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RITA© Award Finalist for Best Erotic Romance of the Year!

The New York Times bestselling author of *Call on Me* invites you to discover the thrill of control as one couple wrestles for power in and out of the bedroom...

Samantha Dunbar needs to forget Gibson Andrews. When he trained her to be a *domme*, she experienced just how hot things could get with the sexy executive. She was ready to hand him everything—including her heart. But Gibson backed away, declaring them incompatible. He's a dominant, and Sam's no submissive.

But after an attack shakes Sam to her core, Gibson tracks her down at her family's rundown farmhouse and makes her an offer. He'll stay the week and be hers in every way—a helping hand for the renovation and a willing lover in her bed. He swore he'd never give up control to anyone again, but he hasn't been able to touch another woman since Sam. Maybe a week alone with her will cure him of his relentless craving.

But one taste only makes them want more, and Sam and Gibson are drawn in deeper than ever. The man who won't give in has just met the girl who won't give up...

## **Break Me Down Details**

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# From Reader Review Break Me Down for online ebook

**Shari says**

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Samantha Dunbar and Gibson Andrews shared a moment of revelation once upon a time when Gibson was playing sub while training Sam on using a whip. He liked it a lot more than he let on and they shared a kiss. But Gibson is a Dom right? So he runs from a situation that makes him feel bad and would make him seem weak.

Months later Sam is attacked after hours at a bar she manages. Already having vacation planned, she heads out early to hide and lick her wounds at forgetting all her self defense classes. She's lustrated and needs to vent her anger, but when she tried The Ranch, she was turned away due to her state of mind. Restoring her grandmother's house is her vacation plans.

Gibson sees the state Sam is in when she comes to The Ranch, but she safe words when he tries to follow her. He goes to his brother and sister-in-law (who had their book already) to find her. Following her to her grandmother's house he pushes her to let him stay, but on one condition: he is her sub.

Gibson truly does have a fear of being proceived as weak. His father was abusive both physically and mentally. So when Sam dominates him, he goes back to his father yelling things at him. Ultimately he can't get over this one big hurtle and Sam won't let their relationship be a dirty little secret.

Samantha also had a hard life hopping from one foster family after another. Having been attacked as a teenager, she got help and training to protect herself. Now she is finished with her Dominant training and is pretty good at being a Dom men want. It is never sexual, only giving them what they need and the pride she feels in accomplishing that. Backing own to Gibson isn't what she will ever be able to do and live with herself. She is nobody's secret and she wants it all.

I am not a Domme person, but this was a heart breaking romance between people with tough lives overcoming what society has done to them along with labeled them. Getting over out pasts is never easy and in a short book, this is what it all is about and realizing who we really are meant to be.

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**\* Meli Mel \* says**

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**'He couldn't give her what she most wanted, couldn't be the kind of sub she could have by her side at the Ranch, but maybe he could at least give her this. His body was hers to use however she wanted tonight.'**

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Sam has never really gotten over Gibson after all this time. She has tried, but the heart wants what it wants. Sam knows Gibson because he trained her on how to be a domme. Sam never expected herself to fall for him during those training sessions. When Gibson found out he quickly put an end to it all. He will never be what Sam craves, a submissive.

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**'Her grin was wicked as she raised her arm to wield the belt, her fierce beauty absolute.  
And he knew he was fucking done.  
He agreed to a week.  
He may not survive it.  
But he'd die with a smile on his face.'**

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Time goes by when they finally see each other again. Gibson shows up with mutual friends at the bar Sam works at. He still tried to avoid her despite the need he feels when he is near her. Sam feels the same way. When Sam gets attacked, she is shaken by the event, and runs off for some solitude. Gibson finds out and goes after her. He knows the last thing she needs is to be alone, so he is determined to stay by her side until he is sure she is okay. What ends up happening is an arrangement. He can stay if he will be hers for one week, where he will submit to her.

This was the first book I have read where the dominant in this bdsm relationship is a woman. I wasn't sure how I would feel about it, but I'm glad to say that I really enjoyed it. Sam was a likable character and she did really great for herself despite her horrible upbringing in foster care. I also really liked Gibson and he was a great character despite also having a not so great childhood. However, it did affect him in not wanting to be a submissive. I loved how he cared about Sam and that he would do something that made him uncomfortable and unsure just to make sure she was okay. His feelings for her ran deep and it showed, except for when he was didn't want to accept how he was. I liked the dynamic and the chemistry between them. It was all kinds of hot, and not once did Gibson seem emasculated by being submissive.



**"See how beautifully intense you are in submission. Seeing you like that makes me want to thank the universe that you exist, that there's someone else who gets it. It makes me want to parade you around the Ranch and show you off because of how fucking lucky I'd be to have a man like you."**



This is a novella, so, their story did begin before the book began, but it actually worked. I almost didn't even need to see any scenes of them in the past. Even though it was a short read I was able to connect with them. It was very well developed and you could feel the relationship between them grow. It never felt like I was reading a novella. The sex scenes were definitely hot but not for everyone. There was talk about rape fantasies and such that may make it difficult for some to enjoy. There were some emotional parts in this one so it wasn't all just sex, and a bit of angst that kept things interesting. Overall, I found this to be a really great read.

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### **Anna's Herding Cats says**

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/1jIDKZD>

This. Lotta this. I can't *even* with an actual review. So we'll do what we must. *Break Me Down...* reading went a little something like this.

[Status Update] 6/2 Bad things. I would do bad things for a copy of this. lol Can't wait!

[Status Update] 9/23 Woohoo! It's in my greedy little hands! ***Come to mama!*** Love me some Roni Loren!

oh. We've got a Domme. Interesting. That's not usually my thing but...okay. Samantha seems like a cool chick. I'm down. And a hero who thinks he's a Dom (or rather is trying real hard to be one) but is totally a sub. Oh yeah. \*taps fingers\* Definitely gonna be interesting. Lets do this.

he has a dimple! #dies

\*sigh\* poor dumb male. had a little freak out in the past and muckered things all up huh? gonna be a bitch trying to get your woman back, you know, if you can get over your shit and get on board with submitting to her.

so stubborn! so scared! You *know* you wanna be hers. And for her to *claim* your sexy ass.

Oooo an arrangement. A week to get their kink on and leave all baggage at the door. Come on sexeh times. totally not my thing to see a guy kneel but omg, gib. GET ON THOSE KNEES! Let her do all kinds of dirty things to you. Or make you do them to her. #ResistanceIsFutile

oh my word. Sometimes men are just such...men. \*slowly closes eyes\* *someone* ::cough, gibs, cough:: is so gonna pay for a very very bad call. bless your heart. this romance is not smooth sailing.

I am freaking LOVING this heroine though. Sam is ah-*may*-zing!

This. So much this.

"No." She held up a finger. "No, you didn't. Don't even. I had it handled. That fight was so not about me. That was about you. You proving you're not..." She made air quotes. "'A pussy.' Which, by the way, pisses me off even more because I have one of those. And they're spectacular. And being called one shouldn't be some ultimate insult."

a-fucking-*men*! you tell em, girl!

whew boy! this heroine can totally pull off the Domme attitude. holy cow. I would NOT want to piss Sam off. the things she does! she had my palms sweating for a second. She totally has a sadist in her. good for gib since he's really got a bit of a masochist in him.

seriously. these two are some damn *perfect* for each other if only their kinks and insecurities would stop battling it out! He's scared to be seen as weak so wants to hide what they do together. anyone knowing he submits puts the fear-a in him. And she's battling old hurts of being kept someone's secret and no one ever choosing her. Ahhhh. killing me, yall.

::muttering:: don't freak out, gib. don't freak out. you can handle what she's dishing out. you *know* you want this. doesn't make you any less of a man. submission is hard! I know. don't freak out.

"Oh, honey, don't panic yet. We're just getting started." ~Samantha

damn. that was gloriously *filthy*!>

--> yeah, rimming \*shakes head\* not for me. Everything else though. Holy shit. This is freaking HOT. Like *who turned up the heat??!* hot. I'd let her do bad things to me. I really would.

Nooooooooo... dammit. we have a freak out. *dude!* Sam's on board with your kink. I'm on board with your kink. Your buddies are on board with your kink. Their *wives* are on board with your kink. DUDE! Fall in line! We're waiting!

---> totally had an intermission to go stalk the author because omg there's the cutest new chick that works for him and I WANT HER BOOK! Gimme gimme. I need some more Nicolette.

\*back to reading\* come on Gibbs! you can fix this!

I will not cry. I will not cry. Okay. I'm maybe gonna tear up a little.

woohoo some naughty is gonna...go...*down!*

A cock ring. He made some garbled noise. Some caveman language that meant *Oh, fuck, genitals in danger. Run for the hills.*

kinky fuckers too \*heya Pike\* and totally willing to help a guy out after he's screwed everything all to heck and back. even if it means keeping his ass on a kinky path and being there to make sure he doesn't go all panicky male and pull a runner. that's some *real* friendship there.

*Everything's cool. Everything's good. A little prostrate massage while chatting with the boys is not a big deal at all.*

Hrms. I'd need to convince myself on that too. I don't know how cool I'd be with chit chatting in my kitchen while rocking a cock ring (if I had a cock for said ring that is) and a vibrating plug up my bum while waiting for the fixing of things to begin. I mean. Seriously. I'd be there thinking okay *I* know I have a vibrating plug in my bum and that's okay. And you're like 2 feet away and *YOU* know I have a vibrating plug in my bum. I like my friends and all but AWKWARD. So made me love these guys though. I think this is my thing in all BDSM books though. I would totally be wigged out with everyone I know knowing my naughty bits or seeing things they shouldn't see. I need a kinksters anonymous club I think.

(oh wait. back to the book)

oh, oh. yall can do this! come on...come on...yall are totally gonna make me do that girly sigh and aw thing. best romance.

9/24 4:30pm (flips kindle off) omg can I have another, please?!!

I just...so good. So very very good. I'm totally rocking a little book hangover from Break Me Down. From a

novella. Whoa. You know you've found an amazing author when they're able to write a dynamic that's so NOT your thing and they *still* have you panting after the story and every single little word in it. And pant I did. A deliciously kinked out treat. Loren, once again, simply wowed. If you're looking for a series that perfectly captures the beauty and passion of erotic romance at it's absolute best this is the series to grab. If you haven't picked them up.... Go. Go now! They are fantabulous!

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## **Jean Smith says**

Not far to go from reality and yet so far away...

I knew this one story was going to hit home before I picked it up just from watching Sam and Gibson interact in the previous *Loving on the Edge* novels. Even so, I came with an open mind and ready to see where Roni would take us with these two. I knew I was going to connect with Sam. What I didn't realize is just how much I would connect with Gibson. In fact, that connection pretty much blew me away. I've loved all of this series, but I have to say this one has become my absolute favorite.

Sam is like so very many dommes I've known. We tend to be very loving and caring but with a core of steel and goo at the center. We can be quite the bitchy sadists. At the same time, we are very much women with all the emotions that go with it. Some of us learn to repress some of those emotions and perhaps in that repression our very need to control is born. Sometimes that need to dominate and control is born from being left no control and the victim of life and circumstance when we were young. In Sam's case, she was orphaned at eight when her grandmother passed. She spent the rest of her childhood being shuffled from one foster home to another always feeling unwanted and passed up. She's experienced her share of emotional trauma, but life fashioned her a survivor. At the core that's just what she is, a survivor taking the reigns of her future in hand. Sam is no longer willing to play second fiddle, someone's secret, or be untrue to who she is, even if it means walking away from the only man she's ever loved.

Gibson... lord how to explain Gibson? That's like trying to describe everything that makes myself tick. Do you have a lifetime to listen? I think I mentioned that I really connected with this character, I don't know if that is the half of it. You see I'm what I like to call a dominant switch. In most circumstances, I'm all over being dominant but put me with that ONE right man where the chemistry is just right and I can topple like a house of cards. I so totally got his need to be in control and to hide any sign of weakness. I got exactly what it meant to power through the pain. But put him with Sam and all he WANTS is to submit and worship at her feet. Unfortunately, getting past learned reactions isn't always an easy fix. Just because you want something doesn't always mean you can make it happen. So things are looking pretty unworkable to Gib. Sometimes, though, it takes figuring out just how important someone else is in your life to decide to make the change no matter what it takes. I really felt for Gib and I have to admit I think fell just a bit in love with him. Damned glad I can have as many fictional boyfriends as I want. And I have to tell you I think Gibson just went to the top of the list.

By the time I got to the end of the book, I was doing fist pumps for Sam and Gibson for working through their issues and realizing the love and life they can have together. They have a really powerful dynamic between the two of them I found majorly compelling. Unless you all haven't figured out by now, I totally recommend this book. Anyone that loves a good BDSM romance and especially those looking for a female in the dominant role are really going to love it. If you're looking for true to life realism in the lifestyle then the *Loving on the Edge* series promises to deliver.

\*\*\*\*\*Reviewed for Xtreme-Delusions.com\*\*\*\*\*



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## Angie Elle says

*Thank you to INTERMIX and Netgalley for providing a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.*

Break Me Down is my first read from Roni Loren. It's part of the Loving on the Edge series, and I have to admit to feeling as though I was missing something. Sam and Gibson had quite the history, but I don't feel like it was fleshed out enough in this installment. I wonder if there's more to their story in Gibson's step-brother's story, which is an earlier book in this series.

I really liked Sam and Gibson. Sam had a tough time growing up in foster care, but she worked hard to move on and make a decent life for herself. It's not until a disastrous event causes Sam's past and present to collide that things take a turn for the worse. Gibson was determined to be something he wasn't, and it's not until Sam's incident (and ultimatum,) that he lets his true self out. I'm not usually a fan of ultimatums, but I have to admit that it worked well here. It was clear Sam's came from a place of desperation, and I think so did Gibson's accepting it. She was offering something that allowed him to unleash who he really was, and he was desperate to keep her safe. Her ultimatum gave him both of those things; it really showed us a lot about each character.

But there was one thing I just couldn't move past. (view spoiler)

However, I very much enjoyed this author's writing style. Her characters (even in this short story) are very complex and likable, and this was a steamy read. I'll be reading more from her.

*This review was originally posted at Badass Book Reviews.*

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## Ralou by Collector Of Book Boyfriends says

*ARC provided in exchange of an honest review*

### **Review original post:**

<http://collectorofbookboyfriends.com/...>

***book review: 4 femme stars!!!***

A book that literally caught me deliciously off guard! I never thought that I would enjoy a book with this subject so much. And I'm telling this not because I have something against female domination but, since it's the first one I read with a femme, I was kind of held back a bit. But it totally did worth it reading it....

When I first read the blurb, I was instantly intrigued because it was something different from what I'm used to reading. The fact that the Dom was the woman and the Submissive was the man, kind of hit me full force on my curiosity and it presented me with a chance to explore this other dimension of a D/s relationship while enjoying, of course, a wonderful love story.

“Hard to be friends with someone you want in your bed.”

The introduction to this aspect of BDSM is quite smooth. The first chapter takes you into the first meeting of Gibson and Sam after that moment in the past when Gib denied to be her sub. It's a moment that is "*normal*" and gives nothing away about what's next. And the **what's next** is plain *indescribable*.

Sex with him in whatever form would probably be like winning the orgasm lottery.

The combination of the love that these two share with the BDSM is just..... **WWHHOOAA!!!** Even when the domination of Sam over Gibson is *pure, harsh, demanding, hot* domination, you still can detect the love that Sam's hiding under her **Domme** role when they play. And since I was been referred to their *play time*, I have **1 huge thing** to say: **HOLY DAMN!!!** *Steamy* doesn't even begin to cover it because it's in a whole different level which you can reach only if you **actually** read the book.

"You want to beat me, Sam?" he said, his voice rising.

"Is that what you really need? You want to take all that anger boiling inside you and rip me to shreds? Then fucking do it. Put me on my knees and do it."

And even if I hadn't had the chance before to encounter Roni Loren's writing, I really see that she has a way with words so her stories to become irresistible. And in this book she had me from the beginning because she took an ordinary M/F love story and added to it some unusual – at least, for me – aspects and situations that, in under usual circumstances, could be awkward and kind of weird. But *no, no, no!* Not even close! With these, she made it a story that can't forget because it stays on your mind either you want it or not.

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## Cézanne Hayden-Dilbert says

3.5 Stars

"Just because you wanted something, didn't mean you got to have it"

I went into Break Me Down blindly. I've heard of Roni Loren's work but I have never read her until now. I love a good smutty read but I don't often read a BDSM books, not because there is anything wrong with them, but they aren't always my thing. This novella surprised me though. The story was well written, sexy, taboo, and I was enthralled by the story.

I've never read a book about a female domme, so I was completely intrigued by the aspect of the story. What I immediately liked with this book was that even though it was sexy and sensual, it was not just about the sex. There was a back story between the two main characters. Samantha and Gibson were friends and both were part of the BDSM lifestyle. The two had an obvious attraction and chemistry between them but they had yet to explore their feelings.

Samantha was beautiful, head strong, and she wasn't afraid to let anyone know about her desires as a domme. Gibson was a such a complex character. He was a perfect balance of sweet, cocky, and caring. He

was a very headstrong businessman and he was used to being in charge. Yet, he had submissive desires that left conflicted and anxious. Gibson wanted to be with Sam but what she wanted from him was his complete submission. He desperately wanted her but he didn't believe that he would be able to give her what she desired.

Both character's had issues from the pasts that they were still battling with. I loved how the story delved into both their past and present issues. Gibson had true inner turmoil and it was written in such a way that I could not help but care for him. I enjoyed the fact they we had the chance to hear both characters inner thoughts and concerns. I liked both characters but it did take me a few chapters before I warmed up to Samantha. It bothered me that she wasn't as empathetic to Gibson's issues as he was to hers. I did eventually warm up to her though.

This was story was such a unique department from most of the erotic books I've read. I enjoyed Ms. Loren's writing and I'm definitely curious about the rest of this series.

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### **Krista says**

The role of the domme is one that has always fascinated me. But, there aren't many stories featuring them. We women love the uber-alpha males who dominate in the bedroom, so that seems to be what most erotica authors write about. But, a dominant female and a submissive male is a truly unique relationship and completely fascinating. Leave it to Roni Loren to write about this and to do it well.

Gibson has always fancied himself a dom, but isn't ready to admit to anyone that he has fantasies about being dominated by a woman. Not even Sam - the woman he can't get out of his head.

Roni Loren made this story so REAL. All the thoughts that Gibson had - all his hangups about being dominated and losing control - they were all exactly what I would imagine a virile man would go through when faced with the choice of becoming a domme's sub. He wants the woman so badly, but doesn't want to give up his macho manly role in the relationship. I totally get that.

Sam is struggling from the opposite side of the fence. She wants the man, but doesn't think she can change who she is in order to be with him. He either has to accept her as she is in the bedroom, or they can't be together, and that kills her. MAJOR props to Sam for staying true to herself - that can't have been easy.

The fact that Gibson is willing to give the lifestyle a chance demonstrates how much he is willing to do in order to have Sam in his life. That is unbelievably sexy. I loved that the switch was hard for Gib. It was not a smooth transition. If it had been too easy, I wouldn't have enjoyed the story as much.

Any Roni Loren story that has Pike in it is a 5-star story for me. Pike's and Foster's appearance and banter with their friend Gibson was my favorite part of this book. They are all so close - their friendship is awesome.

I can't wait for more from this series. It's definitely one of my favorites.

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## Christy LoveOfBooks says

Hot damn, **Break Me Down** was good! I haven't read all of the books in *Loving on the Edge* series yet, but this is definitely one of my favorites.

I love all the different relationship and kink dynamics Loren writes about, but the ones featuring a Domme tops them all. So to speak. Especially when her counterpart is an alpha-male type. Even more so when he's a challenge. And that's what I got with Samantha and Gibson. Both are dominant ... or so Gibson thinks he is. Insert evil grin here.

These two are quite the pair. They push each other in ways they both need to be pushed, emotionally and physically. It was so much fun watching them work everything out, and very touching and sweet at times. Really, the romance was wonderfully done.

And oh man, were they ever smokin' hot and sexy as hell. I swear, Loren is a master at writing BDSM. This isn't all sex, sex, sex though. Yes, it is erotica and gets into the kink, but the plot and the characters actually have *depth*. Plus, there's a nice dose of humor that totally bumped it up even more for me.

Seriously, **Break Me Down** is so freaking good! Everything about it! I highly suggest it even if it isn't a dynamic you're usually into, because it's still a *fantastic* book. And you just might be surprised.

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## Sheryl says

**\*4.5 stars\***

**I don't read a lot of books with BDSM and when I do they feature Doms and not Dommes because I am in no way comfortable reading about that... That said, I thought this was BRILLIANT!!! Not going to lie, it still made me a tad uncomfortable, but this was so bloody EMOTIONAL and HAWT and I absolutely LOVED Gibson!!!**

*\*ARC courtesy of Netgalley and Berkley\**

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## Erica says

There is nothing I love more than a Roni Loren read. However, this one just did not do it for me the way all her other books do. It came down to one character (and my reading preferences): Samantha. I just am not huge into Domme stories, and while sometimes when my favorite authors write them they work, I just didn't click with Sam's character.

Gibson, however, I adored as a character. What a great guy! I think there is no such thing as a Roni Loren man that isn't the definition of awesome. One other fab thing about *Break Me Down* is the drop-ins from some of the other characters from the series - which is always a real treat.

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## Sophia says

Didn't really know what to expect and confess to being tentative going into this latest installment of the Loving on Edge series. You see it is a man struggling with his submissive nature and a woman who refuses to hide who she is ever again. They had a moment and then disaster struck. Oh, and there's more...they have dark pasts.

This is a novella between books eight and nine and tackles two minor characters from earlier in the series, Gibson and Sam. It's probably a good idea to read the series in order, but I think there is enough in the novella that a reader would do fine getting it out of order.

The story opens with Sam's best friend, Tessa, and her husband, Kade, stopping by the bar and bringing along Kade's brother, Gibson. Sam and Gibson have a past. He helped her train as a Domme and things were going well until she discovered in one of their play sessions that her training Dom got off on being her sub. He ran from her and has ignored her since. Samantha is attracted to Gibson and still wants him, but she will not compromise her own nature to be with him.

Gibson got a shock when he enjoyed submitting to Sam, but it also brought out lots of old fears that he worked so hard to escape from. He can't let himself be seen as weak or vulnerable as much as he likes Sam. So he walked away, but nothing has felt right since. And then when she is attacked and is shaken up, he can't keep away. She confronts him and challenges him to give them one week on her terms. He agrees. And they both are pushed right to the edge.

The story is a novella so it starts with a crisis that draws the two back together and it works through some deep stuff quickly to get to the sticking point. Now that said, I don't mean to imply that it raced through things and never delved deep. This story had depth and heart. Gibson faces two demons that stop him up short. There is the perception of society against male submissiveness and then the fears of being controlled instilled in him because he grew up an abused child. Sam grew up in the foster system that passed her around frequently and she had no control and a lot of anger before she also learned that she could be prey so easily. She just wants someone to see who she really is and pick her for once.

This pair are a sadist and a masochist and they do engage in this, but I would say the BDSM is moderate at most. There is spanking, caning, rimming, anal play, exhibitionism, and bondage.

Now, I feel like I should discuss the fact that this was a Domme/sub story. Not my general fare when I choose a BDSM read. Mostly I avoid them and for years I would have said it was because I didn't like stories of women dominating men. Honestly, it's probably a little of that, but mostly it was because I'd read ones where it felt like the woman was dominating out of anger and hate rather than it actually being her nature. To me that was abuse and I didn't want to read that stuff, but then I learned that there were actually a few authors out there who could write a decent and even good Dominant Woman/submissive man relationship. There is respect, there is fun, lust of course, and there is trust and love. The woman is commanding, but the man is not emasculated. Roni Loren is one of those few precious writers for me. She writes a beautiful, poignant, yet hotter than than blazes story.

So, yes, another solid win for me and a groan of disappointment that I need to sit back and wait for the next book in the series. If you enjoy BDSM that has developed characters and storyline, get going on this series.

My thanks to Penguin Group and Roni Loren for providing a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Camille Adams says**

DNF at 54%

This reads like the ~~original~~ inspiration to this travesty, Natural Law.

At least the prose in this version doesn't make one's eyes bleed.

Nonetheless, it's a bad tale. Why are so many femdom stories predicated upon the idea of breaking a man? That's pejorative to male submission. So a real man doesn't naturally, happily submit? It must be coerced?

And from whence did the fallacious idea of dominance being about breaking people come? Should Doms/Dommes be turned on by people who aren't in touch with themselves and accepting of their preferences, by people who find submission to be reductionist?

This book isn't worth the diatribe. It pales and fails in comparison to books like Power Play that features a male sub who has no qualms submitting; a book that doesn't sell one on this dangerous idea of "romantically breaking" a person.

Ps: I get what this purports to be about, breaking through barriers. But it's not.

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## **Vanessa Boone says**

WOW. Break Me Down is scorching hot!

If you're looking for a great story about a male submissive and female Domme, then this is definitely the story for you. Roni Loren's writing sucked me in from the very beginning and kept me hanging on until the very end. Although Break Me Down isn't a full-length novel, it still feels like it is. Roni does an amazing job building her characters and the challenges between them. Each chapter is well written and meaty with plenty to keep you engaged. It also helps that she always has the best sex scenes! ;)

As I got to the end of the story, I was certain that Break Me Down would end a particular way and then it didn't, which was pleasantly surprising. I rarely cry with books, but there I was crying at the very end. Ms. Loren wraps this story up perfectly. As a big fan of hers, I can't tell you how excited I was to see Pike, Foster, and Grant in this story. Even if it was only for a few chapters. I'll definitely take what I can get.

Overall, I would definitely recommend reading Break Me Down. It takes a special kind of author to have you falling in love with characters in such a short amount of time, but Roni Loren does this flawlessly.

Thank you InterMix for giving me the opportunity to review this beauty! <3 Roni Loren! Keep writing. <3

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Roni Loren is quickly becoming a go-to favorite of mine. Her style of writing gives a sweet and emotional story with an edge of erotic ‘Oh, pass me a fan, can you see my blush, oh hell, did I just read that in public?’ steaminess. If my husband knew how much I enjoyed reading the domination scenes in this book he might never let me back in our bed...or he may never let me out. Hmmm...

What really made this a five star read, though, was how much I cared about the characters and their story beyond their physical relationship. There's a real book here folks, with substance and three dimensional characters, and the works. Sam was the sexiest Domme I have ever read about, and seeing as how she was a woman, that's saying a lot. I wanted her, and, well, she's not usually my type...if you get my drift. Hell. More than that, I wanted to be her in some of those scenes. Gibson was described as being oh, so sexy, and he seemed like a great guy and all, but he really paled in comparison to her strength and stoic ‘take me or leave me’ attitude. Her way with him, and the limits she pushes, ahhhh, it was a toss-up as to what was going to melt first—my kindle or my panties.

As always, visits to the ranch and the reappearance of past loved characters was a pleasure all of its own. Getting an update on their lives, seeing their interactions with Sam and Gibson, this really brings you deeper into their world and keeps you invested in the series. Although really, each book can easily be a standalone, and there's more than enough to keep you invested even with no prior knowledge.

This book had me sneaking it during work, because I had to know what happened. I just had a hard time looking anyone in the eye after reading it, wondering if all the dirty things going through my mind were obvious. And so what if I had to speed home and jump my husband? I have no regrets. ~ George, 5 stars

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First of all let me say, panties are optional when reading this book, and also *do not* read it when you are in the presence of people...You have been warned!

Sam is a Mistress, one that requires total control, and the one she has her eye on—Gibson—can't seem to give her that control due to his past. I thought to myself, ‘Well, what in the world could have caused him to deny her the control?’

One thing was for sure, Sam and Gibson were meant to be together, yet both of their pasts would be the deciding factor if they were to end up together at the end. And yes, the scenes between them were freaking hot, and the sex had me reaching for a change of panties or going bare to save on washing!

As Gibson and Sam try to give it chance, I got to see the *real* them and I loved seeing them open up to each other and sharing their pasts. I will warn you, it's not pretty, especially Sam's... I was in tears and wishing I could hug her and tell her everything would be okay, but Gibson beat me to it!

There were a lot of different types of emotions going through me and I didn't really know if I was going to survive it, but in the end, I did somehow. This story really surprised me because it was really more than sex and scenes, because it had so much raw feeling behind it. ~ Kara, 5 stars

