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One obsessed fan. One captive author.

Lost on the streets of a foreign city, Molly Clary is attacked after a book signing until an unknown hero steps in to protect her. But Molly's relief soon turns to terror when her savior's true intentions are revealed.

Connor Reilly doesn't just want to save her, he wants to take her for himself.

Now Molly's fighting, not just for her life, but for the essence of who she truly is. If she's going to survive in Connor's dark new world, she'll have to learn to play his base games. But if Molly plays, what will it cost her? Can a monster ever really learn to love, or will his need to dominate destroy them both?

If you enjoyed the debauched desire of the Twist Me series, then you'll devour Felicity Brandon's edgy new trilogy.

Buy Taken to begin this hauntingly addictive set.

Taken is an edgy, fast-paced, dark romance and is the first book in The Dark Necessities trilogy. Molly and Connor's story continues in Tamed, and concludes in Entwined.

## Taken (Book one in The Dark Necessities trilogy) Details

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## **From Reader Review Taken (Book one in The Dark Necessities trilogy) for online ebook**

### **Beth says**

i think it is made perfectly clear that this is a dark romance, BDSM, dark subject matter ... even says kidnap thriller ... odd. not my go to kind of genre ...but suddenly Amazon keeps recommending these kind of reads ... i can do it for a while ...but i can not imagine reading on a daily. at times hard to read. but curious where it would go? trilogy. what is funny to me is that fact that all the negative (or a whole heck of a lot of them are folks who give no photo and really ram the author a new one ... or at least try to?? what a joke!) these characters are definitely odd or not the normal run of the mill kind of happy go lucky folks ... u r warned, so if you can handle it ... don't ... non-consensual stuff ... if u feel not happy about that ... step away ... and go read another happy one. i would not call this HOT. different. whatever floats your boat, i guess??!

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### **Rhonda says**

Wow!! In this first book we get the beginning of Molly and Connor's story. Oh the dark, twisted and super intense turns we get taken through. I'm not really one to read dark romance but this story just hooked me from the start and now I can't wait to get the other books to complete this story!! Well done, Felicity Brandon, well done!!

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### **Lindarhc says**

#### **Taken A twisted romance**

Felicity has done it again by giving us another gripping book. Molly is at her book signing packing up for the night when Connor asks if she will sign his book. When she goes out to find her car Molly gets lost then is molested by three men. A man dressed all in black saves her then takes her to his car and then puts a cloth over her face. This is the start of Molly's nightmares I cannot wait to read the next book. I received this copy for an honest review which I have given.

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### **Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says**

If you love Dark Romance stories this is the one for you! This is the first book in this trilogy and it started off with a BANG! I mean I could not put this book down. I was like a crazy woman reading cooking and cleaning all at once because I could not put this book down. Man Felicity brought her A game to this story and I need more.

Molly is attacked by some men when a man comes to her rescue. She is glad someone has come to her rescue because she is in a foreign city doing a book signing. After being rescued by a mysterious man she soon finds out that one attack turns into something more and she is wondering why it has happened to her.

Her rescuer Connor saves Molly only to take her as his own. He has deep dark desires that he wants Molly to fulfill and he will teach her everything she needs to know but Molly just wants to go home. She is not sure she can live in this dark world Connor lives in and she will have to fight for her life in order to survive this new dark world Connor has brought her into. But does Molly really want to play with Connor? Does she want to play his dark games?

This is one dark and twisted beginning to Molly and Connor's story. I need book two right now because that ending damn that ending was amazing it had me yelling at my kindle no...no....no....

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### **Carla Bulian says**

3,5. Degradante, cenas longamente narradas. Muito boring!!!!  
Não gostei!

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### **Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says**

Hard one to rate this one I enjoyed myself but at times this did make hard reading.

This is almost felt at times like an erotic version of the King book Misery.

Where an erotic author is taken captive by an obsessed super fan and this time she gets to play the leading role from her own warped imagination.

This was heavy on the Pet-Play and humiliation is the definite kink here.

Taken itself is a very stockholm type dark romance dealing with themes of complete power exchange so please do be aware of this fact.

Connor himself is also a really hard one to stomach and he doesn't always come across in the best of lights. He's good looking and charming but with a completely psychopathic personality that he keeps under wraps and at times the lines are really blurred here.

This is hard-core dark romance definitely not shades of grey and this so won't be for everyone.

I'm in the fence slightly: I will be continuing as I want to know where this is heading after that finale.

So, This was well-written dark and disturbing I myself would have rated this higher if I could have taken to Connor but I really just couldn't.

It will be interesting to see where this goes in regards to the romantic aspect of things because at the moment I am a tad sceptical of these finer feelings from Connors camp.

I voluntarily reviewed an Arc of Taken (Book one in The Dark Necessities trilogy).

All opinions expressed are entirely my own.

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## **Sheri Lemay says**

This book grabbed me and wouldn't let me go. If you like dark stories then this is the book for you. Be prepared to be left wanting more. I have book two and I can't wait to continue Connor and Molly's story. I know I won't be able to put it down. I really want to hate Connor, but I can't.

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## **Heather says**

While I didn't hate this story, I just barely finished it. And although I'm curious as to whether Molly ever gets free, I can't see myself reading two more books in the series to find out! Honestly I think the whole story could have been done in one book rather than continuing to drag it out.

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## **Kinky Minx says**

Thanks to the author for ARC in exchange for honest review.

The start of this story has hooked me in from the first page.

An obsessed fan and a pretty author.

A signing event, one look in the eye.

A story of a prey and hunter, what will happen next?

Molly went on a signing even in London, she lost her rental car and somehow surround by three men. Two want to abduct her and one wants to save her... or is he actually saving her?

I totally got hooked up with the story although it's a simple plot. I like how the story goes, giving me a bit of excitement. 3.8 stars from me, I think this story did worth my time to read it. Recommend reading if you like the theme of being "saved".

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## **Terri Trawets says**

We meet the two main characters on page one. Molly is an author, just finishing up a book signing when Connor introduces himself as a super fan and requests her signature. Not long after, we are bombarded by intensity---first 3 thugs try to attack her, then Connor swoops in to save her! BUT, was Molly being heroically rescued, or...?

The tension, fear and anticipation of a bound and kidnapped woman surges off the pages and grabbed this reader within moments. It boggled my mind to read about an author who writes erotic fantasies (arousing, naughty books) becoming the main character in her next book, orchestrated by her kidnapper. Conner is totally in control, and their interactions are filthy, depraved, demeaning, degrading, humiliating, indecent and at the same time exciting and salacious!

OMG! How can a book containing only simple words elicit such fierce emotions within my entire being? This story brought out feelings of trepidation, fear, anticipation, shock, excitement and a whole lot more, which will remain unnamed.

In my opinion this story is filled with issues of non consent, dubious consent, and freedom through submission, even if the submission was initially coerced. If you have any triggers, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK; if you do not, and you wish to enter upon the most erotic journey I could ever have imagined--- READ THIS BOOK!

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## **Sherry says**

Not for the faint of heart, this is a hard dirty read. A very different read I know I have not read anything like this book before. If you are a fan of hard dominance, heavy on pet play this book is for you. While this isn't my kind of kink the story is interesting Conner had to have been planning this for a long time, poor Molly goes thru hell, I can't help bring curious about the next installment in the series.

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## **Louise says**

### **A deliciously dark start to this captive erotic romance**

This is the author's first foray into the world of dark erotica, and what a good job she's done. I'd put it somewhere around/just past middle of the dark spectrum, its not horrific, violent or out-and-out abusive. However it is very much a book of dubious-consent, humiliation and psychological mind play. The story is well written, had good pace and is extremely hot!

Molly has spent years expressing her dark, kinky fantasies through the pages of her novels. Connor is the fan who has decided to fulfil those deeply buried desires, whether Molly wants him to or not. What results is a tale of spankings, punishments, depravity, Stockholm syndrome, extreme pet play and a woman in turmoil. I loved the battle between Molly's mind and her body, how she struggled to accept her reactions to Connor's treatment.

Written first person, from both main characters POV, I did feel we got to know both Connor and Molly. It was easier to really engage with and connect to Molly, I felt her emotions, thought processes and instinctual reactions felt believable. Whilst I'm not sure *in reality* that anyone would enjoy the non-consensual actions of Connor, this is a dark erotic romance and I loved how Molly had to fight her desires. Not surprisingly, though I felt I knew Connor, I didn't feel quite so much of a connection to him. I did love the hints that there is much more to learn about him.

If dubious consent, strong punishments etc bother you then this perhaps isn't the book for you. I would recommend it to those who love dark romance in all it's forms, as well as those who are new and want to try 'dipping' their toes in the black waters. I really enjoyed this and am very much looking forward to the next instalment of the story.

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## Terri Lynn says

TRASH!!!! If you read it you will understand why. It's not even worth the time for me to write this little bit. Fucking horrible! I fucking hate books like this, and I hate pet play. It's a disgrace to woman, not a romance. It's trash, I could not get past chapter 6, and I have to stop typing, because these six chapters really pissed me off.

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## Dee says

Crazy Train!

“Taken” (Book 1 of The Dark Necessities Trilogy) is a dark, twisted, highly emotional psychological chiller/thriller and one seriously crazy ride! Professionally written and extremely fast-paced... I had difficulty putting this one down. The plot centers around an American erotic romance author and her abduction by an obsessed male fan, while on a book signing tour in London. Along with physical punishment, the antihero uses dehumanizing forms of objectification to “train” the heroine to his will. What is most disconcerting, is his need to dehumanize her, the sexual arousal he receives in both her physical as well as emotional pain. He feeds off her abject emotional distress, expresses joy at her humiliation and dehumanization, laughing as well as taking pictures to savor the moment later. At this juncture in the story-line, the antihero is depicted as sadistic and cruel, exhibiting psychopathic traits due to his aberrant emotional responses. Psychopaths may appear empathetic but when empathy is demonstrated by a psychopath, the cognitive process behind it is simply self-serving and predatory in nature. He displays very few redeeming qualities (if any) and subjects his victim to inhumane psychological as well as physical treatment. The heroine is completely identifiable, smart resilient and not necessarily resigned to her fate. However, she does appear masochistic, experiencing sexual arousal when treated sadistically. Perhaps they are a perfect match or perhaps the heroine is merely suffering from Stockholm Syndrome. Unfortunately, we must wait for the series completion to find out.

This is a story that sticks with you long after you have finished reading it and I'll be anxiously awaiting the release of book 2... while thinking wtf did I just read!?

The story concludes on a major cliffhanger and would normally reduce my overall rating but not this time. “Taken” is completely riveting, evoking a range of strong emotions from fear and anger, to trepidation as well as hope for Conner's potential redemption.

Disclaimer: No Kindles were seriously harmed while reading this novel. Children 18 and over only due to noncom/dubcon, sexually explicit content, physical punishment, extreme humiliation, dehumanization and objectification within a noncon power exchange.

Disclaimer for the Disclaimer... The term “seriously harmed” is not intended to include: overheating, scorch marks, minor melting or inconsequential fire that can be put out with an extinguisher. Fire retardant gloves highly recommended while reading. Reviewer is not responsible for run-on sentences, questionable grammar or misplaced commas.

RATING DETAILS (Based on 1 to 5 Gold Stars):  
STEAM FACTOR: 5 Totally Twisted Stars

WRITING STYLE: 5 Professional Stars  
PLOT: 5 Riveting Stars  
ENGAGING CHARACTERS: 5 Crazy Train Stars  
CONCLUSION: 5 Wait and See Cliffhanger Stars

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## **BookLover says**

Connor meets Molly at her author signing. (she writes deep and dark romance). Molly gets lost and can't find her car. She gets attacked and her hero comes and saves the day (or so she thinks). He has an alternate plan in place already because he has read her books. She is then "Taken" somewhere and endures mindless pleasure/torture for what seems like forever (which in all reality is 3-4 days). She is expected to obey no matter what. If she hesitates, she is punished. Needless to say, her mind can't decide if she likes it or not (remember, she writes dark romance so obviously deep down she craves it). She ends up craving it and begging by the end. Connor, who becomes a little too trusting, decides to give her freedom she hasn't had in 3-4 days. She makes a decision that will forever change where she is and who she is. Spoiler: this book cannot be read alone (the sequel to it comes out in January!!)

When reading this book, I never could've guessed what was going to happen. It was a total mind mess up. It's one of those books you feel like you shouldn't like because it so dark, but seriously could not stop turning pages. It's definitely a dark BDSM\Power Exchange. Felicity Brandon brings the big guns in this book. She keeps your attention with all the different twists and turns. Whatever happens is never what you anticipated. The control and power Connor had made me jealous of Molly. He is a true alpha who knows what he wants (which is super sexy!!). If you're not into dark or BDSM themes, you won't like this book. It has many dark elements and no happy feelings (from Molly, which she truly has but is afraid to admit them). I was very impressed with her writing and how in depth she went into with each scene. You felt like you were in the book experiencing it. This is a definite read for dark romance or BDSM lovers.

It was an amazing book that was well written. She was very detailed and in depth through out the whole entire book. It a total power exchange throughout the whole story. It's is unpredictable because you never know how what he's going to do next. This book has to be read (and finished) with Entwined (coming out in January 2019). It's an amazing cliffhanger that leaves you begging for more!!

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