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**Meet Dolores 'Lola' Cruz.**

Going undercover is second nature for Private Investigator Lola Cruz, but she's out of her league when the case of a murdered Royals Courtside Dancer leads her to a local nudist resort. Parading around the sidelines of Sacramento's professional basketball scene in a barely-there cheerleading outfit is one thing—but parading around in nothing but a smile?

If she has any chance of hiding this from her traditional family and on-again/off-again boyfriend Jack, she's going to have to keep a lot more than her duct tape bra and killer dance moves under wraps...

## Bare-Naked Lola Details

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## My Book Addiction and More MBA says

BARE NAKED LOLA by Melissa Bourbon Ramirez is an interesting mystery/suspense novel. It is Book #3 in (The Lola Cruz Mysteries),but can be read as a stand alone. See, "Living the Vida Lola, Book one,Hasta la Vista, Lola", Book two,and "The Lola Cruz Christmas Story,A Lola Cruz Novella".Lola Cruz is a private investigator,smart,sassy,and goes undercover with the Sacramento's professional basketball team in search of a murder suspect.What she doesn't expect is a "nudist resort". For a bundle of giggles and a bunch of smiles read "Bare Naked Lola" you will not be disappointed. Of course with a bit of suspense,mystery,romance,laughs, and a bit of danger how could you go wrong. Received for an honest review from the publisher. Details can be found at Entangled Select,the author's website and My Book Addiction and More.

RATING:4

HEAT RATING: MILD

REVIEWED BY: AprilR, My Book Addiction and More

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## Charlene McGowan says

Love, love love this book!! Melissa's books are so enjoyable. I've loved each one of the series involving PI Lola Cruz! They are sexy and fun! A great cozy!

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## Arlena says

Author: Melissa Bourbon Ramirez

Published by: Entangled Publishing

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Raven Rating: 5

Blog Review For: Great Minds Think Aloud

Review:

"Bare-Naked Lola by Melissa Bourbon Ramirez was indeed a intriguing mystery read. This was book three... (The Lola Cruz Mysteries) and my first of the series. I did enjoy this mystery and thought it was well written ....positively a page turner. I was very much entertained with all of the twist and turns of this read. Believe me it was a hilarious read.

From the Camacho and Associates.. a local PI Agency...there was Deloris (Lola) Cruz....This very sassy, smart, investigator was going 'undercover in the Sacramento's professional basketball team' as a court side dancer..... looking for a murder suspect..... but how did she end up in a 'nudist resort?' Now..just how did that happen? The main thing was that Lola wanted to keep this from her family and boyfriend...Jack who had a ex girlfriend that had 'fatal attractions tendencies. Oh, less not forget Lola other job at the restaurant that her parents owned... being a waitress at Abuelitas.'... Lolas' night job..... and what about her family...a very interesting read.

Be ready to find plenty of suspense, mystery, romance, lots of laughter and even some danger in this good read. Now I don't want to leave out Jack....he was the 'HOT journalist' who had known Lola since HS...Would Lola and Jack finally get together? What about Sarah (the ex)?....How would this case come out? You will simply have to pick up this good read because it gets real interesting!

The characters were really off the chart...Lola,Jack...Manny,Detective Bennett, Chely, Victoria, Lance, Zac, Selma, Rochelle, Jennifer, Steve, Larry, Deirdre, Tiffany, Detective Seavers, ,Vanessa, Cassie, Reilly, Neill, Craig, Brooke, Sarah, Gracie, Lucy and the list goes on....giving you a well written novel that has plenty of mysteries solved that will come out. I do not want to tell you about the .... you will just have to pick up this read and find out and I am sure you will be surprised... I was.... who would have thought it was..... and .....!

If you are in for a good mystery..."Bare-Naked Lola" will be for you and yes I would definitely recommend this novel for a good mystery read.

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### **J.C. Hart says**

3.5 stars

Sadly, I haven't read the first two of this series – though that doesn't really matter as Miss Ramirez does a great job of seamlessly introducing any necessary history into the narrative without bogging the story down.

It was a great, light weight read. I powered through it in less than 24 hours and it provided me with a nice little escape and plenty of giggles. Lola Cruz is a character I could easily grow to love: she's kick ass, loyal to her family and friends, true to her values (once she realizes what they are), and also has a softer side.

There is quite a large cast in the novel, loads of secondary characters, most of whom are a mix of the usual people you'd find in these novels, but each with a unique spin on that archetype. The story line was hilarious, and the situations Lola found herself in had me in stitches.

I'd recommend this book for anyone who likes these kinds of mysteries – so if you are a fan of Stephanie Plum, then you'll probably enjoy this one. Worth checking out.

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### **Shay says**

Dislosure: I received a copy of this book from the publisher/author via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

It's kind of difficult to review mysteries. If you mention something and say it's not a spoiler, then you're basically giving away the fact that that's not a clue/important, etc. Which is a spoiler. So I like to focus on characters because I think that in the modern cozy-type mystery, characters make or break the story. Why?

Because most of these are series and you have to like and/or be interested enough in the characters to keep reading the series year after year.

Which brings us back to this series and its main character, Lola. Now, the previous book in the series, *Hasta la Vista, Lola!*, was released in 2010. Then, no book in 2011. I was disappointed and sad because I really like the MC, Lola. So, I'm very happy that this series is continuing. More importantly- for review purposes- is that I even remember Lola. Now, I read about 400 books a year. I've read 1000's of mysteries. Many of the mysteries blend together and I often can't remember the name of the main character, but I do remember Lola. I love Lola's loving, loud, sweet, and eccentric extended family as much as I love the mystery parts of the book. The one bad thing about this series: not enough of Lola's grandpa. Who I just think is adorable and cute. This is why creating great and memorable characters is so important in a mystery. Every year when you get the latest book in the series, it should be like going to a family reunion. It should feel like visiting and catching up with friends. And this is how that series feels.

Back to this book...in part of it, Lola needs to do some investigation at a nudist resort. Which, um, Yuck. And because Lola shares my feelings about nudist resorts, the scenes there are among the funniest in the book. The nudist colony pretty much freaks Lola out. I think that Lola would agree with my "4 Layers Rule". Which is logical and only right when you think about it. The "4 Layers Rule" is one of the cornerstones of my family's neuroses. The "Rule" states that: "At all times there should be 4 layers of clothing between your genitals and other people's genitals." (Your underwear and pants/dress/skirt and the other person's underwear... 4 layers.) Now obviously a nudist colony violates The Rule in an extreme way and, rightly, this kind of leads to Lola's discomfort with being there. In a humorous way. Just thinking about someone getting all gross and sweaty playing naked volleyball, then going into the (nudist) restaurant and sitting their sweaty...um, butt on a chair...that I would later sit on. {{{Shudder}}}

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## **Melissa says**

The Sacramento Royals have a problem and turn to Camacho and Associates, a local PI agency to solve it. Manny the boss knows just who would be right for the job. Dolores "Lola" Cruz. Lola's first undercover assignment as a full-fledged PI is a stretch for even this confident, fun-loving muchacha. She loves to Salsa dance however, Cheer dance she is not so sure, but that is what she looks like she will be doing. Hopefully she can keep it a secret from her family and her "maybe" boyfriend Jack. This mystery will ask Lola to push the envelope, bear her inhibitions, and who knows what else. How far will she go to get the clues and solve the case?

OHHHH Lola! This was my first Lola Cruz book and I am happy to report that the feisty chica has a new fan! I am in love with that character. *Bare Naked Lola* was a fast, funny, and entertaining read! This page turner kept me guessing though out the book! Having missed the previous two books I was leery thinking I would be lost, but Melissa Bourbon Ramirez brought me up to speed in no time.

I love the characters! Lola the smart, sassy spitfire, The zany Cruz family that can't seem to stay out of her business, Manny the mysterious ex-cop PI with the hots for Lola, and Jack the sizzling boyfriend with a loco ex-girlfriend with a fatal attraction-esque tendencies. The author has done a great job developing endearing characters that are real with less than perfect characteristics that are easy to relate too.

I would definitely recommend this book!

I'm off to get the first two Lola books!

Viva La Lola!

\*I was given an ARC of this book through NetGalley. Thanks

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### **\* Jennifer says**

Great fun! Very fast read, with a good plot and lots of well placed and well timed clues. I've been a fan of this series from the start and was very happy to see Bare-Naked Lola released - I had sort of given up on seeing another one. I loved the interplay between Lola and Callahan and I think the author did a nice job with the tension between the two. The family is crazy but nobody is so over-the-top that I wanted to smack them. Don't know what's going on between her and her boss, but it's intriguing, with hints throughout the series that could develop further, or just go nowhere.

I hope to see many more adventures with Lola in the future - she's great fun. :)

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### **Shannan says**

Loved Lola and the mystery. Who would have thought it was... ;-)

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### **Heather Book Savvy Babe says**

Bare Naked Lola may be book 3 in a series, but I jumped right in and am now a fan of the spunky, latin lady private investigator, Lola Cruz.

In Bare Naked Lola, private investigator Lola is put on a case where she has to go undercover as a cheerleader for a basketball team to find out the source of mysterious notes that have been scaring the girls. As the case develops and takes Lola to places she never dreamed she would go, she has to learn to shake it and reveal more skin than she ever wanted all while managing her tentative relationship with her boyfriend.

I really like Lola's character. She is fun, determined to prove herself, and an overall "good-girl" who gets herself into some pretty crazy situations. The situations she gets into in Bare Naked Lola are pretty funny. When her investigation takes a deadly turn, she has to investigate a nudist club, which really pushes her boundaries. She is cautious when it comes to relationships, and throughout the book she is struggling with her relationship with her boyfriend. I am happy that she seems to grow through the book and get to a better place with Jack. Lola's fellow private investigators and her family are all solid secondary characters. They are interesting, give the book depth, and also provide humor to the story.

I found Bare Naked Lola to be well-written and developed. The story is a mystery with some humor thrown in and I really liked reading this one. The only thing I didn't love was that Lola speaks in spanish a lot, she

uses spanish expressions. I don't speak spanish, and I was often distracted from the story trying to figure out what she said.

Overall, with good character development, unexpected and humorous plot twists, and mystery, Bare Naked Lola is an excellent read. I will read more Lola Cruz books in the future, and I recommend Bare Naked Lola to fans of mystery and humorous books.

\*I received this book for review\*

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### **Kym Roberts says**

Love Lola! She's sassy, cute and Latina to boot! Misa Ramirez has developed a female sleuth you'll love to cheer for, with her families influences and her boss's leadership, Lola is the girl next door. Love it!

if you want to try this series for free, check out Melissa Bourbon Ramirez's A Lola Cruz Christmas Story novella! Although it's not the first in the series, readers can jump in and follow the relationships with ease. It's a great intro to the Lola Cruz mystery series--especially since its free! Jack is the love of her life, but her boss Manny is one intriguing guy! The series is fun and fast with great characters.

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### **Lucie Paris says**

Fun and relaxing, this novel is perfect to unwind after a hectic day at work! Also perfect as an accompaniment to relax in the bath with a glass of wine. A dose of good humor entertaining and easy to read.

Before receiving this novel, I did not know Lola Cruz: the funny Hispanic investigator with a strong character. I did not know either that the author had already presented her and her entourage in two previous volumes.

It could have been a handicap to take the train and directly jump into the third station but I was never left on the sidewalk.

Melissa Bourbon Ramirez has closed my gaps about Lola's past with great ability and detailed reminders. So, if like me, you have not read the first two volumes, you can still spend a great time trying to find clues that will lead you to the murderer.

Beyond the humor of the heroine, her family described as a Sicilian clan and her hot boyfriend who drags his ex like a millstone around his neck, Lola is a private detective who must still prove herself. Suddenly, the reader is plunged, for the good of the investigation, in the secrets of a professional cheerleaders team in the NBA. Great scenery, don't you think ? Beacuse who has never dreamed to know the juicy details taking place in the locker room?

But I confess that when my reading took me into a nudist camp, I found the plot a little too far fetched. Fun: yes. Dared: certainly. But if you look through a scary thriller that keeps you awake all night, you can pass your way...

There I found an atmosphere similar to the one of "Miss Congeniality" with Sandra Bullock, ie a gay and charming entertainment.

As a conclusion, after meeting Lola Cruz, the author made ??me want to read the first two volumes to treat myself to her fun and punchy spirit.

Lucie

<http://newbooksonmyself.blogspot.fr...>

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### **Dorothy McFalls says**

Misa Ramirez has scored with her latest edition in the Lola Cruz Mysteries series. She had me cheering for Lola as the sassy PI goes undercover as a dancer for a professional basketball team to investigate a mystery that kept me guessing (and giggling) all the way to the bare-naked end. Oh my!

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### **Crystal says**

Every so often I find a book where I just want to be the main character so bad that I dream about it. Bare-Naked Lola is definitely one of those books. I woke up twice thinking I was some kick arse, kung fu fighting, Spanish speaking girl bringing down the bad guy. I have to admit that I tried to go back to sleep because being Lola was so much fun!!

Lola is a PI and part time waitress at her parents restaurant. She has been trying to convince everybody that she has what it takes to become a big time player in this male dominant world. Her big chance comes when the owner of a famous basketball dance team needs her to fish out the crazy person leaving threatening notes for the dancers. The story is part hilarious and part all out crime fighting fun. Lola takes a chance and goes undercover as a Royal dancer and in doing so hopes that nobody she knows will spot her new "career choice". Right like that was gonna happen!

This whole book was so much fun! I loved Lola's crazy family and all her friends. I seriously laughed my arse off the entire book! I never knew who was the villain and I have to say that the whole naturist community was a hoot! I haven't laughed this much in a long time. The story also held its own and I was blown away when the big reveal happened. It was pure brilliance on the authors part in my opinion. She definitely kept me on my toes.

I can't leave this review without mentioning Jack. He was \*sigh\* awesome. Even though I jumped into this series in the middle I could still feel all that angst and heat between him and Lola. I definitely want to pick up the first 2 books in the series to see what I missed because I have a feeling it was a lot and I want more from these two characters.

I am so SO glad that I was gifted this book. It was beyond entertaining and I am definitely going to pick up the next installment. I can't wait to see what Lola gets into next!

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### **Rachel Firasek says**

Lola, Lola, Lola. Wow. I'm sad that I've not read books 1 & 2 yet. Beginning with book 3 was a breeze because Bourbon managed to bring me right up to speed without any blips in the history. I love that. This is my first mystery read, and as I hooted on twitter, I may be a new fan of the genre if they are all as fun as Bare-Naked Lola.



Lola was everything I look for in a heroine: smart, funny, feisty, and most of all vulnerable. She kept me totally entertained and completely enthralled. Oh, and her love interest Jack is not to be left out. He's a super hottie with a single minded goal: Get Lola and keep her.

If you're looking for a fun, fast read with a who-done-it plot line, this is absolutely the book for you. I enjoyed every moment and am now a new fan of the genre. Woot!

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## **Diana Hockley says**

Melissa Bourbon Ramirez has treated the reader to a hilarious romp, in this mystery for, despite the murderous subject matter, MS Bourbon Ramirez' characters are delightfully entertaining.

Lola, a good Latina daughter of a large caring family, is determined to become a good detective and counts on her boss, the enigmatic Manny, to teach her. As well as detecting, she helps out at her family's restaurant and figures ways to entice the delectable Jack into her bed. Unfortunately, Jack has an unstable ex-wife, Sarah, who frequently abandons her medication and chases after Jack, which somewhat dampens Lola's spirits.

The novel opens with Lola being co-opted to go incognito with the members of the Royals Courtside Dancers, who support Sacramento's basketball team. Riven from limb to limb with unaccustomed exercise, Lola finds herself forced to go undercover – strike the word “cover” from that – in a nudist colony to find a murderer. Attempting to keep herself clothed, dodging the well meant efforts of her loving family to assist and trying to keep her boyfriend, Jack from finding out what she is up to, takes all of Lola's ingenuity...

I think one could describe Bare-Naked Lola as a “cozy” mystery, probably because of the warm, easy way in which it is written. Ms Bourbon Ramirez has done a great job of fleshing out her colourful characters, who are likeable and great fun. The pacing of the plot is excellent in this well-presented story.

A delight to read and highly recommended.

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