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In the Nine Circles Club, there's a fine line between pleasure and pain, sin and salvation, heaven and hell. And it takes one bold pair of lovers to cross it...

He's master of the game.

Zac Rutherford is one of the most powerful and sought-after men in New York's private club scene. Masterful and demanding, he attracts beautiful women willing to surrender to his every whim, every desire, and every command. But Zac is in love with one woman, and one woman only. She is his true passion-and sole obsession. A glorious angel in the flesh...who refuses to be touched by any man.

She doesn't play by the rules.

Eva King owes her life to Zac. Seven years ago, he rescued her from darkness. Still, in spite of her attraction to Zac, she refuses to allow any man to touch her body, let alone her heart. But when a dangerous enemy from Eva's past reappears, Zac is the only one who can save her-if she's willing to bare her soul, shed her inhibitions, and surrender control...to him.

The Nine Circles series is:

"Sexy, emotional." -Laurelin Paige, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Sinfully sexy" -Opal Carew, *New York Times* bestselling author

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Esther says

Netgalley for honest review

I had a hard time with this story. I normally like most of this authors books but this one had some subject matter that I felt wasn't really dealt with well.

I do believe you need to read the prior books for the full gist of the back drop and interweaving theme/gist of the mystery.

Zac and Eva are part of an exclusive club/group. This group are all effected by something/someone terrible and are trying to solve this mystery as well as find the person/people responsible.

Zac rescued Eva one night seven years ago from a horrible situation. They have been "friends" every since. Zac has always felt something more for Eva but she has never given or indicated she felt anything for him but friendship.

Alright my take here and my issues. I'll start off about the heroine first. As a teenager she was taken off the streets and held in a home for one man's pleasure/raped. Eva is a mouthy and closed off heroine and she is not very likeable. Believe me I totally understand what had to endure but she seemed to have hardly and redeeming qualities. And Zac is her best friend but the way she treats him is just not at all how a best friend should be treated. Another thing that didn't sit well with me. There is a small bit in the book that she reflecting on about how during her time of captivity she felt some pleasure after a while from her captive and even had some orgasms also. OKay, I'm like WHAT!!! And then how her and Zac's relationship all of a sudden changed and how she veiwed him differently all of a sudden. That just didn't seem realistic. Now about Zac. Zac at first I thought was a saint and so patient with Eva. We get a blip at the beginning how he visits BDSM clubs and how hes a Dom. But lately he's just not into because of Eva. We have an event that suddenly changes Zac view on how he's treated Eva and he does a one-eighty and now takes off the kid gloves???? Then from here I really don't like him very much. With what she's had to go through and how he handles it just doesn't work for me, at all!!

Now their relationship, it was just no!!! The way they talked to each other and treated each other with all of their past and being best friends didn't make sense. It was too way out there and almost too harsh for my liking.

The writing is always very good with Jackie Ashenden, her pacing and plot also excellent. Hotness factor very good!! But the premise of what transpired with the heroines past and Zac's handling of her and the relationship didn't set well with me. So I could be in the minority in this but as I stated this one just didn't really work for me.

Carly Ellen Kramer says

I read this series book out of order - not a good idea. Without reading the two novels leading up to this one, I found myself frequently confused. I ended up glossing over a few names and backstories. I imagine if I would have read the series from the beginning, I would have enjoyed this story a bit more.

Romance Readers Retreat says

I had mistakenly thought that the previous book in the series was going to be my favorite and don't get me wrong....I still love Alex. But damn...Zac is something special. A little bit English gentleman, a little bit guardian angel, and lot of hot sexy Dom. In the past two books the author has teased us with the mystery that is Zac and Eva, what's going on with these two? Eva always seemed abnormally prickly and Zac was almost too protective of her. All the secrets really come spilling out and boy.....they are dark. I really thought Eva was a great character, multidimensional and intriguing. She gives a lot of attitude and has a "don't give a damn" persona that I find amusing. She definitely gives Zac a run for his money and it's always rewarding to see two broken people find happiness together. Jackie Ashenden has a lot of titles under her belt and it shows in her work, flawless grammar and a writing style that will keep you on the edge of your seat, squirming in anticipation. As with the other books in the series there are a lot of conspiracies about and constant suspense and action along with the sexy bits. Let me tell you that the sexy bits are some of the hottest I've ever read, these two are romantic napalm! I think I'm still blushing from reading this book.

Christine says

Once again we get another Nine Circles story from the dark mistress of romance, Jackie Ashenden. This time the story focusses on two damaged people, Zac and Eva and their budding relationship. Zac is a dominant, with an obsession for talented hacker Eva and is carrying the burden of past guilt. Eva hides behind her mysterious past, where she suffered sexual abuse and she carries the emotional scars. Zac get to the point where he pushes Eva, to break through her barriers.

Although I enjoyed this read, I was puzzled by the means Zac used to get through to Eva. I'm not sure I was entirely convinced that bullying works, as a form of healing. Zac was forcing Eva to go through her trauma again. It made me feel a little uncomfortable.

Anyway it was a good dark sizzling romantic read. And I enjoyed Eva and Zac getting together. Zac's cute protective streak won me over.

Zara Lethallan says

Review Courtesy of Romance Junkies

Zac Rutherford has been Eva's rock and security for the last seven years. He has been everything she needed, never once has he pushed her about what secrets she hides. Until her past comes knocking, he must get her to

open up and tell him everything or everyone will be in danger. The worst part is he loves her, and can't get her out of his head. Can he break down her walls without crumbling himself?

Eva King is a shut in, she doesn't trust anyone but Zac. But even him she keeps at arms length. No one has touched her body or heart in the last seven years and Zac is attempting to break down those walls. Can Eva let him in, let him see how damaged she is?

Either Zac and Eva are each other's salvation or destruction. They have to learn to work together and trust one another if they are going to save themselves and their friends.

I have always told my friends that the only time I think a book will be really really good is if the characters are damaged. I have a reason to believe that of course, and the reason being no one is perfect. Every person has, at least, one thing wrong with them, whether they want to admit it or not.

Things that affect who they are, Eva and Zac, are no exceptions in this story. They both are in a way damaged. They need each other, more than they realize. Zac is an intense character; he is going to push Eva as much as she needs. Eva will do the same to Zac. It's a lot like a push and pull between the characters. They each give a little of themselves and take a little bit of each other.

So I am happy to say that this author now holds the key to my heart. Let's just say I am a new fan of Jackie Ashenden.

Another good thing about this book is even though it is part of a series, it can absolutely stand alone. You do not need to read the other books if you want to sink your teeth into this one. So no worries on that front.

I hope that others will pick up this book and enjoy as much as I did.

Warning* There is talk about rape in this book, sex trafficking, explicit BDSM sex scenes and some violence

Raven Kelly says

Book Review Of "You Are Mine" by Jackie Ashenden

Eva King has never had a family or anyone to love or take care of her. She has been abandoned by her family and has now been kidnapped off the streets by someone who is holding her captive as his sex slave. Eva has come up with a plan to escape her capture and that is to become a hacker and try and get word out to the world that she is being held prisoner.

Eva manages to get in contact with someone named Zac Rutherford, who is going to be more than "her savior." He is going to be Eva's rock and foundation, the other half of her heart. But, before that, Eva is going to have to realize that she in return must eventually give Zac Rutherford something in return. Is she willing to go down that road and will it be very much like what her capturer wanted? Will she be just another sex slave in return for Zac rescuing her from her hellish servitude?

Zac Rutherford has never got over the death of his sister and the fact that his sister went and killed

herself. Zac has turned to domination as a way to cope with what has happened to him in his childhood and to close off his heart to any women who he could see himself with. That is, until Zac rescues a woman who is broken and hurt one rainy night. That is Eva King, who he nicknames Angel. Zac immediately feels drawn to Eva (his little Angel) who is broken and in need of protection. Zac helps her find a place, gives her a job, and starts to build her up, but little does Zac know he is starting to become attached to her. He is fighting his feelings and desire for Angel.

Zac has finally taken enough of trying to resist Angel's sexiness and gives her a ultimatum. That is that she either starts giving Zac what he wants, or he will not protect her anymore. Zac wants to Angel to become his submissive and live out Zac's fantasy of being able to Dominate Eva in the bedroom and see her sexy body. Zac has no idea that when he starts to live out his fantasy and think that he is going to be able to dominate Eva, that he is the one going to be the submissive because Eva King is the one who holds Zac Rutherford's heart, not the other way around.

Two broken hearts, who have been abandoned by their loved ones, will become one again when Zac and Eva help each other find love in one another as they learn to trust again. Passion will ignite the pages of "You Are Mine" and you will not be able to resist Zac Rutherford's charm as he seduces Eva King into the raw world of BDSM.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 stars

******While you could probably read *You Are Mine* as a stand-alone I think you would appreciate it much more if you've read the first two books in this series before reading this one. There is an ongoing suspense arc that as it turns out has affected the characters in this book one way or another so reading the books in order will give you a much better understanding of the way they have uncovered what is going on and how they've dealt with it along the way.

With each book in author Jackie Ashenden's *Nine Circles Club* series it becomes more and more evident how talented she is and how twisted her mind must be to weave these stories. Please know that's not a diss to this author because I admire her very much and her ability to write such amazingly intricate and warped stories of unspeakable crime, packed with suspense and shocking revelations, yet she still manages to include a romance in them; one that has in this case been brewing for seven long years.

From the first book it was evident that there was something between Zac Rutherford and Eva "Angel" King; that despite their age difference, despite his cool exterior and her standoffish demeanor and despite the fact that why they are both members of the *Nine Circles Club* they lead very solitary lives. In this book we find out just how they are connected and watch them come to terms with how deeply their lives are intertwined and the strange co-dependent relationship that Zac is determined to change even when he knows it may cost him Eva the one woman to call out to him like no other.

As their investigation into the Seven Devils club and their members continue it becomes evident that they are getting too close to some key players and their illegal activities when threats are made toward Zac and Eva spurring them to keep on digging and uncovering everything that they can but when it becomes evident to Zac that someone from Eva's past is involved he decides that he's had enough of tiptoeing around her secrets from years ago and demand she trust him with them. So begins a very hard and very necessary journey in which I'll admit was hard to read and in which I questioned Zac's tactics and motivation but on the other hand I could also see that he did it out of his love and concern for Eva's well being. His methods were twisted and there is no doubt they could have backfired and caused more harm than good, but it proved that he really did know Eva, knew her boundaries, knew he needed to push, and knew he needed to be tough to make her understand that he was a man of his word even when it about killed him to do so.

As Zac works to help Eva deal with her fears and become the strong woman she claims to be, the dealings with the Seven Devils becomes even more complex and dangerous forcing all of the members of the Nice Circle Club to spring into action and vow to bring down the key players.

At the end of each book in this series I've had an unsettled feeling and while I don't feel quite as shaken at the end of this one, quite possibly because of the events that took place in this story, there are still a lot of questions unanswered, a network that still must be stopped and no doubt more lives that will be unraveled as this series moves forward. However, I am feeling better about the Nine Circles Club members and as for Zac and Eva I could not be happier that they managed to break through each other's barriers and found the love they both so desperately needed. From start to finish *You Are Mine* had me on the edge of my seat, it made me uncomfortable but I could not stop reading and it was every bit as provocative and twisted as the other books in this series, but there was something just a little bit more about this book and that is why it is my favorite of this series to date.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Nicole says

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4 lovely stars from me

This book was my favorite from the Night Circles series!!!

I liked a lot this couple, both with a dark past especially Eva..I mean at first i was like..

What happened to her??? Why is she like that??

And what about Zac the Alpha, dominant, sexy dark man...something has also happened to him..
Oooh and then we have the explanations for both of them and blows my mind..

And of course the epilogue was definitely something i wasn't expecting...at all..
Generally a very good work from the author!!!

Abby Green says

Sheer brilliance, I think this is my favourite Nine Circles book so far. More please! X

Samantha says

3.75 honest, trust, and love stars for *You Are Mine*. I know this is the third book in the series and you can really tell that when beginning the read. A lot of things don't make sense until you are a few chapters in so I definitely struggled that way since I've never read the other two prior novels. I found myself struggling to like the heroine but easily liked the hero given he's a protector by nature.

Zac protects his own, is crafty, clever, passionate, demanding, and darkly delightful. It wasn't hard to like him considering his protected Eva for seven years without asking for anything in return even when she's been his obsession and lustful fantasy lover since he took his first look at her. Zac's reached his breaking point of getting nothing in return but giving Eva everything so he wants her trust and her body, maybe even her heart and soul.

Eva has inner demons and shelters herself by hiding. She completely relies on Zac but never gives him anything in return. When Zac shows up at her apartment and demands things from her for the first time she feels her world crumbling. He gives her an ultimatum that makes her feel all alone. She's smart, driven, broken, and scared.

If Zac and Eva hope to make it together they have to learn to trust each other, be honest with each other, and realize that Zac doesn't always have to save Eva. I found I liked the way the two pushed against and tugged at one another. Eva needed Zac to push her boundaries for her to truly be free and Zac needed Eva to love him to set him free.

Sybil aka Lala says

Ooooh, the rage!!!

If it were possible for me to rate a book in the minus, this one would walk away with that honour.

This is book three in the Nine Circles series. Referring, fittingly, to the circles of hell, in which I found myself while reading this.

We continue on with Zac and his merry band of mercenaries on the case of a deviant sex trafficker. Zac is obsessed with Eva, his angel, and has been for seven years ever since he saved her from the side of the road. Zac is also a dom, but has lately been unable to get it up for any woman except Eva.

Eva is a runaway who was picked up from the streets and sold into sex slavery. She was blindfolded and tied up for the pleasure of a man she never saw. She has obvious issues with trust and space and hates the thought of a man touching her.

Zac has been her friend for seven years and has never asked her to tell him his secrets, never asked to touch her. Zac has run out of patience (because he's tried so hard) and is coming to collect what's owed to him (direct quote). He's tired of waiting and gives Eva an ultimatum: submit to me completely or I cut you out of my life completely.

“How can she trust you if you force it from her? Good question. But she'd left him with no other choice.”

His answer to gaining her trust and save her from herself is to tie her up and blindfold her, reliving the horror she lived every day for two years.

Eva is obviously traumatised by her experiences as a FUCKING SEX SLAVE and clearly not keen!

“I want some very specific things when it comes to you, angel. Things that you will not want. Yet that's what I'll demand from anyway.”

How FUCKING romantic.

Eva decides she cannot lose Zac and so agrees to this. Zac proceeds to demand her complete trust and devotion but oh wait, he can't give her the same in return because of HIS traumatic past.

The whole thing just left me feeling deeply uncomfortable. The power in this relationship was completely one sided.

For the love of god people. Someone please tell me what is so attractive about breaking a woman's will? I really wish that authors would take on some responsibility when writing about subjects such as sex trafficking and rape. Rape victims aren't healed by a hot guy and submission. When you write about rape, treat it with the necessary reverence and not simply as a shock tactic or plot tool to develop a basis for your story. Women who have lived it DO form part of your demographic after all.

Zac's trauma, in my opinion was not reason enough for his behaviour and yet we were meant to feel so fucking sorry for this poor sad douchebunt.

Furthermore I had difficulty forming a connection to these characters. A lot of things were repeated. Often a

fact would have been stated by way of one character's inner monologue, then said in conversation, then repeated through flashback of said conversation, then said again in another character's inner monologue and then again repeated in another conversation. It made for pretty boring reading.

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Nadine Bookaholic says

I'm going to start out by saying this is the first five star read I have had in a while.

Zac and Eva have a strange relationship, to begin with Zac helped Eva escape from where she was being held as a sex slave for two years. It is now seven years later and Zac has feelings for Eva but she is not only unaware of the way he feels but she cannot stand to be touched by anyone, she doesn't like crowds or new places at all, she uses Zac as a safety net so lets say that all of that makes things difficult for Zac to make any moves on her.

So much is going on in this book but it is so well written you know exactly what is happening and you don't have to go back and re-read passages to figure things out. I love the dynamic between Zac and Eva and I was thrilled with the way things worked out for them. I look forward to the next book in the series Kidnapped by the Billionaire, as a matter of fact since I didn't read the first two books (and I still was able to follow along with no issues) I plan on going back and reading Mine to Take and Make You Mine.

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Jennifer says

ARC received for review

Well, here I am again starting in the middle of the series. The main couples I have no probably understanding their relationships and how they are all interconnected. They make me want to go back and read their HEAs. But the search for the bad guy and all the drama that led up to it was another story. It was almost to the end of the book that I finally understood it.

Now as for Zac and Eva. Zac really had to grow on me. He was a serious jerk and a little bit of a mean Dom. Eva was amazing. She overcomes so much. They were hot together, when they finally got there.

Then that epilogue...

Ivy Deluca says

“Seven years I waited for you, angel. And you were worth every second.”

The Good : I love Jackie Ashenden’s prose and I’d looked forward to seeing how Zac and Eva’s story would work. There were always hints that they had their own personal dysfunction, but I never realized the depth of that dysfunction until this book.

The Nine Circles club is a group of billionaires (natch) who’s first rule is “you don’t talk about your past”...until it’s time for your book. This is no different. Eva and Zac are both billionaires, Zac an aristocrat/former mercenary and Eva’s a computer hacker extraordinaire. The mystery of the head of the group who ran the Seven Devils casino and set into motions the events of the two earlier books, dovetails nicely into this book and the reveal of the man who held Eva as a sexual slave for two years. Zac and Eva have good chemistry and while it takes a while for that part of the story to heat up, it turns in a new direction that I wasn’t expecting but I’m looking forward to the next chapter in this saga.

The...well, not that bad but not my fave : The premise is fantastical and the way things go is pretty fantastical as well. Sexual healing of this kind of trauma is ...a stretch. There’s plenty of time spent explaining to the reader why Zac is pushed to his actions and why Eva is so entrenched in her fear. Their firsts were certainly interesting and brought me deeper into their relationship, which I needed.

“And you’re mine tonight too?” A silence fell and she could almost feel his surprise. Well, good. It was about time she did a bit of shocking herself. The sound of movement, one of his hands tightening around hers. Strong fingers taking her chin and turning her head, the warmth of his breath near her ear. “Angel,” he said in that tone, the one that radiated authority and power. “I was never anyone else’s.”

I’m not sure I bought into it completely, but the sex was hot and completely compelling in a guilty pleasure kind of way. There is a need to put aside any real-life reservations and allow the fantasy to take over, because the reality is - Eva needs therapy to deal with her fears, not the magic of Zac’s peen.

Everything in Between : While I love Ms. Ashenden’s prose, I do think that there’s a bit too much repetition. At times the inner monologue was expressed in dialogue, then again in inner monologue felt like overkill.

I appreciated the villain of the piece being revealed and that fact that there is a payoff in the overarching storyline as well as for Eva and Zac, I just wish that he had been a bit more impressive. Even the physical description of the villain didn’t inspire much fear. Then again, I’m of the firm opinion that the best stories have a strong hero going up against a strong villain. With the condensed timeline that resolves years of

tension between Zac and Eva, a charismatic or even just impressive villain would have kicked things up a notch.

I enjoyed it, as long as I put aside any real life qualms. I'm interested in the next chapter of the Nine Circles series.

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Paige says

1.5 Stars

From the start I had a difficulty time with this book. While I think it's a stand alone, there are a couple of books before this. I had a hard time figuring out who everyone was and their connections to each other. I felt kind of dropped in the middle of a bunch of drama I had no idea about not really about the hero and heroine's relationship but pretty much everything else.

The story starts with Zac describing how for 7 years he's been friend and confidant for Eva but can no longer get her out of his head. He's a Dom and can't even do that anymore because he only wants Eva but Eva has a past that she isn't letting go of. She can't be touched even if the only person she is at all comfortable with is Zac. I was very much frustrated by their relationship. Zac decides that he's waited long enough to claim Eva as his own so he basically gives her an ultimatum. You become mine in every way I want or I'm not your friend anymore. It was harsh and selfish. For most of the book Eva is scared of her own shadow and after having been a sex slave for two years, her only sexual encounter, she's obviously been traumatized. Not to mention she was homeless before so of course she has trust issues. But with Zac demanding her trust (can one demand trust?), Eva is a huge mess but agrees because Zac is her only safe place. Also since Zac is a Dom he expects her to follow his lead when, hello, she was a victim and being restrained isn't going to help. Finally Zac requires her trust and her heart and her devotion but he can't give her those things because of his deep, dark past.

The story continues with their band of mercenaries seeking out sex traffickers and Zac and Eva end up in the middle. They do seem to work out their issues but Eva is seemingly the one to always compromise herself. Maybe had I read the other books, I would have been able to go along with the story more easily but Zac and Eva's relationship is something that just didn't work for me.

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