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When Rachel is abducted by a group of thugs, one man steps in. He wants her for himself, and she has no choice but to trust this stranger to keep her safe. When danger strikes again, Rachel's body may endure the pain, but will their tenuous bond survive the abuse?

Keep Me Safe is an erotic story featuring explicit sex and pain, graphic language and situations of questionable consent. Not for anyone under the age of 18 or who is uncomfortable with the subject matter.

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# From Reader Review Keep Me Safe for online ebook

**Amber Rose says**

I swear Skye Warren gets me. I know when I pick up one of her books that says it will be a dark erotica, that is what I am going to get, and I will get it to **perfection.**

"Still, there was no way to get out of this one. Excuse me, sir, but I'm finding this inconveniently pleasurable, could we perhaps stop now?"

**BAM!!!** Rachel has been abducted by a group of thugs. They are going to rape her and possibly kill her. She has no idea what is going to happen. So within the first couple of pages you are automatically in the part where she is going to be rape. Zachary steps in and says he will do it because he wants her. He doesn't want anyone else fucking with her even though, he is not the guy who abducted Rachel.

I don't want to say the first part is rape. You can tell Zachary is struggling with actually going through with rapping her. So, Rachel tells him it is okay. It's kind of hard for me to say that it was rape but, she did say it was okay but, in a way it was rape. She did enjoy her self though I think..... So, this whole part is hard for me to make out as you can tell.

I loved it either way. Zachary seemed very weak to me in this book for being the type of guy he is and what he does. I let that slide though, it's very understandable why he had his weak moments in the beginning.

"Every act of obedience, every month of sweet restraint he showed, was a gift."

Pain, or rather, avoidance of pain, was a powerful motivator. The only people who didn't know that hadn't experienced real pain before.

Rachel that poor girl. She is being beaten and raped quite a bit in this book. Seems like since this is such a short, she was getting the shit beat out of her or raped.

Overall this is a great dark erotica book. I love that that Skye took it slowly darker. Love this book!! Looking forward to where this is going to take me! :)

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## **Vivian says**

It's really more a 2.5 stars than 2.

I don't have a problem with a non-con/dub-con story. In fact the questionable nature at the beginning is fine, as is the gritty and unvarnished rape scenes, but I did have problems with two things: characterization of the FBI agent and miscommunications of the protagonists. Zachary never would have passed his psych testing to be an agent. His responses in post-traumatic situations were woefully ignorant of basic psychology which he would have been trained for. While Rachael sucked at communicating, but she at least had an excuse. Finally, there was a plot device used that drove me insane(view spoiler).

Overall, I was hoping for more and the staccato nature of the storytelling was distracting.

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## **Night says**

I am not a stranger to nonconsent erotica and I don't have a problem with it or the idea of it. I had a problem with this though. After Rachel and Zachary's last encounter together NOTHING about this novella is erotic. I don't have a problem with dubious consent or non-consent as long as the characters eventually find pleasure- no matter how twisted. Rachel found no pleasure. She is raped and brutalized by thugs repeatedly for the rest of the novel. Zachary is an ill-defined character, which is to be expected because everything is told from Rachel's point-of-view. Unfortunately, Zachary is also a very weak hero, which to me works fine if we are talking about "real life" it does not work well for an "erotic novella". He is weak, ineffectual and kind of stupid. Not sexy at all.

I liked the initial set up because it was daring and original. Keep Me Safe is also very well written.

Unfortunately by the end I just really, really hated and considered asking Amazon for my .99 cents back because I found it so offensive.

If you found your way to Keep Me Safe by way of something like "50 Shades of Grey" then for god's sake, DON'T read this. If you found your way here after reading Comfort Food by Kitty Thomas (which I loved) then you may or may not like this.

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## **Mari?ina says**

1,5 Stars

Hate it when books are that bad..

The editing was dreadfull.. There wasn't a second l in: tell, will,kill, hello and so many other words, after the first ten pages i was too frustrated to concentrate on the story..

Thank God, because the story was worse.. I tried pretty hard to like it.. It had some bright moments but they did no good..

Why? This story could have been so much better..

I really thought it was about how these two people will work to fix the bad start they had.. That would be very interesting.. But that wasn't the case. Also the end felt rushed..

I will read the next book because i really hope it was just a problematic start..

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## ? BookAddict 🐦 La Crimson Femme says

This was not what I exactly expected. Based on a couple of scathing reviews on GR, I thought this was going to be some intense non-con. I'm even questioning the BDSM categorization. This story isn't fluffy, it just wasn't really into the sexual games of BDSM or even the slavery aspects. Yes there was some kinky bondage that should have me going, "bad bad". Instead I was going, "ooh, hot!" If we are going by BDSM standards, I'd say several of these scenes were edgeplay. Since this was more a "gangs" story, I'm not sure what to term it.

First off, let me state, I am very prejudice here. I don't like gangs. I find them despicable and want to treat them not too different than vermin. Yes, I get the mentality of why kids want to join a gang. That's a symptom of a larger societal issue which is neither here or there. I mention this only because when I read a storyline which includes gangs in it, I just roll my eyes and want to kill off all the characters. Call me the exterminator. The characters - Rachel - what can I say about her? She's not exactly TSTL, but she does do a few things that make me go, "WTF!!! WOMAN STOP! THINK!" Then again, any woman who lives in a gang infested area who doesn't take self defense classes, I think, what a dumb bitch. That's just me. What I liked about Rachel was her mixed feelings and guilt in the consent of being "raped". This begs the question, can you really rape the willing? I say no, but that's because well, rough sex turns me on.

Yes, this story of rough sex turned me on, especially when Rachel was held down by Zachary. While the other two guys were assholes and abused Rachel, I guess I'm a sick puppy because it turned me on too. Her resistance did it for me. When she responded to Zachary's "abuse", she felt all mixed up. I didn't. I was aroused. Then again, I like the capture, force theme when I read it. In real life, it may be different (if the guy was hot or not). I found this story to be a light to medium non-con story with maybe a little bit of Stockholm syndrome mixed in. I recommend it to BDSM readers who enjoy the non-con with a bit of romance added.

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cr????α●♥????????♥●● says

3.5 "safe" stars!!!

"I don't think it will be easy, but I don't see any other choice. I'm ridiculously, stupidly in love with you."  
- Rachel

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## Shawna says

4 stars – Erotic Suspense/Thriller

This is a very dark, gritty, violent, and emotional story that is conveyed in an unapologetically raw, candid voice. Despite numerous editing errors, it's powerful and compelling in its graphic depiction of disturbing, controversial content. It's told solely from the heroine's POV, and experiencing her psychological and physical anguish as she's repeatedly victimized is gut-wrenching at times.

The heroine and quasi hero develop an intrinsic, dysfunctional connection, mostly based on aversive attraction and survival, but it's a dark erotic story (not a standard erotic romance). There were times I really wanted the hero's POV and for certain aspects of it to be more fleshed out, but *Keep Me Safe* is a really provocative erotic suspense read, especially for \$0.99 cents.

Be warned that this is not for the faint of heart or for those who are sensitive or squeamish about scenes of abduction, captivity, dubious consent, rape, pain, and/or torture. I anticipate this will probably generate polarized ratings/reviews and that some readers will give it one star for the disturbing, objectionable subject matter. But fair warning is given in the book description/summary and the cover says "*erotic nonconsent*". Although it's explicit, I didn't consider it to be exploitative.

I've previously enjoyed two other novellas by this author, *Beauty Touched the Beast* and *Sweetest Mistress*, which were very different from this. I'll definitely read more of her books in the future, including the upcoming *Keep Me Safe* sequel, *Trust In Me*.

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### **Jamie says**

OK... originally I stopped at DNF because it was getting so dumb but I figured I went that far I might as well see exactly how this train wreck ends. My opinion is still the same.... I like dark erotica and I'm ok reading dubious consent but this was just crazy. Wasn't even a little sexy. Erotica should at least be partially sexy. Nothing sexy at all in this one.... The anti hero was too weak and the girl... she'd need to be in some serious ass therapy after all the f\*cked up shit she went through.. this book was just cray cray!

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### **ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says**

Rachel just seems to keep getting raped.

all the dicks she has to suck....

Nothing sexy about that!

and where the fuck is the hero?

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### **Candace says**

Whoa! This book was bad...really bad. The grammar was terrible. The characters were unappealing. The storyline was unbelievable and just plain horrible.

When I stumbled upon this book, I thought it would be a match made in heaven. I've enjoyed other books by this author, so I figured this one would be right up my alley. Captivity themes and stories filled with dark

content are among my favorites. Usually, the more taboo and disturbing the content is, the more I'm going to love it.

Unfortunately, this book was an epic fail for me. The story read like a porn short-story, the likes of which I'd imagine you'd find in the back of 'Hustler'. No judgment here. If that's what you're looking for, you might be perfectly happy with this one. However, if you like your characters to be developed and to actually feel some sort of connection between the characters and the story, you should look elsewhere.

Rachel, the heroine, is kidnapped by a biker gang after work one night. She is raped by Zachary, who she later finds out is an undercover FBI agent. Of course, he only raped her to save her from the others and to prevent his cover from being blown.

So far, I could buy that. The problem is that I couldn't buy the instalove between Rachel and Zachary, or her indifference to being kidnapped and raped. Between her ridiculous inner-monologue and her responses to given situations, you'd think that getting raped was just another uneventful day for Rachel. It was ludicrous!

Then, she manages to get herself kidnapped, and raped, again, by the same group. More brutal sex acts, more ridiculous reactions from Rachel. I spent a lot of time rolling my eyes with this one.

The only positive thing that I have to say about this book is that it was very short, thankfully. It is an older work for Ms. Warren, so perhaps that is the root of the undeveloped writing style. Her work has certainly improved since this book was released. Just don't expect the same quality of writing that you'd find with her later works. You'll set yourself up for disappointment.

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## **Carolyn F. says**

Short story. 90 pages.

The story starts with a rape, but both people are unwilling. Zachary is undercover but in order to stop her from being gang raped he has to do this in front of everyone. Rachel doesn't realize this and just wants to get through it. He's as gentle as he can be but if he wants her to be kept from everyone else he can't stop. Later when she escapes, she learns who he is. Zachary is having a hard time living with what he did because he had actually been interested in her before the rape. They come to some kind of understanding and then the bad guys get her again. This time Zachary can't save her and the rape scenes are just awful.

I categorized this as romantic suspense but it's really horror. Zachary and Rachel find some kind of love through all of this but what a horrible journey.

Very good, disturbing book.

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## **Amy says**

I have mixed feelings on this one. It was definitely a raw story and unapologetic for the subject matter. If a person has any non-con or rape triggers, they probably shouldn't read this one. I would NOT consider this BDSM in any fashion. I think Rachel and Zachary are two very effed up people who try to make the best of a

bad situation. A really bad situation.

The author did keep me intrigued and it was a rather quick read - which I was grateful for.

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## Victoria says

I wasn't familiar with the Dark Erotica series but I saw someone post about the fourth book that is releasing soon and read the blurb which sounded interesting. Since I've read a couple darker reads lately, I thought I would Keep Me Safe a try. Since it is a shorter novella, it wasn't much of a time commitment and that worked for me in case I wasn't a fan.

I'm going to get my thoughts together on this one before I review.

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## Jeanne says

I cannot stress enough that people should read and heed the warnings on this book. This is not for anyone who cannot handle **graphic depictions of sexual violence**. When I say graphic I mean **detailed descriptions of rape and physical assault**.

I really respect the author for putting those warnings on this story. That is part of why I took a look at the sample chapter in the first place. Despite the content of the book and my feelings about them, the use of a strong warning is something that I wish we would see more often in the erotica (especially ones on the dark/edgy) genre more often.

Onto the review.

I do not judge people you enjoy rape fantasies, but they are not usually my thing. This is especially so when rape is used in a romantic context between the two romantic leads. If you've read some of my other reviews or know me even a little you know my feelings on romanticizing rape and on supporting the fantasy that a victim could ever have a healthy romantic relationship with their abuser.

That being said, I am always open to the idea that someone out there could find a way to prove me wrong or even just change my mind. When I read the sample chapter for this book I thought that I might have just stumbled upon the book that was going to change my mind, unfortunately as I continued to read I realized that it was not.

This book had a lot of promise, most of which is presented in the beginning by the author's unflinching depiction of a rape. She does not shy away in either her description or language. This story is told in a first person narrative, so we are right there with the victim for every second. Despite the (many) shortfalls of this book, that scene is one of the most respectful, honest and brutal portrayals of rape I have ever read.

The unusual twist to the set up for this story and the circumstances around the rape were surprisingly complex and intriguing. As was the only (truly) consensual scene. It was emotionally raw while also being



very erotic and even put dominance and submissive sex play into a context I'd never really seen before. It was strangely fitting for these two deeply wounded people, and it gave me a sense of hope that these characters would somehow heal.

However, as I said early the potential that shines in the beginning of this book is quickly flushed down the toilet by cheap plot devices and the continuation of the sexual abuse of the heroine of the story. It really is too bad, because if the story had continued on a storyline with the characters (rather than the sexual violence) as the focus I think it could have been a much more complex and compelling read.

Unfortunately, it's reduced to a glorified rape fantasy, which is cool if that's your kink and if it is this is probably the book for you, but not for me.

Now onto the spoilery part of the review where I obsessively over-analyze the crap that no one cares about. Feel free to leave, as this won't make a lot of sense unless you've read the book. Though, I'm sure it will be entertaining for my friends that like my brand of crazy!nerdiness.

(view spoiler)

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## Dina says

I loved Ms. Warren's **Beauty & the Beast** books, so it was a given I would check what other books she had in store for me to read. While browsing her website, I found out her work is a bit more *risqué* than I had expected and that peaked my curiosity. Dark erotica? Hmmm, should I or shouldn't I?

I was feeling brave and decided to test the waters with this book, knowing in advance that it was *completely* out of my comfort zone. Who knows? Maybe I would find a hidden gem, maybe I would come to realize I wasn't as squeamish as I thought. I'd never know how much I enjoy romantica books if I hadn't overcome my initial prejudice and given them a chance in the first place, so I'm not opposed to trying something different now and then.

Unfortunately, that wasn't to be this time. The writing was good and I had no problem connecting with Rachel, the abused heroine - and that's probably why it was so hard to read what happens to her throughout the story. Scene after scene, this book made me cringe and gasp in horror, until I couldn't take it anymore. Most definitely, dark erotica is still *not* for me. :(

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