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For Maria Pagliano, too much of a good thing has always been a problem. Whether it's men or carbs, she just can't say no. But that's about to change. For her high school reunion, Maria's vowed to reinvent herself as a woman who has her life strictly in order. No more pasta, bread, dessert, or dating- even if the menu offering is one sexy chef named Dante Del Rosso. Everything about Dante is off-limits. From his come-hither smile to his sultry way around the kitchen in his Boston restaurant, he's too much temptation...for her taste buds and her heart. Just being around the guy makes her crave more. The only thing to do is go cold turkey on Dante. But he has other ideas. Now, this devil is out to woo his dream woman using every spicy, sweet, and sinfully delicious weapon he's got. And once Maria gets a taste of the real thing, how can she possibly settle for anything less?

## **The Devil Served Tortellini Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Devil Served Tortellini for online ebook**

### **Kelly Gladney says**

Ok, so a friend of mine had sent me this book, among others, and I looked at it at thought, uh no, it's Romance. I'm not a big Romance book fan and I didn't think she was either so I gave it a glance. I noticed that there were recipes at the beginning of each chapter that I assumed had something to do with the story. I thought, well that looks fun. It turned out to be a fun read even if it was probably fluff. More of a Rom/Com than Romance. The recipes were even entertaining to read as they weren't straight up recipes. They definitely tied into the story and I'm even trying a couple. I would probably read something else by her for a quick, fun time and for her sense of humor.

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### **BJ says**

This was a cute romance involving Maria, an Italian American with a "weight problem" who has an upcoming high school reunion and joins Chubby Chums in the hopes of losing weight, so she can attract an old high school crush. Problem is that there is an Italian restaurant across the street from where Chubby Chums meets and the chef there is seriously handsome and sexy and the food is seriously good. Really cute romance, part of an interconnected series called Sweet and Savory Novels. One note, the author has re-released this novel under another name. The new name is The Devil Served Desire (A Sweet and Savory Novel). Don't know why this was done.

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### **Robin says**

It took me a while to realize it but the recipes at the start of each chapter are not random in their order. They are following along with the story. The book isn't going to win any literary awards for its writing but it's a fun story. The story takes place in Boston's North End but it is clear, the author hasn't spent too much time in the North End but she would know that you never find parking as easily as the characters do.

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### **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Maria Pagliano is a woman on a mission. She must lose weight in time for her high school reunion in less than two months. Her old lover will be there, and she wants to show off a beautiful figure. Maria joins the Chubby Chums weight loss support group. This group is outrageously funny with their supportive sayings. Maria must stick to the crazy group, because she's definitely having a hard time saying no to her favorite Italian foods. Especially when chef Dante Del Rosso offers up his to-die-for Tortellini.

Dante has finally found a woman who he can picture in his future. But, Maria is not only trying to keep her hands off food, but men are a no-no, too. Dante can't resist the passion that radiates from Maria or the love that fills up her heart. Her family is crazy and passionate, but Dante has always wanted that for himself. Now, Dante will have to convince Maria that he's right for her, because she's certainly fighting the attraction.

With the little help of a matchmaking mamma, Dante just might get the woman of his dreams.

Maria is an all around beautiful heroine. She is full of passion, love and excitement. She was once betrayed by a man she was deeply in love with, and the relationship left a deep scar on her heart. Maria doesn't want to make the same mistake twice, but Dante is just the passionate Italian to get her pulse racing and her heart thumping. Dante rates at the top of list for one the sexiest heroes I've ever encountered. And, I totally fell in love with him.

Author Shirley Jump has a writing talent that is pure magic! I always love escaping into a wonderful book by this author, because she definitely knows how to create a world of love, laughter and luscious food. **THE DEVIL SERVED TORTELLINI** is absolutely hilarious and healthily dosed with scrumptious recipes. Mix in a crazy cast of characters, a fun plot, and pages ripe with excellent Italian dialogue, and you've got yourself a keeper.

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### **Katherine says**

I picked this up at the used bookstore because it looked like it might be funny. There was a little humor but not a lot. What is fun are all the recipes before each chapter. That was an unexpected surprise.

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### **Linda Smatzny says**

A fun romance that centers around food - Italian. The main characters are Maria Pagliano and Chef Dante Del Rosso. Maria doesn't want to get married and Dante wants marriage but can't seem to find the time. The book includes recipes. It was a quick easy read.

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### **Meghan says**

Ugh. I knew going in that this book wasn't going to be fine literature. But I didn't expect for it to be as bad as it was.

When I start a book called *The Devil Served Tortellini*, I would at least expect to be entertained. But nothing really ever happened! Maria meets Dante. Maria resists Dante. Dante continues to pursue Maria because... I am not sure why he keeps going after her. He keeps going on about how she is great because she is both smart and beautiful, but if the only qualifications are intelligence and physical attractiveness I am sure that he could have found quite a few other people to chase in Boston. But regardless, Maria pushes him away and complains about her hatred for her body until the end when it all comes together as it always does in a romance novel. The End.

It was really riveting stuff.

I was also rather offended by quite a few themes of the novel. It was all more than a little sexist. Maria can't work with men because they only pay attention to her body. She and her friends start a shop that deals with cookies and chocolate, because that was only natural, "being women." Maria again and again argues that marriage may not be right for her only to be convinced otherwise because obviously the only way to fill the

void caused by an absence of love for a woman is to get married and get to work on a few babies (did I mention that this lack of love is what will make you fat? Because that was heavily implied too.)

I was especially troubled by the novel's treatment of Maria's mother. Maria is always saying that she doesn't want a marriage like her mother's, wherein she stays home and caters to her father, who literally comes home from work and drinks in his chair while watching sports on television, only getting up for dinner. (view spoiler)

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### **Barbi says**

This was a delicious book! I loved the recipes throughout it. They were both funny and yummy sounding. Maria and Dante sounded like a perfect match from the beginning and I looked forward to how things would play out throughout the book.

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### **Deb says**

Audible edition

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### **Dawn ♥ romance says**

Cute story with plenty of humor but after awhile the plot got repetitious and I didn't like heroines stubbornness. The final solution occurred to me early on and I ended up skipping chunks of the book. Maria wants to lose weight for her reunion and it's not a good time to meet chef Dante.

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### **Rachel Romeo says**

I loved this book especially being from a traditional Italian family. The recipes thrown in are great as well and if you've ever been part of a family who thinks that if you're not married off by 25 you'll become an old maid, you'll truly appreciate this one. Funny , witty and an easy read.

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### **Deborah Alexander says**

#### **Vita Deliziosa**

Maria and Dante are perfect for each other, but Maria thinks she is in love with her high school sweetheart, Antonio. She is willing to suffer through Chubbie Chums meetings and starvation dieting to reach a single digit dress size. Dante's attentions and intentions frighten her, and she fights her growing attraction to him. Maria still grieves for the betrayal of another boyfriend, and she has no intention of being under any traditional Italian husband's thumb. It takes the discovery of her mother's secret to convince Maria that she

can be herself and be married too. Of course, Nonna's "marriage soup" has nothing to do with it! Each chapter features delicious Italian recipes told by the various character's points of view. Shirley Jump's excellent storytelling delivers wonderful characters and warm humor in a delightful love story set in the Italian community in Boston. You'll fall in love with this book!

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## **Sara HarlequinJunkie says**

Reviewd by HarlequinJunkie Romance Reviews

Starving ourself for the perfect man....we've probably all done that a time or two over the course of our lives. In this book Maria does just that and why not kill two birds with one stone and impress the size two skirts of a long time rival. But what happens when she meets the one man that accepts and desperately wants her just as she is.. she runs or she tries to!

I was hooked from the first chapter. Maria is a character that I just simply wanted to whack with the nearest object to knock sense into her. And Dante is one of those temptations that simply cannot be resisted and needs to be tasted at all costs!

I love how the author incorporates various mouth watering recipes into a tale of 'Out there is the one man that will love you for who you are,even if you don't'.

Maria's family are absolutely hilarious and had me laughing out loud at their sour n' sweet antics. I love how the author made the book almost personal as if trying to tell the reader home is where the heart is...

The Devil Served Tortellini has passion and even a sleazy character or two, which adds to the spice of romance. It is a fun and romantic comedy that left me feeling much like Maria twisted and twined around food for thought.

If you have never read the authors books before your in for a real treat -- go grab a copy of The Devil Served Tortellini before the restaurant is fully booked I mean the book stores sell out!

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## **Stephanie says**

This is a good romance series with recipes. I only gave it 3 stars because it does have too detailed sex scenes for me. I know a lot of romances do and amny people like that about the books - just not for me. Each book has a theme of recipes in them, if I recall this book has Italian recipes. Simple recipes and they sound wonderful.

I read these books out of order for the series and it made no difference to the stories, so 'JUMP' in where ever you are and enjoy!

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## **Jet says**

The recipes are pretty much decent and written with a good dose of humour. I don't generally watch RomComs but I love reading them - largely because they are pretty much fluff and brainless. There isn't much point in writing about the plot here - suffice to say, it says: no point dieting , be happy with who you are.

Right. See? Excellent brainless fluff.

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