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Wren has contemplated the fine line between pleasure and pain for years, but when he finally gets up the nerve to make his fantasies reality, things go terribly wrong. His father's best friend, Leo, comes to his rescue, and Wren knows instantly that Leo is the perfect person to introduce him to the world he longs to explore.

Leo has never met Wren before, and once he realizes who Wren is, he vows not to touch him again. Leo knows Wren's father won't approve of their relationship, especially considering the edgy play Leo enjoys. Leo values that friendship too much to risk it, but walking away from Wren isn't easy. There's a lot more between Wren and Leo than lust. They're pulled toward one another despite the trouble their relationship could cause. Ultimately, they give into their desire and begin seeing each other in secret.

The more they explore, the more obvious it becomes that Wren can take everything Leo wants to give, no matter how kinky or intense. They are a perfect fit in bed and out. Neither of them wants to keep hiding their relationship, but they both worry that once Wren's father knows about them, staying together will be too difficult. In order to make things work, they'll both have to believe in the power of love.

Painfully Attractive Details

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Alex says

Wren is unsure of so many things in his life. Leo is starting to worry that he's lost his love of being a Dom. An unfortunate experience brings them together, but they are immediately attracted to each other.

There are so many obstacles for them to overcome.

The fact that the story doesn't gloss over the long friendship that Leo and Graham have is important. Leo and Wren being together directly impacts that. Especially considering that Leo and Graham were intimate years ago. Also, the relationship affects the budding family relationship that they all want. Graham and Wren reconnecting; Leo finding his place within it as Wren's partner and Leo's friend and Graham's relationship with Avery.

The story also has Leo and Wren engaging in acts that some might consider extreme. Their intimacy isn't for the faint of heart. But it's honest, and fully described that there are ways that things can go wrong.

Hopefully this isn't the last story in the series.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4 stars

Painfully Attractive is the fourth book in Silvia Violet's Love and Care series. We have met both Leo and Wren in earlier books, but I do think this one mostly stands alone from a plot perspective. However, Graham and Avery obviously play a significant side role here, and other characters do appear from earlier in the series (including a repeat of a scene between Sean and Wren that first appears in Demanding Discipline, but this time from Wren's POV).

This story is kind of simple from a plot perspective as the conflict is set up at the start of the book. That gives plenty of time to focus on the developing connection between Wren and Leo. There is a nice sense of romance between the two and the men fall fast and hard for one another. The attraction they feel for one another is really palpable and I could believe that Leo would risk his friendship for a chance to be with Wren. I do think I would have liked more time with the men outside the bedroom in order to really see the romantic side develop, not just the lust or the kink compatibility. But I liked these men together and there is a sweetness here that I appreciated and that makes a nice contrast with the more hard core side of things. I also really enjoyed reconnecting with the characters from the rest of the series and Violet brings the plots and characters all together here really nicely.

Read Jay's review in its entirety [here](#).

Heather says

This series!! So hot and steamy! Once I started this book, I couldn't put it down! In fact my eyes are gritty this morning from being up until 1:30am. I loved Wren and Leo's story and I've been impatiently awaiting as their characters started to develop within the series. Their chemistry was great and Leo was just the Dom that Wren needed. I liked the care that Leo took with Wren and not just in the bedroom. I also appreciated how Graham ultimately handled their relationship. Fabulous series with each book having its own sexiness!

Ayla says

I could not wait for Leo and Wren's story after reading the previous books in this series! The whole dynamic was interesting between Wren, Leo and Wren's dad Graham, that I wondered how things would play out. I liked seeing them build that relationship without the outside influence at first and not really having the drama it brings until the end of the book. And truly, there really was not much drama at all. The drama surrounding Graham finding out about Leo and Wren was pretty short-lived.

This book has some unique kinks that were HOT. I love when an author goes a little bit outside of the box with what I generally read and there was a little bit of that in this story. All of the steamy scenes had me fanning myself and wanting more. I always enjoy getting a little of the previous books MC's and seeing where their relationship has gone. We get a couple nice tidbits from past characters that made me super happy! This book had the perfect combination of sexy and sweet and I hope we get a short with at least one of the characters in the future ;)

Nudlez says

4.5* At the beginning I felt like already read it all until around 30%. Not sure if it was the preview after the last book or bits read in the other books. I couldn't wait to finally read Wren and Leo's story.

I couldn't stop reading and finished nearly in one go. I loved the story. The scenes were hot, I love reading pain and needle play.

Sometimes, the story felt a bit flat and conflicts got resolved fast or abruptly. At the end the book felt too short and I would have loved to read more about these two.

Chris Kottner-Kirschner says

3.5 von 5 *

Als der erfahrene Dom und Clubbesitzer Leo zu einem Notfall gerufen wird, fühlte er sich sofort zu dem Sub Will hingezogen. Doch der hat eben ein Trauma erlebt und braucht eigentlich ein verständnisvolles Ohr und Rat. Denn Will ist neu in der Szene, hat aber schon eine gewisse Ahnung was er will. Es fehlt ihm eben nur

die Erfahrung und der Plan. Doch Leon erscheint Will als perfekt. Jedoch schreckt Leo vor dem Altersunterschied zurück und kämpft gegen sein wachsendes Verlangen an.

Will spielt ein gefährliches Spiel. Denn eigentlich heisst er gar nicht Will, sondern Wren. Und er ist der Sohn von Leos besten Freund Graham. Als dieses Geheimnis ans Licht kommt, ändert es natürlich alles. Denn Leo und Graham haben eine gemeinsame Vergangenheit und sie sind seit Jahren beste Freunde. Und so scheinen sich Wrens und Leos Wege zu trennen.

Zwischen Wren und Leo liegt schon ein ziemlicher Altersunterschied und man versteht natürlich sehr schnell, wieso Leo nur zögerlich diesen Bedürfnissen nachgibt. Wren ist in seiner Jugend hingegen sehr fordernd und neugierig. Und bei Leo fühlt er sich sicher. Zwar hat auch er ein schlechtes Gewissen gegenüber seinem Vater, doch Wren schweigt. Erst über seine Verbindung zu Graham, später gegenüber seinem Vater. Diese Fakten sind alle nachvollziehbar und gut geschrieben.

Leider konnte mich das Buch nicht so mitnehmen wie die ersten zwei Teile. Leo ist zwar sympathisch, aber Wren konnte mich kaum fesseln. Er ist jetzt kein Charakter, der mir besonders sympathisch ist. Sein Verlangen nach großem Schmerz ist mir völlig fremd und ich konnte mich auch für Leos Kinks nur schwerlich erwärmen. Insofern fand ich das Buch dann doch ein wenig enttäuschend.

Geschrieben ist die Geschichte jedoch gut und sie ist flüssig zu lesen. Leider konnten mich halt die Helden nicht wirklich überzeugen.

Mari Cardenas ~ Bayou Book Junkie says

4.5 Stars!

Painfully Attractive is book 4 in the Love and Care series by Silvia Violet. It can be read as a standalone, but I think the experience might be best if you read the books in order, seeing as the characters from the previous books appear prominently in this one.

While I can't say that I particularly care for the pain aspect of BDSM, I will admit that Ms. Violet did a great job in this book balancing the pain Wren craved with the care that Leo provided him afterward. I loved seeing them build a relationship that started a bit unconventionally, with Wren being rescued by Leo and Avery, his father's best friend and boyfriend, respectively, from an abusive bastard that didn't respond well to Wren's denial. The chemistry between Leo and Wren was undeniable, as was the big obstacle in their way, the fact that Avery's dad was Leo's best friend and Leo didn't want to jeopardize that friendship. While Leo pushed Wren away, I was very happy that he came back to his senses quite fast and I was even happier that Wren didn't just take him back without a promise that Leo wouldn't push him away again.

I loved that Wren had Sean and Avery to talk to and that all the rest of their group of friends backed him and Leo up when Graham found out about their relationship.

Overall, this was a very hot view into a more hardcore BDSM relationship where the pain is craved by the sub and provided by the Dom, but still encased in a cocoon of care and mutual trust. I know this is not for everyone, but if you enjoy a little kink in your books, I'm pretty sure you'll love this one!

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♥ Rebecca ♥ says

This was so good! Just what I was waiting for from Leo and Wren! Silvia Violet is my favourite discovery of 2018!

Chris says

An enjoyable read ... Leo & Wren. While there was an age gap this was definitely no Daddy vibe - S&M for sure. I would have loved more depth to this story as there could have been a strong emotional vibe develop. For me this was more surface, still a good read if you enjoy this series ?

Jamie (TheRebelliousReader) says

4 stars. I just love this series so much. It's kinky and sexy and cute and sweet all at the same time. I think this one and the third book are tied as my favorites. This was so good and features a kink that I've never read about so that was fun. Pain kink sounds absolutely terrifying but the way the author wrote those scenes was really well done. They were intense but also still very hot.

Wren and Leo are wonderful characters and I loved the both of them. Their relationship was great and I love that they were open and honest with each other. They talked and figured things out instead of unnecessary drama. They have great chemistry and them exploring things together was just so cute. They brought out the best in each other and I think Leo was the absolute perfect person for Leo and vice versa.

I really hope that there is going to be more books in this series. It was wonderful seeing all of the characters from the other books and the ending was so stinking adorable. I've got my fingers crossed that there will be more to come.

Sanna says

The negative: They're too instantly attracted and everything wrapped up too neat and easy. Too rushed. Too easy to guess. No surprises. It doesn't get to unwrap and unfold really. That takes away from the whole. I liked the first ones in the series lots more and I was a bit disappointed at this one specifically for this.

Rachel Emily says

Oh man, this might be my favorite book of the entire series so far! I was really looking forward to Wren and Leo's story, and it definitely didn't disappoint! With this story you've got an age gap, some kinky play (including one I don't often read about), and the makings for some perfect angst!

This is the 4th book in the Love and Care series, and although this one stands well on its own, I think you'd really enjoy it more having read the previous books in the series since all the other couples are involved at various parts here. Wren is Graham's son and also best friends with Avery, who is dating Graham. Leo is best friends with Graham, has a bit of a sexual past with Graham, and really helped Graham out after his divorce.

The chemistry between Wren and Leo is just off the charts. These two were kinky, hot, and emotional, right from the start. Although Leo was concerned about getting involved with Wren due to Graham's involvement in their lives, he can't resist the pull. Of course, things can't remain a secret forever, and I felt that Graham's reactions were realistic - even though he himself is in a kinky relationship with a much younger man, it can totally feel different in the moment when you learn the same thing is happening to your kid. Especially with Graham knowing the kinks that Leo plays with.

We get to see a bit of Max and Elliot, Sean and Blake, more with Avery and Graham, and I just love this group of friends and family. I don't know whose story would be up next, but I love this series and the kinks and tropes that Silvia Violet is exploring. Hope to read more!

I received an arc in exchange for an honest review.

JD Crittendon says

An interesting if not intriguing Love Story!

A May-December romantic relationship between Wren & Leo with an added dynamic of BDSM. This story seemed condensed, not fully fleshed out.

In the beginning, Wren is involved in a traumatic incident with a BDSM date gone bad, but it is glossed over. Even during an intense conversation with Graham, his Dad, the issue was never discussed. Also in some scenes Leo is little immature, although he is supposed to be older and wiser.

Overall, story was readable but could have been better.

***~*~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~*~* says**

// Okay I think I need to give up on this series and on this author o__O ... the WHOLE plot is about sex and not telling Wren's dad, Graham, that Wren is dating his dad's best friend! The whole world knows they're together except for Graham, and frankly, this irritates me like nothing else >:-o!! There is ZERO plot development, ZERO character development, and as sexy as the sex was, even that wasn't scintillating enough to keep me from skimming; there was just a whole lot of NOTHING CHANGES!! I just didn't get what was SO great about these two that: 1) Leo would go behind his best friend's back and basically let everyone in on his relationship with Wren EXCEPT his best friend; ultimately jeopardizing their friendship!! Blech, this just irritated me, have some fucking respect for a friendship you claim means so much to you and grow some honourable balls!!!

2) Wren JUST started building his relationship with his father and not only is he acting like a kid who wants to be treated like an adult - ah the irony - he manages to involve AVERY, and every other person who knows about him and Leo, turning them all into accomplices the longer they keep this shit secret!!

Yup, that's a terrific way to build relationships between friends and family ... LIE!! *Rolling eyes so hard the person next to me probably thinks I'm possessed*!!

Thing is, what's the big fucking deal?!?!? Feel out the relationship and if you decide to go forward, sit down together to tell your father, and DON'T FUCKING INVOLVE YOUR FATHER'S HUSBAND-TO-BE FOR FUCK'S SAKE!!!

This COULD have been a fun story and it's not the plot that annoyed me as much as this author's execution of said plot! I tried to like this book, I tried HARD, but the more I forced myself to continue, the more this felt like a punishment!! I was bored, unimpressed, and now I am done; with the book and this author!! I'm thinking my liking the trilogy that introduced me to this author was merely a coincidence, because this author is NOT for me!! This author - IMHO - made a mess of this plot AND I think this author also seriously sucks at writing HEAs [it's like she couldn't be bothered to invest in writing them]! I mean even at the very end, it was JUST about the sex! Holy shit, we get it, they're combustible together, now invest in the friggin' story and in the relationship itself :-/!!

Nah, I'm done!!

MishyJo says

4.5 stars. I went into this with reservations but it ended up being my favorite of the series.
