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Fractured. Unwanted. Filthy.

I'm only good for sex. That's what I've been trained for my whole life. I'm a puppet. I only know how to be your perfect fantasy. It's the only life I've ever known ... *until him.*

I've been replaced, discarded like trash. Beaten, damaged, treated like an animal, I'm forced to leave the only home I've ever known.

With a warped perception of what life is really like, no dignity, and no one to call my own, I'm on the verge of giving up.

But then he saves me. For the first time in my life I'm given a choice. I can stay and have a purpose again, or I can leave and face the unknown on my own.

I choose to stay. I choose to belong. I choose to become something more than damaged goods.

Hope. It's the one thing that kept me going. At first I hoped that I would be the perfect slave, but now I hope to be the perfect woman. He's my damaged hero.

I want him to see me. The woman. The survivor.

He gives me strength. But all I want is his heart.

*** A Stand Alone Romance. Not recommended if you don't enjoy dark romance with sensitive scenes. +18 Only ***

Please note that Filthy was previously published as Saved By Him. It has been rebranded with a HOT new cover and SIZZLING new scenes.

Filthy Details

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From Reader Review Filthy for online ebook

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

FILTHY: is the second book in Michelle Horst's (Damaged Romance) series and is spoken in 'Dual Perspectives' This is Adams and Sophia's story.

I for one am so glad we get to read ex marine Adam's POV!! I dived into this as soon as it was boomeranged onto my kindle and didn't put it down until I'd inhaled that last page.

PAST: In the 'Prologue' we're introduced to a nineteen year old Sophia, Sophia's mother died giving birth to Sophia so Sophia was raised by other slaves until she became of age to be trained in the art of submission she has never known any other life other than the one she was dealt. Every day living within the slave quarters was a battle between survival and death. There is no place there for weakness, keep your head down, please your master and do your job.

► *If I can't please my master then I am not worth anything. I'll be nothing.*

TO PRESENT DAY: Now we meet Sophia at twenty two years of age. It' the night of the party where all the guests will be arriving, this is the first party ever to be held at the house. Attending this party are five men and only one woman.

This takes us right back to the beginning of 'Dirty' where River & Adam were infiltrating a married couple (the Ryland's) on the look out for two new slaves to add to their collection, *The deeper we did into the world of human trafficking, the more fucked up it gets.* being that this is Adam's POV we read what raced through his mind when he first encountered Sophia. He tries to instil some form of calm and safety in her when they spend the night together before leaving the next day but all she sees is rejection.

► *This man is different from all other Masters I've had. Nothing I try works with him. I tried showing him that Im submissive by scooting cluster to him but it didn't work.*

Without any warning we're thrown head first into the brutal punishment that was dished out to her by one of the Masters. My heart broke into smithereens with what she endured. It's not glossed over, it's in vivid detail, there is no hiding from or escaping from what was done to her. Every word, every sentence is stamped on your brain.

Freedom is near, now it's a race against time to heal her. Safe.

► *There will be no more kneeling, no more looking at the floor, and no calling us master or mistress. You'll call me Adam. Just Adam. Not master Adam.*

✿ **MY THOUGHTS:** ✿ This was so beautifully done, what could've been a truly dark, gritty read was done tastefully and sensitively but still may cause triggers for some. This author is truly brilliant with her ability to

write such a sensitive gut wrenching story that will pull on your heart strings and play on your mind even after you've put the book down. In some ways I preferred this one over BOOK#1 only because it felt like I was there living the life Sophia was subjected to, the turmoil that raced through her mind thinking she was unworthy, the sadness I felt with everything she was subjected to, she never knew any other life other than the one she lived. The wrong doing done to her not only by men but women too, used and abused in every way.

Jamie C says

I enjoyed this book and it was so heart wrenching to me to think that there are actually things like this going on in the world today.

The struggle of the h was very well written in my opinion and the H was also amazing with the way he handled the h.

Overall I think this book was not only good for the romance aspect, but in raising awareness of human trafficking in today's society.

Carla Bulian says

Livro com uma escrita fluida, mostrando sentimentos à flor da pele. Não mostra de maneira crua os acontecimentos como pensei que seria, mas muito bom.

Vale a leitura.

Beth says

4 Baby Steps Stars

Warning: This is a companion novel to Saved by Her. The same time frame but from a different POV. You could read it as a stand alone, but I think it makes more sense to read Saved by Her first.

Warning #2: Graphic bad stuff

Sophia knows no life other than being a slave. Being beaten, abused, and degraded daily. She can't see that ending because she can't see the beginning. It is just the only life she knows.

Adam and River are dedicated to stopping the sex trade. They take risks. They put themselves in danger for others.

Adam wants to take care of Sophia. He wants to give her a do-over. But Sophia doesn't even know how to

start over. She has no frame of reference. Adam needs to take baby steps.

I enjoyed the story from Sophia's POV. She is more vulnerable. More fragile. We don't get as many of the hard to take details as we did in the first book. But we do get more of Adam. And I loved more of Adam. He struggles with wanting to make things right and letting Sophia find her own way. Adam is patient and respectful. Oh My Adam.

Mimiorphee says

Filthy is the second book in the Damaged Romance duet, although you can choose to read it as a standalone. This installment focuses on Sophia and Adam's story. Being in their heads was an intense experience since Sophia's past is really cruel and sad and Adam has his demons, as well.

After being set free from slavery, Sophia is overwhelmed, not knowing what freedom even means, she can't wrap her mind around this concept. She feels alone, rejected, has no goal anymore, after all, she was conditioned to have one and only purpose in life: please her masters.

"I feel no urge to please. I feel no need to belong. I only feel fractured and filthy."

Adam is a beautiful character, conflicted toward Sophia's struggles, wanting to protect her, to teach her how to live and enable her to make her own choices. As their connection is obvious and their complicity grows a little more each day, Adam needs to be sure that Sophia has feelings for him too and that her reaction to him isn't one due to a conditioned reflex.

Dark stories lovers, this dark and raw story will sometimes make you cringe but you'll enjoy the characters' evolution.

*ARC generously provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you ! *

Mandy (2 Girls & their Kindles) says

Filthy is Adam & Sophie's story. The 2nd book in the Damaged Romance Duet. Both characters appear in book 1. I would recommend reading the first book first but it's not necessarily needed.

Sophie's life as a Sex Slave is humiliating, degrading and very raw. She knows nothing of the delicate and loving touch of a man until Adam. Never Truly believing she deserves love and happiness, Adam sets out to show her that after all she's been through that is all she deserves in life.

While I really enjoyed this book and that it is a dark, gritty and raw read, and it is an emotional whirlwind, I found Book 1 more Darker. My only criticism was that the book ended on 67% and I thought I had much more to read and that was disappointing. It was still a great and enjoyable read.

Amanda says

This book suffered from too much **repetition**, especially if you have already read Book 1, Saved by Her. But if you are reading this as standalone, there will be a lot of **missing pieces**. So either way, is bad for a reader.

We were being told all over again about how did Adam and River went into the underground sex slave site to saved both Jack and Sophia. Which make me skim most of this part.

When they went back to the sanctuary where River keep the slaves she saved, we get see how Sophia learn to cope with her new life and make new friendship.

Every scene between Sophia and Adam was repeated in dual POV, which make it redundant. I appreciate knowing their inner feelings, but going over the similar dialogue again just make me bored.

The only thing I'm anticipating is the intimacy between them. But Sophia seems to get transform overnight and declare her undying affection for Adam, which make everything anti-climatic. Nope. Not working for me.

I like Book 1, but not this sequel.

Bloggers From Down Under says

** Review by Gayle from Bloggers From Down Under **

Meet Sophia.

All she has ever known in her life is to submit.

To give pleasure to others, no matter the consequence, even if it means taking her soul.

Failing isn't an option, because the punishments are too great.

So all she can do is live each day the same, with no love, no hope, no faith just so she keeps them happy. Her body will never be her own, it will always belong to them, the monsters that lurk the corridors of the house.

She will never be free.

Meet Adam.

He has to save as many as he can.

Only if it's just one.

He will do anything to get them out of the depths of hell.

He will do anything to allow them to rediscover themselves, have a normal life.

He will do anything to remove them away from the hands of monsters.

He will protect.

He will save.

Sophia has been a sex slave for so long that she doesn't know any other way of life. She was trained just after her mother died, living in hell to please and satisfy the men that would come to play. She would make

sure that each one was pleased as the punishments were to brutal to bare. Hope is something that Sophia never has, forever stuck in the sex slavery world.

But not if Adam had anything to do with it. Going to a sale, Adam and River made sure that they were the highest bidders to save Sophia, losing not an option. Getting her out along side Jack was their only objective. And they did it.

So begins Sophia's story and her road to freedom.

So begins Adam's story and his need to protect.

Filthy.....What can I say other than it's sheer brilliance. From beginning to end I honestly couldn't put it down. It's raw, dark, gritty, highly confronting and at times simply heart-breaking. You get to watch Sophia and her struggles to live a normal life as normal isn't something that she was accustomed too. You get to watch Adam and his internal turmoil trying his very best to help Sophia but not get too attached to her. You get to watch both Sophia and Adam grow, teaching one another about life, past ghosts, trust and love. It's simply a roller-coaster of emotions that will leave you heart-broken and wanting more.

Michelle Horst is simply an amazing author who somehow manages each and every single time to evoke feelings out of you that will leave you breathless. She writes with such depth and detail that it's almost as though you are right there with the characters feeling every emotion. As a reader/blogger, I have read quite a number of novels, but Michelle Horst to me is simply unique. She is amazing and what she has produced with Filthy is nothing short of spectacular.

I cannot recommend this novel high enough. It's a must read.

A HUGE 5 star read.

Tongan Book Lover (Ofa Tafa) says

---> *Advanced Review Copy Provided by Author* <---

Reviewed by: Ofa

Blog: Tongan Book Lover

Rating: 4 Stars

This book has triggers. It's raw, it's dark, it's emotional, it's filthy.

Previously published as Saved By Him, this book has new scenes, new edits and hotter sex!

I won't go into detail about the story but it's addictive. The writing is phenomenal and the execution perfect. I loved the development of the story as well as the characters. I enjoyed it so much and I definitely wouldn't mind if we got some more on this couple.

Thank you to the author for providing an ARC.

Jess~Two Darlin' Dolls & a Book Review says

Filthy by Michelle Horst is a story that doesn't give up and beat the odds.

If you were born and raised in filth is it possible to come clean. This is the filthy world Sophia has been born in to. Robbed of free will of her mind and body. She robotically does what she is told just to have a chance to breathe another day. Day in and out she feels a guiltless of being helpless. One of the things I adored about Sophia was that she wanted to make it through but not at the cost of stepping on others if she could. She's a victim to being a modern time slave and knows no other way.

Adam comes in her life under the pretense of being a master but him and his partner River are more like abolitionist. He helps teach and tries to show her that she might of born into that evil filthy world but she is nothing like them. The fact that he does all this while keeping a mannered distance letting her choose on her own was something that earned major points with me.

“You did. Your whole life you did what you thought was right, Sophia. Even though you did bad things, you didn’t know they were bad. You didn’t know any different. Now that you know it’s wrong, you fight against it because you’re good. You are a good person.”

I fell in love with the slow build up of her gaining her life back. The story brings hope, perseverance and a will to try and start a new to a damaged lost soul that drew me in.

4.5 never give up stars

- Received an ARC for an honest review
~ Two Darlin Dolls and a Book Review

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This was previously published as Saved by Him. It's been newly published with new scenes, new cover and new editing. It's a standalone however I personally recommend you read Dirty first as these books are so good.

Filthy is Sophia and Adams story. We met them in Dirty and I'm so happy to read their story. Adam has rescued Sophia from a life as a slave. He hopes she can lead a normal life. Unfortunately Sophia's idea of normal isn't the same as Adams. Can he help her?

Really great read. I'm looking forward to reading more from this author.

Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

***** 5 Cranky Stars *****

Synopsis:
Sophia

I'm only good for sex.
That's what I've been trained for my whole life.
I'm a puppet.
I only know how to be your perfect fantasy.
It's the only life I've ever known.
...until him.

Adam

I protect.
That's all I know.
I'm the best at my job.
Life is fucked up, that's my reality.
...until her.

Review:

It's hard to find a book that grabs you from page one and holds you hostage to the end but Michelle Horst did just that.

Sophia knows only the life of a sex slave.
Adam wants only to protect and save her.

She knows that she needs to save her soul.
He wants to keep it safe.

I was on the edge of my seat with this series. There was never a dull moment, never a lack of emotion, never a lack of suspense.

If you're looking for a soul gripping, heart pounding, kleenex required amazing read than one-click this series today.

Steph's Romance Book Talk says

What the HELL just happened??? I am a little confused right now with what I just read. SO this book is the second book in a duet about two sex slaves that are saved by two do-gooders. This story follows Sophia and Adam whom you met in Dirty (book #1); however, you get the backstory of Sophia and Adam in this book. I liked that aspect of this novella; however, I did feel a bit robbed by the abrupt ending and the fact that it ended at 65% on my kindle.....I was finally getting dragged into the story of Adam and Sophia only to be told: NO MORE!!! This is one of my bookish pet peeves!! For this reason and the fact that it just seemed like a retelling of Dirty (book #1) with only a few new aspects I have to stand by my 3-flat star rating, sadly.

Provided as an ARC for an honest and voluntary review.

There will be no specific video review for this book despite being an ARC.

For other video book reviews check out my YouTube Channel Steph's Rom Book Talk
<https://www.youtube.com/c/stephanieun...>

Kim BookJunkie says

A 5-star favorite!

My only complaint about this sequel is the repetitiveness. Unfortunately, Ms. Horst decided to take discussions from the first book and quote them verbatim. Having just read the first book days prior, it was a bit redundant to say the least. Despite that, this book was absolutely mesmerizing! I even shed a few tears at the unexpected ending; more happens in this book that we didn't get to see from Jack's point of view. Horst is a fantastic storyteller, really bringing the character's emotions to life!

Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

4.5 Cranky Stars

I've read this book in its early inception when it was titled Saved by Him and I loved it then and liked it even more with all the extras.

As a child born into sexual slavery she has seen and done some of the most vile things. She's trying to make sense of her new world and as the saying goes old habits die hard. Sophia is trying to cope with life now that she isn't a slave. She will do anything to stay relevant and alive and becomes quickly enamored by her savior Adam.

Adams life started out with so much promise. As a Marine he went out and served his country but that country turned it's back on him when he needed it the most. He was struggling to survive on the streets and that's when River came into his life and gave him a purpose. Of all the slaves he has helped save he has a certain attraction to Sophia. He knows this isn't the best of ideas and tries to distance himself.

This book is two broken wounded people finding the good in themselves and most of all finding love. It's not rainbows and puppies it's pure and gritty and dirty. This new take on the book gives you so much more insight into what makes Sophia and Adam tick. This is a must read for fans of Michelle Horst and lovers of dark books.
