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coz-en (kuz-uhn)

verb

1. trick or deceive.

• obtain by deception.

She was named most appropriately.

Cozen Taylor has more than earned her place as one of North America's most successful thieves. Her name is whispered amongst criminal elite as the go-to thief when someone needs a heist.

She has never failed.

A call from the Miami-based Astor family could change all that with a job that seems almost impossible to complete. The mark should be simple—a stolen family heirloom, the man who has kept it hidden for over twenty years, and six months to return the piece to its rightful owners.

Nothing is ever that easy.

Three-hundred million for a successful heist. No smart thief would turn the offer down. Cozen didn't expect a complication like him to put a kink in her plans, though. Sargon Makri—tall, dark, gorgeous, and entirely dangerous. For her life, her heart, and for the success of the heist.

The last thing Cozen needs to be thinking about is Sargon, and how she can get him into her bed ... especially when he just happens to be her mark's bodyguard. The thrill of the job has never been more addicting to Cozen, and she will risk everything to make the heist a success.

But at what cost?

From author Bethany-Kris comes a whole new world. A North American network full of criminals battling to stay on top, and painting the streets red in war as they dabble in the game of betrayal. Malicious, cunning, forbidden, and violent—welcome to The Empires and Badlands.

Cozen Details

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Elizabeth says

“You like it rough, beautiful girl?”

Cozen is an action-packed suspense romance centered around a dangerous heist. Cozen Taylor has been hired by the wealthy Astor family to steal back a family heirloom. Cozen has been a thief for years and has never had a problem infiltrating a situation and getting what she wants in order to get the job done. While she tries to seduce a dangerous man in order to get the Astor's property back she is overcome with a need for her victim's bodyguard Sargon Makri. Sargon is instantly drawn to Cozen and as the time is ticking by the stakes are high for Cozen to get what she needs and find the courage to stay away from Sargon. Despite her best efforts, Cozen and Sargon can't keep their hands off of each other. Does Cozen have what it takes to fulfill her job for the Astors and be able to keep the man of her dreams?

“I think you made me fall in love with you.”

Overall, **Cozen** is a passionately charged story with complex characters and a very twisted plot. There were many twists and turns and with a huge surprise at the end, this read certainly kept me on the edge of my seat the entire read. Bethany-Kris has quickly become one of my go-to authors when I am in the mood for some great action and suspense (and of course smoking hot steam). I highly recommend **Cozen** to anyone who enjoys a spunky heroine paired with one hot alpha male. The connection between the two was off the charts and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time in their world!

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Snow says

color me intrigued...

And I've been surprised once again...

Bethany-Kris brought a new meaning to the word *romantic suspense* as she delivered an intricately puzzled plotline with continuous intensity of thrilling expectation of what's to come next.

And especially the ending, that actually surprised me the most but one other thing left me a bit displeased is the way with a certain situation in the plot was handled and pretty much just left hanging there...for readers to either pick up on it and dwell on the various possibilities of a closure of some kind, or just move on and leave it at that...

Anyway, I loved this quite unusual venture Bethany took with this story of *Cosen*, a young but very productive and infamous thief...and the heist of a lifetime...that would be the last she pulled...but what we encounter is a twist of emotional, thrilling vertigo of action and suspense where we think we see the true ways of work in progress, when in fact, we have been misled and fooled by *by the acts of deception*, from the very beginning.

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London Miller says

Cozen is not my first book by BK, nor my fifteenth, or twentieth, or even twenty-fifth—you get where I'm going with this. So after reading so many books by her, it's safe to say that I've come to expect certain things from her. It's never a question of whether or not I'm going to love a book she's written—I always go in expecting to love it—but whether or not she can still surprise me.

Whether the book will stand out in a sea of amazing books she's written already.

I can say, without a doubt, that Cozen is unlike anything Bethany-Kris has written before. The attention to detail is spot on, the way she so effortlessly weaves a tale is great, and how she can even leave ME guessing (considering I can usually guess where a book is going during the first chapter, hazards of the job, I'm afraid) is just miraculous at this point.

Cozen is not your traditional love story. Nor is it your traditional heist story. It takes the best elements of both and merges them together until the result is unlike anything you could have ever imagined.

And trust me, you won't see the ending coming. You really won't.

While Cozen introduces an entirely new world and brand new faces, (Looking at you Fourth), everyone involved feels as if you know them. As if they're old friends. They make you want to learn more about them. You want to see the world through their eyes.

Favorite new addition to BK's cast of remarkable characters is the matriarch of the Astor family. There's nothing like a strong female lead that makes me want to kick back and read forever, even if that means putting off work for a little while. Pearl Astor is *not* your average grandmother, nor is she like any head of an organized crime family that I've ever met. She's someone to respect or suffer the consequences, and God help the poor soul that crosses her. It won't be pretty for them. If BK decided to just write a book based on her, I'd be all for it.

But Astor family aside, our two main characters, Sargon (don't call him Sarge) and Cozen are definitely worthy of each other. Seeing their interactions and feeling the tension between them made the story worth while. In occupations like theirs, it's hard to find someone that you just immediately connect with, but these two did.

They just fit.

They were undeniable.

Without giving too much away, I loved this book, this unconventional romance between two people that only BK could write and make absolutely flawless.

London Miller Approved

Natalie The Biblioholic says

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I think this will be the simplest review I've ever written for a book I've read by Bethany-Kris. If you haven't read anything of hers before, this is a perfect example of her exemplary prose and a wise choice to get your feet wet with. And if you're a mega fan like me, you'll love how seemingly flawless her segue from mafia romance to plain old romantic suspense is.

Cozen is a thief looking for her last job and it happens to land in her lap at just the right time. Her skills are highly sought after because she doesn't just steal what you're looking for. There's no smash-and-grab. She has the unique ability to insert herself into her target's life, identify the mark, take the mark, and exit without anyone being the wiser. Perfect. And her tactics should have worked just as effortlessly as ever before except for one snag - an irresistible man named **Sargon**. While trying to seduce her target, she was also seducing him, and from first sight, she was seduced by him. And it was sexy, incredibly hot, and absolutely beautiful.

I loved so much about this story and I wish it didn't have to end. I loved Sargon's frustration over Cozen's pretense. I loved how Cozen couldn't help herself when it came to Sargon. And I loved the twists and turns that this author fed me right up until the end. I admit that I was pleasantly surprised that I was intentionally left in the dark about so much and yet I felt that the surprises only validated how much I loved these characters.

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Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

5 "Eye Opening" Stars

A thief - a heist -and Bethany-Kris's mind and words. A departure from the Mafia world but such a pleasant surprise.

Cozen, a female thief, is a very methodical thief. She gets the job done while no one ever knowing what she's done. So when the Astor family needs a job done quietly, Cozen is asked. A job to end all jobs until Sargon Makri comes between her and the job. A job that involves another man, Jett Griffin, his bodyguard Sargon, and the ruby ring that he has that belongs to the family who hired Cozen. An interesting dynamic in play between Cozen and Sargon, Cozen and Jett and Sargon and his boss Jett.

Cozen and Sargon have a cat and mouse relationship. And boy is it off the chart hot. Their chemistry is

undeniable but Cozen is working and working does not involves relationships with men outside of her mark. But their banter, their intensity and the dangerous game they are playing with one another is addicting. This triangle..... Cozen, Jett and Sargon, is not a true triangle. While the three are involved with one another, the only meaningful connection is Cozen and Sargon.

I loved the story and I loved the ending, it was nothing like I was expecting. Who knew a story about a thief could be so freaking hot, sassy and wickedly diabolical.....Cozen is a must read!!!

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Carla Bulian says

4,3. Que livro! Adorei! Inteligente, sensual e muito bem escrito!!!!
Vale a leitura!

Bethany-Kris says

Releasing June 4th.

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Jemima says

It's hard to find a book written by Bethany-Kris that I haven't enjoyed reading. I'm not ashamed to say that I've devoured every book written by this talented author. I was fortunate enough to have beta read this book. With no synopsis to go with, only the title...it's suffice to say, I was a ball of excitement and fear.

Cozen was and still is a page turner. From the very first chapter, this book captures the readers, it takes you on a whirlwind adventure of suspense, intrigue, romance, out of this world chemistry between two characters that is intense and forbidden.

Cozen, the character, is a badass! I loved her fearlessness, her confidence and her subtle ways that creates a typhoon of impact.

Honestly speaking, I was thoroughly satisfied with the book but the piece de la resistance was the ending. I literally screamed when I read the end!

Without giving much away, I must insist you give this book a try! Highly recommend it!

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Paganalexandria says

The Good:

1. The heroine being a master thief made her a standout in romancelandia. She is a beautiful chameleon able to transform for every scenario.
2. The sex scenes are super hot.
3. The side characters are exceptional. Though this a standalone, I'm very interested to see many of them in a spinoff.

The Bad:

1. I never connected with the male lead. He never made sense to me, in relation to the caper the heroine was trying to pull off. I liked the foil more than him.
2. The ending filled in a lot of plot holes, but not all.

Final Thoughts:

I liked, but didn't love this. It was more than okay, but not up to the level this writer usually takes me.

Carlene Inspired says

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I am obsessed with Cozen, in fact I've already read it twice. Okay, I really read it twice due to that ending...that ending that I never saw coming! That's right, Bethany-Kris has given us an unpredictable crime romance that's entirely unique. The heroine is an incredibly successful thief, except this heist is proving to be most difficult. Cozen's name is so clever that even those she is swindling do not realize it is she and beyond those in her inner circle, no one is aware of the numerous heists she has pulled off. This job though, it's for the Astors, a family you don't want to be up against and six months may not be enough time to pull it off, especially with a distraction like Sargon around. He's her mark's bodyguard, he's just another part of the job,

except he's not, he's what is really filling her mind and her bed.

"All dark, and sinful. Like his eyes. Like his taste. Like him."

Clever, sassy, and beautiful are the words an outside would think of when first meeting Cozen. While she's smiling at them she's also analyzing them, pulling information from them and judging when the most opportune time will be to take from them. She's sneaky and deceitful, wielding her charm and beauty like a weapon, her bank account growing with each heist she pulls off. She's an incredibly interesting character and her perspective is one of my favorites, and I've loved every book and character Bethany-Kris has ever given us. Then there's Sargon, a handsome, equally as clever man who sees everything and never settles in one place too long. He's her marks bodyguard, but his real threat is the power he has over her when it comes to her emotions. These two have epic chemistry, their push and pull affair so lust-driven that it makes them forget what they are each there for.

"She was a siren. Her song sung just for him."

Cozen in a less action packed crime novel from Bethany-Kris and I actually really enjoyed that for once it wasn't all guns and blood, but rather mind games, lying, and sneaking around. We aren't given a lot of background on this underground world of crime and money, but I can sure tell you I am interested in knowing more now. Cozen is just one of many thieves, though she is the only one we meet. The Astor family and their distrustful ways just amped the tension up even higher, making Cozen act out of character and making me sincerely worry that she wouldn't succeed in getting the job done. The crime itself isn't a sizeable one, but it's the nature of the crime that makes this novel suspenseful. Nothing about Cozen is a traditional crime or romance novel and that made it even more engaging for me. I loved the fresh story and of course, I loved that it is a Bethany-Kris novel. Cozen is a standalone and comes highly recommended from me!

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S.M. West says

5 STARS

Bethany-Kris is one of my fav authors. I will read anything and everything she writes. I've got crushes on many a heroine and serious love for a handful of her heroes...or actually, I should say, *my* heroes ;) Ha!

She's my Mafia Romance Queen, but hang on a sec... this isn't a mafia story. Cozen is something completely different. Some might say, BK took a chance, straying from her dynamite trademark underworld of La Cosa Nostra, but I beg to differ. This lady can write. Her prose is exquisite, poetic and moving. Her stories not only ensnare you in whatever world she's created, she's sure to always surprise you.

I was beyond giddy when I heard she was writing a heist novel. And let me tell you, hold onto your horses!

Cozen is spectacular.

This new world she has created was captivating, high-octane and I loved every word. I couldn't get enough. Unlike anything she has ever written before. I can't even talk about the story because I don't want to spoil one delicious moment of it.

I highly recommend this book. You must read Cozen!!

I voluntarily read this ARC

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Kay's Blushing Book Reviews says

Cozen by Bethany-Kris-

GENRE: Dark Romance/Suspense

NARRATION: Narrative

BOOK DETAILS: Standalone in The Empires and Badlands Series

THE STORY:

As the most successful and discreet thief in North America Cozen is hired to steal back a family jewel that was taken from the Astor family. The man that holds this jewel is a wealthy and powerful man in the criminal world, her mission is dangerous, and she must slowly and cleverly infiltrate herself into the marks life.

Sargon works security detail for Cozens mark He is hired to watch her every move but quickly becomes a distraction for Cozen and when things become unprofessional Cozen must take extra risks to make her heist successful but is she willing to risk her heart.?

MY THOUGHTS:

Bethany-Kris sure knows how to build the suspense and anticipation in a story! I love her unique characters and tension filled storyline.

Cozen and Sargon's connection is epic, their chemistry off the charts and add a hint of danger to the mix and you have yourself one hot forbidden love affair.

I like that the heroine in this story is a strong, independent character and loved that Cozen was the anti-heroine as such.

Sargon is dark and suspenseful, I loved how protective he become with Cozen even though she could more than hold her own.

I did not see the twist coming in the end of the book and it is one hell of an ending!

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MY RATINGS: (All ratings are out of 5)

HEROINE RATING:5

HERO RATING: 5

BLUSH RATING: 4

ROMANCE RATING: 3.5

PLOT RATING: 4
OVERALL: 4 Blushing Stars

Narrated by: Connor Goff
Length: 7hrs and 58 mins

Connor Goff is a new narrator for me, I found his female narration really good, he has a great tone and matched well with his characters

NARRATOR'S PERFORMANCE 4/5
NARRATOR'S MATCHED TO CHARACTERS 5/5
OVERALL AUDIO RATING 4.5 /5
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Selene says

A professional heister on assignment only has one target.

She was the spider. Jett was the fly.
Cozen would keep spinning her web, and hoped it would catch him.

What twenty-five year-old Cozen Taylor doesn't count on is Sargon Makri's magnetic pull.

? This is a standalone book with lots of steam and a tiny bit of action. I loved the pacing and the *never-saw-that-coming twist*, but the dual POVs seemed too much alike in voice at times, and I would've loved more depth regarding the criminal underground for which Cozen and Zander Everston was a part of. Overall, this was an *okay* read.

*Read and reviewed an unreleased copy of this book.

Alex ? says

Cool heroine, liked her a lot.

I read till about 35% and came back to reviews, I wanted to know the twist! My fault, I looked up in the epilogue and it shocked me. Nothing spoke for such turn of events. I felt somehow cheated. I flove a goos

twist, but this one was too weird and without much explanation.
So, I won't rate it. Otherwise solid 4 stars!

Bev says

3.25 stars

It's no secret I absolutely adore anything Bethany Kris writes, and when a new book hits my kindle I drop everything to inhale her newest work. I was super excited for Cozen, a break away from her mafia families (which have become some of my favourite books ever) and an intro into the world of the Astors.

Whilst I loved the little I got to know of Cozen and Sargon, I felt that there was a lot held back due in the main to the big plot twist very late on in the book. Both characters intrigued me greatly and I really wanted to know what made them into the people they are now - this is one book where a few flashbacks would have been so appreciated. Perhaps if that twist at 91% had come earlier there would have been more opportunity to give us more detail on the characters, their pasts and all the whys and wherefores. I'm a details whore and I needed them to feel I was getting the full story. For the first time in a long, long time I felt as though I knew as little of the characters at the end of the book as I did when I started it.
