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Claiming Lauren has been heavily revised and expanded from its previous edition, ANONYMOUS.

Claiming Lauren Details

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Cath says

I am sorry to say I really couldn't get into this short book. The story is about Lauren who is stuck in a lonely and loveless marriage with Jacob. She is just around as a wife for business and society meetings. But it is not enough and Lauren ventures into the world of BDSM by joining an online group. There she meets the Master. After two years it is time to meet. She has one night of submission with The Master. But she still wants more. Jacob unexpectedly comes home after a long time away on business.....and he seems to know exactly what she wants! I just didn't get the ending when Lauren and Jacob had been in such an arranged and loveless marriage for five years? Maybe if it had been longer the story would have developed into a good story but it was just too short to get in to.

Thank you to NetGalley for providing me with a copy so that I could give an honest review.

multitaskingmomma says

I am not really into BDSM books, but honestly? This was pretty good and surprisingly? I did like it.

The Blurb:

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My Thoughts

I am not really one for BDSM, well not normally, but there are some that drives my curiosity and seeing this offered for a free read in exchange of a review, I could not resist the temptation.

There are no regrets.

There was an actual plot and character development here! This is something that really surprised me. I must confess that I have a pre-set notion to short stories that are erotica and nature and this one did fit that criteria.

Thankfully, Claiming Lauren gave more than the usual and I am now curious about the following book -

well, at least I got the impression that this was just the beginning.

Is this a teaser? I hope so...

"Return to eXclave in April 2013

Lauren's submission was just the beginning."

Borrowed from Netgalley.

Janey says

ARC provided by CrushStar Multimedia via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

Lauren Brant was a good society wife. She gave the right impression, supported her husband, Jacob, at various events, made the right noises..in public at least.

Her loveless 5 year marriage had led her to seek intimate comfort elsewhere. She had been communicating with him for many months via the internet, and we then experience a one night stand with a man known only to her as Master.

Following on from that encounter, her husband unusually comes home and wants to communicate, wants to take her out.

I liked the concept of the story, but feel as such a short story, we are only getting a glimpse of it before it is ended. There is not much background on Jacob, but that could be something that is expanded on in the next book. I'm afraid to say there needs to be a little more of a hook in this part to keep me reading, which is a shame as I liked the writing style.

Sharon Bradley says

Claiming Lauren's premise is something that, I believe, still happens in real life but not usually used in erotica. It's about a fixed marriage between Lauren and her husband that further developed into an even more distant relationship, since they barely spend time with one another. She then meets up with a stranger from the internet, 'Master', and submits to him sexually.

The night that she first spent with Master was sensual and was easy to relate to, in terms of emotion. And in hindsight, it was even better. I say that because there's a secret that will be revealed in the middle of the book that makes it more inclined to romance rather than BDSM.

The story and the characters were well-developed, considering the length of the story, and they were interesting, to say the least. A definite page-turner. :-)

The BookChick says

My Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

VERY GOOD: The characteristics of a 4 heart book include: a great story; I loved the characters; and there was an interesting plot and unique story elements; there may have been a few odd things kept the story from being amazing.

Initial Reaction:

Definitely short. Definitely sexy. Definitely left me wanting more.

My Thoughts:

This book was provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

Claiming Lauren was a very short but steamy, sexy, and sweet read. Lauren Brant is a society wife, classy, polished, elegant...and lonely. Although she is married to the a very successful and handsome man, their marriage is in name only. Divided by continents, their lives are completely separate. Lauren wants out but the confines of high-society dictate that she stay in a marriage where love, or even remote like, don't factor into it at all. Driven by her loneliness and the desire to assuage her physical needs, Lauren joins a chat group that caters to those in the BDSM lifestyle. This is where she meets *Master* and carries on a two year virtual relationship with him. As time goes by Lauren feels more and more alone and decides to meet Master face-to-face. In a serendipitous twist of fate, Lauren's life and her future are irrevocably changed.

I am not typically a fan of short stories because they lack depth and background. However, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that I enjoyed this quick 38-page read. The author did not go into depth about how/why Jacob continued the farce with Lauren; however, she clearly expressed Lauren's motivations. She was lonely. She was miserable. She was unhappy and unloved. She needed an outlet. And Master, nom de plume Jacob, was that outlet. The two had a very intense meeting and contact and it only intensified Lauren's wanting for more upon their departure. I liked how Jacob revealed who he was to Lauren and how they connected after it. What was missing for me from this story was the feeling behind Jacob's confession of love. It came across as **told** and not **felt**. I'm sure that was because of the book's brevity but it was still remiss. I would have enjoyed seeing what happens next for the couple. I'm not sure if this book is a stand alone, part of a series, or serial but I enjoyed it for what it was.

Note: This story has mild-BDSM elements.

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Vânia Nunes says

If you're looking for a short book for your e-reader, this is right.
The story suggests something spicy. Master, Dominant, Submissive. But do not expect much.

Because it's just a short story. 38 pages.

The characters are interesting: a fake marriage, no children. She spends time in London, he, in the United States taking care of business.

Be suppressed by a woman in the sexual area, Lauren ends up seeking relief on the internet, and it is there that she begins to learn about Dominance and Submission. She comes into contact with a man who identifies himself only as Master, and this happens to teach her details of this aspect of the most sensual and sexual relationship. Until the day comes that she decide meet him to try at least one night of pleasure. Just that. One night.

She travels, but before she contacts her ?? "husband" and tells him what she's gonna do.
She does.

When she back home she meets her husband at home and the big question is: what will happen now that he knows what she did?

Besides this question, others were rolling in my head: why they kept this marriage facade? Until she comes to find the website wheres he came into contact with the Master, where did the first idea come from? What happens after this encounter between her and the Master and between her and her husband?

Even being a short story, I wish the author had elaborated a bit more on the subject. The characters WERE interesting. Her husband, Jacob, appeared to be an intelligent, educated man, what was the point of that marriage?

Well, if you are not as argumentative as me, the book will satisfy you.

3 STARS.

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

****My thanks to NetGalley and Emily Ryan-Davis, for providing me with a free copy for an honest review****

This really is a very short read and touches of the BDSM world, just giving you a taster and inviting you in to read more especially to read the other novellas in the series.

If you are not sure if BDSM is something you want to read, this would be an easy starter into the subject.

Shelley Chastagner says

While there are underlying BDSM themes this story is about the relationship that doesn't exist in Lauren and Jacob's marriage. There is nothing but a corporate arrangement and Lauren is done after 5 years. During their confrontation Jacob tells her not to presume that he doesn't love her and she fires back that she doesn't presume...that she has years of evidence. Her insistence that she doesn't expect him to love her but she wants to be loved and she wants him to let her go so that she can find it. This small disclosure was sharp and painful, but I admired her for it. Jacob's response is to let her go, but to reach out to her to bring her back to him at the same time. I wish that the story went for just a few more chapters so we could see their HEA. You know that they achieve it but I would have liked to have seen a bit of it played out.

Patricia says

Lauren Brant is a perfect lady in the eyes of society but inside her world she is an unhappy woman with a fake marriage. As a business arrangement she lives her life alone away from her husband, each having their own personal life.

With too much time on her hands, Lauren goes online and enters the world of BDSM, starting to chat to a man with the name "Master".

When she agrees to meet him he asks for her to tell her husband.

As she gets the nerve to confess that she is going to meet a man and that she's into the BDSM lifestyle, he runs from her and leaves.

Will her husband accept that his wife has a personal life or will he want to be her master?

Lauren is a brave girl, not at the start but as I turned the page I got to find a balanced, calm woman, running after her own dark desires and getting her personal satisfaction. I also found a sad woman, living away from the man she loved and resenting the little time that he gives her.

I loved how she blossomed into the woman she wanted to be and how her relationship worked out in the end.

Jacob was a cold, senseless man, such a heart breaker and so into his own world that he doesn't see what's around him. I really don't know if he was worth the chance that Lauren gave him ...

I loved this short story, it had everything to be a great fiction novel and it left me wanting more, wanting more of Lauren and Jacob, wanting to know what came next and not only the happily ever after.

The author gave us all the elements in a good love intrigue BDSM style love story, gave us some hot couple sex and more of it, and gave us the illusion of love conquers broken hearts and heals them.

I hope that in the future M. Ryan-Davis gives us more of this stories and I surely will be available to read them.

Christa says

This was a very steamy and interesting story. The novella was too short for much character development. I enjoyed reading about the characters, and it was interesting enough that I easily read it in one setting.

Lauren and Jacob Brant have a very unconventional marriage. They live on different continents, and each goes their own way. Lauren finally gives in to her need for submission, and has a planned encounter with a man she knows as "Master." She is very upfront with her plans to Jacob, and is shocked upon her return home to find him there. All of the sudden, the dynamics between them have changed, and they have to find a new direction for their relationship as secrets are revealed.

I enjoyed reading about Lauren and Jacob, and liked the chemistry between them. This was a very quick and easy book to read. I received this book as an ARC through Netgalley.

***Marsha,Marsha,Marsha* It's always Marsha says**

I received an ARC for an honest review of this story

Goodness gracious. This little short story packs a punch. And a hot one at that. Lauren is a lonely woman. A neglected woman. A wife placed on a shelf and completely ignored by the man she is married to, a man who doesn't even live with her, not even on the same continent. So what does she do? She finds an online little group of sexy BDSM's and begins talking to Master. And finally, after months of emails and chats, they meet. For a sexy one night of passion with no holds barred. And Lauren is filled to nearly overflowing by this man she calls Master and how lonely and soulless her marriage is.

And then she goes home. And out of the blue, her nearly nonexistent husband is home and plans on staying a while. Just like that. And as they say, the rest "is history."

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Geri Reads says

It's a pity this was such a short read, and I mean really short; 38 pages or so. It's a story about a society wife who wants out of a loveless marriage and seeks solace in the arms of Dom she met on an online BDSM forum. To say more would spoil the story but this was a surprisingly emotional read. I would have loved to explore Lauren's relationship with her husband and her relationship with her Master. Oh well.

Gina Marcantonio says

"But I want it. Love. I want love. Please let me go so I can find it."

27 year old Lauren Brant has been married to Jacob for 5 years. She is the perfect society wife but theirs is not a normal marriage, it's a business arrangement.

Lauren is lonely and unhappy with their arrangement and is looking for something more. She joins an online group for those in the BDSM lifestyle. It is here that she meets Master and talks with him for two years learning about the lifestyle. She finally decides she's ready to meet him but what she wasn't expecting is how much this one-night would change her future forever.

This was a great story!! I wished it was longer because I didn't want it to end. I found myself wanting to know more about what Jacob was feeling and why he didn't try and develop a loving relationship with Lauren. It was only mentioned briefly about a first wife who he had married for love and had past away. Maybe a second book in the making?? A sequel I would look forward to reading!!

Heather says

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Whips + handcuffs + blindfolds= O.M.Hot. That is the word I would use to describe this book Hot! This book was an amazing mix of sexy, steamy and secretive. I totally loved it! My only problem was that it was too short.

Lauren is the "perfect" wife who always does what's asked of her but never sees her husband. She needs something for herself and stumbles upon a website. She found what she was looking for, she is no longer invisible, someone sees her! She wants someone to take control and pleasure her. Normally a doormat who does what is expected of her, she does the opposite and goes to see Master. But he has a few rules she must follow before they meet. If she breaks any of them then it is over.

Oh man, this book had me fanning myself at points and feeling her panic in others. I would recommend this book to anyone who isn't afraid of some kinky sex. 4/5 (because I wanted more! Too short.)

Vanessa says

ARC provided by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.

"Open meant acceptance. Open meant agreement. Open meant...Submission."

Lauren Brant is the perfect society wife. Married to a man in name only, serving as his companion on business functions but living in separate houses in different cities on different continents. Loneliness is par for the course...

Joining an online club, Lauren learns the art of submission and makes plans to finally meet her Master. All she has to do to make that a reality is call her husband.

"I didn't call to tell you about my travel arrangements. I called to tell you I'll be in Michigan. Meeting a man. Submitting--he's a sexual Dominant. I'm meeting him because I'm going to submit to him."

Bracing for the brunt his reaction left her confused when he didn't react at all. Her conscience guilty over being openly unfaithful even if there is nothing more to her marriage than a binding contract.

Steeling her resolve, Lauren goes to her Master. Meeting him in a shady hotel and submitting to his will. He takes her to new heights in her desires and all without ever revealing his identity...exactly the way she had requested. But now, Lauren isn't so sure that's what she wants. what if she wants more? Master gives her everything she seeks and that scares her.

"Tell me to stop and i will. I don't want to scare you. I want to push your limits, to claim your edges as my domain. I've wanted to give you this freedom since the first time you told me you felt trapped."

Lauren felt trapped no longer....Master had freed her. He made her feel beautiful, desired and sexy. Now, she just had to remember that once she returned home.

Home...Jacob was waiting for her when she returned. Wanting nothing more than to brush his invitation to join him for the evening, Lauren's guilt kept her mouth shut. Jacob was taking her out to dinner and she would play her part in their marriage roles.

Only dinner was not what she had expected. Instead, she was introduced to an entirely new side to Jacob. A side of him she wasn't sure she wanted to see...

"You have options. You have me. Be mine. Belong to me."

Holy wow! For a novella, I am absolutely floored! This story read like a novel, a very steamy novel and I loved every second of it. I will definitely be picking up more from Emily Ryan-Davis. This was hot and yet romantic all at the same time. *sigh*

****5 Online Stars****
