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Don't say it unless you mean it...

It's a simple concept, one I've said time and again, but something people don't seem to comprehend. You should choose every syllable carefully, because you never know when somebody will hold you to your word.

Somebody like me.

I'm not a good man. I'm not. I know. I have enough darkness inside of me to rid the world of every stitch of light. But there's one I could never harm, one light I couldn't bring myself to snuff out.

Karissa.

She thinks I'm a monster, and maybe I am. I taunt her with my touch, get a thrill out of torturing her soul. But I'm not the only one. The world is full of monsters, and I'm not the most dangerous one out there.

Not even close...

God help me, I love her.

I do.

And God help anyone who tries to take her from me.

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★ ½ ! Torture to Her Soul, book 2 of 2. The mysterious & mercurial Naz's continued story told from his POV!

*"I'm not heartless— my heart is just hardened, while the rest of me is hollow."*

Books in series should be read in order:

**Book 1: Monster in His Eyes**

**Book 2: Torture to Her Soul**

In *Monster in His Eyes* (book 1) university student **Karissa Reed, Kissimmee** was swept off her feet by the mysterious and mercurial **Ignazio Vitale, Naz**. He seduced and pursued her while **warning her off**.

Karissa, who was **coddled and naïve**, wanted to believe the best in people and her situation. Nothing could have prepared her for the **brutal truth** nor the **shocking events** leading up to the revelation and chaotic ending.

**Torture to Her Soul** (book 2), told from Naz's POV, picks up right after book 1's **violent and shocking ending**. Their lives are in **turmoil** and Naz is desperately trying to **bridge the gap** and open the lines of communication. Karissa is hurt, shocked and angry, but she cannot deny **still feeling a connection** and attraction to Naz.

Naz can force and put pressure, but does he want to? It's a slow **re-building of trust** based on revelations and confessions. But there is more to come plus the **evil all around them** is closing in. Soon it's not just about them finding their way back together rather them **finding a way out.... But do they want to?**

It's a **journey of good versus evil, truths and lies, joy and pain** and the fact that **everything in life comes at a price...**

*"We're a tragedy in the making. The game of tug-of-war we're playing will end up destroying us, because she doesn't have it in her to surrender, and I can't let go."*

**Ignazio Vitale, Naz** is a **tortured, broken** soul yet reflective. When tragedy struck him at age eighteen **instead of grieving** he sought the **path of vengeance**. It is a **heart-wrenching, candid glimpse** into the life of a man who trusts no one, leans on no one, rarely sleeps, barely eats and obsessively organizes his life.

Eight words to describe **Naz: Mysterious, mercurial, closed-off, imperfect, broken, ruthless, possessive and nurturing**.

*“It's hard to feel alive when you've been obliterated inside, hard to feel real when you no longer remember how to dream.”*

Eight words to describe **Karissa Reed, Kissimmee: Naïve, lonely insecure, impressionable, smart, inadequate, immature and sheltered.**

*“She looks broken, but so goddamn beautiful. I want to put her back together. I want to break her down even more.”*

**Torture to Her Soul is raw and violent.** Story does not attempt to sugar-coat the truth of what and who Naz is. It's about **redemption for the irredeemable** as many of their issues have no answer, no fixing, no redemption... When reading one has to be prepared not to get it all. As much as I think I needed my HEA, everything wrapped up in a tight bow, I feel the author did a good job of **staying true to their situation.**

The **epilogue and bonus chapters were amazing,** not sure I could have handled story without them. I'd **welcome more** further into their future, but I am **happy were it left them!**

**Candid POV** from a very **memorable** hero! **Captivating** plot! **Excellent** story-telling!

*“Sometimes secrets have the power to kill. The power to destroy. We each hold nuclear weapons inside of us.”*

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Hero rating: 5 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sexual tension rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars

Plot rating: 4 stars

Dialogue rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling rating: 4.5 stars

Story ending rating: 4.5 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): 4 stars

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**Overall rating: 4.5 stars**

**Would I recommend this series: Yes.**

**Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

## **Mysza says**

*"You should run far, far away from me.  
I know I should. I wish I could."*

And the story from Monster in His Eyes continues, only this time, it is told from Naz's POV. Anyone who loved Monster... should love this one as well.

After everything that happened in the first book, the situation between both MCs becomes even more complicated. They live together, but their relationship is strained, they don't trust each other anymore. Karissa hates Naz but she can't stop loving him either. She knows she can't walk away and I think deep down she doesn't want to. She also finds it hard to deal with the fact how much he hurt her.

Naz is very patient with her and tries to give her time and space. He wants her trust back and is also trying to make himself believe in her once again. She was supposed to be his revenge and became his salvation instead. I loved how this mysterious and dark man softened around her. Don't get me wrong, because Naz is still not a good man, he does what he does and makes no excuses for it, nor does he have regrets. It's just the fact that his love for her is so strong that he starts to question the choices he made and the life he led so far.

I loved how they slowly rebuilt their relationship. There was still a lot of hurt and bad things still happened, but there was also healing, forgiveness and the realization that they can't live without each other, that no matter what, they belong together.

I loved the intimacy between them. Sex was still rough and wild, but there were also moments where Naz would make love to Karissa, whisper sweet words to her and call her baby, which made my stomach flutter.

I was perfectly happy with the ending, the epilogue and bonus scene were simply fantastic. Overall, this was a very good reading, I adored this book and highly recommend!

*"We do what we have to do, take what we have to take, and sometimes we hurt people we swear we won't hurt, but we do, because life makes us.  
It's a dog eat dog world.  
We're all monsters, when it comes down to it."*

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## **Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says**

PLEASE NOTE: This book picks up where Monster in His Eyes left off, it's not a repeat of the last book in Naz's POV, but a continuation. (hope that makes sense)

**4.5 STARS!**

So if you enjoyed the first book in this series, Monster in His Eyes, you would've been just as ecstatic as I

was when you found out there was a second book. You can't even begin to imagine how happy I was when I realised Torture to Her Soul, was told solely from Naz's POV. In Monster in His Eyes, Naz was a mystery, his character seemed aloof yet he seemed to soften when he was around, Karissa (no pun intended)

***I didn't set out to love her.***

***I didn't even plan to like her.***

***But it happened... we happened... and I'm still trying to figure out how to deal with that.***

I got a front row seat to Naz's head in this book, the way he thought, his reaction to every hit he made, and lastly the way Karissa had changed him. Don't for one minute think that Naz has suddenly grown a conscience. He always gets the job done no matter the cost, with cold precision. But the whole dynamic changes when he's job begins to threaten the woman he loves. For the first time he begins to question the boss, and himself...

***The street soldiers, cruel thugs who lie, cheat, kill, and steal, shy away, whereas little Karissa, half my size with barely any physical strength, never hesitated to stare me straight in the eyes, like she was reading my soul with just a glance.***

In this story which is also the last book in the series, Naz and Karissa are living together. Naz proposed in the previous book and Karissa accepted but because of the events that lead to her father's death and caused her mother to live her life on the run, their relationship no longer feels as sincere as it used to be, well at least not for Karissa. She obviously still loves Naz, but the side he's shown of himself has also made her fear him. They barely speak, Karissa rarely even looks at Naz. Naz won't let her leave.

***She's just as fucked up as I am.***

***And maybe I did that to her.***

***Maybe it's wrong of me.***

***But fuck if it doesn't feel right this way.***

This book was quite hefty, not too long but longer than other books I've read. So I think my only gripe with this book was I think the author should have taken about 20 to 30% of the beginning of this book and made it a novella. Reason being, while I enjoyed every bit of this book, the beginning or introduction lacked direction. It was just a lot of information and background about Naz, and also about Naz and Karissa's struggle to put what Naz had done behind them. So quite honestly this good have all been in a novella.

***I'll give her anything.***

***I'll tear my fucking chest open with my bare hands, rip it out and hand it to her, if it's what she needs.***

***All she has to do is tell me.***

***All she has to do is ask.***

So I'm trying to keep this review spoiler free and not tell you what actually happens. After being injured when leaving a club one night, Naz is forced to do something he never wanted to do, because doing it would hurt, Karissa. And with the increasing pressure from his boss and a leak in the midst, Naz doesn't know who to trust anymore. Can he trust the woman he loves, he finds himself questioning the organisation that has been there for him ever since he lost his family all those years ago.

***My enemy was my enemy until I looked inside of her and realised we weren't so different after all.***

I was very satisfied with the ending of this book, the dark intensity of Naz's thoughts was something I loved. He was broody, and at times almost obsessive in his love for Karissa. I love that in a hero. It was darkly romantic but did not lose the grittiness you get when you read a true mafia story.

*I've said it before.*

*I'll say it again.*

*I'm not a good man.*

*I never will be.*

*ARC kindly provided by author in return for an honest review*

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## Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

**4 stars!!**

I was really relieved that this second book would be in Naz's POV. Monster in His Eyes was a mediocre read for me and it was mainly because of the idiotic heroine Karissa. With this book, however, I greatly appreciated being in Naz's head and felt that it helped me understand him better. I also recognized that for the story to be entirely in his POV, the mystery and enigmatic part that made him so appealing in the first book would have to be sacrificed. And that was okay with me. What I got in return was so much better: a multifaceted Naz. Not just the killer side of him, but the human side as well. No matter how badass or cold the man could be, this book showed that there is a layer of vulnerability to his character.

Aside from the 5 star prologue, the first 40% of the book seriously tested my patience. It seemed like both Karissa & Naz were playing the waiting game...just waiting for something or someone to interfere that would kickstart yet another argument and I was especially sick of Karissa brushing off Naz's efforts. It took great patience and effort on my part to not DNF. I'm really glad I kept reading because after the 40% mark, things picked up and I was totally with these characters. Reading the story from Naz's POV accomplished what I thought would be impossible: I actually sympathized for Karissa. Through Naz's eyes, I feel like she did mature a bit and learned from her experiences in book 1. The sex scenes were scorching and wickedly hot, but this time around there was heartfelt emotion as well, something that was lacking in the first book.

For me, reading books has always been how the book made *me* feel, think, etc...But this book really placed me in the characters' shoes. I personally didn't like Karissa, yet through Naz's eyes I understood why he found her youth and naïveté appealing. I personally didn't like some of Naz's actions, but through his eyes, I could at least understand his motivations. A book that could make me consider the characters' feelings and thoughts besides my own is a well-written book IMO. That's not to say that Naz has completely justified himself or is a good man in disguise...because I'm not so sure he is nor would I want him to be in this case ;)

Torture to Her Soul is the second book in this 2-part series and isn't a standalone. You must read Monster in His Eyes first.

My review for [Monster in His Eyes](#)

P.S. I freaking love the epilogue and bonus scene! Made me tear up <3

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## Jennifer Kyle says

### 4.25 STARS

***"I didn't set out to love her. I didn't even plan to like her. But it happened...we happened... and I'm trying to figure out how to deal with that."***

It's been awhile since I read the first book of this series but lucky for me, the author's writing and storytelling brought it all back to me. This story is in full all male POV of Naz and wow it was very interesting being inside his head!

***"I'm in love with one woman I should never have fallen for. We're a tragedy in the making. The game of tug-of-war we're playing will end up destroying us, because she doesn't have it in her to surrender, and I can't let go."***

So you see our couple is at an impasse. Naz is in love with the woman who is a part of the bloodline he set out to destroy. She's the daughter of his former friend and his wife who destroyed his world and revenge has driven him for decades now. Karissa is staying with Naz and they aren't as close since his revenge plan got out. Naz is still working with/for Ray and the revenge plan is still in effect while along the way other lives are taken and the bodies and deaths just keep accumulating.

***"They say when seeking revenge, dig two graves, one for you and one for them. I've buried them all, disposed of bodies and left a trail of charred remains in my wake, and now all that's left is my own grave. And I dug it, all right...dug it so deep there's no fucking way out of it."***

Karissa and Naz both end up learning and seeing the others flaws while living together and at times not even liking one another. Our young heroine grows up in this story and I totally sympathized with her. She's trapped with her feelings for Naz and well... a conscience. Naz is not a good man as he repeatedly tells our heroine but along with some humor and crazy hot sex scenes these two keep a relationship going. Karissa's love and forgiveness knew no bounds in this story and I'm pretty shocked that she can let one particular thing go. Perhaps it's just for now type of thing and that over time it will fester?

Overall, this was a bit on the long side where some things could have been a bit condensed. Still seeing the world through Naz's eyes was very beneficial to the series and going forward into book three of this series.

***"I'm not a good man," he says, "but I'm trying. I'm trying. I can't make you any promises of perfection. I can't promise I'll be what you deserve, or what you need, or even what you always want. All I can promise is that I'll love you until the day I die, and I'll spend every moment I'm alive trying for you."***

## Christy says

### **5 Not a good guy stars!!!**

*Monster in His Eyes* is one of my favorite dark/romantic suspense books of the year. When I heard the sequel coming out was all from Naz's pov, I was ecstatic. I always get a little nervous when an amazing 5 star book has a sequel. It seems about half the time, they don't live up to the original story and that high you had about the book starts to dwindle. I can say with absolute certainty that did not happen here! *Torture to Her Soul* was just as good as *Monster in His Eyes*. If anything, it might have been a little bit better!

I didn't set out to love her. I didn't even plan to like her. But it happened... we happened... and I'm still trying to figure out how to deal with that.

Naz never meant to care for Karissa. He certainly never meant to fall in love with her. When he met her, he wanted one thing and one thing only. The monster in him wanted her for revenge. But now, things have changed.

Karissa and Naz's relationship is complicated to say the least. Karissa is finding it difficult to trust anything that Naz says or does. She is hurt and she is not making their situation any easier. In fact, she's making it much more difficult. Naz is being as patient with her as he can. He knows most of this is his fault and he's trying not to make it harder on her than it already is.

Naz is caught in a tough spot. He has choices to make. He has to decide what type of man he wants to be. Will he make the decisions he feels forced to make, or will he do what he thinks is right for him...

I love how this author can take such a serious, dark and suspenseful book and give it such light hearted moments. There were a few spots that left a smile on my face.

"You're delusional."

? "You mispronounced handsome."

"The whole watching me from afar thing is kind of creepy, you know. I get that you don't trust me, but stalking is only cool when Edward Cullen does it."

And she brought the heat again. ?The sex between Naz and Karissa was hotter than ever. It was angry and rough. It was passionate and sexy.

Naz is complex. He's a broken, tortured and haunted man. He is not a good guy, but he's not all bad either. He might not be a hero, but he's not exactly a villain either. His past haunts him. Naz is who he is. I love that about him. He makes no excuses. He does what he wants. No need to lie about it. Being in his head this entire story was a real treat!

Now on to Karissa. Even though I understood where she was coming from and why she was acting the way she was, I'm not going to lie. The first half of the book she annoyed the piss out of me. As the story went on, she got better. And Naz was pretty much perfection so it all worked out. I'm thankful that I liked her again by the end of the book.

Even though Karissa had every reason to hate Naz, and there were moments she really did hate him, she also loved him fiercely. Karissa constantly struggles with what her heart wants, and what her mind says is the right thing.

I especially loved the way Naz was with Karissa. He's loves, cares for her and protects her.

“You have no reason to be afraid. I'm not going to hurt you... nobody is.”

?She stares at me for a moment before reaching up, covering my hand with her own.

“How can you be sure?”

?“Because I won't let them,” I say.

“It's as simple as that.”

And then there is that ending... towards the end I had some major heart palpitations. My nerves were all over the place not knowing what was going to happen and how it was all going to go down. I liked how those final scenes came together. Any questions you had were answered and things were concluded nicely. And that epilogue. It was amazing. I shed a few tears reading it.

*Torture to Her Soul* is another winner for me. I love the suspense, the mystery, the grit, the passion and all around fuckedupedness of the story. Naz is my favorite type of hero. The not so good guy who's not so bad either. A man with issues. If you've read *Monster in His Eyes*, make sure this is your next read! You won't be disappointed. And if you haven't, I highly recommend this series to anyone who loves a taboo love story with some heat, crime and suspense mixed in!

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## Vina says

**“I'm not a good man," he says, "but I'm trying. I'm trying. I can't make you any promises of perfection. I can't promise I'll be what you deserve, or what you need, or even what you always want. All I can promise is that I'll love you until the day I die, and I'll spend every moment I'm alive trying for you.”**

Dear god I feel so bad that the thought of this book could be a disappointment even crossed my mind!

I already loved Naz from the first book. But man do I love him even more now! He's not a good guy by any means. He turned out to be much more ruthless than I originally realized. He's still complex and interesting but now I understand him better. He's broken, tormented and unable to forget his past. He's methodical and very aware of who he is and makes no apologies for it. I knew he loved Karissa throughout the first book, but once I found out he was the reason her and her mom were always on the run, that he was trying to find her for her entire life, that he wanted to kill her, and her parents, for revenge, but now he is her protector, the man that loves her more than any other on this earth, and I could understand his thoughts and his actions and see just how much he truly loves her, I was a goner. I loved Naz even more, if that were possible. He was so endearing.

The relationship was very strained from the beginning but they finally started to trust each other. They worked past their trust issues and started to heal together. Seeing them reconnect, seeing how patient Naz was with her, seeing the love rebuild was entirely heartwarming. Their passion was again off the charts hot! And then end, the end was pure bliss. PERFECTION!

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### **TheCrazyWorldOfABookLover says**

*"Tell me," I whisper, running my tongue along the shell of her ear. "Tell me how you want it to be. Tell me what you need from me."*

*I'll give her anything.*

*I'll tear my fucking chest open with my bare hands, rip out my heart and hand it to her, if that's what she needs.*

*All she has to do is tell me.*

*All she has to do is ask.*

*She could bark out a million demands, and I would work myself to the death making them all happen, but instead she merely whispers, "I want you to love me."*

*So I do.*

*I love her.*

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*Tempted by the evil beside me, the original sin..my forbidden fruit. I took a bite of her on a whim and realized, despite what the world led me to believe, she wasn't rotten to the core. He wants me to toss her aside, throw her away, let her decay into the ground where he thinks she's meant to be, but I'm not sure anything else could sustain me.*

*I drank from the Holy Grail.*

*He's not taking that away.*

If those quotes alone don't make you want to read this, there is something wrong with you and we can't be friends.

JK.

Not really.

If you haven't read this amazing series by my favorite freaking author, READ THEM!

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## Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

### 3 Stars

I just didn't enjoy this one as much as I enjoyed the first one.

Karissa annoyed the fuck out of me.

And when it wasn't Karissa annoying me, it was the constant mention of Naz's love for his dead wife.

Cause we all know how I feel about THE DEAD EX.

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## Eda\*\* # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says

**\*\* 4,5-5 "tragedy in the making" STARS \*\***

*"I'm not afraid of the dark anymore."*

*"Of course not. It's not the darkness that's terrifying, it's what you might find in it. And it doesn't scare you anymore, Ignazio, because it is you. You're what's terrifying in the darkness."*

After reading *Monster in His Eyes*, I was left wanting more! More Karissa. More Naz. More darkness and more twisted romance.

Then I learned that Book #2 would be in Naz' POV... And I was like:

Usually, sequels of incredible books tend to disappoint the readers, because we expect a little bit too much from them and get frustrated when we see something different than what we've expected. J.M. Darhower didn't disappoint, though. This was exactly what I was hoping for...**and more!**

After the sh\*t-storm that Karissa has faced because of Naz in Book #1, she is confused as to how she can feel the way she does for Naz. She is still physically there, in Naz' home, living with him, but she is not *really* there. She knows she can leave. But she can never really escape. Naz will never let her go. But...does she even want to leave?

*"She loves me. And she probably hates that fact more than she hates me most days."*

She doesn't talk to him. She doesn't react to his actions. She rarely even acknowledges his existence... And Naz is not happy. He gives her space, to come to terms with what he has done and who he is...or rather *what he is*. The only thing keeping him calm and patient is the fact that he knows for sure that she still loves him. Despite everything.

*"I know she hates me. I can see it. I can sense it. It's written in the tension in her muscles, the way she folds into herself when I'm close, the flush of her body whenever I dare touch her."*

*"But I know she loves me, too. Because a fire wages beneath her skin, and not all of it is fueled by anger."*

Sometimes the shield Karissa puts between her and Naz slips. Just for a few seconds. Those are the times that Naz clings to. The moments that he lives for anymore.

*"Every now and then she'll forget she's supposed to despise me, she'll forget she's not allowed to want me. She'll forget I'm a monster."*

*And all she remembers in the moment, all she knows, all she cares about, is that I'm a man, a man who went through hell, a man who loves her, who swore he wouldn't hurt her, and for the moment she'll let herself believe it.*

*She'll forget I'm the bad guy and remember what it felt like when she thought I was the hero. The one who would drown so she could stay afloat."*

Circumstances will force Naz to make a decision. A decision between the only light in his life...Karissa, and the demons that still haunt him at night. The demons from his past, that once pushed him to feel loyalty towards his boss and father-in-law, his father-figure, Ray. The demons that he's been welcoming inside his head for years. The demons that remind him everyday of his revenge, of who his enemies are, of who he must kill to free his dead wife's soul and memory into heaven.

*But if your enemy is the only person to thaw your frozen heart, which road do you choose and drive away to?*

*Revenge or forgiveness? Fury or grief? Dark or light?*

***I fell in love with her.***

***It was my worst nightmare. But sometimes nightmares are simply fueled by fear... fear of something we don't understand.***

***A clown isn't scary when it takes off its makeup. A monster isn't so terrifying when you turn on the light. My enemy was my enemy until I looked inside of her and realized we weren't so different, after all.***

When Naz finally decides which turn to take...it's too late. Because the choices has already been made for him, by the past.

***"I'm nobody's hero."***

***"You're trying to be Karissa's."***

***"No, I just don't want to be her villain."***

The love between Naz and Karissa is palpable in every page of this book. Sometimes heartbreaking. Sometimes sweet. But always there. And always genuine.

***My insides are black but my heart still beats. It still beats. And it f\*cking beats for her.***

***I'll give her anything. I'll tear my fucking chest open with my bare hands, rip out my heart and hand it to her, if that's what she needs. All she has to do is tell me. All she has to do is ask.***

We get a glimpse inside Naz' head, get to see the way his thoughts swirl in it and let me just say that it is

quite complex, dark and analytic. He has no regrets about his actions, his murders, his hurtful words. He enjoys every second of all of it.

*"It's funny, in a way, that they call it "a hit". Because it is. It's a hit. A high. And I crave it."*

*"The world made me who I am, and the world pays for that mistake every day."*

He is a brutal and unforgiving man. He is certainly not a good man. But does that necessarily mean he is a bad one? Does the darkness inside him coat all of the light? Is he a real monster, or does the "human" inside him still breathe?

*"I've lived a life of darkness already, years where the sun didn't shine on me, and now that I've seen daylight again, I don't think I could ever turn my back on it."*

Despite being incredibly satisfied with the way this story ended, my hands still twitch with wanting more! I could never say no to more *Ignazio Vitale*, after all. \*wiggles eyebrows\*

*"She's not just under my skin, she's in my organs, wrapped up in my cells, infecting me."*

Trust me and:

You won't be disappointed.

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◆\*Arianna◆\* says

4.5 STARS

*"I'm going to tell you something that a wise man once told me: it's not the darkness that's terrifying, it's what you might find in it."*

I think everyone who read the first book in the series “*Monster In His Eyes*”, (where the narrator is Karissa) was happy to hear that the second book will be entirely told from Naz’s POV. I definitely was and I enjoyed tremendously being in Naz's head! “*Torture to Her Soul*” picks up right where the first book ends.

***“I didn’t set out to love her. I didn’t even plan to like her. But it happened... we happened... and I’m still trying to figure out how to deal with that.”***

Naz’s plan was never to fall in love for Karissa. He never supposed to like her, but it happened, they happened and now Naz had to deal with it.

***“My insides are black but my heart still beats. It still beats. And it fucking beats for her.”***

Karissa still lives in Naz’s house even if their relationship has changed. They live together, but separately at the same time. They are like two strangers. She ignores him, she doesn’t talk with him, but Naz is patient, he gives her space only because he knows she loves him back and because he knows at some point she will forget that she’s supposed to hate him.

Naz is a haunted man. For almost twenty years he didn’t forgive himself and others for his fiancée death, he didn’t forget, he didn’t live. Until Karissa...He didn't live, yes, he only existed, wanting only one thing, revenge. Naz is forced by some circumstances to make a decision. He will have to choose where he wants to live - in the past or in the present. He will have to choose between dark and light?

***“It’s okay to admit the darkness terrified me. Because I found some light in it. I found her.”***

Naz knows he’s not a good man and Karissa knows it too. He is who he is and he regrets nothing.

Naz’s character is so well developed in this book. He’s a complex character, intriguing with many layers. He thinks he has only bad in him, but he’s so wrong and Karissa will try to show him that. I loved her for that!

Even if he's not "completely" a good man, you will fall for him and sometimes even sympathize with him. I did! I loved how he is with Karissa. He’s so patient, caring, loving and protecting. There were times when his words or actions melted my heart. You can truly “feel” his love for her.

I loved how he loves her, how intense are his feelings for her, how much he wants to be with her, no matter what, how vulnerable he is when it comes to her. With Karissa he's human again, with her he becomes a good man. Their chemistry is really palpable, they are perfect for each other and the sex scenes are hotter than hell – rough or sweet they are intense every time !

*"I'm not heartless—my heart is just hardened, while the rest of me is hollow. But she breathes life into what long ago stopped trying to live. She's oxygen, and without her, I'm dead."*

Karissa is a little different here. She is more mature, less annoying, so more likeable. She loves Naz with all her heart, even if she constantly tries to fight her feelings because she doesn't understand how it's possible to LOVE a man like him, to love HIM.

I know there are many there who got bored with the first half of the book. For some reason I didn't. Yes, the second half is more engaging and entertaining, but I enjoyed the first half too.

The story is more emotional than the first book, which I really liked.

As always the writing was perfect and the epilogue and the bonus scene (Karissa's POV) were amazing. Loved them so hard!

Overall, I loved it!

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**Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says**

**4 STARS**

*We're a tragedy in the making. The game of tug-of-war we're playing will end up destroying us, because she doesn't have it in her to surrender, and I can't let go. It's something else I love about her. There's a fight in her. But it's a fight that'll be our downfall. Because I have that same fight in me.*

Can I just say how much I LOVED getting the conclusion entirely in Naz's POV? Because NAZ!!! FREAKING NAZ!

*Tell me how you want it to be. Tell me what you need from me." I'll give her anything. I'll tear my fucking chest open with my bare hands, rip out my heart and hand it to her, if that's what she needs. All she has to do is tell me. All she has to do is ask.*

Sometimes the line between good and bad isn't so black and white. Sometimes it's somewhere in the very depths of gray. And that's exactly what you get with Naz. This is a man that's done plenty of bad things and makes no apologies for it. He fully accepts who he is and what he's become. He's a man driven by pain and revenge. A man that's sold his soul to the devil for a chance at vengeance. But Karissa has changed him irrevocably. He'll still go to war and cover the streets in blood, but now it's all for her.

*She's trying to be unbreakable but I'm unshakeable. She's going crazy, and I'm already goddamn insane. I clipped my jailbird's wings so she couldn't fly away from me, and then I wonder why the fuck I can't make her soar.*

Being inside his head was an experience of dark and darker. And while you know it's wrong, you just can't find it in you to care even a little bit.

Torture To Her Soul was exactly what I hoped and so much more. J.M. Darhower knows how to weave one hell of a story and she's a master of words. She's given me some of my favorite mafia anti-heroes and I hope she never stops.

*Second chances don't come easily. Most people don't get them. Most people don't know what it's like to come back from the brink of death. It changes people. It certainly changed me.*

**Find me on:**

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**Eliza says**

**Title:** Torture to Her Soul

**Series:** Monster in His Eyes #2

**Author:** J.M. Darhower

**Release Date:** 29th September, 2014

**Rating:** 4.25-4.5 "Don't say it unless you mean it" Stars

**Cliffhanger:** No

After reading Monster in his Eyes, I was very excited about what to expect with the rest of the story and how it would develop. In particular I wanted to know how dark Ignazio Vitale could really be and to have a greater understanding of the man. I also recall regarding the first book as more of an introductory story. We saw Naz and Karissa "meet" and fall in love. By the end of the book we know that their meeting was not by chance but rather premeditated, on Naz's part and although they subsequently fall in love, this was not part of the original plan but now however; it now plays a vital role in its execution.

From the prologue alone, I gained a much better understanding of him. I loved being inside his head, it helps that he is a thinker, analytical at that. He likes silence, order and is methodical in most things. He's more

ruthless than I gave him credit for in the first book, casual in his manner and thinking of taking a life.

**"I heard this saying once, long ago, that I've never forgotten: three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead."**

As a result of Naz's earlier actions in the first book, (view spoiler) there are choices that must now be made. Naz's choice to commit to a promise he made to Ray as well as himself, years ago for justice; which will now be at the price of Karrissa's pain.

Although the story is told from Naz's point of view, Karrissa's choice is to love or hate the man who killed her father, the man who still stalks her mother.

**There's something seriously wrong with you. But maybe there's something wrong with me, too, because no matter how much I try to hate you, or how much I want to stay away from you, I can't. I love you, but I don't understand... I don't understand why you'd do it, why you'd do that to me, how you could bring yourself to hurt me when you're supposed to love me, too."**

As things become clearer in Naz's mind and there is a moment of clarity from an unlikely source, it does not by any means mean there can be vindication. What started as a crusade for justice has now become a raging battle of inner turmoil and serious threat to what he holds dear, with there own serious consequence.

**"I'll die someday, somehow, and I'm not afraid. Death will be a release for me. Until then, I live vicariously through others, watching them reach the point of acceptance, watching as they fight for one more breath.**

**Life never grants them it, not when I'm around."**

I enjoyed the speed and movement of the the story, at times still it felt as though we were waiting. Waiting for someone to make the next move, this time however it added to the torture, the ominous undercurrent of knowing every action has a reaction and that, that reaction could impact heavily on Naz and Karissa. He's caught between being the uncaring, unfeeling man he has been for years and being overwhelmed with emotion for Karissa and the fear that either way his decision can cost him, her.

I'm happy with the way the story concluded, although I won't lie I was on tender hooks down to the last page. I must add, it's also very sexy and has lightness and humour to balance the dark. Naz is not the traditional romantic but he does it so well.

**ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!~**

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## **Hulya Kara Yuksel says**

[(because he did a very very bad thing Karissa's family) (hide spoiler)]

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## **Kristen says**

**5 Stars!!!**

**Once I finished this book, I quickly read it again. That's how much I loved it. It wasn't *perfect* but it was *perfect* for me.**

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