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Olivia Ambrose is the epitome of strength, she just doesn't realize it. For a single mom, being a nurse in a maximum security prison has its risk. She encounters the worst of the worst, day in and day out, but continually strives to make it home to her son, Jack. She's never been shaken...until Damian.

Damian Shaw is the hit-it-and-quit-it type, never staying longer than zipping his fly. Until he lands himself in prison. His first day inside, he meets Olivia...just another pretty face. He soon realizes he feels a magnetic draw to her, but being on the inside doesn't help the urge to protect her. When tragedy strikes and Olivia comes face to face with her greatest fear, will he be able to help her Behind The Gate?

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# From Reader Review Behind The Gate for online ebook

**KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**TITLE:** Behind The Gate

**AUTHOR:** Renee Adams

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**MY RATING:** 5 Mr Dark and Broody Stars

So on the weekend I went one clicking on Amazon and this was one of the results, loved the cover, loved the synopsis and the reviews for this seemed good, then once I started reading this I was reeled in, the storyline is unique, has some pretty good sit on the edge of your seat gritty moments going on too which is a bonus!!

And then I noticed that Behind The Gate by Renee Adams is her debut novel, how is this even possible?

March Correctional Institute is the worst within the state, a level three maximum security prison with a special death row unit, the prison holds the worst of the worst.

*Our gear consists of a bulletproof/stab proof vest, a riot gear helmet with a spit shield.*

This was surprisingly really good, it kept me glued to my ipad throughout, the sit on the edge of your seat anticipation of wanting to know if she got out of the riot in a body bag or walking, loved the hot chemistry between these two, loved the whole real life aspect that Xavier brought to the story..

*Xavier Richards an notorious gang leader was placed behind bars for alledgedly burning men, woamn, and children alive if you crossed him*

AND now he has his sights set on Olivia

*Stupid bitch! I'm gonna enjoy killing you slowly! Then I'm gonna go after your momma and your kid. Yeah, whore, I know all about you. Got no man to take care of you, bastard son, and it's gonna feel real good when I finally get to f\*ck that ass.*

I was kind of hoping Damian was going to bring a twist to the story and am soooooo glad that he did..

Everything that happened within this story line you could imagine really taking place, corrupt prison officers, riot, killings, you name it this book pretty much had it all..

***You're gonna die bitch.***

During the riot guards and prisoners are going down like flies, Damian and Olivia do everything they can to stay alive and away from the other inmates and officers, trust no one, get out alive.

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### **Heather andrews says**

I loved Damian he was an alpha man, "I like carrying you, then I know you're safe. That's all that matters is that you are safe." Damian may not be a hearts and flowers kind of guy, but he is a raw man and that is sexy, "I can smell how much you want me, how much you need me. Don't worry, baby, the feeling is mutual. That ache you feel? That ache will go away soon, I'll make sure you get your fill." I enjoyed this book I wasn't expecting the ending, no there wasn't a cliffhanger, I meant the twist in the plot. I can't wait for the next book in this series.

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### **Bookcrazy says**

1.5 stars - NO recommendation for this book from me - besides the writing failures it was really a "know out" (knock out) the further I've read it.

!!!!slight spoiler!!!!

The starting wasn't so bad, some chemistry yeah :) But which irritated me was his dirty language or let's be more precise his dirty thoughts. His outing wasn't surprising for me, but I hoped that it would be more interesting or something other. And then there was a lot of unnecessary cruelty and violence and that cheesy ending.

Oh and not to forget, her enemy wants to kill her and f... her corpse. So better stay forever in a place where he knows you're hiding in. And to top all of it let the protagonists have sex and forget about the cams while the bad guy is controlling the control panel. Completely understandable - or NOT!

So let's recap, he's thinking about her as a bitch which he only wants to f... and that he isn't into relationships then there's that cheesy ending where he completely changed and makes happy family with her son. I didn't get why his thoughts were so dirty before and then suddenly disappear.

And we also don't get any information, about how he continue with his job.

So let's better not read it - or if you're looking for a prison love romance, I recommend 'A pound of flesh' by Sophie Jackson.

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### **Hooked On Books says**

5 out of 5 stars

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### **Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says**

This book is dark but I loved it. Damian had me intrigued there were times that I was thinking that it was not gonna end well but I'm glad that I finish reading it!

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### **Stephanie Mae says**

I either didn't read the synopsis of this book or forgot what it said because I had no clue what to expect from this book. Either way I was pleasantly surprised when I started reading it. Olivia is a single mother and nurse at a high security prison with some of the worst criminals in the country. She never had a real problem with any of the inmates until this new batch that got transferred over. She was instantly attracted to the inmate with crystal blue eyes that she thought burned with hate for her. As she was checking in Xavier, another new inmate that gave her the creeps, Damian fights his way into the room causing some chaos that ended up getting Olivia in some trouble. Damian had secrets that he was hiding from basically everyone but when trouble breaks out in the prison all he really wants to do is protect Olivia. This story was action packed and Damian was definitely a hot alpha male and I appreciated every minute of this book!

Reviewed for HeadTripping Books by Alisha

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## **Alicia at Mean Girls Luv Books says**

As soon as I read the synopsis for *Behind the Gate*, I was really intrigued. It really sounded interesting and a bit different (and darker) than your everyday contemporary romance. This story started off with promise, but it quickly fell flat. It soon became a chore for me to read it.

Olivia is a single mother to a little boy named Jack. His father is not in the picture at all. She relies on her mother to help with his care after school. Nothing out of the ordinary about this. It's something that happens everyday in the real world and in books. The part that was hard for me to swallow is that she willingly put herself in harm's way working at a prison as a nurse. This is so hard for me to understand. She could have gotten a job at a doctor's office, hospital, clinics, etc, but she chose a dangerous place where she is constantly in danger. At any moment, she, the only parent Jack has, could be taken out of her son's life. It just doesn't make sense to me.

Try as I might, I could not feel a connection to the characters or their connection to each other. Sure Olivia and Damian had a believable attraction, but to fall in love with hardly any contact or conversation was stretching it A LOT to me. Then, when there is an actual life threatening prison break, pretty much all they can think about is sex? And instead of really focusing on getting home safely to her son, she is worried about finding and saving her friends. Commendable? Yes. But when you have a little person depending on you, you make sure you do everything in your power to get back to him, not running around putting yourself in danger.

The dialogue and thoughts of the characters felt juvenile and forced to me. I don't know how many times I rolled my eyes at something that was said or did. I understand there is cussing in prison, but when Olivia or a co-worker cussed, it seemed out of place and thrown in to seem "more mature" or "more hard." It just felt awkward. Maybe my hopes for this book and a good dark read led to my utter dislike of this story and characters, I don't know, but by the time I was slogged my way to 50% I was pretty much ready to give up. However, since I received this ARC for an honest review, I made myself finish the book.

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## **GypsyBelle says**

This amazing book took me by my emotions and just shook me to the core. OH my world , I was so emotionally drained by the time I finished this book I had to just sit and stare into space. It was one of those books. I am honored to have gotten a ARC of it for my honest review. Set in a prison , with a mad man loose. The most sexy man is all that is between you and the crazies. FUDGE! It had it all to me, the excitement, the realness, the sex, and the HEA.

Review by Dana

JustaBooklovinjunkie

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## **Confessions\_of\_a\_Serial\_Reader says**

This is a likable story the whole way through. Olivia is a nurse at a brutal maximum security prison when she meets Damien, a hardened prisoner transferred from another institution.

Olivia defends herself against a ruthless inmate, Xavier who is known for murdering and torturing his victims. Thus putting Olivia on his radar for revenge. Damien feels a pull toward the nurse and vows to protect her no matter what.

When Xavier stages a prison riot in order to get to Olivia, Damien gets his opportunity to put his money where his mouth is to keep her alive and help rescue her fellow nurses that have been taken hostage by X and his henchmen.

This is where I have some reservations in the story line: During the rescue riot Damien and Olivia stick together to evade X and get to safety. There is an unmistakable attraction to each other, which is acceptable. The issue that I have is that that seems to be the only thing that concerns both of them - sex. It consumes their thoughts every moment and really gives a very unrealistic spin on an otherwise good story.

When Olivia, who makes some bad decisions, meets face-to-face with X - everything is questioned. Who really is Damien and what if has been on X's side this whole time to lure her in.

This is my confession: Aside from the unrealistic chunks throughout, Behind the Gate is an enjoyably quick read and I am honestly looking forward to Book 2 that entails Cori, Olivia's best friend who was held hostage and X's only survivor.

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### **Maari says**

Dark with laughs throughout. What a debut!! I loved it!!

This book is more than 5 stars for me, not only does it have the suspense that I love, but it has two strong characters that make you hungry for more! This book is a standalone. I will be watching for more from this author. Highly recommended to anyone that loves intrigue!!

I was gifted this ebook in exchange for my honest review. Opinions in this review are my own.

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### **Shannon Gorilla McGee Winston says**

I'm so torn on how to rate this.

The plot of this book is one that I like. Ever since I read , I've been interested in reading more convict/prison worker romances. And the bonus is that this was suspenseful.

I read this avidly and quickly, certainly entertained through the whole thing.

But (there's a big "but" here)...

A) It's not very believable. Normally, this isn't such a problem, but part of the issue is that the villain is ultra-vengeful and it seemed far-fetched. I prefer the villains of stories to be less shadowy-monster and more human with motivations for the evil. I just couldn't see this guy staying in the prison when he could have broke out and killed her and her family later when her guard was down. It's hard to love a story when the plot has so many holes, you know?

B) The writing needs polishing. Perhaps as this author writes more, her style will improve. This comes off slightly amateurish and an editor was definitely needed.

C) The hero's use of "Bitch". Not a deal breaker, but worth mentioning as something I didn't care for.

All in all, I think if you're picky about style and editing and realism, then this book isn't for you. If you just want a fast-paced, suspenseful story and don't care about that other stuff, this is a great choice. I fall somewhere in the middle. I can forgive a lot of technical stuff, can see past my own eye-rolling at trite and lame passages and plot twists to enjoy a story that is keeping my interest. But I can't really ignore them



altogether. So...

## **2.5-3.0 stars is about right**

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### **Sue says**

Olivia and Damian both knew right from the start that they wanted each other and that the road to an HEA was going to be slightly (if not most definitely) impossible...after all, she was a prison nurse and he was an inmate. Wrong timing, right from the start but when sparks fly and there is an instant chemistry...what's a girl and a guy to do but just go for it...no matter how hard the road to happiness will be. Throw in an evil criminal who just happens to be Damian's cellmate and who has Olivia in his sights and it becomes a recipe for disaster with serious consequences.

This book was slightly predictable (I figured out the "secret" twist early on) and at times it seemed to have impossible plotlines, but it still was jam-packed full of action, intense sexuality and a lot of violence that kept me on the edge and reading fast to find out how it would all play out in the end. A major tragedy that happens to Olivia's BFF at work will spring us into the second book in the series which promises to be even more full of angst and drama. Pretty good for a debut book with some small, easily fixed issues.

\*\*\*\* 4 \*\*\*\* "fighting on the right side of the walls" stars

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### **Glenna Maynard says**

Full review to come.

I had to sit on my thoughts with this one. I wasn't sure of Damian's intentions,, at first, I had an idea but didn't want to jump the gun with my loyalty to him. Olivia is small but feisty and comes off as a strong independent woman, who is open to finding love after being crapped on by the father of her son. I can't go too far into this review without spoilers so I am being careful.

Olivia works as a nurse in a maximum security prison and Damian is a prisoner who has set his sights on her. When havoc breaks loose in the form of a prison riot, is Damian a man Olivia can trust to see her through till the end so she can make it home to her son or is he leading her into the hands of a man intent on destroying her? Read to find out :)

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### **Paige says**

I loved the premise of this book but in general it just didn't work for me. I love a hero that comes from prison and I love a single mother so I thought this would be a great combination. It started out good. It kept my attention and I wanted more. But when these two actual became a "couple" for lack of a better word, was not at all realistic. In the grand scheme of things it kind of frustrated me that they would choose that moment to "cement" their feelings for each other. Like they couldn't have waited just a bit. Then the end made me wish the middle would have worked for me because I liked the twist and the direction it took. But after the way the middle played out, the end came rather abruptly and I was left not quite satisfied.

ARC provided for honest review.

