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A business card left behind by a regular in her restaurant intrigues Alayna Valerian. While visiting the Web site scrawled on the back, she finds herself submerged into the fetish world of BDSM. She learns the man who has been eating in her cafe for six months--and sets her libido on fire--is a Dominant, as well as co-owner of an establishment that teaches the art of mastery and submission. As her research deepens, she recognizes her submissive nature and decides the ruggedly, distinguished Logan Abram is the Dominant to show her the pleasures to be attained at the hands of the right man.

Logan Abram is a Dominant without a submissive. Five years ago, he walked away from the lifestyle to deal with a tragedy he had yet to come to terms with. Long-denied Dominant needs surge to the surface, demanding to claim the curvaceous co-owner of the eatery he frequents. Alayna Valerian's natural submissiveness calls to his Dom on a primal level. All of his control is threatened when Alayna arrives on his doorstep seeking to explore her submissiveness.

Publisher's Note: This book contains explicit sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: BDSM theme and content.

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P.A. Lupton says

I read Alayna's training looking for a book that was similar to Cherise Sinclair's Shadowlands series. Unfortunately, I was extremely disappointed.

First of all, the BDSM in this book was almost nonexistent. Alayna goes for training to become a sub and they give her books to read? I get why it happened but there was no "training" whatsoever. Not only that but this is one of the only romance books I've read where the heroine barely interacts at all with the hero. Alayna spent 80% of the book with another master. She may have been crushing on Logan but she never interacted with him. I think they had maybe 3 conversations and he was a jerk each time.

My second issue with the book was pacing. The hero denies his feelings for the heroine for 80% of the book. He acknowledges he's attracted to her but says he will never allow himself to pursue her—and I don't even want to get into the reason why because it was ridiculous. Then at the 80% mark he finally gives into his desire for her and within 2 pages he's professing his undying love (seriously, even though they'd never even had a full conversation) and he tells her that he mates for life like an Alpha Wolf (his words) and she will never have anyone but him. And I am not kidding when I say that all happened within 2 pages. And they move in together within 2 weeks after that and out of nowhere he offers to invest in her business (why was that even put in there it had nothing to do with the story).

My final issue was orgasms. Yes, I said orgasms. The heroine has not had sex for over a decade. Not only that but she is unable to give herself an orgasm. This is the whole reason she wants to get trained in the first place—to learn to pleasure herself. This is just weird in my opinion and the training (if that's what you call it) was clinical and just...off. Then when she finally gets together with the hero she has orgasm after orgasm after orgasm. Seriously, she can't have one for ten years and then she has ten in a few hours. Right.

Overall, I found the overall idea for the story was pretty good; it was just the execution that was lacking. I don't think I'll be reading the next book.

Tess says

So, so story. Loved the premise and was really excited to start reading this title, unfortunately the angst-ridden hero just started to piss me off. I kept wanting to say "get over yourself" and slap him around until he fulfilled his obligation to Alayna's training [and trust me...I'm as far from Domme as it's possible to get]. To step in and inhibit her training was both irresponsible and cruel.

Bee says

Really slow going... had the feeling some parts were repeated over and over again... I struggled through it and was glad when I was finally done. Not what I was used to by the author.

Paganalexandria says

I gave up on this book. The set-up is atrocious. I can not even wrap my head over why the wrong guy is interacting with herione.

?Sinful says

This has an erotica warning but seriously it is all hands off for 3/4 of the book. Not until the very very end do they actually DO anything. Until then, seriously, she is handed books to read and very sexually frustrated. I too was frustrated. When you read erotica, it is nice to have a little more sex in the book dont ya think?

Loose Id Review Coordinator says

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Lina says

For me, this book was very frustrating. Logan was so stubborn and so determined to undermine his own happiness, and in the process, Alayna's happiness, that I thought he needed a kick (and a smack). The pacing was a bit slow. I really wanted more to happen between the protagonists sooner. But the author made me wait...and it was excruciating. I liked Alayna, but I thought she needed a bit more backbone at some points of the book. I think it needed to move forward, but, for most of the book, it felt like the story just stood still. I liked the end. I liked how it turned out. I really liked Ariel, Alayna's sister, and her dynamic with Dane. There were hints for the next book in the series and I really enjoyed that one, btw. This book was not my favorite. I think had it had a few good encounters earlier on, it would have worked better for me.

Katya says

*****Spoilers*****

This was an enjoyable story. (full length) with mild BDSM-More D/s than BDSM. 3.75 Stars.

A woman and her sister own and run a restaurant. Aerial is the Chef and Alayna runs the business. Every day two men (Logan & Dane) come in and order the same thing. They are business partners who also run a D/s Lifestyle training "school" on the side. Both are devotees to that lifestyle.

Logan is really attracted to Alayna and can not keep himself from watching her every day. They never talk, exchange names or anything...just sneak peaks at each other and engage in only the conversation required to order, serve food and pay for a meal.

Over the past six months, Logan has become so crazy for Alayna he has started investigating her to learn as much as he can about her. He thinks this will sapp his growing desire for her. He refuses to develop any relationship with her. He is a Dom with a past. He has vowed to never engage in that type of lifestyle again with anyone. Seeing Alayna every day torments him.

You see, five years ago, Logan was involved in a long term relationship which ended when the woman he was involved with wanted to start experiencing the darker aspects of the BDSM lifestyle. (namely, Cutting and Sexual Asphyxiation) He refused to participate and after fighting for months and she sneaking around behind his back to try these types of activities, they broke it off.

A few weeks later she was found dead having been choked to death while having sex. Logan has always felt guilty that he walked away and was not there to keep her safe. He feels that keeping your partner safe is the responsibility of a Dom. So, since then he has denied to get into a relationship with anyone because even causal sex would bring out his desire and need to experience the D/s lifestyle. If that were to happen, something might happen to someone else he loved again. He refuses to take that chance.

So, for six months he has studied Alayna, watched her, wanted her and fell in love with her. And he has told himself that he will never have her or put her in danger the same way again...everyone who knows Logan thinks he is being unfair to himself and Alayna just thinks he isn't interested in her.

Logan's business partner, Dane. sees how much Logan is hot for the proprietor and thinks that if he can put these two together that Logan will be forced to deal with his past and move on...and maybe have a chance to be happy. Dane leaves a business card behind inviting Alayna to a website that both Logan & Dane own and Dane runs, training for the D/s Lifestyle.

Long story short, after visiting the website and meeting with Logan's partner Dane, Alayna commits to go to the school (to get closer to Logan and learn how to be a sub-for him.) Logan is furious when he finds out what Dane did and he avoids her like the plague. Because he can not imagine anyone else supervising her training, he does. He moves her into his suite of rooms and moves to a guest room, limits his direct contact with her and behind the scenes & tells the Dom who is assigned to train her that if he so much as touches her - he will castrate him.

You can see where this is going.....The best part of this story is how the tension builds between the two without it being annoying. You can feel both their yearning, not just for the physical pleasure they both want

but for the emotional connection. There were some really tender scenes and the sex is steaming. I enjoyed how the sex was not just described as it happened but you got to hear what was going on inside their heads. This book just flowed really nicely and I did not get the feeling that this was rushed or tied-up quickly as many erotica romance novels seem to do.

I put it at a 3.75 stars. A good read!

Alayna's sister Ariel's story with Dane is featured in

BITE ME says

I love the title of the book i actually thought it was going to be as the cover says as well as the plot but was disappointed it was an okay read you literally had to wait till the ending to get to the good stuff i don't mind waiting as long as the story keeps me wanting more but this left me there in the blaaaa till the near ending it got better

PJ says

Not much sex in this book.

Spynonu says

I am glad that I read Ariel's Pet before I read this one because it is a much better book and honestly I wouldn't have read it after slogging through this one. Bleh.

This book was supposed to be about a woman learning to submit but instead there was too much emphasis put on her desire to orgasm. That should have been a side note not a main theme. There was so much more "training" that could have been done to add spice and interest to the story.

The main characters in this book don't even get together until the end of this tale. Too long a wait for too little action which is too bad because when they do join up they sizzle.

Vicci says

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Denise says

OK I liked it but really.... You have to suspend some level of reality for these books but I couldn't totally suspend it here. She left her job for a month with no notice and gives some guy she doesn't even know over to do her job for her. She waits weeks before she is ready to bail at the "training center" and Logan is a total idiot. It had it's redeeming moments though.

Lisa says

This book sounded like it had so much potential... but not! The characters took WAY to long to get together (2/3 of the book) and I became VERY annoyed with both characters. He was an a-hole and she was seriously codependent. The writing is decent and the plot leaves much to be desired and it's definitely NOT sexy. I've decided to skip the sequel because spending another 200 pages waiting for the characters to get their act together is just not something that I'm particularly interested in.

Marion says

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