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A new standalone romantic suspense novel from USA Today Bestselling Author Julia Sykes

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### Hannah says

#### ARC REVIEW

This is my first Julia Sykes book, and while I was a bit hesitant to start especially since this is book 13 of the series, I was happy to discover that it really didn't matter. There was a brief summary of what had happened previously just enough to fill you in on what's important and to tease you with wanting to go back and read the previous books. The overall story was okay, it concentrated more on the seduction of Chloe. I enjoyed the BDSM and eroticism of the book, it was very well described and accurate. I liked Chloe but I wasn't crazy over Dex, more because he's not my favorite kind of Dom. The story did hit a hard limit with me and that spanking for punishment especially for a non-scene related issue. It pulled me out of the story and I had a hard time getting back into the fantasy of the story. (Of course it's a personal preference thing) I also had a hard time liking Dex because he spent most of the time trying to get over a lost love, the majority of the book he is still whining about it. (been there done that IRL don't want it for possible book boyfriends) Chloe I did like, she was dealing with her horrible marriage the only way she could and that was submerging herself in her work both her journalism and her erotic novel writing. After what had happened she wasn't ready for an intimate relationship anytime soon. (and this I did like) Dex was gentle enough with her and had a subtle dominance that she easily could deal with once she admitted she really wanted it.

Overall, the BDSM aspect of the book and Chloe were my favorite, I really like those but the above mentioned personal preferences kept me from really enjoying and liking the book.

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### Dayreader Reviews says

Wow...just wow! This was my first Julia Sykes read and let me say that it was so freaking hot I could not contain my excitement from my husband! I have read a BDSM before but Ms. Sykes wrote this book in such an amazing way that left me feeling everything Dex wanted Chloe to feel. Ms. Sykes had some twists along with the drama of Chloe and her life. I was overwhelmed with the characters in this book I had to finish it as soon as possible, and it only took me about half a day. Even after reading this incredibly sexy and hot book I still kept thinking about the characters and what they went through and it left me wondering what was next for them. I fell pretty hard for the sexy nerd FBI agent and the way he dominated his sub.

Chloe was a bit of a surprise character for me to read because of what she went through with her past. It was quite interesting reading about her and what she was going through, and fighting against. I at times thought this would turn around and Chloe be the Dom because of her territorial stance in front of her Dom. I loved this book so much in many ways! I loved the writing, the characters and I am grateful for Ms. Sykes because she brought me out of a reading funk! Hero woke me up in more ways than one and I must go back and read this series from the beginning! Congrats to Ms. Sykes on her release of one of the hottest books I have read in a while!

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## **Coco.V says**

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## **Michelle Austin says**

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**Blurb:**

A man with a broken heart...

The agony of losing the woman I love to another Dominant has left me dead inside. Over the last two years, sex has become my drug of choice to cope with the loss. I know I'm too broken to ever love again, but that won't stop me from trying to fuck my pain away.

A woman with a painful past...

I'm not interested in intimacy, but I am interested in sex. As a BDSM romance novelist, I need to explore the world of kink for my books. The power exchange is meaningless; nothing more than research. Until I meet him. The powerful Dom won't relent until he breaks down all my walls, including the ones that protect my ravaged heart.

Bound together by lust and danger...

Chloe Martin is a BDSM romance author by night and an investigative journalist by day. When the latter brings her to the New York unit of the FBI to research the Latin Kings, she never expects her two careers to collide. The agent she's shadowing—Dexter Scott—is also a Dominant, and he's interested in helping with her research in the field and in the bedroom.

But Chloe's story on the Latin Kings puts her in the line of fire, and Dex's protective—and possessive—instincts kick in. Can he let go of his pain and find his happily ever after? Or will the danger that surrounds them steal his second chance at love?

**Review:**

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Hero was a hot and steamy 5 star read.

The prologue is very heartbreakingly honest and gives you a glimpse at what has caused Chloe's fear of men. We jump ahead three years, Chloe is now a journalist and a fiction writer of BDSM.

She is visiting a friend for research on both, her friend's fiance works for the FBI and his whole team are into BDSM. When Chloe's friend sets her up with Dex things start to get very interesting.

Dex has been hurt in the past and has no intentions of claiming a new sub. When he meets Chloe he finds her to be a challenge and has the need to protect her. He recognizes in her actions that she has been hurt in the past. Who hurt her and why?

**I'd thought she simply didn't want to submit to me, but now I recognized the truth: someone had hurt her.**

The story really picks up and gets even steamier. I have to say that I really fell for Dex, he is a strong dominant FBI agent that knew just how to be there for Chloe. It was super sweet. I also loved Chloe's strength. I definitely couldn't put this down until I was done. I needed to know what was going to happen next. Julia Sykes does a great job of pulling you in with her writing.

Warning: There is a scene in the prologue that may be a trigger for some.

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### **Review:**

"I hated the fear that was etched into her gorgeous features. I'd put it there, because I couldn't control myself around her. I kept topping her without realizing what I was doing."

5 twisted stars!! Prepare yourself for one heck of a ride!

Dex and Chloe, where do I even begin?? This story is sexy and takes one heck of a twisted ride!! I had a hard time putting my kindle down, I needed to know what was going to happen next, and trust me it was intense!! This is the first book I've read of Julia's and I know it won't be the last now!! I'm hooked!

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## **Louise says**

The author has definitely saved her best hero until last. Dex is such a sweet and nerdy hot alpha male! I loved him. I also loved Chloe, she was the most un-submissive submissive but not bratty or annoying.

These two made such a wonderful pair and I was totally rooting for them throughout. They were two damage halves that came together and made one beautiful whole. Their chemistry is amazing and there are some super hot scenes in this, although they are quite tame, BDSM-wise, compared to many other books in the series.

The writing is excellent and the 'romantic suspense'/FBI elements were neatly woven together to make a gripping and very entertaining story. I flew through this book and whilst I know this is already a long series, there are a few characters left whose stories I would love to read.

You can read this as a stand alone, though Dex does appear as a supporting character in several other books and reading those will deepen your understanding of his character and the setting.

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### **Jennifer says**

Got this one free, and no I haven't read the first twelve books. It's a stand alone with what I am guessing are the peeps in previous books. When it was good, it was very good. When it was bad it wasn't much. I didn't really see the chemistry between them.

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### **Flavs is Mrs David Gandy♥~♥' says**

4.5 Hero Stars

ARC Received in exchange for an honest review

Okay I don't read a lot of BDSM Books. And I don't think I had a good experience with it from a previous book. But my philosophy is always don't knock it till you try it. So I gave this one a try. And it was good.

My Chloe:

Chloe went through a traumatic experience with her ex husband and has since just been celibate. No sex at all. But since she's an author for BDSM Novels she has to do some research. So she visits the BDSM Clubs and has done a couple of scenes just for research purposes. And she's a journalist, so a favor from a friend, gets her into the FBI to shadow someone to help with a story. And there she meets Dex. Who she thinks has a Hero complex because he just can't leave her alone.

My Dex:

Dex lost the love of his life to someone else and has just been going to the club and his motto is "Get over it. Go to work tomorrow. Do some good. Go to Decadence. Fuck someone. Repeat" And so far its been working till he meets Chloe.

The chemistry between the two is off the charts and the way Dex is with Chloe is just so sweet. All he does is take care of her and make sure that she's okay.

But as always nothing is easy and there are issues on both sides that is always getting in the way.

Trust me when you start reading you will not be able to stop until you find out what is going to happen and will they overcome what is in their past to finally be together

You will not be disappointed ladies This whole book is sexy hot and so steamy. :-)

Review done on behalf of Book Boyfriends and Bookgasms

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### **Tracey says**

This book is so hot and steamy you will definitely need a glass of cold water around to cool you off I love Dex he is so freaking awesome this story was great

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### **Kathlene Coady says**

#### **I love it**

I love it. Must read book. You will be ready to jump into boo and play with them. Or have your own kind of play. I can't wait to read more from her. Xoxo

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### **Janja says**

It's not bad read but for me somewhat lost somewhere. I didn't fell the click between Chloe in Dex and to be true i didn't even like Chloe character.

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### **Alphas Do It Better Book Blog says**

I was surprised by this book by Ms. Sykes. It is technically a well written book as far as grammer, sentence structure etc., but I felt like the trope was a little immature. I think the premise that an entire FBI field office would be into BDSM is relatively unbelievable. Private security firm, yes. Government agency? No. Letting a romance writer in on pertinent details to a federal investigation? No.

Chloe and Dex are a believable enough couple to have a relationship, but I felt like the storyline itself was a little cliche. Romance writer from a bad divorce, who dabbles in BDSM for "research purposes" who finds that she really likes it when she goes to a field office of the FBI to research a street gang and she ends up with one of the agents. I wanted to like it so much more, but it just felt like it was not reality.

Ms. Sykes writing style flows well. She has good character development. A beautiful cover. I just couldn't enjoy it because I felt like I had already read the book, only with different characters and title. I hope to read more from her, but this time with an original storyline....

Review by Amanda

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## Kim says

### Summary:

At the age of 20, Chloe married her husband Neil. She's been havin issue lately w/ him. He doesn't support her career choice of bein a journalist. He wants her home& to take care of any children they may have. He comes home drunk one night, tellin her that she's gonna have his bby. He gets on top of her, kissin her. She tells him to stop but he doesn't. He rapes her. When he's asleep she leaves.

3 yrs ltr she's in New York meetin w/ her friend Carina& her husband whose in charge of the FBI unit, Kennedy. Carina & Cleo are in the process of askin him if he'd allow Chloe to shadow one of his agent for her research on the Latin Kings. At 1st he tells them that its dangerous, but w/ persuasion he allows Chloe to shadow Sharon. Chloe introduces her to Sharon, S tells her that they'll meet the next day. Carina takes Cleo & they begin to talk bout Cleo book. She's a romance author that involves BDSM. Carina tells Chloe to go w/ her to Decadence b/c the FBI is havin a party, so nothin bad will happen. Chloe is surprised to find out that majority of the people in the field are involved in BDSM. She tells Carina she just wants to watch come scenes, not hook up w/ anyone. She tells her that her friend Dex, also an agent, can show her around. Chloe is suspicious of Carina's intentions but agrees to go. Dex is at Decadence where he bumps into an old coworker Jason from Chicago. They talk & when they mention a man named Reed, Dex is a bit angry& mad. His coworker leaves& Dex starts remembering that he like Katie& wanted to be w/ her but she left him for Reed. He left Chicago b/c of it& is now in NY. He plans to either drink or fuck someone. When Kennedy come, along w/ Carina he plans not to drink. They talk a bit till Carina introduces Cleo to him. Dex can't believe she tryin to hook them up. Chloe mentions to him that she's not there for a hookup, just lookin for some research. Kennedy tells Chloe that since they in the club she has to remain respectful to Dex. Dex see's that she has some sass& attitude towards him. The couple leave& Dex leads them to a scene. He see's a blond& Jason there. Dex thinks that Chloe is pretty but he's not lookin for a sub or girlfriend. But he can notice she's turned on. He asks her if she's ever been whipped, she tells him she has, mentioning Chicago's BDSM club; he then remembers Katie & gets a bit depressed. They watch a bit more& he tells her that he'd like to whip her. She's a bit unsure, but tells him it'd be good for her book research& agrees but no sex& she keeps her corset on. They go a private room. He gets in his Dom role, he tells her that he's only goin to touch her when he put a spreader bat on her& when he ties her up. He notices she freaks out when he touches her, but assures her that she's safe& won't do anythin she doesn't want. He ties her up, spread her legs& asks what she's thinks bout bein blindfolded. She agrees for him to do it. Dex notices that she wet& then begins to whip her. Chloe feels different in this experience than she has in her others. She tries suppressing her moan but Dex encourages her to let go& she does. He knows she's close& tells her to come. She does& hits subspace. She forgets where she's at, she wakes to her hands& feet released. She notices Dex is soothing her& strokin her hair. But when she feels his erection she begins to freak out, getting her clothes on she leaves. But he tells her she should wait till she's fully back, but doesn't listen.

At the office Dex planned to get Chloe out of his head. He liked how Chloe was so submissive& attentive w/him last night. But he doesn't want to go down the same path as w/ Katie. But when he sees C there w/ Sharon, he's a bit shaken. He goes to her askin why she there. Chloe informs him that she there to follow Sharon on a story of the Kings. He tells her she cant be doin that, that Kennedy shouldn't put her in the field b/c it's dangerous. C tells him he can't be bossin her around, that she's not a submissive, but he thinks otherwise. Smith comes along, watchin the commotion. Kennedy tells them to stop messin around& get to work. Chloe leaves& begins to interview Sharon. Finding out that Javier was an undercover agent in the Kings. She asks Sharon to talk w/ him for an interview. Also findin out that Sharon is w/ Derek who owns Decadence& his sister, Charlotte, is w/ Javier. Sharon invites her to the club where she can interview Derek bout BDSM for her book. At her place Chloe has been think bout her ex husband lately& doesn't know why.

She follows Sharon around again, but when a call comes in they have to stop. Sharon tells her to wait. Chloe takes in her surroundings & sees a small Russian café & starts thinking about a Russian character for a new book. She gets out to do some research. The place is empty & sees a younger man as the cashier. She introduces herself, saying she's a writer & like to ask questions. But when Dex busts inside she's furious b/c the men suspect she's a spy. A knife is pulled out & Dex pulls out his gun & they leave. In the car he tells her she shouldn't have been there. She gets angry telling him everythin was ok till he barged in. He takes her to Kennedy, informing her that she shouldn't be in the field & go home. There Kennedy explains that they were Russian mafia & that is was good that nothin happened & that Dex was there. He tells them that she's to follow Dex around for the remaining of her research. Both get angry. He tells them that if they spar & she wins she can follow Sharon. She agrees to it. They go to the training room & Chloe flings herself at Dex, surprising him. But he eventually pins her down. His cock is hard & she feels it, she begins to freak out but tells her he won't hurt her. He can tell she's shaken & needs time for herself. Telling her that they can meet the next day. He watches her leave & calls Carina to check up on her. The girls meet up for drinks & Chloe tells her that she's upset of the Russian things. Carina convinces Chloe that Dex is a good guy & only lookin out for her safety. She can still sense that Carina is tryin to get them together. She meets w/ Dex the next day & tells her they're goin to meet a man who owns some club. She wants to go w/ & allows her. Dex informs her that the man has allowed some Russians to deal drugs in the club, which makes women's sex drive increase if they want to or not. Chloe can't help but think of her own rape & is mad about it. When they ask the man, Chloe interferes telling the man what if it was his own sis getting the drugs & gonna have sex w/ a man she didn't want to. W/ Chloe's help Dex got the names of the Russians dealin the drugs. Dex now knows that Chloe has her own trauma w/ a man & knows why she freaked out when he got a hard on. Ltr that night she meets w/ Carina at Decadence. Carina is worried but C tells her it was a long day. She runs into Dex & Jason. J asks her if she'd like to do a scene w/ him like old times. Dex gets a bit jealous that they're a bit familiar & of how they flirt together. J then mentions if C has had a threesome. D knows how she feels about being touched & tells her she doesn't have to do it. But she agrees to have the threesome w/ them but no sex. D tells them that he's in charge. They follow & he informs her that he wants her naked, she agrees. J takes ahold of her while D gets her naked. He's cautious when he touches her but once naked he admires her. C feels diff bout this, bout Dex. Jason gets a butt plug & straps her down. D takes over & J puts his finger in her mouth. D gets her to orgasm, once she comes down J leaves & he takes care of her. After she's settled, she remembers her interview w/ Derek & thanks Dex, saying goodbye.

Back home she starts to write what happened between her & the 2 men. But she feels like no words can explain & that it was a private moment. She then thinks bout Dex, how sweet he is & protective & caring. She texts Sharon asking for his #. She texts him asking if he'd like to meet up for dinner, but that it's not a date. He agrees & they meet across her hotel at some place. She realizes he looks diff w/o his suit & how he's usually dressed at the club. Dex is one worded tonight, but she still asks her questions. Findin out that he was bullied in HS but once he grew he stood up for his friends & got involved in law enforcement. She finds out that he's a bit of a nerd, likes to read & plays videogames. He asks why she's doing this & she tells him that she sees him as one of her characters & is doing some research. He gets a bit angry bout it. She begins to ask why he came to NY & tells her it had to do w/ some girl, she tries to pry but he backlashes at her. Sayin he'll tell her if she talks bout what happened w/ her & the guys that hurt her. She tears up telling him this was a mistake & leaves. D feels bad bout it, mad that he took his anger out on her. He gets a pizza & goes to her place. She's reluctant to let him in but does. He apologizes & they begin to eat. She burns herself & he kisses her fingers. He then kisses her & she does as well. She feels him get hard & he tells her that he won't hurt her. She explains to him she hasn't been w/ anyone in long time & want to take things at her pace. When she unbuttons his pants he tells her she doesn't have to but she wants to. She begins to suck on him till he orgasms & after they eat.

The next day Dex & Chloe are drivin around. When she asks some questions about what happened to the Kings. He tells her that Javier had much to do w/ it since he was undercover, she wants to know more but tells her that she'll have to ask him. He gets a call to a witness. Chloe is w/ him, but tells her she has to stay in the car. But she argues, he knew she was so he cuffs her to the car. When he leaves she picks it up & gets free, she

gets out to follow. But peeks through the window, hearin voices bout to get closer she hears a voice. A man asks her if she a cop& attacks her. She punches& he gets her in a headlock, but Dex helps her& he gets away. He calls the men of the guys direction& takes Chloe to his place. He is livid that she was hurt, tellin her that if she keeps talkin she get more spankings. At his place he takes her clothes off to see if she's hurt, she hardly puts up a fight. He then tells her to position herself on his lap. He tells her she'll get spank 10 for not listening& for mouthing off. She a bit nervous but comfort her that he wont hurt her. He praises her while he spanks her& when he's done she's wet. He lays her down& handcuffs her to his bed& eats her out till she orgasms. She planned to go out to interview him but tells her she takin the day off w/ him. He begins to make food& she starts talkin bout how he has a bachelor pad& that she wants to binge watch some show w/ him& play his xbox w/ him. He can't believe what she's sayin& of how many things they have in common. The next day she's at her book signing she signed up for before she came to NY. She's informed that there is quite a line& has some male fans out there. She's reminded of Dex. Think how sweet he is, how he gets her submissive side. Dex walks up tellin her that he'd wants his own private book signing w/ her ltr. He leaves to the sci-fi section& she gets w/ her fans to sign her book. Lost of time she hears a man call her name& realizes it Neil. She panics thinkin of what he did to her. She tells him to leave, that they aren't married. He grabs her, but Dex comes tellin him to let her go. Eventually he does& he threatens to see her again. He takes her to his place. But she's in shock& doesn't want any contact. She apologizes& leaves. She doesn't want a relationship like he ex-husband& is sorry for not tellin Dex bye. Dex wants to run aftr her but she needs time, he calls Sharon to watch her& she agrees. The next day she waits for C but Sharon informs her that she went back to Chicago. He cant believe& knows he can't lose her& plans a way to get her back makin her his submissive. He knows its not gonna be easy but he cant lose her. Once in Chicago, he knows that Chloe is gonna want to continue her involvement w/ the Kings research so he heads to the FBI unit. Runs in to Jason who informs him that the chief partnered her w/ Reed. He goes livid not wantin her near him he storms into the chiefs place. He tells her that she cant be partnered w/ Reed. Chloe is surprised to see him& she realizes that he doesn't like Reed so she ask the chief if she can be partnered w/ Jason. Chief agrees& tells Dex that she doesn't want any probs in her office anymore& to control his attitude. They leave& Dex takes Chloe away. She asks what he's doin there& he explains that he's there to protect her& that they need to talk. They go to her place& he informs her that he wants to be her Dom. She tells him that she scared &doesn't know if she ready. He kisses her, takes her to bed& cuffs her. He snoops through her room till her finds a but plug& vibrator. He tells her that she will admit that she wants him to be her Dom, but she denies him. He knows she wants to be in the relationship but he has to give her a bit of a push. He lubes up the plug& starts to insert it while puttin the vibrator to her clit. He makes her orgasm so the insertion is easier. He continues his torture till she admit that she wants him as her Dom, but she not ready for sex yet. He agrees to her pace.

She meets w/ her sis& tells her bout Dex, that he makes her happy. Throughout the week Jason agrees to let D follow them. Chloe gets some of her info& asks to interview Hernandez- man that attacked her. D doesn't agree w/ it but knows it's C choice. When they get there the man is mean to Chloe. Callin her names tellin her that his friends would rape her& make her heal. D lunges at him& realizes that C in shock. He takes her away, but she flinches when he touches her. Once at the apartment he uses his Dom voice tellin her he's gonna touch her. She's tense for a bit, but relaxes& begins to cry. He comfort her while she does. When she's done she begins to tell her story of Neil. That once they married be became controlling& not wantin her to work& eventually lead to the rape. Where she left him, took time to get herself under control& found her passion in writing. She tells him that she want him to make love to her. He tells her she shouldn't feel pressured, but its what she wants. He knows she'll be skittish so he tells her she'll be on top to control their pace. Chloe is happy that not once had she thought of Neil& is happy to have Dex. At work she plans to interview Jason while waiting for Dex. She begins to ask him bout himself& how he came to Chicago. She finds out that he was sent there b/c he broke a rule of sleepin w/ a recruit who ended up dying. Jason leaves mad tellin her that he doesn't' want her followin him. She feels bad bout it& what for Dec. When he comes she tells him that she upset him& that she might have to follow Reed around. He doesn't want her to tellin

her that he doesn't want her to steal her away, but she confused by that knowin that Reed is w/ Katie. At night they go to Dusk& run into Reed& Katie. D is tense& some of his hurt feeling surface. He realizes he misses her as his bff. Chloe notices it finds an outlet. They head to a private room& there she tell D that they aren't goin to work. D panics that he's gonna lose her b/c of old feelins he has for Katie. He informs her that Katie is in the past& that she's his future. He proclaims that he loves her. She knows she loves him but doesn't word it. To prove he means it he tells her that he'll submit to her. She not sure bout it but he insists. She begins to chain him up, teasin him by givin him a blowjob. For a while she continues her torture until he break free from his restraint& pins her down. Where he fucks her till she orgasm& she tells him she loves him.

They head home& they almost inside when he hears a silencer. Chloe goes down, as does he. He realizes it Neil& shot him in the shoulder. All he can remember is the weight of Chloe being removed from him. He wakes in an ambulance, where he demands a phone. He calls his friend Sam,& she her to trace Neil's location& to get a unit there. He tells the paramedics to head to the location where he hopes it not too late. Chloe wakes up disoriented& then she hears Neils voice& panics. She asks for D& he tells her that he's dead. she doesn't believe him. He tells her that she doesn't need him, that he's read her book & knows what she needs. She takes in her surrounding& see's that it similar to a dungeon room like at Decadence. She hits him tryin to escape but he pulls her down, kickin her in the ribs. He ties her to the bed& get her naked. Before anythin happens he's ripped from her& Dex begins to bash his face. Jason tries to stop him but can't, C knows he'll end up killin him& calls for him. He goes to her comforting her. She realizes she bleedin& tell him he needs a doc. Hurt by her ribs she goes to the ambulance w/ D. When he wakes up she begins to fret if he ok. But he turns the q's towards her seein if Neil hurt her again. She tells nothin happened b/c he got there in time. She informs him he has to take it easy, that she'll stay w/ him till he better. He tells her that he planned to move back to Chicago to be w/ her& she excited, giving him a kiss.

6months ltr, they getting ready to go to Dusk where she havin a book signing w/the help of the owner. At the moment Dex is writin in sharpie 'Property of Dexter' on the inner part of her thighs. He doodles on her ring finger& she notices it a ring he drawing. He pulls out a real ring& asks her if she'll marry him. She agrees& he then helps her get ready& leave to Dusk. Once there she's surprised to Carina there w/ Kennedy. Along w/ Reed& Katie. Over time Katie& Dex have renewed their friendship& now Dex is startin to like Reed. After Chloe finished her book signing he takes her to a room, where he present her w/ a collar. He puts it on her& shows he a diamond butt plug. W/ mirrors aligning the whole room he begins to fuck her makin her watch him the entire time. Both praising their love to each other forever.

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## **Jennifer says**

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### **~ 4 My Hero Stars ~**

Hero is the first Julia Sykes book I have read and I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I was drawn to this book because of the subject of BDSM, but I was also sucked in because of the blurb.

I have to admit I thought this book would have a little more mystery/suspense built into the storyline, but that really wasn't the case. She did add some of those elements but I guess for my personal taste I would've liked a little more. I also thought the ending was a little rushed....what happens towards the end is kind of what I wanted during the middle of the book. But even with that said, I really liked this story.

I thought the BDSM storyline was well written and gave us an interesting look into that world. Nothing was

too graphic or distasteful. Even someone who isn't a fan of the BDSM Genre, I think would like this book. I thought the pace and flow of the story worked well and I really liked the characters Julia gave us in this story.

Hero is the 13 book in Julia's Impossible series but there is no need to read any of the books before this one. I haven't read any of them and I didn't feel lost one bit. The only thing I wondered about was whether some of the other characters we meet are from previous books. This is completely a standalone book with no cliffhanger!!!

In this book we meet Chloe and Dex. Both of these characters are broken and hurt from past relationships that didn't go so well. Both of them are afraid to love again and get hurt so they have put walls up to protect them from feeling anything towards each other. Chloe truly does fight her attraction to Dex. To say she is a stubborn one is putting it mildly. She also didn't want to admit she was submissive. Chloe is a romance author as well as a journalist. She is visiting New York City to research both an article she is writing on the Latin Kings and also for her latest novel, which features the BDSM genre. So what happens when her two jobs become interconnected and she is faced with a Dominant like Dex??? You need to read this book to find out.

I liked a lot of the secondary characters. I now will have to go back to the other books in this series to see if any of them have a book already out. I would like to read about some of their stories.

If you are a BDSM fan, then I think you need to read Hero by Julia Sykes. I would recommend this book. It is an intriguing story and will keep your interest all the way through.

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### **Melinda Kaye says**

I really enjoyed this book! I'd like to go back to the beginning to meet the other characters and get their stories now! The H and h were both strong characters with some emotional damage. I liked how they interacted together, and grew towards each other. I liked that the H came full circle and I think each of them is stronger for their new connections.

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