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Lacey Luzzi: Sprinkled: A Humorous Cozy Mystery! (Lacey Luzzi Mafia Mysteries Book 1)



Synopsis

#1 Humor Bestseller & #1 Cozy Mystery Bestseller Tony Soprano, meet Stephanie Plum. LACEY LUZZI RESUME-----CURRENT: MOBSTER (in training) 2 YEARS: LAUNDROMAT WENCH TOO MANY YEARS: MANAGER AT STRIP CLUB 1 NIGHT: MISERABLY FAILED STRIPPER 8TH GRADE " SPELLING BEE CHAMPION----- Lacey Luzzi's rollercoaster of a life has been filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. She just never expected the lows to be so sparkly. After falling on her face during an attempt to follow in her recently-deceased mother's stripper-boots, Lacey realizes she's not cut out for life on stage. She sets out on a year-long investigation to find her true family, never expecting she'll find it with a capital F. With a rumbling stomach, a need for money (check engine lights don't fix themselves!), and a conscience that operates at 78% on a good day, Lacey is sucked into a whirlwind of Family secrets, hard-as-cement cookies, and mysterious, sexy men who unfortunately shoot guns, sometimes aimed at her face. The long-lost-granddaughter of Carlos Luzzi, the Godfather of the Italian Mafia, Lacey accepts her first assignment for the mob: finding fifteen million dollars of "the good stuff." Even after she enlists the help of her mouthy best-friend and her cousin, a technical genius and social disaster, she finds that going toe-to-toe with the rival Russian mob is more dangerous than expected. No one chooses their Family, but Lacey Luzzi will be lucky if she can survive hers.*** Lacey Luzzi: Sprinkled, is a full-length, laugh-out-loud, humorous cozy mystery with a strong female protagonist in the spirit of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum, albeit one working for the wrong side of the law. |Note: Rated a strong PG-13 for sarcasm and mild language. No graphic gore or sex.

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Customer Reviews

In case you never thought working for the mob could be fun, think again. If Lacey's résumé doesn't get you smiling, her reason for selling her soul will. From page one, Sprinkled had me laughing. By the time I got to the end, my ribs hurt. Kind of like a cross between Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series and Laura Levine's Jane Austen mysteries. A two-fer winning combo.

I did not like the Synopsis at the beginning of the book, and the request for people to give her books reviews in exchange for free books. That explains all the unwarranted five star reviews. I also didn't like the very, very long, detailed descriptions of everyone's appearance, especially big breasts mentioned again and again. It was far more sexy than I've read in other cozies too. There were too many sexual references for it to be in the cozy section. I don't mind reading hot romances, but when I read a cozy, I expect to know what I'm getting. I didn't find any typos, and it seemed to be well written (apart from all the sentences in capitals) but it was difficult to read " it just didn't flow. There were whole words in capitals, which I thought was a no-no in writing. Every time someone spoke loudly, there were whole sentences in capitals. That just made me cringe. I know my review will be voted down by the publisher's team that does things for the publisher in exchange for free books.

This is my first time reading a story by Gina, but I am hooked. This story has more twists and turns than anything I can imagine. Every time you think you know what is going on another twist. Lacey can be pitiful but she is the underdog you root for, she is an accident just waiting to happen. Even though everything seems to go wrong for Lacey she is adorable with her "I've got it, I don't need a babysitter" sugar addicted attitude. Looking forward to the next book.

I had a hard time reading this book... I kept getting in trouble with my husband because of the random bursts of laughter while reading in bed as he tried to sleep! A wonderful read that pulls you in and lets you get to know the characters. Add in some mystery, romance, and humor, what more could you ask for?

I did not want to know every woman's bust size in detail all the time!! - nor did I expect such vulgar language in a cozy! I expect my review will soon be pushed down by a lot of fake 5 star reviews.

This was a big "no" for me. In order of wrongness, I'd say 1) your mother spent her whole life working as a stripper to protect you from your mafia family so now that she's dead you immediately go get criminally involved with them, and that's supposed to be funny? And 2) your requisite loud, big-boobed fat friend who talks in an exaggerated dialect about food all the time and throws herself on a bag of garbage, that's supposed to be funny? Haha, you might have mustard on your butt. That might be noodles. So funny. This might be great and "humorous" for you, but I'll beware next time I see all the gushing comparisons to Stephanie Plum; they really mean badly drawn caricature of Stephanie Plum. And she wasn't a mob killer so she was actually likable..I'm feeling extra generous giving this two stars.

This was really funny and I found a lot of her reactions and weirdness shockingly relatable. Lacey's personality (but thankfully not her life) are very much attuned to my own, plus the other characters are fantastic, too. Of course, a lot of them are larger than life in a lot of ways, but it only makes the book better. There were many genuinely funny moments and I laughed so hard several times. The main plot was pretty fun, too. I wouldn't say it was the greatest action-mystery I've ever read, but honestly, the side plots that drive it or intersect are what really make this worth reading. I actually got this first book because it was free and I am participating in a library Summer Reading Program and got assigned this genre. I loved this well enough that I am AT LEAST buying the second book, if not several more. Gina LaManna is, if nothing else, a funny woman who knows how to tell a good story. Also, loved the cover. Whoever designed the cover spoke directly to my stomach and lured me in. :)

This has to be the dumbest book I have ever read. I still can't believe I wasted my time reading it. I kept hoping it would develop some redeeming qualities, but it never did. Not only was Lacey the most stupid and bungling person you could imagine, but she wasn't even funny. Nor was the rest of

the story. This book is a slur on women in general, as evidenced by what Lacey and her best friend Meg did, but it probably was also a slur on the Mafia (though it's hard to imagine that). I don't object to poking fun at people and things, but this book was so absurd that it wasn't even funny. Save your money (or, if you got it for free like I did), delete it from your Kindle and save yourself a lot of misery.

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