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From New York Times Bestseller Rebecca Cantrell and Sean Black comes the sequel to "A" is for Asshat and another fast-paced, funny novel that's perfect for fans of Janet Evanovich.

Maloney Investigation's newest private detective, Sofia Salgado, is back on the case that turns into her mother's worst nightmare when she ends up undercover in one of Malibu's many rehab clinics.

If she doesn't solve the mystery in time, she and all the bad girls she meets inside, including rock star Brandi Basher and reality TV train wreck Monaco Jane, might just end up going to the big rehab center in the sky.

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Catherine says

Love this book. In the 2nd book of the series, Sofia grows as a person and a character.

Many cozy books featuring women portray the woman as a twit, but Sofia isn't. Nor is she a superwoman. She quirky with flaws and strengths and very human.

The supporting cast is also well developed - her sister is her best friend and really gets her, her mom is funny and over protective and forever staging interventions due to misunderstandings.

The narrator does an awesome job of portraying each character as individuals - I know who is speaking without being told and I forget that it's just one person reading, which to me is the true measure of an audiobook reader.

This audiobook was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of AudiobookBlast dot com

Alicia says

Love this series. It is light and laugh out loud funny. I really enjoy Sofia's niece and nephew..too hilarious. This was a really good story and I didnt figure the killer until the very end. What a nice twist. Also...always love the embarrassing moments for Sofia. On the the next one!

Opal Sibley says

Nice mystery

I enjoyed the characters and the situations they were placed in. It was a little weak in places but fun.

Melinda says

Wow. Another fun book in this series. Sofia is super enjoyable as a main character. Her family is hilarious. Loved the scenes inside rehab and the way Sofia has to actress her way into “druggie Sofia third person style”.

Enjoying this series. Quick fun read, nothing too revolting in the way of the crime (ie: not CSI), and yet the sleuthing part is pretty well developed too. Good stuff.

Heather says

"B" is for Bad Girls is the second in this series, and it was a fast and entertaining read. This time Sofia goes undercover into a rehab clinic for a case and quickly realizes that it is a dangerous place to be. I enjoyed the character of Brandi Basher, a musician Sofia meets in rehab, and I hope she makes an appearance in future books!

One of the things that had bothered me in the first book was the fact that Sofia drives around LA in a Tesla Roadster but nothing is ever said about her charging it (it is an electric vehicle). I was happy to see that the authors did at least put in one mention of her charging it in her parking space at her home, so bravo! Perhaps they'll decide to include a casual mention here or there in other parts... at one point, for instance, Sofia loans her car to someone else (I won't go into details because I don't want to give spoilers), and it would have been a perfect time for her to realize she hadn't explained how to unplug it and for her to hope that person would figure it out. Or Sofia might mentally congratulate herself at some point in driving around LA that she gets to use the carpool lane thanks to her Tesla even though she's driving alone.

The book was a fast read and fun, but the storyline did wind up a bit too quickly and I don't know that all the strings were tied up to my satisfaction (again, I don't want to give spoilers, but the ending wasn't entirely believable to me). The characters of Sofia's niece and nephew are a bit annoying and still seem over-the-top (I have to assume that's an intentional decision by the authors, but let's just say that the scene involving a window and a cherry pit strains belief!). The children seem more like props than fully fleshed-out characters, but again, hopefully they will be developed more in future books and be given some redeeming qualities.

All in all, another fun read by Rebecca Cantrell and Sean Black, especially if you're in the mood for light fare!

doris says

Cantrell and black/b is for bad girl's

Cantrell and Black are great writers writing the Malibu mystery series together. I can see that they make a combustible team together being of same mind frame. This series involved the Maloney detective agency getting involved in finding out why a famous music star died of drug overdose in a rehab clinic when the star was cleaned . The detective agency sends Sofia into the clinic posing as a drug addict to find out what's going on in the inside. When you think you know , you find out it's a whole different angle. You will not be disappointed with this series as the first one you read. Can be a stand alone but you need to read the series in chronically order to understand the dynamic of Aiden and Sofia and Brandon Aiden father to to know where each of the characters are coming from . Both of these writers Cantrell and Black together are dynamo duo who doesn't disappoint the readers with mystery with a twist of humor, on to next serie. ?

Jan says

Light, quick, fun read guaranteed to make housecleaning or the gym time go by just as quickly. The publisher's blurb gives hints and there are no spoilers here, but there is lots to smirk and guffaw at! My copy is audio by Madeline Mrozek who really knows how to up the entertainment factor.

Linda says

Cute story. Fred the seagull is a good pet. Feed him pizza or bolgna and he's happy. This series is funny and fast. Sofia has sass and the possibility of Aiden at some point down the road. I just know it!! In the meantime he and his yellow Porche are her backup. She gets in trouble in her fake rehab stay but finds a friend in the process. These two books are reminiscent of early Stephanie Plum books so that makes them a good read.

Charlene Davis says

Cute mystery's

This is second one I've read and I do suggest reading in order characters are built up. The two children are adorable little stinkers. You need to read to find out why

Cathy says

This is the second book in the series but a definite stand alone. It is a mystery that has humor throughout and family members who actually care about each other...it also poles fun at some Hollywood stereotypes. The mystery is solid, the story enjoyable and our heroine Sofia is a charmer while the other characters are colorful and entertaining.

Good read, great characters.

I did receive an arc for an honest review.

Rosemary K says

Sofia Salgado played a private investigator on a television show. When she quit the entertainment industry, she decided to be one in real life. Unfortunately she's still a target of the paparazzi which makes her work harder. The exception is her current case, where she's going to rehab to see if a famous singer was murdered. Sofia is not thrilled with this plan. She doesn't do drugs and being isolated from her back up is risky. Who knows what could happen while she's there! I love Sofia. She's an original. Trouble seems to follow her around and if something embarrassing happens TMZ is there to record it. Her battle of wills with Aidan is hilarious. They may fight but underneath it they care for each other. Just how much is the question. This is a fast paced story filled with surprising twists and turns. I could put this book down. I loved the quirky characters especially Fred, her pseudo-pet. This book is a quick and entertaining read. I'm looking forward to the next book in the Malibu Mystery series.

Deborah Ledford says

I thoroughly enjoyed this PI mystery quest, loaded with entertainment business elements that held my interest. Leading lady Sofia Salgado is capable and competent, yet realistic with flaws and insecurities, and even the secondary characters resonate with endearing qualities I look forward to reading more about. Light, yet written with skillful prowess, the book is appropriate for all ages to enjoy. The entire novel is fast-paced and the case is solved in a satisfying manner, so important for a good mystery read. This is definitely a series I will continue to follow.

Siobhan Henn says

Really enjoyed this and Sofia and Aidan's slightly wierd flirtation. Fascinating characters - can't wait for more

Su Ann says

I just finished reading "B" is for Bad Girls (Malibu Mystery Book 2) by New York Times and International bestselling authors Rebecca Cantrell and Sean Black. These books are an absolute joy to read. I just love the humor. They're fast, funny, laugh out loud books that will leave you wanting more. Thank goodness there are 26 letters in the alphabet!

The first book, "A" is for A\$\$hat, Sofia was photographed relieving herself outside a rehab center in Malibu. This prompted everyone into believing (especially her family) that she was in dire need of help from said rehab center! This second edition finds Sofia going undercover in yet another Malibu rehab clinic. Join Sofia Salgado in her hilarious escapades in trying to save the resident 'bad girls' and redeeming herself back into her mother's good graces. Find out just how good of an actress she really is!

Each book allows us to delve a little deeper into Sofia's family life as she interacts with various members. This is a loving, close knit group of people who know the value of what it is to be 'family'.

I grew up thinking the life of a private detective would be a glamorous life to live. So far, with these two books, I'm beginning to realize - it's not that glamorous. But, the books do give us the opportunity to live that life vicariously through Sofia. If these books are going to follow through and cover the entire alphabet, then here's hoping the next 24 books allow us to embark on a journey to glimpse firsthand and witness the emotional growth and maturity of this amazing young lady. I have a feeling we're going to be laughing all the way!

Imjussayin says

"B" is for Bad Girls: Malibu Mystery 2

Chronological order recommended.

In A Nutshell: Williams a famous rocker dies of a drugs overdose. His nearest and dearest was his sister, who was mysteriously cut out of the Will in favour of the drug clinic owner. His sister smells a rat and Sofia goes undercover in rehab to investigate. A lively read with pop-culture references that make it believable. ??

The Protagonists: Sofia Salgado was the child star of a hit series called The Half Pint Detective. But fame and fortune was not her dream but that of her sister. A frustrated Sofia, age 22, wants something more meaningful. And she may have found it in detecting. Sofia is amusing and given her current life choice,

earnest.

The Plot: Jenner Williams asks Maloney investigations to find out how her brother died. He came out of rehab clean, dies of an OD. And Williams leaves a Will that cuts out his beloved sister entirely in favour of his rehab clinic. So Sofia is asked to go undercover in the clinic.

Again the book offers amusing dialogue and humourous compromising situations. I like the plot. Sofia going undercover rang true. And so did the personalities she met in rehab like the rock star Brandi Basher. Brandi is wild, and I would enjoy seeing her appear in further books.

The supporting cast is also colourful including Sofia's niece and nephew. Violet, a fighter and Van a DIY kid. They are over the top; Violet has a nutcracker fighting move. No prizes for guessing which part of the male body that hurts.

I like the setting of Sofia's home, a gentrified trailer park on the seafront with mobile homes costing six figures. Less believable is Sofia's Ikea furniture.

Although the book is weak in parts, it was stronger for linking the stories in books one and two. It also brings the reader more intimately into Sofia's family.

Those who like Stephanie Plum may find this series fun. A good second book so I am off to read three.

Enjoyable.

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Book Rating

Sexual Content: U

Language: U

Violent: U

Would I read the next one ~~or reread~~?: Yes

My rating system (* = star)

0* Could not finish this book (waste of time)

1* Finished the book but ~~didn't like it~~ not fulfilled

2* Finished the book it was okay.

3* A good read worth your time.

4* An excellent read often with a novel concept or unusual plot.

5* A magnificent read. A prominent example of the genre.
