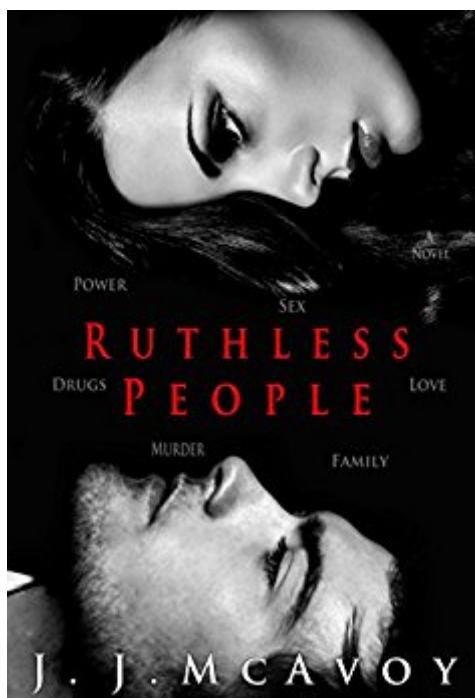


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Customer Reviews

My first reading of this author and certainly not my last, I have already purchased book two of this series. I really enjoy a good crime family novel and the name of this book was well chosen. This is the story of the combining of two of the top crime families which are the Giovanni family (Italians) and the Irish family of the Callahans, the decision made by their fathers over a decade ago. Melody Giovanni has been set up to marry Liam Callahan and their initial meeting was definitely explosive the first time they are together. Melody is anything but the typical stepford wife that is the norm for the Irish men. The secret that she and her father have been hiding about her role in the family business and her abilities astounds Liam and his men upon first meeting her. As well Melody definitely makes quite the grand entrance into their lives. Liam is to set to step up into his father's position as head of the family upon their marriage even though he is second in line because he is the most capable for the role. Melody and Liam definitely are made for each other as they are both the most blood thirsty individuals of both their organizations and totally enjoy murder mayhem and blood lust, additionally their lust for each other is off the charts. So much happens in this book that you will have a really hard time putting it down, murder, bombing, rape, drugs, betrayal, torture is done at a new gruesome level and things from the past come back to bite everyone. Totally recommend this book and I cannot wait to read book two in this series to find out what happens next as it leaves off in a huge cliffhanger that is a total shock. Great job Ms. McAvoy!!!

4.5 out of 5Holy hell, what did I just read? Ruthless People was crazy! Never have I read a book where the characters were so inherently evil, yet simultaneously endearing and captivating. This book is NOT for the faint of heart. If you do not enjoy stories of murder, torture and mayhem, this probably isn't for you. It is vicious and brutal. However, if you are drawn towards a fast-paced, gritty, violent, ruthless, over the top modern day mobster/love story, then please try Ruthless People because it is fantastic. I'm not sure there is a more appropriate title here. The story of Liam and Mel, children of the respective Irish and Italian mob bosses were contracted to wed and carry on the family business. And do they. These are two of the most unique and brilliant characters I have come across in quite some time. Loyal in their commitment to family, ruthless in its execution (yes a very apropos word), their relationship was what drew me in from the start. Clearly they could not have a normal courtship as it were, but the development of their friendship

and ultimately love was terrifyingly entertaining. The banter “it was like Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” meets The Sopranos, with guns. Mel, wow. She frightened me with her nobody F’s with me/heartless attitude. Though the depth to which she lacked any humanity or a conscience with regard to her job still continued to surprise me to the end. At the same time, we did see some vulnerability that, while expected, added a much needed angle to the story. Liam was just as brutal. I know it’s a huge double standard, but the violence was less shocking and more tolerable for lack of a better word because he is a man. I loved his connection to/passion for his wife and the lengths he went to to prove his love. He was crazy but I guess it comes with the territory. As much as I wanted to hate them for what they did, I couldn’t entirely. That lifestyle is all they know. Those two had a crazy connection and the violence just pushed them further. Literally jaw dropping at times. I just wish the back and forth banter had lasted a little longer. Does it make me a bad person for devouring this? I admit, I honestly feel a little guilty. There is so much more going on in this story but I don’t want to give anything away because the story was brutally awesome. The family dynamics were brilliantly woven into the story, with siblings and spouses and alternating POVs. While there wasn’t a cliffhanger per se, there are revelations at the end that clearly carry us in to the next book in the series, and I can tell you I am totally committed to reading it. I just need a little time to regain my composure after finishing this one, maybe read something really sweet and happy next. Wow. Vicious.

Five stars easily. I read this book in one go ..I could not put it down. 1 am and I was still reading. First this is not a book for the queasy, overly religious or young. It’s filled with descriptive sex, so much cursing even I skipped over f bombs and extremely detailed violence. I mean want to know what it’s like to rip a man in half? Just read ... However...it was so good. Multiple POVs but it wasn’t too much and I adored the unquestionable loyalty of a mob family. This book actually had complicated, slap you in one breath and love you in the next, romance. An actual love story that began as an arranged marriage between two rival mob families. I highly recommend the book. Not for those with delicate sensibilities but for those that like grit with their romance. The story concludes but doesn’t end so I will move on to book two.

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