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Raised by a widower and a pack of uncles, Michelle Calloway has known only one way of life, that of the Lean Dogs MC, London chapter. When circumstances force her to flee to America, she fears her days of working alongside the club are over. But Derek Snow isn't the sort of man to let talent go to waste.

In Amarillo, Texas, Vice President Candyman faces the challenge of preserving his club and protecting his growing family. If Charlie Fox's niece has a head for numbers, he's going to put her to use. But he never would have guessed little Michelle would be so grown up already...

Club prince meets MC princess in book II of the Lean Dogs Legacy Series.

## **Tastes Like Candy Details**

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## **From Reader Review Tastes Like Candy for online ebook**

### **Elfina Renee says**

Hero's and legends is what comes to mind when reading one of Lauren Gilley's novels. She brings the right amount of drama, heartbreak, action and suspense. There's never a dull moment to where you wanna set the book down & it's why I love her stories so much. Okay enough of the mushy, onto the five star review.

Michelle is no simpering wildflower. She was born and raised in the life. Despite her age she carries the weight of responsibilities just as strongly as the men. Sometimes more being the daughter of the president in the London chapter. But when violence strikes close to home her family rethinks their priorities....maybe safety isn't found in the homelands but abroad.

What can I say about a character I absolutely adore, who is all that and a bag of chips! Candyman is everything you'd want in an older biker. Sinful looks, southern charms, deadly when needs be and the title of being Prez.

I loved seeing the inner workings of both MC's and all the characters. You have at least three storylines running simultaneously and the way this crafty author integrates them, it's flawless and with perfect balance. She leaves you craving more, happy reading....enjoy!

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### **Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says**

Solid read.

Review later. Maybe.

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### **Selene says**

I don't have the right words to sum up this story, but I always feel like I'm right there. When I read LG's books, it feels like I'm right there, experiencing the highs, the lows, and the environmental changes right along with her characters. As a new reader of literary fiction, it's one of those delicious feelings that every writer doesn't grant the reader, but with Gilley's work, it's a given. Her characters are written with such glorious depth! They're the kind of characters that stick with you and I love that about her work. Her characters and their journeys are always memorable!

This book was splendid! I wasn't sure that I could enjoy another brood of characters the way that I love her characters of the Dartmoor series, but that's a lie, because this book was flawless! I've read more than a

handful of books catering to the fictitious lifestyle of bikers and motorcycle clubs, but Gilley's work is exceptional and speaks for itself. She doesn't rely on endless f-bombs to demonstrate character strength and her heroines aren't needy with TSTL traits. It's always a bittersweet feeling when I get to the end of one of her books because while I know the epilogue is going to soothe me, I'm also desperate to know what will become of the other scene stealers she's gotten me attached to. Another great read!

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**~IreneOust~ says**

Having followed the progress of this story on Wattpad, I already had a pretty good picture of how awesome this book is shaping up to be. But nothing beats one-clicking and DEVOURING the entire thing in one sitting. With extended and added scenes, I might add! So YAY!!

It's no secret I am a HUGE fan of Lauren Gilley and her work but this book is something special indeed. Filled with so many things that I personally consider 'winners' [age gap, macho male lead, kick ass female lead, PHENOMENAL supporting cast, etc] it checked off ALL the points for it to be a 5? read. Now throw in Lauren's INCREDIBLE writing skills and you get a book that's in a league of it's own.

I am IN LOVE with Candy. That's all. This big, tough MC prez who loves his sister and his club as well as being in control of so many things in his life but his heart ... a heart wants what it wants, right? Enter Michelle ... his 'little baby thing' ... I mean, if this isn't THE best endearment EVER, I don't know what is! The two of them catapulted straight to the top of my 'favorite couples' list because a club daughter who can fend for herself coupled together with one of THE best male leads I had a pleasure of reading about is always a winner in MY book!

Once again, supporting cast and ongoing storyline is what makes me love Lauren's books so much. You get to know the main couple but you also get to catch up with the characters you already know and love. This story was super special because it took us to the UK chapter of the Lean Dogs MC and that trip had some GREAT scenes, including ones with Auntie Raven (who managed to make me fall in love with her even more!) as well as Phillip and all of Michelle's uncles.

And I know I say this ALL the time BUT ... I can't stop highlighting when I read Lauren's books. It gets to the point that 90% of the book or even more is yellow because the way she writes is something special. Truly! There is only one other author whose writing takes my breath away and makes me forget the outside world exists the way Lauren's does. I feel so fortunate to have found this author (thanks to a fellow reader!) because when I read passages such as this one:

my heart is literally bursting and I never want the book to end!

If you appreciate exceptional writing, you will fall in love with Lauren Gilley and amazing families she creates for her readers to enjoy. Be it the Walkers, the Russells or the Lean Dogs MC family, you can't help but appreciate the amazing family dynamics she writes!

Cheers!

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## **Lu?ka says**

[the H wakes up with OW, the sex is mentioned, but not in detail. It all happened before he knew about the h. He has eyes only for the h and is very possessive/protective of her. No cheating or love triangle. (hide spoiler)]

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## **DW says**

Candyman was exactly how I imagined he would be. He was friggin badass and sexy as hell. I enjoyed him very much.

These Lean Dogs own my heart. I feel like I am actually part of the family.

The only negative thing that I will say is, the books are so long. No worries though. I enjoy every word!!

Fox baby is next. Bring it on!!

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## **Ashi- A hopeless romantic girl :D says**

[ Hero is shown waking up with a waitress and sex is mentioned but not in detail and he was also about to take the waitress again to a hotel or something when he saw heroine with OM and the rest is history? (hide spoiler)]

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## **Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says**

This is my latest Binge series. It's one that a 21st century woman shouldn't like... but somehow you can't stop reading about these outlaw bikers and the women who love them. Although not quite as dark and heart breaking as Susan Fanetti's Night Horde series, Lauren Gilley manages to get to the heart of her characters in much the same way showing that there is more to these men than the stereotypes of misogyny and violence.

Tastes like Candy is part of the Lean Dogs Legacy and features legendary hard man Derek "Candyman" Snow and Michelle Calloway daughter of one of the original London Club legends and nineteen years his junior. Immediately I couldn't help rolling my eyes at my assumption of a man who has played hard and gets to a certain age and looks for a woman a lot younger to settle down with. Please. But there is more to their story and if ever two people are made for each other these two are. It is how Lauren Gilley portrays this and the changing role of women in one of the last bastions of male supremacy that made this such a good read.

PS And I can't wait to read more about the other bastard children of Devin Green, there are a heap of characters with unresolved endings yet to look forward to.

4.5 stars.

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## Bev says

3.75 stars

I really like Lauren Gilley's writing, it's so rich - the way she develops the story and the characters is brilliant, nothing is rushed. That said, this one took me a few days to finish. I struggled to get into it and didn't really connect with them as a couple for a large part of the book and I think that was largely in part due to the 19 year age difference between Candy and Michelle. This normally wouldn't worry me (unless she's the older party then I hit a total brick wall ... me and my double standards) but Michelle's insecurities got on my wick a bit. She also teetered on the dreaded TSTL line a couple of times, but fortunately Candy more than made up for her. He was a fabulous hero, all in from the get-go.

I really loved the interaction with her London family – Fox and Tommy are a real trip! Loved the cute epilogue too, but felt the ending was rather rushed, briefly jumping from plot line to character to plot line which didn't work with the pacing of the rest of the story.

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## Deborah says

I'm loving this series.

I've quickly become addicted to these books, it started with 'Fearless' and with each book it just gets worse. We already know and love Candy but Michelle is new, she needs to leave London and the Amarillo branch of the Lean Dogs needs an accountant, well they actually need a lottery win since they're broke but they'll settle for an accountant and so it seems a good match.

Michelle remembers Candy from when she was a child but she's not prepared for the attraction she feels when they meet, Candy is also gone the minute he sees her but the nineteen year age gap holds him back as he battles with what he wants yet feels isn't right.

I loved this book, I liked the characters, the story, the humour, the multiple POV and all the Devin Green's children I just think if they all got together and really put their minds to it they could take over the world....)) But seriously these books and this author are incredible and I can't wait for the next one 'The Prodigal Son'

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## Judy says

I wish I could give this one more than 5 stars. Candy Man captured my interest in previous books and I was waiting for his story. He's one bad ass alpha man who loves his sister deeply and has never been romantically in love. He's sexy, compassionate, sweet, hard and an all around bad ass that even the hardest Lean Dog members respect. Michelle has always tried to be the son her father never had and is also one bad ass, independent woman. Candy fights his attraction to Michelle and feels guilty because of the 19 year age difference but in the end he can't let her go. He's strong enough to not try to change her and he's strong enough to know that it's alright for a big, bad ass alpha to show his feelings. This is undoubtedly one of the best romances I have read this year.

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## Antonella says

First I have to say- LAUREN GILLEY is author who I have discovered in 2017.

I love her storytelling ways, pure magic with the way she writes the most simple of things, she got me so addicted, I just want more and more.

Because this is sort of a spin off of Dartmoor series I have a good guess about book one so I skipped it and went on strait to reading book two. Maybe I go back and read book one - someday.

Sooooo welcome to Texas!

Book is a biker romance with 19 year age gap between the lead characters.  
It is another family saga. Told with multiple points of views.

Most of characters previously mention in Dartmoor series.

Heroine is biker legacy, grown up as daughter of the president with huge family of uncles.  
She is sent out from London to Texas, to kept safe from bad things that happened there.  
And there she meets the hero Candyman Snow.

I do NOT care for his first, a name Candy as biker name is just amazing.

He is great, protective, smart, alpha male. Who takes care of everyone around him. But I love his heart, it is pure gold.  
And of course they fell in love.

There is a bunch of bad things that happen around them, guns selling, undercover agents, Mexican cartel, injuries, bombing etc.

Things that I loved about this book;

- fantastic badass and smart heroine
- alpha older hero
- writing

I cannot wait to read more.

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## Wendy says

Loved this one....Candyman was awesome and so was the heroine. Can't wait for the next book....in the meantime, I'm gonna finish the Dartmoor series ;)

5 stars !!!

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## ?\*? Alicia ?\*? says

I am sitting here trying to figure out how to say that this is another awesome book by Lauren Gilley without sounding like a broken record, I am just going to have to (sorry).

First off Candy the Hero is AWESOME!! Big, Alpha, Loyal, Funny and Gooley on the inside how could anyone not fall in love and I do not usually like blondes but hey thats just how good this author is.

Chelle the heroin is one KICKASS chick who is a daughter of the London chapter of the club, she is like the chick you always wanted to be but never will LOL.

Again we are taken on a journey with two main characters but also told the story from other POV. The way it just smoothly goes between characters is another reason why this is one of my favourite authors. The Chemistry is high between the H & h and you can not put it down.

Real life got in the way this week so I was starting to get a bit like this

If you have not started the Dartmoor series yet I strongly suggest you do but every one should.....

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## Michelle [Helen Geek] says

02/13/2017 -- Re-read

I bought this to read again. First time, I read on Wattpad. I'm not a fan of that format. I think I enjoyed this book much better this round. This author writes such incredible character driven books with detailed and well developed stories and backgrounds. This is a really enjoyable and relate-able book.

Happy Reading!

**Overall Rating = X Stars**

**Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 4 / 4 / 5 = 4.5 Stars**

**Writer's Voice = 4.5 Stars**

**Character / Secondary Character Development = 5 / 4 = 4.5 Stars**



**“Did I like” Hero / Heroine = 5 / 4 = 4.5 Stars**  
**Story / Background Story Development = 5 / 4 = 4.5 Stars**  
**“Did I like the Damned Thing” = 4.5 Stars**  
**Ending = 4 Stars**  
**Worth the Chili = 5 Stars -- [\$3.99 on Amazon]**  
**Smexy [HEAT] Rating = Mild to Steamy**  
**484 pages**

***First sentence:*** Funny thing about legends. Generally, they're more powerful than facts.

***Last sentence:*** Daddy laughed a little. "I think you ought to ask Mama about that." "Why?" "Because she is one."

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05/18/2016 --

This is one of my favorite new authors. I enjoyed this book, but it isn't one of my favorites by her. I think this is true for a few reasons:

1 -- I read it on Wattpad and that isn't the best experience. My bad. I think next time I may wait [but I'm terribly impatient] for it to be published.

2 -- One of the things I like about Lauren's other books is how she takes her time to develop rich, full-bodied characters. Likewise, she develops a story that is multidimensional with detail without the tedious monotony that you see so much in authors with less talent. Saying this, I didn't connect with either this story or the characters like I have in the past. Also, the ending felt rushed. It really was a good story but not what I've come to expect from this author.

I was disappointed a bit. It was still a 4 Star read for me, but had the potential to be so much more.

Happy Reading!!

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