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Dark Mafia Romance

I'm the first born son of the mafia king. The favorite. Destined to rule, I'm a dangerous man, a ruthless one. But in my world, you have to be.

Then Natalie stumbles into my life. Wrong place. Wrong time.

Twice, fate put her in my path.

Twice, fate placed the innocent lamb at the mercy of the monster.

I gave her a chance to walk away. Told her it would be better for her if she did.

But she didn't listen.

And now it's too late.

Because I'm not good. I never wanted to be. And I won't let her go anymore. See, I'm not the hero. When I touch her, it's with dirty hands.

I know my reckoning is coming though. I know I'll burn for the things I've done, the sins I've committed. And I don't deny hell is where I belong, but I want my time first. I want my time with her.

She's mine.

Forever.

No matter what.

*Author's Note: Sergio: a Dark Mafia Romance is an intensely emotional, steamy and dark **standalone** romance set in the Benedetti Brothers Mafia world. Be prepared: this is not a traditional romance.*

****Sergio is NOT book #3 in the Benedetti series. It is set prior to Salvatore and is a standalone.****

Sergio Details

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From Reader Review Sergio for online ebook

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Heroesinbooks says

1 Not For Me Star

There are a lot of people who clearly enjoyed this book and I am glad they did. This is absolutely my own opinion and despite the fact this is a very well written book, it is not for me. The ending was the final straw for me. Call it my Cinderella complex, but I need my HEA's and there is not one in this book.

Tyi says

Damn... It is hard to put into words what I feel... I'm at a loss. I felt so much. The author doesn't hold anything back... TRUST me. You don't want her to. I felt so much for the main characters, Sergio and Natalie. My heart is being squeezed but it is the best type of pain. I believe that every reader needs a story that will make them stop and stare. They need a story that will make you laugh in small moments and be sad in others.

There is a poem, which suits this book so well. It suits Sergio and Natalie so well.

I didn't fall in love with you
I walked into love with you
with my eyes wide open,
choosing to take
every step along the way
I do believe in fate and destiny
but I also believe
we are only fated
to do the things
that we'd choose anyway
And I'd choose you
in a hundred lifetimes
in a hundred worlds
in any version of reality
I'd find you
and I'd choose you

Vashti says

Well the author warned, but did I listen... a big fat no I did not!!!

Let me just say that I do not read the "dark romances", they tend to linger and linger in my mind, and boy howdy did this linger and linger and is still lingering. To say that this is a non trad romance is correct.... that ending!!!!!! I bawled like a baby because dammit I want the big HEA for all my romance couples. This book left me sad and depressed.

I am going to gorge myself on some Harlequins today and the next time I want to venture out of my comfort zone and disobey warnings, I will obey!

Snow says

Fuuuuuuck.... *sigh*

Yes, I knew it would end like this...

Yes, I was aware of the lingering heartbreak...

And yes, It was fucking beautiful, raw, heart-wrenching and sad... and yet, this story of the first born mafia son,

Sergio Benedetti had to be told... had to be lived... had to be experienced... even though, you wouldn't like it to end... you wouldn't want it to end...

In the mafia's world, *Sergio Benedetti* was meant to rule, but the premonitions and the dangers of the constant threats delivered from the enemies/rivals in the mafia milieu, only heighten the lingering sense of doom and uncertainty. Until Sergio meets Natalie... twice.

Wrong place, wrong time, sweetheart.

BUT that couldn't stop him from staying away... even though his lifestyle wasn't safe... even though he wanted better for her...

I've been struggling ever since I met you. I know what being with me will mean for you and part of me is screaming to let you go. Not to condemn you to this life.

and yet Natalie was drawn to Sergio like a moth to the flame, she was lured by his darkness and broody tortured soul...

He's dark. At his core, no matter how he tries to mask it on the surface, there's a darkness to him.

but the danger is rising high, the lifelines are tested yet amplified by the passion and undeniable bond they share and recognize within each other... even if it is coming fast...

Thank you, *Natasha Knight*, it fuckin hurt... but it was worth the memory♥

Amongst my *favorite reads* this year!

ARC generously provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

Romazing Reader says

Beautifully Brutal! This dark mafia story is like nothing I've ever read before ... heartbreaking and haunting, sexy and scary, devastating and dangerous ... it's everything a mafia romance should be. Sergio lives his life knowing time is a luxury, love is precious, and family is everything, even if he is a mob boss. I can always count on Natasha Knight to take me on an emotional reading ride from beginning to end in her books, but this story of Sergio and Natalie captured my heart, broke it to pieces and will haunt my dreams for a long time. A crazy good must read!

I voluntarily received and reviewed an ARC from the author

Espresso-Girls Just Wanna Have Books ; A Mafia Romance says

What can I say about Sergio that won't be considered a spoiler? Absolutely NOTHING but i will try. I can tell you Sergio is my favorite Benedetti brother. I can tell you his story is violent but beautiful. I can tell you Sergio loves hard and he loves forever. In spite of being the Underboss of one of the most notorious and violent mafia families in the world, he's managed to maintain a portion of humanity. I can tell you Sergio managed to save his soul not once but twice. Her name is Natalie. I could tell you their story is a typical mob romance. But I can't because it's not. I could tell you they are both perfect. They're not perfect. However, they're perfect for each other. I could tell you after reading this amazing five-star story, you can move on to the next story. But I can't. Because you won't.

Five mind-blowing stars!

Disclaimer: This review is my personal opinion of this story. As usual my personal opinion should have ZERO influence on your experience with the story. With that being said, read, enjoy, and leave a review!

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

I can't really do a traditional review of this book. This author is a fantastic writer of that there is no doubt, so please don't take this review as negative. There was a lot that was good for sure. That said, the author explains in a note at the beginning that Sergio was a secondary character in another book and she had no plans on writing a story about him. I **think** perhaps, in my opinion, he should have remained a secondary character.

I have so many thoughts and feelings right now about this one. Some are positive. Some are negative. I am angry. I am pissed off. I am sad. I am confused. None of which I can elaborate on because I don't want to spoil this book for other readers. Unfortunately, because of that, I can't give this book more than 3-Stars even though, as I said above, 95% of it was very good. It is what it is, and I can't help but feel this book served no point. *shrug* But like I said, this author is an excellent writer, and I am just one person. I am sure many people will love this book. So yea, that is pretty much all I am going to say about that.

Olga therebelreader says

Again Natasha Knight has excelled with her new book... There are no words for how I feel about it. It has to be one of the darkest (if not *the* darkest) books I've ever read by this author. There were parts of this book that made me sick to my stomach, parts that tore my heart from my chest and parts that made me want to weep. This was so dark and so brutal. Sergio was a monster, where as Natalie was an angel.

Sergio and Natalie's story is compelling in its own right. A story of romance and love that slowly falls in to darkness and tragedy. It feels so strange to say I loved it or enjoyed it because the subject matter it deals with is dark and sad. My heart was filled with love in the beginning and slowly but surely ripped apart. And I loved every second of it!

*"You think I'm trying to be the hero?" A moment later, he drops his head. His forehead creases and he's looking down for a long time before he shifts his gaze back up to mine, searching mine as if it holds the answers. "I'm not the hero, sweetheart. I'm the f*ing monster." ~ Sergio*

In short:

Hero 5/5 | **Heroine** 5/5 | **Plot (Point, Originality)** 5/5 | **Writing Style** 5/5 | **Steam** 4/5 | **Romance** 4/5 | **Angst-Suspense** 4/5 | **Darkness** 4/5 | **Humor** 0/5 | **Secondary Characters** 4/5 | **Drama-Conflict** 5/5 | **Mystery** 0/5 | **Twists** 5/5 | **Pacing** Fast | **Action** 4/5

Mimiorphee says

"Darlin' Darlin' Darlin' Why don't you sleep at night?" ~ Houndmouth, "Darlin'"

Sergio!!!! As I'm typing that review I'm trying to keep my emotions in check because you don't want to know what happens in that story. YOU. DON'T. WANT.

But OMG, guys!!!!

If you're familiar with the Benedetti brothers, you obviously know who Sergio is. If not, Sergio is where you can start.... good luck, haha...

That book is brilliant in its execution and its storyline. Totally captivating, with characters who are going to take you into their world, share with you their deepest fears and hopes and desires.

Natalie is your "regular" girl, she could be me or you, simply a student at the ***"Wrong place. Wrong time."*** You can call it bad luck, or destiny. I think she and Sergio simply were meant to be. And because she is innocent, far from all that cruel mafia world, she is very easy to relate to. I loved that she fights him and speaks her mind in spite of Sergio's intimidating persona. First son of the Benedetti family Sergio is meant to succeed his father. He is ruthless, violent but fair. As the story unfolds, the more we learn about him and the complexity of his life, the more I succumbed to him. He is perfect.

Reading Sergio was like witnessing the most intimate scenes between him and Nat. Raw, painful, almost violent but honest and conveying so much beauty, I found here some of the best scenes I have ever read. There was poetry in the tragedy.

Fast paced, with some action scenes, that book gripped my heart and my belly from the start, only to leave me a true mess by the end. The weight of the mafia life was tangible, with its implications and threats, the need for protection and the urgency to live and to love. It was pure magic; Thank you Natasha for writing the book that satisfies the need of closure we all had after the first two books.

"Mine. No matter what. Remember?"

I VOLUNTARILY REVIEWED AN ARC COPY OF THIS BOOK. THANK YOU!!!

Elfina Renee says

Ooooh please...please, gimme gimme gimme, with bullet casing cherries on top!

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

CRY ME A RIVER - NO, A DANG-BLASTED OCEAN! Natasha Knight gave her all in writing "Sergio: A Dark Mafia Romance" and then some! Some summaries/author's notes are used to trap you into reading the book, well this one was too accurate:

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To me, this was a romantic tragedy...

"There's a darkness to Sergio Benedetti. It clings to him, like a shadow. It's the one thing that scares me about him because I trust that he won't hurt me. And I believe that he wants me safe. I may not understand it, but I believe it. But this shadow, it's not one he casts. The opposite. It seems to cast itself over him. To have a claim on him. Some strange, powerful hold over him.

-Natalie

"Wrong place, wrong time, sweetheart." -Sergio

If I can get my words together, I will write a decent review on Sergio but for now.... "Sergio" is a 2018 favorite!

10 edgy stars *****

Jenn_COBB - Collector of Book Boyfriends says

Sergio by Natasha Knight – 10 stars

*Sergio Benedetti, the eldest son of Franco Benedetti, the one to rule when his time comes.
The strong, powerful and ruthless prince waiting to take over the kingdom of the dark world he was born into, what he wasn't supposed to do is to fall in love with someone so different from the world he was used to, someone as sweet and innocent as Nathalie Gregorian.*

*Sergio's and Nathalie's story isn't the usual boy meets girl kind of story.
Their story starts off darker than any of them could have imagined.
But they love finds its way in the most unexpected places.
Sometimes wrong time, wrong place could be just so right.*

***"You know what I didn't intend?
I didn't intend to fall in love with you."***

This book can be read as a complete stand-alone but if you haven't read the previous books in the Benedetti Brothers series my recommendation would be to start with **SERGIO** followed by **SALVATORE** and finish with **DOMINIC**.

That way things will transition more smoothly and you will avoid the spoilers from Sergio's book that we get glimpses of in the other two.

Sergio's book is from a dual POV his and Nathalie's and we get insight with what both of them are thinking and feeling along the way.

The writing is simply **phenomenal** and **perfectly** executed and for that alone **Natasha Knight is getting the standing ovation from me.**

I have read Salvatore and Dominic before this and I knew how Sergio would play out but was so intrigued by

his story and the roads that led to that ending.

Natasha Knight just killed it with this plot and every word felt so powerful and heartbreakingly beautiful and captivating.

The way author mixed glimpses of how the characters from the other two books were was spot on and a brilliant move on her part.

*" Why don't you sleep at night?
Because time is running out."*

So to my thoughts and feels about this book...***sighing heavily***

I feel so much that I might burst from all the emotions that are trying to overtake my mind and heart.

I will do my best but for the first time ever I am doubting my ability to express myself correctly and am afraid no words will do Sergio justice that he deserves.

Just from reading the blurb and authors letter at the beginning I had tears in my eyes and pain in my heart and soul and that was pretty much how I felt through the whole book.

But apart from the devastation over what I knew was coming I also saw the beauty.

The beauty over Sergio's determination to protect his loved ones and how much love he had to give.

Nathalie was just how I pictured her to be and if I can't have Sergio I am more than happy that she had him*smile*

The last few chapters were just out of this world and I kept re-reading them five times in a row just to hold on to the authentic feeling of pure epicness even if it broke me over and over again.

And for those chapters alone I would like to praise the author again because she deserves it and you will see what I mean after reading them for yourselves.

NO words can match the **LOVE** I feel for this **BOOK**.

READ THIS BOOK!

READ THIS SERIES!

READ THIS AUTHOR!

You.Wont.Be.Dissapointed.

KceeReads says

Partial Review. Full Review Soon

There are tons of book boyfriends we love. There are the sweet ones, funny, cocky... the list could go on.

One of my favorites is the dark, broken ones. They're like puzzles you wanna figure out. They have walls you can't wait for their heroines to break. They could say the nastiest things but when they fall? They fall HARD.

This author has been writing dark erotica for a long time now, but I'd say this is her bravest book yet. The most emotional, and the most beautiful, too. She was able to put humor, emotion, and action in a short read.

Natasha Knight writes about the best bad guys in the world of erotica. And just when I thought I have found my favorite (ehrm, I'm looking at you Raphael Amado, my love) from her line of "knights in dark armor", I was wrong. My new favorite "Knight" guy is just coming, and he's Sergio Benedetti. Just the sound of his name alone makes you want to hand him your panties and climb him like you're fxcken chimpanzee! Gaaahd, my heart's tryna jump out of my chest as I write this and as I recall what I just read.

Still a month before release but I'm going to ask you now, give this man a chance. Give him a chance and trust him. Trust the author and trust the ride. I swear you will love Natalie and Sergio and the life fate decided to put them in.

Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

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I am destroyed!!!
Sergio by Natasha Knight has ripped my heart out and stomped all over it.
Leaving behind a bloody mangled mess.

I knew exactly what I was getting myself into from the get-go.
So I have nobody else to blame but my own stubborn arse for thinking I could handle the fallout of such a profound and deeply emotional read.
I am not saying a word about plotline or character development, what made this good, what got on my proverbial wick.
Why I liked this one and why I wanted to kick that one's arse.
All I'm going to say is read "Sergio" a Dark Mafia Romance, and prepare yourself.
You are going to be ripped limb from limb and left sobbing like a baby.
I can't even talk about this book without tears dripping down my face.

My DP thinks I've lost the plot, you know what he said, people?
You do know their fictional Characters "BOO" like not real people, made up?

How dare he!! they feel so real, alive and vital to me.
And that there lies the crux of this conundrum.
If an author can make you experience such depths of emotional despair than that is, in my humble opinion, one hell of a writer.
And this author is ultimately one brave lady, telling this story exactly how she envisioned it.
Not how others wanted it.
I'm impressed, still broken but entirely bowing down to your genius here.
So I am going to finish on this note "Sergio" is a story that will live in the depths of your soul long after the lights go out.
Its a beautiful, poignant tale of love and life gone wrong, where the ultimate attraction is in the actual realism portrayed between its pages.
This is a story that needed to be told and I feel richer overall for this humbling experience.
I am ever so glad I got to read this ARC and though not a newcomer to Natasha Knight this was definitely different to what I usually expect from her scribblings.
Different in a good way that is, it's certainly been a memorable journey, one that I am so not going to forget in a hurry.

I adored your unconventional love story, Sergio & Natalie and you both definitely deserve your moment in that spotlight.
Thank You to the Author for providing me with an ARC of "Sergio" A Dark Mafia Romance of which I have reviewed voluntarily.
All opinions expressed are entirely my own.

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