone is concerned about Sam, after all she is cleaning the house and has become so docile. Giving her the time she needs is becoming more difficult because they are afraid for her. She even voluntarily went to the White House to meet her staff (shudder). Then Cruz is suspended for beating up a guy who harassed and beat up his girlfriend, making the department even more short-handed. Then the unthinkable happens and she is thrust back into her job to find this man who has now killed a cop.

As the inauguration nears and the guy is still on the loose even though the FBI and the US Marshals have been brought in, Sam and Nick have to decide how to deal with her double duty as Second Lady and LT Holland.

There are so many surprises in this book with people we have come to know through this series it is shocking. But only Ms. Force can write a book that contains so much emotion and turmoil at one time. While there are some moments of levity in this book it is a hard book to read for those of us who are invested in these characters. It's a Marie Force weekend of catch up in this house this weekend. I hope you will read the series too, if you haven't started already.

Julie says

Fatal Frenzy by Marie Force is a 2015 Carina Press publication.

This is the ninth installment in this wildly popular romantic suspense series centered around Nick and Sam Cappuano.

While Nick is preparing for his inauguration ceremony, Sam is recovering from a vicious attack that has stolen her mojo.

Worried she has lost her advantage, she is slow to recover and has yet to return to work. Meanwhile, Freddie is on suspension, but takes full advantage of his time away.

But, a terrible turn of events will have Sam and Freddie back at work, doing overtime, hoping to find two college girls who disappeared and catch a killer.

Admittedly, I have not read all the books in the series, but after getting the basic foundation, I thought I could probably piece things together, even if I read out of order. This book became available in my Overdrive account, so I plunged into the story, confident I could get the gist of things fairly quickly.

Well, maybe not. I couldn't grasp the full extent of Sam's ordeal, but whatever happened, it must have been huge. So, although I will have to go back and play catch-up, I think it was wise for the story to take time out and address the heavy issues of PTSD, and deal with the fallout in a more authentic and realistic manner. I also think this book could be a little bit of a transition piece as Nick and Sam will be living under more scrutiny and his job could introduce new avenues for the couple.

I will confess to feeling a little bored for the first forty percent of the book while Sam seeks advice, and works through her personal issues and attempts to face her demons head on so she can get back to doing what she does best. Again, I got the feeling this was very necessary, but there wasn't much action and the case everyone was working on seemed secondary.

But, once I got my bearings a little, and events begin to take shape, the pacing slowly, but surely began to increase with the ending being absolute poetic justice. I would say Sam got her groove back, and then some.

I already have the next book on my immediate TBR list since I will be featuring it on my blog soon, so I will at least be up to date.

Once I get some of the backlisted titles read, I may revise this review, but for now this one gets a 3.5 rounded to 4.

Aly is so frigging bored says

A very emotional instalment that I completely loved!

Nicola says

4.5 stars.

Crushing lows and soaring highs...."

***Avonna says**

Frenzy is definitely the speed of the emotional highs and lows in this installment of the Fatal series. Sam and Nick are such a special couple and all of the supporting characters are fully fleshed out and feel like family in their own right. The previous books were more driven by the criminal plot and solution, where this book is more focused on the relationships, person to person and person to career. Death, despair, questioning of life careers and goals, family and success are all covered in this book with a smaller portion of this book focused on the crime.

I love Ms. Force's writing and the power couple of Sam and Nick is hard to beat. This is a must read series for me and I always tell everyone to try it. Can't wait for the next book!

Lizzy says

I liked that for once Marie Force followed a somewhat different story line in Fatal Frenzy. For almost half of the novel we get a Sam on leave, recovering from an attack that from which she emerged afraid to go back to work and reconsidering her life choices.

Nick, as well as all her friends and colleagues, is anxious about her: that is not the Sam he knows and loves. However, a tragedy forces her hand. So gradually we get the old Sam as she goes back and starts leading her team once again, now in an investigation that is very close to them all. Thus we have the expected suspense and thrill of the Fatal series, as the homicide team solves their latest intriguing and terrible case. But this story is also about Nick's inauguration day, and we get a very good blend of both worlds.

Sometimes it's easy to forget the drama and chaos from one book to another in a long series, however Fatal Frenzy reminds us of what has happened before and goes on from there. That was a good change for once, and Force was further superb in surprising us.

Altogether this story is much more than thrill and suspense, it's about family, friendship, love. It starts with adversity and fear but ends in a celebration in spite of the tragedy.

4 stars for *Force*, a very good entertainment.

Corina BookTwinsReviews says

4.5 stars

To start with, I read book 1 in this series Fatal Affair (Fatal #1) in November 2015 and somehow never picked it up again. Either I must have been knee deep into other books because it makes really no sense at all - especially since I devoured book 9 & 10 on my weekend trip and I already asked the author if I could get my fingers onto book 11 coming out next month.

The Fatal series reminded me a bit of the In Death series by Nora Roberts - which is one of my all time favorite series. Both series have incredibly strong women. In Fatal Frenzy Sam Holland, a lieutenant at the Washington, D.C., Metro Police, was a no nonsense kind of woman, not backing down and not afraid to tell her colleagues as well as upper management how things needed to go. I adore strong and feisty women, who are confident, self-assured, and just kick-ass heroines.

In book 1 Sam met Nick Cappuano, at that time he was a chief of staff and friend to murdered senator. They had a brief but passionate one night stand years ago, and when they met again sparks flew.

In Fatal Frenzy (Fatal #9) Nick is being sworn in as VICE PRESIDENT of the United States - OMG!!!!

So, obviously I missed a heck of a lot of storyline and plot, when I jumped from book 1 to book 9. But my library only had two of the author's books available as audiobook and I needed something to listen to stat. So

I jumped in and I had NO trouble at all keeping up with the plot.

Immediately after starting the book I was captivated by Sam Holland. Her personality and demeanor spoke to me from the very first minute. I loved how tough she was, how much responsibility she carried on her shoulders, and the respect she earned from her colleges. The bone deep dedication she brought to her job was fascinating to me. And all of that made her a stand-out heroine.

She didn't back down when shit hit the fan. She soldiered on, and strived to keep the well-being of colleges, friends, family and civilians as her highest priority. Just because she was now the wife of the VP, her duties and responsibilities towards her people wouldn't change. And because she was far from perfect or invincible, her struggles and doubts were genuine.

The entire book was incredibly well plotted and thought through. The suspense kept me on the edge of my seat, and the twist at the beginning of the book had me reeling for the rest of the story. The ensuing trial for all involved was heart-breaking.

If you love suspense mysteries with a sexy hero and a healthy dose of HOTNESS - read this book/series!!!! Nick and Sam heat up the sheets on more than one occasion. I loved their interactions, their deep love for each other, and their passion and sexual attraction was palpable and turned up the HEAT!!

All of the secondary characters were wonderfully fleshed out and the multiple POV's allowed a more intimate relationship between reader and story. I started caring for ALL of the characters. They were more like a family - partners, colleges, friends - a cast that I cared deeply about by the end of this book. That's why it was such an enigma that I stopped reading the series in 2015.

I loved this book!!! I was enthralled, entertained, invested, and moved by the characters and the story. And now I'm finishing up Fatal Identity (Fatal, #10).

I also should mention that the narrator did a fabulous job. I loved her voice, nuances, and the speed of reading. Her characters were distinct and it was a joy listening to her speak.

I'm HOOKED!!!!

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Ann says

(Clapping...) 5 Stars!!!! Loved it and so sad it's over, but can't wait for the next one. After so many bks this series is still going strong. Glad there's more to come. Will definitely be listening to this one when it comes out in audio version.

Anne OK says

(Beta Reader - June, 2015)

FULL REVIEW TO FOLLOW SOON

Kjen says

4.5 Stars. Another wonderful read from the Fatal Series! I did enjoy this much more than a couple of the last ones. I just really love Nick to pieces. I dislike political crap, and he's just so refreshing. It's so obviously 'fiction'...lol!;) Sam's dash at the end was very cool, too...almost as amazing as Nick breaking Twitter:) Lots of ups and downs and dark subjects in this one, but we come away feeling hopeful and looking forward to the next.
