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Chelsea Tanner's career as a defence lawyer is rapidly climbing. Her strong ethics and sharp wit in the courtroom has paved her way into becoming an associate of Sydney's top law firm. She hasn't lost a single case in her short but successful career. Law is her life, living and breathing it leaves little time for anything more. When a member from the infamous Legano Family is up on a murder charge, Chelsea finds more.

Pacer Fratelli is dark, hard and completely consumed by his new defence lawyer. Chelsea and Pacer's worlds couldn't be further apart but he wants more ... and what Pacer wants, Pacer gets.

When bad love feels so good, just how far would you go to defend it?

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# From Reader Review Defending Pacer for online ebook

## Gemma Weir says

Check out more of my reviews on my blog <http://gemmareadstoomuch.co.uk>

Defending pacer is the first book I have read by this author.

This book had an amazing start!!

It's cheeky and sexy and completely pulled me in.

I mean seriously I will NEVER look at a leather glove in the same way again!!

Pacer and Chelsea have this insane chemistry and honestly everything about them was smouldering hot!

I love them together, it's a modern day Romeo and Juliet and I enjoyed how different they are but that somehow they work together.

The sex was HOT, and yeah I was a little hot and bothered!!

I really had no idea how this was going to end, but unfortunately it was with a fizzle rather than a bang.

I was so disappointed that after all that steam this book just sauntered towards a HEA without addressing how forbidden their love was.

Great start, crappy ending, defending pacer gets 3 stars from me.

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## Kristine GPI Bookblog says

TJ Hamilton has been on my tbr for over a year now, I have both ebook and paperback copies of her Thyme Trilogy sitting here, begging me to read them, and I just haven't gotten a chance, when Defending Pacer hit my kindle I was intrigued, the cover definitely has a dark edge to it, I'm generally not a huge lover of dark romance, I'm not ashamed to admit I went in a tad scared...

Pacer Fratelli is all kinds of bad arse anti hero, cold blooded killer no doubt about it, he's definitely not innocent, not by a long shot, growing up the son and nephew of Sydney's criminal underworld Pacer knows more than most about the illicit side of Sydney. He's fought and beaten more charges than even the police and prosecution would like to admit to, but when he's brought up on charges that look set to stick Pacer might finally be facing his come up pence.

Chelsea Tanner is worlds away from Pacer in everyway that seems to count, the daughter of an esteem supreme court judge, a successful defence lawyer in her own right, Chelsea has created a name for herself even with standing her father's illustrious career. Her family has always stood on the right and just side of the law, her career has definitely seen her straddling that line previously but when she meets her new client Pacer Fratelli things become blurred, lines get crossed.

While *Defending Pacer* started with a slightly darker feel, it was decidedly lighter than I anticipated, part erotic romance part suspense, the dynamic between Pacer and Chelsea is steamy from the outset, whether it was purely animalistic attraction or a recognition of something deeper lurking in their souls, there was a magnetism that intrigued me, making me want to know more, continue reading, sliding into the seedy underbelly of the city I call home.

There's so much at play here in *Defending Pacer*, Hamilton paints a picture of a modern day Romeo and Juliet in the truest sense of the word, two families at either end of the legal scale, Pacer and Chelsea couldn't be more different in so many ways, but it was the ways in which they were alike that grabbed at my heart. The ways that Chelsea challenged Pacer to think outside of himself and his family, and the way Pacer set Chelsea free of the burden of expectation, of being what she believed her family, her colleagues, the world around her expected of her, allowed her to be truly free was inspired.

I truly loved diving into *Defending Pacer*, my only pause that held me back from going straight to the five lipsticks was the overuse of a pet name, pet names for me are a tough call, I love and hate them in equal measure, I found myself getting weary of it at times throughout the story, almost blacking it out in my mind. I loved this dirty, dark and sinful man, with his penchant for leather gloves, his wicked tongue and filthy thoughts, balanced perfectly with Chelsea's street smarts and sass, she was strong and sure, she's wasn't afraid to go up against those bigger and scarier than her, and her sense of morality was always present despite being tested. *Defending Pacer* may have been my first by TJ Hamilton, it certainly won't be my last.

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✳kawehi.reviews says

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**3.75 stars!!**

An interesting romance twist between a top notch lawyer and a man she's brought in to defend with ties to a notorious and powerful family-- *Defending Pacer* was all in all a not bad read. I found it likable, with a great blend of forbidden love, moral ethics, hot sex, and going against the grain.

I was inept with how author TJ Hamilton was going to unravel this uncanny and complicated tale, but boy did she pull it off!

Over all, an intriguing take on a convicted murder and the only person who could possibly save him as well as herself.

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## Amanda says

### The lawyer and the criminal

I'm intrigued by the premise of the story with the heroine being the criminal defense lawyer and the anti-hero who is of course the criminal being charged for homicide.

I want sparks. I want a bit of forbidden romance. I want the heroine to question her integrity. I want the hero to be reserve and professional. I didn't get what I want though.

Pacer Fratelli is the anti-hero that I just couldn't warm up to. I don't get to know much about his past and I don't know his motivation. I'm okay with pushing the hard limits, I had no problem with murderer, but I need to understand his motivation and maybe salvage some redeemable quality in him. But I didn't get it.

And the part that bother me most is his action in the beginning, which never get address even towards the end. His gives me the feeling of being stalkerish and totally creepy. (view spoiler) This just wouldn't do. It happened quite early on the story, so I let it pass and see how it is going to get handle later. But no... it was swept under the rug and never brought up again.

Don't let me get started on the heroine. I don't understand why she hates her colleague so much, but get all hots for her criminal client.

I ended up skimming the book until 70% before I decided to call it off.

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## Becky says

I seem to be in a mafia phase at the moment so this was the perfect next read. It started off fantastically, both legal elements and mafia elements, seemed like my perfect read. The story almost lost me about 1/3rd of the way through, some of the hotter scenes seemed a bit over the top for me but it quickly got my attention back. The story continued to keep me hooked throughout, the only other thing i would rather would have been without the extended epilogue, i would have been hapier for it to end at the end of the end of the first epilogue but thats just my personal preference.

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## Amy says

Defending Pacer

4.5 stars

by T.J. Hamilton

Chelsea Tanner's is about to take on the biggest case of her life. She remains unblemished in the courtroom; no one can beat her. Her defense is always spot on allowing her clients to walk away from the charges. Its in her blood. Her father raised her within the law while holding prestigious seat as a judge. Not riding by on his

name she has clawed her way to the top in one of the most powerful law firms in Sydney. She has briefly looked over Pacer Fratelli's case. Accused of not only murdering Sean Collins, son of a wealthy mining magnate, the crime scene photos showed a massacre. His dismembered body were some of the most graphic photos she has ever seen.

Known member of the Legano family, Pacer Fratelli is questioning what kind of hot shot lawyer is now 20 minutes late. When Hangcock and Sons regretted to inform the Legano's they would no longer represent them his family assured him the new hire was the best. The sweet "honeybee" sitting in front of him in her boring brown suit and her boring up-do bun on her head has Pacer wondering all kinds of things until the little spitfire sitting in front of him all but admonishes him back in his place. If Miss Tanner thinks he is a man to give up so easily; she is sadly mistaken. He knows the charges won't stick; they never do but nothing will please Pacer more than to see how good Chelsea Tanner is.

Jackson Reed is the prosecution. He will put Pacer Fratelli away if it's the only thing he does in his career. He will put him behind bars if it's the last thing he ever does on this earth.

This story is absolutely fantastic! The Legano/Fratelli family is a true Italian gem of a group which I enjoyed getting to know. I loved the interaction between them. I don't want to say too much about the plot but I can tell you one of the reasons I loved this book was because the female lead is strong, brilliant and holds her own. Chelsea is driven to make some choices that she does not want to make but being who she is raised by whom she was doing what she had to was never not in the cards.

There are some heavy plot twists in *Defending Pacer*. It's not a heavy read but there is just enough there to know what kind of man Pacer is. I loved him! Tatted up and working his dang hot but ... yup! His leather gloves become a signature piece in the story line. WOWZA!

Click this one up ladies. Quick easy read that is smoking good. No cliffhangers! YAY!

I will be waiting for the next release Miss T. J.!

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## **Espresso-Girls Just Wanna Have Books ; A Mafia Romance says**

I will buy any book related to the mafia/mob in a hot second. However, I'm learning not every author can captivate and lead the reader into the "life" through their book. This story missed it badly I'm sad to report.

The story line is great and I was truly excited in the beginning. Pacer is high up in the food chain in the Fratelli mob family. He is accused of a gruesome murder. After firing his current barrister, Chelsea is hired as Pacer's new barrister. Initially Chelsea is introduced as strong, no nonsense, one of the best if not the best in her field. However, in the space of their initial meeting Chelsea is reduced to an empty head, tongue tied, blubbing idiot without the slightest inkling of self-control.

I'm all for finding romance with odds against the "couple", but this affair did not progress and had absolutely zero challenge. Pacer was not portrayed as an alpha male (isn't that a requirement for the mob?). He was portrayed as a hormonal adolescent who broke into his barrister's house (Chelsea) and masturbated/spilled on her sheets because he couldn't control himself. Uh.....ewwwwwwwww! I'm all for kink but not lame stuff, especially from someone in the mob!

Although I rarely offer a one star for a story, this story deserved it hands down.

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## 100sweet says

This was an enjoyable read. I loved that the H was so obsessed with the h. They made a great couple. I was not a fan of the whole gloves fetish or the ending. There was a HEA but certain characters burned bridges with the main characters and I was disappointed by that.

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## Hooked On Books says

???3.5 Hooked Stars???

Pacer is accused of murder. And he did it. He even told that to his hotshot lawyer. But she's determined to get him off. Maybe in more ways than one. But they have to get over the families hatred of each other.

I wanted to like this book. I really did. And I liked all the elements of it. Pacer is funny in a twisted way, Chelsea is smart and determined and even the secondary cast is intriguing. Even the story is there. But after about 50% it felt rushed, like everything happened off page and you just heard about it. And the ending was predictable. If you're a fan of star crossed lover fan then this will be the book for you. Sadly I just wasn't a huge fan.

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Paciano Fratelli, aka Pacer, is deadly on many levels but those damn gloves... Let me just say, I might have to order some for my husband and have him try them out on me!!

Pacer comes from a long line of "suspicious people" but the latest crime he is charged with...well, it doesn't look like he'll be able to get out of it. And that's where Chelsea Tanner comes in; to help him get out of it by being his attorney.

At first glance, Chelsea is affected by Pacer while she tries to keep it professional. But Pacer makes sure to test her limits because he doesn't give a damn that she's his attorney.

As Chelsea keeps working the case for Pacer, he keeps working *his* case to get Chelsea in his bed as soon as possible. And he will stop at nothing to have her.

Pacer is not only dark, sexy and deliciously naughty but those gloved hands of his make magic happen!! Their first encounter had me squeezing my legs and it was no easy task being at work, trying to keep it professional! Not only does he have those amazing hands, but his mouth (and that "python") had me wishing this was a visual book!

I'm not going to give away much, just know that *Defending Pacer* is fast-paced, loopholes are thrown in to throw us off and the SEX... My goodness is it hot, raw, dirty and so DELICIOUS!! Oh, and that ending....WOW!!! ~ Kara, 5 Sexy stars

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## ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review 4.5 stars

It has been forever since we have had a new TJ Hamilton book - well, just over 6 months but it feel like forever.

And Defending Pacer was well worth the wait.

Lawyer Chelsea Tanner and career criminal Paciano "Pacer" Fratelli could not be on more opposite sides of the legal fine line.

But what makes them so bad for each other is what makes them so good together.

*"The feeling I have for a woman I've just met is beyond my control. I don't know what to do with it. All I know is I want her." ~~ Pacer*

From the moment they meet, they are consumed by each other - but what lengths will they go to to be together? To defend their feelings for each other.

*"Pacer Fratelli is so bad, but the fantasy of him is sublime. I would never, could never be with someone like him, but the very thought of him..." ~~ Chelsea*

While there is plenty attraction and hot sexy action, there is also a lot of funny, sweet moments. I loved seeing the playful, fun side of Pacer. He was great before, but when those moments come out, he is absolutely amazing.

And what that man can do with a leather glove!

There was a secondary character that I just love love loved! Logan - they (yes they, you will get it when you read) are just amazing. I want a Logan in my life.

As with Ms Hamilton's other works, Defending Pacer has a darker undercurrent, showing us the seedier side of Sydney, and it has drawn me right in. It was a rollercoaster of a ride, and I didn't want to get off.

Can't wait for what Ms Hamilton brings us next.



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## **Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says**

5 Stars!

Top book of 2015. This book totally rocked my world. I devoured it in one sitting and was sad when it was over. Pacer and Chelsea will grab you from the beginning and won't let go until the end. Not only was this book sexy, it was also sweet, fun, suspenseful and had quite a few twists along the way. This book has murder, mystery and tons of steam to appeal to most romance readers. This author is new to me and I will definitely be coming back for more in the future.

This is Pacer and Chelsea's story. Being part of the notorious Legano crime family comes with its perks. But when one of the infamous bad boys is arrested, Chelsea will have to pull out the big guns to get him off. Pacer is everything Chelsea shouldn't want. No matter that they live on opposite ends of the law and their families don't get along, getting involved with a client is a no-no. But the temptation of Pacer and his gloved hands is too much. Pacer wants Chelsea and will stop at nothing to make her his, no matter if she is his defense attorney. Chelsea can't deny the simmering attraction she feels for Pacer but he is her client and she has to walk carefully. These two are in the fight of their lives against their families and corrupt "good guys". Can they win it all... the case and love?

I. Loved. Pacer.... like seriously he is MINE! The man was so sinfully delicious and so bad that it made his appeal that much more. He was naughty, sexy, sweet, hard, and totally unrelenting. I admired his tenacity to not give up on Chelsea even when she would withdraw. And Chelsea... love her. She was strong, smart, and sexy which was exactly what Pacer needed. Between the sheets.. these two were sizzling! What is it about the gloves??!!

That ending.... was perfect for them. I know there will be some critics that probably don't like the way it will end BUT... for Chelsea and Pacer it was almost expected and what they needed. I am hoping we get stories of some of the other Legano family men from this book.

I highly recommend this book!

Review Post---> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2015...>

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## **Kristy & Kayla - My Person's Books says**

T.J. Hamilton has knocked it out of the park with the story of a hard working lawyer and her sinfully hot client. Who knew how hot a man in leather gloves could be!

Chelsea Tanner is a defence lawyer, working her way up in a career that she has fought so hard to strive in. Her father is a well known retired supreme court judge who has guided her well into the position she is in. Always there to share his wisdom. She hasn't lost a case in her career yet, but when she gets given a client that is up on a murder charge, but also a well known member of an infamous Italian family, Chelsea knows this case is just what she needs to make partner, after all that's all she has time for in her life, all work and no play.

Pacer Fratelli, is a well known underworld figure. Being linked to one of the most infamous families in Sydney, he needs the best lawyer he can get. But when he comes face to face with Chelsea, he is surprised at who she is. There is an instant connection between the two, and what Pacer wants Pacer gets. Knowing she could be his only chance at freedom and getting off a murder charge, he knows he has to play it cool with her. But what harm does a little flirting do?

“My head knows how wrong he is, but his arms, the tattoos that cover them, his chest, his wicked smile, and leather gloves... who knew men’s gloves were so hot? He floods the receptors in my brain that differentiate the good from the bad.”

Within a short space of time Chelsea and Pacer find themselves alone and their attraction builds. Could she really get involved with a guy who her family so openly refuses? After all it was her father who has sent away some of Pacer’s family to jail. With the paparazzi getting involved, and their friendship caught on camera, Chelsea finds herself under fire from not only her family, but her work. But they don’t know the Pacer she knows. He’s shown her a side to him that she could only dream of in a man. He is spontaneous, and caring and protective. He loves her fiery attitude and her need to defend him.

“ Our kiss in gentle, opposite to the heated kisses from earlier. Our twisting tongues confirm how much trust is between us. I will never give her a reason to not trust me. This is the first time i’ve been so open with someone. Its a wild feeling, laced with vulnerability. I never want her to know just how undone she makes me.

When Chelsea delves deeper into Pacer’s case, there is more to his murder conviction than she ever bargained for. It’s not your ordinary murder conviction, it’s so much more.

We cannot wait to read more from this aussie author. Pacer was an intriguing character to read about, from his italian family to his life in the underworld. Chelsea was a surprise, we thought we had her pegged from the beginning but Pacer really brought out the best in her.

This was our first book by TJ Hamilton and it won’t be our last.

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## **Heather andrews says**

The thought of Pacer's 'member' being broken puts Chelsea on high alert, “he better not be broken! I can’t live with myself if that’s the case. Bring him here and I’ll try to revive him.” I loved seeing the sort of joyful Pacer, the one who is embracing life, "I grin at the phone. I’m not surprised with anything Chelsea tells me anymore. If she says her cousin has balls, I’m sure she means it." I enjoyed Pacer I really loved that man.

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## **Tate says**

I was few pages in, and I could do it anymore DNF after I just read one of the stupidest lines... I'm sorry I have such hope for this...

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