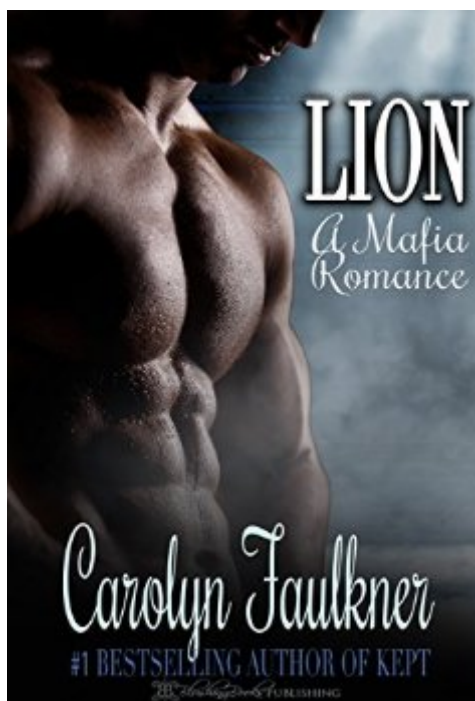


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# Lion: A Mafia Romance



## Synopsis

All Cecelia Franklin wanted out of this encounter was enough information to keep working on the novel she was writing, but she ended up getting a lot more than she bargained for. She'd managed an incredible coup — she got a meeting with Nicolo Antonelli. They called him the lion, for his long, shoulder length hair — and his ruthless reputation. Nico didn't have much use for reporters or journalists, but a fiction writer? And a beautiful one at that, who seemed to show signs that she might have some of the same interests he had? How could he not take advantage of that? Publisher's Disclaimer: A love story, completed by passion and discipline.

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## Customer Reviews

This is my honest review in exchange for my ARC copy. This is a short dark romance with a lot of explicit sex scenes. The characters meet and fall instantly in love. There is not lot of character development and the story mostly focuses on CeCe & Nick. If you like sweet romances, this is not for you. This is more in line with Carolyn Faulkner's dark writing. But if you are a fan of her dark writing and descriptive BDSM scenes, you will love this book.

This is not the typical romance, not even close but it's still a great book! Nick, a pure alpha male, and Celia, his submissive, jump out of this story and drag you in. They both know what they want and luckily for them they are truly what each other needs! Very nicely done!

I enjoyed this well written book but wished there was more story to go along with the many great sex and punishment scenes. I can say that it was interesting to see where Nick and Celia would go in this storyline. Nick the Lion, an alleged crime boss, was a man that was used to getting what he wanted. He wanted Celia and Celia was who he would have. Although he loved her, Nick was set in his ways, high handed, had rigid standards, and doled out harsh punishments. Celia on the other hand was devoted to Nick but seemed overwhelmed at times. She met him while doing research for a novel she was writing but seemed to lose track of that part of her through out the story. Their feelings were intense and all consuming as they spent most of their time together. However, she loved Nick and loved his way of handling her. I truly enjoyed Nick's "proposal" as it was so in line with his character and the relationship he and Celia had developed. Overall I recommend reading this book if you enjoy an intense love story with a more harsh side of a D/s relationship that leans more on the side of S/m. I would love to have seen more story about Nick's business as well as Celia's writing but the focus was more on the relationship aspects. The sex and punishment scenes were many with a few laughs thrown in as well. I hope you enjoy! Note: I was given this ARC copy in exchange for an honest review!

Cecilia Franklin is a struggling writer. Somehow she manages to land a meeting with Nicolla Antonella, head of a local crime family. All she wants is a little information for an upcoming book, but somehow ends up with much, much more. Nicolla knows the minute he sees Cecilia that he has to make her his. I really liked this romance from Carolyn Faulkner. As always the discipline is harsh, but completely consensual. Nico is the ultimate alpha male. Cecilia is submissive, but also strong and independent, making Nico work to earn her submission. They work really well together as a couple and the sex scenes between the two absolutely sizzle. I received a copy of the book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

I, like many others, am a big fan of Carolyn Faulkner. Her books always give great depth and development to both the submissive female lead and the dominant Alpha male. This book is no exception and delivers everything we have come to expect and cherish. My only slight disappointment with this particular story is that I feel the submissive nature of Cecilia was too

quickly and too harshly taken advantage of by the mafia head, the titular Lion. Even with that minor reservation I still see this as a full 4 star book, and I know that most all of you will enjoy it thoroughly. I received this book as an advance review copy, in exchange for an honest review, from the publisher.

I was provided an ARC of this book for my honest opinion. I am a big fan of Carolyn Faulkner! I love her style of D/S writings, especially her dark romance books like Gilded Cage. This book, Lion, was mild by comparison but enjoyable. I really wished that the book was longer to develop the mafia don plot to really pull Celia into his world. I love the dominance of Nico and how Celia tested his boundaries a little, and how he let her think that she was getting away with something only to later remind her that he was calling the shots. I also enjoy that Celia's character didn't try to top from the bottom. This book has good character and relationship development along with hot sex scenes. This is definitely a must read!

What's not to love here? You have Carolyn Faulkner at her best with a taste of the mafia. Definitely graphic, absolutely explicit and you can assume problematic for those readers that don't like this genre. For those that do? Candy. There's a little part of me that wishes there was more of a mafia don -slash- rival angle or subplot, but that's not what this author writes. She provides characters, relationship development and hot sex scenes. And that she delivers. I gobbled up this book. If you're on the fence about reading it, just do it. I don't think you'll regret it. I was provided an ARC of this book for my honest opinion. And my honest opinion was given.

A powerful Mafia boss has his eye on the innocent looking journalist Cecelia Franklin. She only wants to write an expose as her first step on the ladder of journalism. But there is something humming in the air that sets a sexual vibration between this unlikely couple. Nicolo Antonelli is no cowering Mafia boss, his reputation precedes him, what he wants he gets by hook or by crook and he want Cecelia. His approach in their growing relationship exudes subtle and not so subtle plays of dominance including spankings and power exchange from her submission to his treatment. Love her books!

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