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Over the years, I've watched Rafe Morelli charm every kind of beautiful woman out of her panties. Most of them are practical enough to hold onto their hearts, though; he doesn't want those.

I am the only woman around who has managed to keep her panties out of Rafe's hands, but not her heart. It all began with a startling act of kindness—a *twisted* act of kindness, but what other kind can you expect from a bad guy?

Rafe's much more than that, though, and I know I'm just what he needs. I also know a relationship is off-limits. Loving a Morelli isn't just a dangerous game—it can be a deadly one. I never wanted to align myself with the dark side, I never wanted to play any games, but no matter how much it derails my life, the only person I find myself wanting to serve is Rafe Morelli.

Rafe isn't looking for love, and I'm not looking for trouble. The thing love and trouble have in common? Both have a way of finding you when you're least expecting it...

Note: *Submitting in Vegas* is not a standalone, it is the final book in a continuing-story trilogy.

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Diary Of Book Fiend says

I am super bummed that this was the last book in the Vegas Morellis Series, because I absolutely loved all of these characters. This was Rafe and Virginia's book.

Virginia has this amazing ability to remember EVERY thing and I do mean EVERY THING!

" I remember the face, the dress, the shoes, the smile of every woman Rafe has ever brought through this restaurant. I remember when I didn't care..."

- Despite his role in the world at large, despite even what I already knew about him, Rafe Morelli's first impression in my memory will always be him as my hero.-

I loved this book. I loved Virginia for Rafe. I loved that she didn't hide how she felt for the most part.

" I'm not one of your booth girls, Rafe. More importantly, I have seen all of your booth girls. I know that these breasts don't compare to all the ones I've seen spilling out of clothing at the restaurant." -Virginia

And I loved that Rafe, in his weird little way, tried to ease Virginia's fears...

" If I wanted to fuck you wordlessly like an animal, I would. If I tell you that you have magnificent tits, you do. Take my word for it. If I know any-fucking-thing, I know a nice pair of tits." -Rafe

The back and forth bantering between all of these characters had me cracking up. I mean laughing out loud.

Sam Mariano knows how to add a little humor to the sensual heat that makes a really great read!

" I can't believe you're seriously going to do this for me." " You're like a genie in a bottle." -Virginia

Cheesecake?

" I figured you might need cheesecake."

" That's so wholesome," " Why didn't you just bring me a pan of brownies you made for your church bake sale?"

This was the perfect ending to the Vegas Morellis. I didn't want to spoil any of it, so you just have to trust me and one click!

" Did you get the baby a present?"

" I gave him life. Does that count?"

Laura- BookBistroBlog says

Submitting in Vegas (Vegas Morellis #3)

By Sam Mariano

5-I'm Going To VEGAS-Stars

Ahhhh, I devoured this book!!! Could not put it down. I knew Rafe had a story and one that deserved to be told. The man who after reading this book has knocked Mateo off his pedestal and is now my #1 Morelli Man. Would have never thought that Mateo would be booted out of the pole position but once you read this book... You will get it too... The Rafe feelings.

Virginia is a tough cookie! For years, she has watch Rafe bring in his booth girls. Different ones, all beautiful women... All the while, Virginia has served them and held her head high. Fending off the feelings she had for her boss.

She has given it all to protect her boss. Put her life on hold, even though she is highly intelligent and deserves to use her talents in other ways than being a waitress.

So, when The Boss and The Waitress finally cross the line, SPARKS FLY!!! It's a take all, no holds, years of obsessing coming to BLOW. Goodness, what I wouldn't give to spend just one night in Rafe's bedroom ?

This is a EPIC conclusion to this trilogy. There are lies, deceit and death. There are family dinners and plenty of kids everywhere. There are secrets unveiled and truths exposed. But most importantly, there is RAFE!!!

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michelle Shelly says

My favorite Morelli! Rafe oh Rafe, how I love thee!! This man, he is everything. Yes he's dangerous but he's also funny and extremely sexy. He's one of those characters that pull you in and you invest yourself in them.

Virginia is his waitress and really the only true friend he has. She's loved him for years from a far knowing that she can never cross that line with him. They have to stay friends until they don't.

These two are explosive! At first I wasn't really sure how I felt about Virginia. I kinda found her stalkerish and crazy but hey usually at least one person is crazy , we are talking about the Morelli's.

I enjoyed their story and Sam didn't a fantastic job writing it. If mafia reads are your thing, you'll definitely want to read this one. It's freaking wonderful!

Dena says

Virginia kills it

I'm just going to say it but horray for Virginia. I mean seriously she has some serious brass balls. Her loyalty to Rafe is commendable. I can't believe how this is turning out and I'm so happy for Sin and Laurel. This will be a good one and I'm glad that Rafe and Virginia won't have kids because Nicky will be enough.

Jessica-Chatterbooks Book Blog says

4.5

Submitting in Vegas is the ending I needed for Rafe's character. There have been times throughout the books that I've loved him, hated him, and flat out felt sorry for him. Through it all, I never gave up on him, and deep down, it would have taken a lot for him to lose me.

Rafe's a complex character with many layers, and it's one of the reason's he had me continuously rooting for him. He is more than just a selfish asshole. Sam made me understand him and what motivates his decisions. He has vulnerabilities that make him relatable and allow me to forgive him when I just want to punch in the back of the head.

Virginia is Rafe's perfect match. She's intelligent, loving, and 100 percent loyal to him. Her main goal in life was to make his better before he even became involved with her. I feel absolutely confident that she'll never break his heart or let him down. She get's an A + in my book and so does this finale.

Gogol says

I think it's glaringly obvious that this book is a fake mafia book. It's a romance book under the guise of a mobster story so perhaps it should come as no surprise that it fails miserably in the Mafia department. But I love mafia books and I have read a few good mafia/romance novels through the years and it was with that expectation that I decided to try these books. Suffice it to say this one was a sad and very idiotic parody of both genres. Mario Puzo would be rolling in his grave. As would the founder(s) of the Romance Novel industry, who were presumably Mssrs. Mills & Boons.

I won't get into details such as the part where the Hero who was the owner of a very popular restaurant would actually go to the storage room to fetch frying oil for their chef in the kitchen, it's just a silly thing to make your hero do, isn't it? I'm still thinking what self respecting chef would not have his oil at the ready? They are usually very strict with their whole mise-en-place routine in their kitchens. And mob Made Men?? Who are egomaniac freaks and kill or at least maim each other over silly power plays?! For them to stoop to fetch things for their chefs? What self respecting gangster would behave like that? And after he became the

big boss, as in all of Vegas had become his territory, he had soldiers, enforcers, managers, casinos and other profitable businesses, he actually was forced by the writer to close down his restaurant a few nights a week!? I know moderately rich men who have others do such menial tasks for them. Small things such as this just detract and distract from the story you know? Details matter you know. There are a million more examples I can give. But long story short, our mob boss isn't such a boss after all.

Also we are supposed to believe that he's this big player who breaks hearts and has a new woman on his arm every night. Really? The poor boy fell into depression after his long term girlfriend broke up with him! Had a crush on his cousin's wife, the same wife who had been his other cousin's ex girlfriend! (I think the writer's idea of dark and twisted is just soap opera level complicated scenarios, in which heroes from future books knock up the heroines, but the heroines in those books end up with other guys who are either cousins or employees of those guys, but never fear, they all go to doctor appointments and buy presents and throw showers together!!) and apparently fell for a very dumb girl in between. My review's becoming as convoluted as this book so I'll try to wrap up. Let's suspend our collective disbelief of all the items listed above, I defy anyone to make me believe the hero in this book was actually in love with the heroine, or for that matter prove that the heroine who had serious daddy and mommy issues, was actually in love with the hero. She was stalker obsessed with him. In a way that actually went above and beyond infatuation from a distance level. Disturbing stalker tendencies which were pretty creepy. Case in point, having passed several years studying sociology, criminology law and then passing the bar, she actually aspired to become the restaurant manager so that the hero would be served his food exactly as he liked it, and so that she could make sure no harm ever came to him! She had eidetic memory, she eavesdropped on his conversations so that she could know what was going on in his life and she paid extra attention to every woman and bimbo he brought up with him to the restaurant. It was such a pathetic mess that I cringed for her when, at last they actually were together. And I was rather concerned for him. And let's not get to the part where he wanted to kill her. That part had actual potential. He decides to marry her instead of killing her. This exciting development happens at the last 1/8 of the book. But had it happened further back in the story and fleshed out a bit, it could have actually added so much to the story. As idiotic as most of the premises in this book were, still, it had potential!! This is the strange part you know? I'd have really enjoyed reading about a stalker heroine who was obsessed with her gangster boss, had eidetic memory, could bring him and his organisation in Vegas and all his family's operation around the country down, but chose to be his waiter and stalk him from afar instead. But you can't write properly if you're wishy washy. You have to be thorough otherwise you'd just end up sounding stupid. Which is why, I will in no way, shape or form recommend this book or this author to anyone.

Kim Brewing says

I gobbled up this series and really wasn't a fan of Rafe's....until this book. Which doesn't mean I still didn't want to hit him over the head with a heavy object at times, but he redeemed himself. Virginia is the perfect woman for Rafe, but how can she make him see that?

There is a LOT of push/pull in this story but it works. At around 74% I couldn't read fast enough...my heart was pounding. My favorite part of the story was story time - loved it!!

Archer says

Loved Virginia and Rafe.

Wish we had seen a little more of Rafe's dominant personality in that room of his. Virginia would totally go for it.

Niloufer Salvatore says

(Warning: This review has spoilers.)

Mindblown! You know the author is phenomenal when your emotions went up a notch, are all over the place and, you're still reeling from what you read. Without overdoing it, I wanna cry, but also I'm overjoyed. Rafe is soooo Rafe and I can't stop swooning over him. Wiping my drool 'cause it's getting embarrassing. ?

Loved it, Sam!!! ♥♥♥♥♥??? But I seriously want more. I can't believe that it's over. ?

I want more of my favorite mafia downtown!

Thanks for telling Rafe's story, Sam! I've been rooting for him since the very beginning. Love this man to bits. ♥♥♥♥

This story has it all, the Morelli drama, the Morelli trap (kinda), the Morelli madness, the Morelli wrath and the Morelli family love. The way Sam plays with her characters will always fascinate me. I love the banters and comebacks exchanged between Virginia and Rafe. Virginia is so gritty & witty and the way her brain turns Rafe on fire is so shattering, in a good way. Damn, the way this woman is fiery and feisty, her attitude&smart ass is so becoming and compelling. The woman who finally tames the beast, the philandering bastard of Vegas. Rafe growing up into the better man made my toes curl and my heart melt like butter.?♥

As if I'm a horse, she pets the side of my head. "Calm down, boy, no one's trying to saddle you."

I can't quite stifle a little smile at her audacity. "You little shit."

Her eyes sparkle with amusement. "I'm just saying, someone's getting a little skittish. Maybe a snack will settle you down. Want me to see if I can find you a sugar cube in the kitchen? Maybe an apple?"

I nod. "Keep it up, sweetheart; I'll give you something to ride."

??? I mean can you feel the love? The sparks? The unspoken feelings? Puppy Rafe is my favorite Rafe, not that I would mind Naked Rafe or drunk Rafe. **sigh** Rafe oozes so much charisma and sexual dynamism. ?♥

How Virginia and Rafe play around a little bit and bond over their heartbreak in the beginning makes me want this kinda relationship. You can see that they are both protective towards each other and are always there for each other in their most desperate moments. Mommy Virginia is one of the best?? Her loyalty is truly pledged to Rafe even if the asshole can't see it at first. For crying out loud, the woman gave up on her dream job for you, just to be around you, dick!

From friends, close friends, lovers to husband and wife! Wow. Yes, I do.♥♥♥

And now, can we please talk about the cameos of MATEO MORELLI, MIA and ADRIAN? I loved them, they added so much more appeal to the story. Plus, I love the bromance between Mateo and Rafe. ??

And Mia, oh Mia, you are always good. Thank God for Mia, she is the one who brought Rafe to his senses. The mini heart attack I had when Rafe pulled out his gun, I think my anxiety went through the roof.

This book and conclusion of the Vegas Morelli is the best, in my book. Maybe because of my undying love

and loyalty to Rafe. And I love how Virginia is loyal to him. Sorry Laurel, I adore you but V wins this round. And omgg Sin with the babies, made me swoon. Can I call you dada????

I think family, friendship and loyalty were recurring themes in this book. Family always comes first, no matter what. See how Mateo had Rafe's best interest at heart? How Rafe went protective over Sin when he found out Virginia had more evidence on Sin? And how Vince, Mateo, and Sin were his best men at his wedding? Omg the bromance is getting to me. Even Adrian plays an important part and Rex omg baby! They all had each other's back omg.

BTW, Rex and his Disney fetish killed me.?? I fucking need Rex and Bella's story now. How is Mateo gonna react to that, I wonder? He does like Rex already but I'm sure he will go ungodly Mateo Crazy if Rex and Bella ever hook up.

And omg the Morelli munchkins♥♥ Skylar and Nicky. I almost lost my shit when Rafe was bonding with his baby in the epilogue scene, Nicholas kissed him and he shows some affection by telling the baby he loves him. Aww Raphael Morelli, are you trying to be the death of me? ??

And the hot, steamy sex scenes. Oh my fucking goodness. How I want to lick some cheesecake cream off these yum yum abs. ???

And I seriously want Rafe to punish me. How fucked up is this. Some spanking would be okay, since I'm not too much into this kink boat.

Jesus !!Jelly Rafe is so hilarious though???

“Um, aren’t we supposed to have a safe word?” I inquire.

“Sure,” he says, straddling my ass and reaching around to firmly cup his hand under my chin, then tug me back like a bow.

“Does my delicate little wife need a safe word for a simple spanking? I’m not sure you could hang with Sin, sweetheart.”

Endless of stars for this book because Sam deserves it for giving us such a beautiful conclusion. I loved the craziness, the drama, and the little ounce of sketchiness. I just loved it all. Sam has outdone herself like always, the Queen deserves a standing ovation for this. Thank you, Sam. I still can't get enough of Rafe and Virginia though. I need more. What happens next?

P.s The disney References were lit!! Comparing Rafe to Prince Hans though??? Stop it, you guys.

And yes, let's not forget how Virginia turned Rafe into the beautiful Dumbass in distress and Sin into the Hero.?? God, I love these powerful men's dry sense of humour. ??

Now excuse me, while I go for a re-read and if you haven't read it already, go read it rn!

Once again, well-done, Sam. Bravo. We love you!♥ *Bowing down to the Queen*

Erika PBookHavenBookBlog says

"I should also remember that Rafe is not my friend. He's a heartbreaker, and I knew it right from the start."

Virginia and Rafe are worlds apart, in no way in this universe did I ever see them getting together, but it worked, until it didn't....With the Author's trademark "surprises" I was swept up in the frustratingly ridiculous character flaws of yet another Morelli, that you want to hate, but just can't find it in yourself to actually do it. Loved seeing characters from other books that I haven't had a good giggle with in some time, and thinking there might be one that needs his own book someday (Hint).

"I don't want to leave, but I can't justify staying either. I can't take the risk that I only want her because I can't have her. I can't risk losing her."

They are off the charts hot together, but neither one seems to be able to let go enough to make it official, so as I threw my kindle around, and cursed them to high heaven, they danced around each other until pretty much the end. The twist threw me for a loop, and I sat way late into the night to finish just to see how it all worked out. I'm super sad to see this series end, as I have felt from the very beginning that the Morellis are a super dysfunctional, yet completely endearing part of my extended family that I have been reading for years. I thank the Author for providing a copy to review!!

"I want to have her, and I want to protect her, and I can't do both."

~~~Erika, Book Haven Book Blog

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## **Tara The Obsessive Book Reader! says**

Now after finishing the previous book, I didn't know how I was going to feel about Rafe. He started to show things I didn't like, the way he would handle things was not the rafe we knew when he first met laurel. But when I seen that this book here was for rafe and for his person I couldn't wait to see how it went. Rafe deserves his own love story and he got one that was for him.

It wholeheartedly consumed me, these characters no matter what have a way of pulling you in and planting themselves inside your heart. From the moment I started this book, I couldn't put it down. I read in a day span.

Rafe is everything, he is dangerous, funny and is downright gorgeous. He seeks sex appeal and he knows it.

We meet his woman in the previous book, but it was someone who you wouldn't have thought, he would end up with. He didn't see her in a romantic way, he saw her as a friend but little did he know that his waitress has been in love with him for years and has kept it hidden because she knew they couldn't cross those lines.

What happens when lines cross and an epic explosion and love story blooms. When these two unite, it's explosive, it's amazing. You know right away that rafe has met his woman and that is Virginia. The chemistry and connection these two have is deep and you just know that they are for each other.

There are plenty twists and turns that will keep you at the edge of your seat. Lies and Secret pasts will be revealed, betrayal, but the main thing is how will they handle it?

I loved watching the development of these two, the push and pull was an amazing ride to watch.

It was a great way to end this series, seeing everyone come together for occasions in this book. It makes you fall more in love with mateo, Mia, Elise, Adrian, Vince, Carly, Laurel, Sin , Rex and the babies who are not

so much babies anymore.

Another amazing book by this author, I'm sad to see this series come to end but I am glad these people found their soulmates. Now I can't wait for the next generation of the morelli family.

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### **Melanie (mells\_view) says**

**It's a messy kingdom; I don't know what to tell you.**

Perfect ending to the Vegas Morellis books! When I first started reading these books the very last person I thought Rafe would end up with was Virginia, but somehow it works near perfectly. This relationship has a lot of push and pull, and I wanted to kick both their butts multiple times, but in the end everything that happens and how it all happens works perfectly.

Rafe deserved a love story, and he got one that fit him pretty dang well.

Even though the author says this is the end... at the end I got a little tiny hope that there could be more. Of course maybe that story happened in the original series, and I just don't know yet. But it could be a good one if she explores it!

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### **Suzanne (Lily) says**

#### **3.5 Stars**

Submitting in Vegas hooked me in from the first page with a strong introduction from Rafe's number one waitress, Virginia. At first I loved the banter and easy going relationship they shared together. As soon as they entered into the murky "not quite a couple but more than a boss/employee" relationship, it started to lose me.

This is the story of a woman following her dreams who gets distracted by a man who is involved in a life she can't condone. The conundrum she is forced to face is whether to choose her heart over her head. A chivalrous moment melts her resolve to maintain a healthy distance and she, like many women before her, is slowly trapped by the Morelli charm.

Rafe Morelli is a man who rules the Vegas arm of the Morelli's by default. He is capable and ruthless but falters when it comes to his personal life. Like his cousin Mateo, he has the ability to turn on his charisma at will. The big difference is that unlike his cousin, Rafe suffers from feelings. This was part of his appeal that drew me to him in the first place. In his hometown and heading the family it was his feelings that dragged his personal life down. Thankfully not for long but enough for me to wonder if the Vegas men had been jinxed by their previous boss' legacy.

Virginia astutely provides friendly guidance through her carefree, attentive manner whenever she gets to serve his meals to him. Her fantasy is right in front of her but, like most fantasies, the want to bring them to reality is fraught with danger. She is curious and open to spending time with Rafe but cautious of being hurt by knowing how easily he discards partners who no longer serve his interest.

The submitting aspect of the story contained a lot of deliberation. They spent a lot of time chatting before and even during sextivities rather than getting down to business. I began skimming the steamy scenes as the repetition of their mutual admiration they had for each other started to wear thin. I will say though, it showed Rafe's patience and admiration for Virginia that he was happy to entertain her long-winded dialog during times I thought a sigh and the occasional thanking of a deity would have sufficed.

I went into the Vegas Morelli's with high expectations and while I have enjoyed this series, I loved Mateo's branch of the family more. It was clear early on Rafe, being a Morelli, had a lot to live up to and I should have known Mateo set the anti-hero bar high. There was predictability to the drama and often the scenarios had a way of being quickly resolved. My patience was rewarded as the Rafe I admired surfaced and he valiantly accepted the only way forward for him and Virginia.

What I struggled with:

- \*The overthinking and not owning a decision
- \*Virginia's constant chattiness early on
- \*More relationship angst than drama

What I loved:

- \*Rafe's sarcasm when he gets his act together
- \*Virginia's caring nature
- \*The chemistry between characters
- \*Time with Sin and his family

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## **Ri says**

### **5 I don't want this to end stars**

I love this entire family. This book was the icing on the cake. I loved Rafe in the Chicago series and even after his questionable moments in the first two books, I still knew there was something special about him. I was right.

This book for the first half just seemed like a typical romance. I was enjoying it, but I was missing the mafia aspect of it. Then it was back and I was ecstatic. I loved seeing Mateo, Adrian, and Mia again. I loved the dialogue and banter between Vince, Rafe, and Carly. Yet, perhaps the best was seeing Rafe and Virginia build on their relationship. I knew from the previous books that she was something special but I had no idea she'd be this amazing. These two together are incredible together. Their steamy times were hotter than a sidewalk in Vegas in August. They put the BOOM in boom chika wow wow. I laughed so hard at Virginia and her "review" of Rafe.

I am sad to see this family end. I really am. Each and every character feels like family or my friend. This and the Chicago series will be in my forever worth a re-read collection.

I look forward to what this author does next. I am sure it will be amazing. I hope in the future that it includes a follow up, maybe the kids or Dante.

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## Sam says

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