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If you've devoured Fifty Shades, you're now ready to explore the Haven of Obedience

Twenty-something Londoner Natalie Bowen is envied by many, but her personal life is a disaster. Men can't cope with her career success and Natalie thinks she'll never find real happiness. When she hears about an exclusive weekend retreat called the Haven, a place that specializes in introducing visitors to pleasures they could never have imagined, she is shocked at the idea—yet unable to resist finding out more. Natalie decides it's time to put her fears behind her. Once at the Haven, she meets the enigmatic and disciplined Simon, a man who is used to getting what he wants. Natalie may very well have met her match.

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Elizabeth Lyddiatt says

This book was an impulsive buy. Oh how I wish my impulse was wrong. I've never ever wanted to throw a book across the room before or burn a book. It intrigued me at first, but then I was just getting so bored by it. Don't be fooled by the blurb of the Fifty Shades reference on the book. There is nothing about this book that is like Fifty. Because of that blurb is why I feel I really bought it because I liked Fifty Shades. Don't be fooled by it. I wish I didn't come across this book. The dialogue is bad, there is no real storyline, no real feelings. I feel that it is sexist towards women having to be obedient. There were times when I wanted to cry because I know how I'd feel in that moment of the story. That is not a good feeling when there isn't that emotion being portrayed by the character that you are reading under. I feel that she just rushed this book, tried to get something sexual out because of Fifty Shades being so popular and other authors want that feeling. It was a waste of time. And on that note, **Do. Not. Read. Haven of Obedience.**

Robbyn says

Please do not do yourself the injustice of reading this book. It is so poorly written I can not understand how it was published and then released into book stores. Maybe for adult shops but still not worth the paper it is written on. Lent it to a friend who is having trouble getting past the first page, told her not to return it. Can not rate it Sorry. :(

QiJia ?? says

This book should be titled Just Sex, Through and Through.
Being subjective here, there is a storyline BUT
flimsy plot and detached characters and concentrated too much on sex instead of character building. And there's many spelling mistakes.
This book is really about BDSM and very erotica and many new sex positions.
Rihanna's S&M lyrics described Natalie and Simon's mindset perfectly.
Honestly I wouldn't want my lover to be displayed for the world or even experimented. *grimace*
In the end of this relationship, one dominates in the day, one during the night. Surreal.
Anyway courses such as The Haven really seriously much to my surprise does exist.
I read articles about this kind of courses in Japan.
Some are between virtual strangers and some courses are only for couples.
Fact: I'm very conservative and private, these courses deters and will scare the hell out of me.
Lastly, I won't recommend this to those who devoured Fifty Shades.
The best I can give this book is 2.5stars .

Nickcole says

I won this book on Goodreads.com and the giveaway was sponsored by Foreverromane

First off i would like to say that they should change the name of this book from Haven of Obedience to Porn for Woman. =)

Stars: 5+

Overall: This book left me wet in the pants and waiting to visit The Haven.

Characters: Natalie and Simon

Plot: Natalie is the owner and editor for her own magazine, but has trouble in the bedroom department. So after a friend reluctantly refers her to Haven, Natalie is in for a wild ride that will wake her up sexually and emotionally.

Page Turner: Omg Yes!!

Series Cont: I wish!

Recommend: Every man and woman should read this!

Chrissa Vasileiou says

"Τ?μιο". Δεν υπ?σχεται τρελ?ς λογοτεχνικ?ς εξ?ψεις, ε?ναι απλ? ?να ευχ?ριστο βιβλ?ο του ε?δους που σου κρατ?ει καλ? συντροφι? ?ση ?ρα το διαβ?ζεις. Τουλ?χιστον ε?ναι καλογραμ?νο, ?χι σαν κ?τι ?λλα...εκτρ?ματα (οικογ?νειες δεν θ?γω.)

Αντ?! ?

Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says

After careful thought I've decided to just write a short review here instead of taking the time to write a full one on the blog. Simply put, that is all this book deserves.

I am so tired of things getting shoved under a readers nose just because they may have enjoyed 50 Shades of Grey. To even insinuate that this book is anything like 50 Shades is a direct lie. And this is coming from someone who only marginally enjoyed that book. The only two things the books have in common is sex. So really you could say any book with sex scenes is like 50 Shades. If I drink tea does that make me British?

Haven of Obedience is about Joy who is so uptight she decides to enroll in a school designed to get people to lower their inhibitions and learn to submit in order to gain the most out of their sexuality. She immediately develops feeling for her instructor Simon and things progress from there. Problem was that was it. There is no story line, no character development...nada...nothing. These characters are so flat it was like the author ironed them. There was also no protection for anyone. Not a condom in sight and since there were multiple partners and strangers climbing all over each other I would have thought protection of the prestigious clientele would have ranked high on their list of importance. Not the case and it left me shaking my head continually.

I enjoy erotica from time to time...when it's something I seek out not when it's promoted as something completely different and trying to piggy back on someone else's fame. The entire book is sex scene after sex scene strung together with the lamest story line I've read in a very long time. Whoever put that little bubble on the front that says "If you enjoyed 50 Shades...." should be fired.

I give Haven Of Obedience 1 star.

Rachel says

I'm another who read this 'off the back of 50 shades'. I did enjoy it. Well written in comparison to 50 shades. I enjoyed Natalie learning about herself. Surprising ending and wanted to know what would come next for them in life after the Haven.

Eleanor Whitwell says

Oh, the shame of having this book on my currently-reading list! Ah well, I can plead the excuse that I work in a bookshop and need to know what these new fads are like. Haha. I bought this because I was curious about this new era of clit-lit, as I believe they are calling it, and this along with a couple of others (Destined to Play and Bared to You) are currently being sold under the tagline 'loved Fifty Shades? You'll love these!'. Although I did not love Fifty Shades at all - I found it appallingly badly written and unbelievably ridiculous - I'll admit I was somewhat more curious about the premise of this one. It's not about a stupidly innocent girl who gets swept off her feet by Mr Psycho; it's about a successful woman who wants to try something different. I guess it's something I can relate to a little more, although compared to the blank slate of Anastasia who bears about as much resemblance to me as I do to Christian Grey, it's not much of a stretch. :P

I got through half of it on the train home today; carefully holding it so no one could read the back of the book. Heh. Immediately I was struck by the fact that it is much better written than Fifty Shades. While still not up the standard of authors who I usually enjoy, I have yet to throw the book down in a rage due to some horrendous line like 'Christian Grey flavoured popsicle' or whatever that crap was in Fifty Shades. There have not been any tampon scenes yet, either, which is an automatic win.

I'm also pretty sure this (and, if they are anything like this one, the other two books I mentioned as well) is not going to be the runaway success that Fifty Shades has been. That book focused on the relationship between Ana and Christian; an unlikely pair, him stupid rich and powerful and broken, and her unbelievably innocent. It's the formula which romance books have been using for as long as they've been around. Haven of Obedience, on the other hand, is pure unadulterated smut. Oh, there's hints that there will be a relationship (remember I am only halfway through) but that is the secondary focus. What is important right now is how Natalie is getting (or not getting) her orgasms. It is not the Fifty Shades of Unbelievable, where two people are drawn to each other and end up having lots of sex; this book starts with the sex and I am 99.99% certain that it will end in a relationship.

It's entertaining, it's mindless, it's not badly written, and at no stage has someone pulled Natalie's tampon out for her. This gives it 4/4, whereas the same criteria for Fifty Shades only attained a mark of 2/4.

ETA, AFTER FINISHING: Okay, I was going to give this book 3 stars, but I've had to drop it down to 2 because of the incredibly rushed ending which left me scratching my head. Blargh. This book had an interesting premise which ultimately failed to deliver. Disappointing.

Michelle says

I didn't enjoy this book as much as fifty shades, yes it was steamy but to me it lacked a true story line, it's not a book I would want to read again.

BabyBeth says

Sometimes, when I feel like punishing myself, I pick up a book even though I know - by its rating - that it's not going to be particularly good.

Haven of Obedience was this kind of book.

We start off by meeting our h, Natalie, who is oh-so-successful in her career.

You'd think she can get laid, being so awesome and all, but she doesn't really. And then...Simon pops into the picture! And he is all Christian Grey-ish (sans the charisma and the...well, other Jamie Dornan qualities) so by the time we meet and get to know him a little better, the general feeling is pretty much this:

Then before you know it they start having sex. Like, all the freaking time. I mean - ALL. THE. TIME. At one point I was like - seriously, I'm going to get a STD from this if they don't stop.

I think this book was meant to be a lesson for me to be learned. Well, I learned it. I will never read anything with less than 3.85 stars on average on Goodreads.

Lauren says

Thoroughly enjoy this erotic novel x

It was raunchy and exciting through out!

I found the characters to be likeable and the writing to be easily read!

It's high on the filth but in an except able way x

Good read x

Lisa Machen says

Where to begin? Well, this book is absolutely crammed full with sex, the scenes are imaginative and described in minute detail! However, there is no point to all the details if the main characters aren't in any way endearing. And they aren't.

Natalie is a self-obsessed spoilt cow and Simon has about as much charisma as a wet sponge. I thought that Natalie's character at the very least would be developed further, that she would become someone I could relate to or like a little but she just annoyed me to the very last page.

Just to add insult to injury the dialogue between the characters is so stunted it was really difficult to read at times.

Really, don't bother.

Katherine ??? says

Nathalie adalah wanita sukses dlm karier tapi jeblok dlm hal relationship karena dia suka mendominasi baik di kantor maupun di ranjang.

Nah kemudian Nathalie bertemu tmn lamanya, Jan, yg kmd merekomendasikan The Haven, semacam "seminar ttg sex", dan Nathalie termakan promosi ini.

Sesampainya di Haven, Nathalie lgs didekati sang tutor seksi, Simon. Dan sbg newbie yg tdk dpt penjelasan apa2, Nathalie jelas2 kaget disuruh telanjang, memuaskan diri sendiri sambil ditonton Simon, utk dicatat. Dan sesi berikut demi berikutnya selalu menampilkan praktek sex. Nathalie adalah dominant natural, jd tidak heran dia selalu membangkang pd instruksi2 dan perintah dr Simon. Hukuman2 jd melalui sex. Nathalie merasa terguncang dan dipermalukan, namun tidak ayal juga dia bergairah dgn segala sesi latihan dan hukuman sex kinky di Haven ini.

Inti cerita ini mnrt saya adalah ***the Battle of Climax from Orgasm between Nathalie & Simon*** . Simon sbg tutor berhak memerintahkan Nathalie semaunya dan sebaliknya Nathalie yang keras kepala kerap kesulitan mematuhi Simon. Ini membuat saya jadi ketawa dlm hati, karena sifat Nathalie yg gak mau rugi krn sdh bayar mahal, tidak mau gagal dlm tiap uji nyali sex dan jika tidak bisa orgasme, Nathalie yg manipulatif tidak segan-segan main curang juga. Dan tidak heran jd menyebabkan chemistry muncul diantara mrk. Nathalie menganggap Simon adalah *forbidden fruit*, sebab ada peraturan tidak boleh ada chemistry antara tutor dan kliennya di Haven.

Sayangnya karena author tampaknya kelewat bersemangat menampilkan semua adegan sex yg umum terjadi di muka bumi, malah jadinya membuat bertebaran adegan sex yg bikin pusing kepala. Keinginan author utk mengubah Nathalie dari seorang dominant menjadi submissive dlm jangka waktu 2 minggu dgn therapy sex melulu, dari menage sampai dgn massage, dari spanking sampai bondage submissive, terutama dgn Simon sbg partner, tapi menurut saya malah jadi gagal total utk romance nya. Saya merasa "**sulit**" bagi Nathalie dari type vanilla dominant utk beranjak menjadi submissive, krn itu bkn karakter murni Nathalie. Jadi yah bagi saya, ending terlalu dipaksakan spy HEA dan mission accomplished utk Nathalie. Tapi **BRAVO** buat semua adegan sex yg dideskripsikan. Sukses bikin 5S hohohohoho....

Maria Stefanou says

To ?χονμε πει κι ?λλες πολλ?ς φορ?ς τελευτα?α. Μετ? τις πεν?ντα αποχρ?σεις του γκρι, τα kinky αισθησιακ? μυθιστορ?ματα ?γιναν μ?δα! Αν και θα μου επιτρ?ψετε να αναφ?ρω για μ?α ακ?μα

φορ? ?τι αυτ? ε?ναι ?να ε?δος που πολλο? απ? εμ?ς το γνωρ?ζαμε πριν καν να φτ?σει στην ?κδοση.

Β?βαια, κ?νοντας μ?α σ?ντομη? ρευνα? μαθα? ?τι το συγκεκριμ?νο βιβλ?ο ?χει γραφτε? εδ? και καιρ?. Οπ?τε το συμπ?ρασμα μου ε?ναι πως σκ?φτηκαν ?τι τ?ρα που ε?ναι της μ?δας να το διαφημ?σουν κατ?λληλα για να τ' αρπ?ξουν!

Η Ν?ταλι, ε?ναι μ?α επιτυχημ?νη επαγγελματικ? ανεξ?ρτητη γυνα?κα. Της αρ?σει να ?χει τον ?λεγχο σε ?λους τους τομε?ς της ζω?ς της ακ?μα και στο κρεβ?τι. Δυστυχ?ς ?μως αυτ?ς τις οι αντιλ?ψεις την υποχρε?νουν να ε?ναι μ?νη στη ζω? αφο? με την συμπεριφορ? της αυτ? απομακρ?νει τους εκ?στοτε ερωτικο?ς της συντρ?φουν. Μαθα?νει λοιπ?ν για μ?α λ?σχη στην οπο?α θα μ?θει να β?ζει νερ? στο κρασ? της και να δει κατ? μ?α ?ννοια την ?λλη πλευρ? του νομ?σματος.

Μ?χρι αυτ? το σημε?ο το βιβλ?ο ?ταν ενδιαφ?ρον. Ακολουθο?ν στη συν?χεια επαναλαμβαν?μενες σεξουαλικ?ς σκην?ς οι οπο?ες ε?ναι ναι μεν αισθησιακ?ς αλλ? δ?χως β?θος και ουσ?α. Η Ν?ταλι λ?γο ?ως πολ? δοκιμ?ζει απ? ?λα και συνειδητοποιε? π?ση ηδον? και ευχαρ?στηση μπορε? να εισπρ?ξει απ? τα δι?φορα αυτ? σεξουαλικ? παιχν?δια. ?πως ?ταν αναμεν?μενο, ακ?μα και μ?σα σε αυτ? το χ?ος ξεχωρ?ζει ?ναν και μοναδικ? ?ντρα.

Και αν η συγγραφ?ας ε?χε επιλ?ξει να εμπλ?ξει συναισθηματικ? και σε γερ?ς β?σεις τους δ?ο ?ρωες ?σως αυτ? να ?ταν ?να βιβλ?ο που θα ε?χε κ?τι να μου προσφ?ρει. Δυστυχ?ς ακριβ?ς εκε? που νομ?ζεις ?τι υπ?ρχει κ?ποιο βαθ?τερο ν?ημα ? κ?ποιο δ?δαγμα τελικ? καταλ?γεις πως πρ?κειται απλ? για μ?α πιπερ?τη ιστορ?α της οπο?ας η προσφορ? αρκε?ται στο να σου ανεβ?σει τη θερμοκρασ?α!

Η βαθμολογ?α που ?βαλα οφε?λεται στο ?τι σε γενικ?ς γραμμ?ς π?ρασα καλ? και το διασκ?δασα σε αντ?θεση με ?λλες ιστορ?ες του ε?δους που κατ?ληξαν να γ?νουν βαρετ?ς.

Και κλε?νω σε αυτ? το σημε?ο με την υπ?σχεση ?τι θα γρ?ψω σ?ντομα ?να κε?μενο που θα αφορ? τις Πεν?ντα αποχρ?σεις του γκρι κι αυτ? επειδ? το χρωστ?ω στον εαυτ? μου εφ?σον θεωρ? ?τι ξεχωρ?ζει με διαφορ? απ? ?λα αυτ? τα παρ?μοια βιβλ?α που κατακλ?ζουν τα ρ?φια των βιβλιοπωλε?ων παγκοσμ?ως τελευτα?α.

Kelly says

This book was not my cup of tea, but I'm probably not its target audience. There is plenty of sex in this book, most of it fairly inventive and described in great detail, but not much happens apart from the sex. I found the two main characters to be flat and uninteresting, and I really didn't care whether or not they were able to make a go of it. I didn't care whether Natalie ever learned to be obedient, and I didn't care what Simon thought of her obedience (or lack thereof). I finished the thing fueled by a weird voyeuristic impulse that I'm not precisely proud of, but the book did not reward my fortitude with any sort of fulfilling ending. *yawn* At least it was a quick read, and it was rather funny (not on purpose, I think), in parts.

Other than it being rather boring (since it wasn't about anything except sex, and all of its attempts at a story line were pretty dang lame), the main thing that I found objectionable was that it kept referring to the female characters as girls, even though they are all grown women, but the men were men. In scenes where the

women perform intense, sexual acts upon themselves and the other characters, it was distracting (and a trifle annoying) to see that diminutive term used.

Who knows? Maybe I just wasn't ready for the Haven of Obedience. (I doubt I'll ever be ready for that...)
