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In the dark underworld of Jazz Age speakeasies and gangsters, Macey Gardella finds herself caught up in a dangerous alliance with Al Capone. The murderous crime boss squires her about Chicago, showing her off as his moll while she struggles to fulfill her duty hunting the undead on the midnight streets.

She's learned the brutal lesson of loss and betrayal that comes to those who live out the legacy of the Venators, walking away from her friends, co-workers, and even Grady—the intrepid newshawk who seems to dog her every movement.

But when the worst comes to pass, and the powerful Venator alliance of Sebastian Vioget, Chas Woodmore, and Macey herself stumble in the face of the insidious evil of Nicholas Iscariot, even Macey has cause to question her motives and decisions.

And when the ultimate sacrifice must be paid, who will remain to wield the stake—and who will walk away?

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Melanie says

I was lucky enough to receive and ARC of in exchange for an honest review.

Writing this review is one of the trickiest ones I have had to do lately as there is so much I want to say but it would have SO many spoilers and I would hate to do that to anyone especially with THIS story. These words need to be read with no preconceived ideas in my opinion and thus this review will reflect that.

The wait for book 2 in this series has been unbearable with so many questions unanswered from book 1 but it was worth it.

I laughed, I cried, I held my breath, and I loved it! Colleen does an excellent job of combining providing you with some of the answer wanted from book 1 but at the same time creating new questions that now demand answers.

Theories I am sure will be flying as people get through this one and I am excited to see the fans reactions. I can guarantee some will be rather extreme.

Another wonderful installment in this fantastic legacy. Bring on book 3!

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MEGAN LINDO says

Gripping

Well developed characters, excellent flowing story and a strong plot. Leaves you wanting more. On to the next book. A good read.

Maloup says

Another win from one of my favorite series! I love Colleen Gleason's writing. Now to wait for the next book! :D

Barbara Binotto says

The second part of the story of Macey Gardella-Denton will leave you in suspense from beginning to end, and at the end, you'll have no more tears to cry and it'll make you hair stand on your head, the more you're fond of the world Gardella, the more it'll freak you out.

The various relationships and situations evolve often in unexpected directions, always in an absolutely

astonishing way. Macey proves the perfect offspring of Victoria and Max Pesaro, revealing part of the character of both sides and also a personality completely autonomous and distinctive.

Many of the questions left unanswered in the first book are answered, and believe me, it is not what you think. And for every answer, other questions arise. It will be hard to stop thinking about every detail, and what's to come. But it will be hard also not to be moved, angry, happy and sad at the same time for all that happens in this book.

We can only hope that the third book comes soon ... because we will remain in suspense until then.

Theresa says

Not much vampire hunting going on in the first two thirds of the story. Macy only kills 2 vampires and gets attacked by the big one. The story, while interesting is more of a 1920's mobster action story with robberies, illegal booze, counterfeiting and other stuff associated with mobsters. It's mostly just talk about dealing with vampires. As if Ms. Gleason just took a regular story and threw some vampires in to be able to put in in the genre.

It wasn't until the last third that things got really exciting. hostages are threatened, promises are kept, secrets reveled, dangers are done away with, relationships are changed and Macy's story takes a new turn.

Don't get me wrong I enjoyed it, but was expecting something with more vampire action and less Al Capone.

Fave Scenes: Grady's escape from the warehouse, mark of the silver cross, Mr. Badgley an Wayren's offer.

Maria Antonietta says

Ho ricevuto un ARC e questa è la mia opinione di Roaring Shadows.

Colleen Gleason è una delle poche autrici che non si smentisce mai nel dare emozioni ai propri lettori! Il secondo capitolo della trilogia di Macey Gardella è ancora più bello e pieno di azione e suspense del precedente.

Non vedo l'ora di poter leggere l'ultimo capitolo di questa avvincente trilogia!!

Per chi legge in lingua, consiglio la lettura anche di Raging Dawn.

Per chi legge solo in italiano. Non disperate! Sicuramente avrete la possibilità di leggere questo incredibile libro molto presto!

Romanticamente Fantasy says

“Macey, mormorò prendendola tra le braccia, quello che non capisci è che sono innamorato di te. Affronterei volentieri, e per scelta, questa vita, pur di stare con te, di essere al tuo fianco, per aiutarti, e quando ce ne sarà la possibilità, perché sai che ci sarà, sarei lì per fare l'amore con te, tenerti tra le braccia e scacciare i tuoi

demoni... foss'anche solo per poco tempo.”

Questa scrittrice non sbaglia un colpo! Questo secondo capitolo della serie di Macey è un susseguirsi d'azione, amori e colpi di scena infiniti! Ci troviamo in una Chicago ricca di malavita e ricchezze ad essa collegate, dove Al Capone è il re indiscusso e, come tutti i capi della malavita, pensa che con soldi, disonore e alzata di proiettili si possa ottenere qualunque cosa... ma non aveva mai avuto realmente a che fare con Macey. Una ragazzina, che a prima vista non sarebbe in grado di schiacciare una mosca ma che, nel suo campo di cacciatrice indiscussa di vampiri grazie alla sua discendenza di sangue, è in grado di sentire un vampiro e ucciderlo con la velocità di un soffio di vento.

Il mio personaggio preferito in questa serie è sicuramente Chas, una gran figo sia a livello caratteriale (è il classico sbruffone che tutto sa e tutto può) che a livello fisico, dotato di un sex appeal che farebbe girare qualsiasi donna.

Come la sua bis bis nonna Victoria, si ritroverà tra tre fuochi d'amore e la sua costante indecisione la porterà ad una scelta difficilissima ma quasi obbligata se non vorrà che un innocente, che poi così sprovveduto non è, faccia una brutta fine.

Durante la lettura sicuramente ci si trova a voler confrontare questa saga con la precedente e sono stata io la prima ad essere diffidente già dal primo capitolo perché, a parer mio sono davvero moltissime le similitudini, ma in questo capitolo in particolare, un'importantissima storia volge al termine in un epilogo più che romantico. Molti altri sono i capitoli in sospeso che spero troveranno la loro degna conclusione nel capitolo finale della serie.

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Maljka - per RFS

Alicia says

At first I was like "this took awhile to write and publish... not sure if worth the wait."

But then I read it and was all like "fuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuck i want to quit my job to read the Gardella series full-time for the rest of my life because this is yet another kickass installment to the series and I just want to read them from start to finish, AGAIN, and The Vampire Narcise too while I'm at it because fuck yeah why not!"

Seriously, Colleen Gleason can do no wrong in my eyes. It's just not possible. This series, this family, these women - I love it so much I joined a fucking fan club closed group on Facebook. Under my REAL NAME. So you know shit is serious.

I'm not saying it's logical. I'm just saying it IS.

Roaring Midnight was the first installment in Macy's series and I loved it because I love this series, but I didn't love it because Macy was amazing. She had a lot of growing up to do in the first book, and she completed that journey here in Roaring Shadows.

I can't really review this without going spoiler-crazy, because I have no self control to speak of, but if you're into this series, you cannot miss this book.

Okay one little spoiler - hell yes to Macy sleeping with whoever she wants, whenever she wants, because she can. She's a grown ass woman. Go Macy!

Mary says

Roaring Shadows is an action-packed and emotion-filled continuation of Macey Gardella Denton's part of the Gardella Vampire Hunters saga. Macey has to learn to balance her personal life with that of a vampire hunter in 1920s Chicago ruled by two titans of the underworld--the gangster Al Capone and the leader of the undead Nicholas Iscariot. Suddenly, everyone is coming after Macey for their own nefarious purposes. It doesn't help that she thinks she has to push away everyone who cares about her in order to protect them. As Chas is fond of saying, "The life of a Venator is a lonely one."

Macey's dilemma churns up a lot of emotion, and some parts are so tense, it was gut-wrenching. While I'm not really a fan of the bloody aspects of vampire stories, they do serve to get across the importance of Macey living up to her legacy and continuing to fight evil. The ending of this book was very satisfying, and I'm looking forward to the next installment!

I received an ARC of this book from the author in return for an honest review.

Tarra says

Back into the vivid and beautifully created world of vampires and gangsters with Macey Gardella in the Roaring 20s! This book continues to build upon the alternate history and romance the author has created in her Gardella Vampire Hunters books. This one will bring out a full range of emotions. There were moments in this story I was grinning like a fool, and there were times I felt that I'd just been punched in the gut. That's the mark of a great book, in my opinion, one that will make me swell with such varying emotions.

Macey continues to evolve and come into her own while battling her demons. She is fiercely independent, even to a fault. This book shows a bit of a hardened and darker Macey. It's hard to review without giving away spoilers--just know that many questions are answered and there are many new surprises ahead. Grady, Chas, and Sebastian are back, much is learned in this edition about their pasts and their fates.

To really get the full experience of this world, you should definitely check out the earlier Gardella Vampire Hunter books (the Victoria years).

These books aren't just simply read, they are devoured! These characters leap off the page and become your friends and your enemies. But really, no character in the Gardella world is quite what they seem, the world is not black and white. I love that this series keeps me guessing and that the author is never afraid to take her characters to dark places.

Milda Page Runner says

More like 2.5*

Samantha Savage says

WHAT WAS EVEN THE POINT OF HAVING SEBASTIAN IN THESE BOOKS? What was the long promise that was fulfilled??? Basically nothing happened. He didn't make some huge sacrifice. And then the best character in the series just vanishes after having a very minor role in the events of the series. For that reason, and the large Al Capone part of the novel, I did not overly like this book. That being said, it was still entertaining and I will read the final book but the use of Sebastian in these books was such a waste.

Beth Dibiasio says

Loved this second installment of the Macey Denton series. So glad the Gardella series is continuing and there are so many tie ins to other books of Ms. Gleason. So if you haven't read them (I have) they will make you want to read the others. This is a fast paced, roaring 20's with speakeasies, illegal whiskey, Al Capone and a few "gunfights". Loved every minute of it...the ending of this was not what I expected, but I was hoping for the epilogue events. So glad to have gotten the opportunity to read this as an ARC.

Chiara (LadySnowWentworth) says

Decisamente migliore del precedente, la storia mi ha tenuta davvero incollata alle pagine. Molto meglio anche nella traduzione rispetto al precedente e ai racconti di Max Denton, dove l'uso di certi termini non ha mai tanto garbato. Tra l'altro sono contenta che finalmente le due storie padre e figlia confluiscano. L'unica pecca, molto grande, davvero: l'epilogo della storia di Sebastian. Niente, non mi ha garbato, come nella serie madre, anche qui mi ha lasciato con l'amaro in bocca, ma mentre dalla serie madre si capiva che poteva esserci un seguito, qui è stata scritta la parola fine definitiva. Per carità, finale romantico e poetico, forse così doveva essere, ma non mi è piaciuto. Trovo che il personaggio, un gran bel personaggio davvero (io personalmente sono passata dall'odiarlo e diffidare di lui, all'adorarlo) meritasse altro.

Nadia says

I received a free advanced copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Roaring Shadows was an engrossing page-turner that I couldn't put down! As Macey has come more fully into her role as a venator she faces a number of difficult decisions. Much like her ancestor Victoria before her, Macey struggles with balancing her duty and the obligations of her personal life --made even more complicated by events revealed in the first book. She also spends much of the book questioning what it means to be a venator and what it could hold for her future. The weight of responsibility is heavier on her. This doesn't slow the pacing, but it focuses the plot in an unexpected direction.

As introspective as the book can be at times, it is well-balanced with plenty of twists, turns and action. I enjoyed the depth of detail in the story and how easy it was for me to slip into the rich, glittering atmosphere of nineteen-twenties Chicago. The characters were just as intriguing as the first book, but since Roaring

Shadows focuses on Macey being more independent, we don't see as much of them. While I would've liked to see more of certain characters this decision makes sense given the direction of the plot. Also, through multiple points of view and conversation, many of the questions raised in the previous book were subsequently answered in this one.

A few of Macey's decisions shocked me. Regardless of how I feel about them, you definitely get a sense of her as a character and it distinguished her from Victoria, which I appreciated. (If you haven't read The Gardella Vampire Hunters series yet, you should consider it.) The ending is full of shocks and revelations, making this another can't miss read!
