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Desperate to save her grandmother from an unscrupulous loan shark, Cynda Avery agrees to Daniel De Marco's wildly inappropriate offer--control of her body for two weeks in exchange for time to talk him into selling his untended peach orchards.

Handsome Daniel isn't the redneck farmer Cynda expected. From the feminine clothes he wants her to wear to the confident way he handles every problem to the kinky way he likes to tie her up to have sex, he makes her want to please him. When she finds the key to his mother's disappearance and spends a weekend in jail, will Daniel decide Cynda's an itch he's already scratched or could he cling to dark flesh like hers?

## **Wildly Inappropriate Details**

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# From Reader Review Wildly Inappropriate for online ebook

## Deloris says

Wildly Inappropriate, is a good name for this book, I am still trying to figure out how Cynda fell in love with Dan. He treats this black woman like a slave at first before he realized he was wrong for doing it. She was chained to his car with a collar around her neck and the only thing he could think of was how he was going to screw her and did throughout the entire book . He never once made love to her the kink would not have been so bad if there were actual love scenes. The the author has the audacity to write that Cynda wished she was not a poor black woman in the racist south. I can understand her not wanting to be poor but not being black that something only a white author writing about black woman would write. Black women love being black even if we do fall in love with a white man. I understand what the author was trying to do when she wrote this book and there were parts that really liked but the next time she attempts to write a black person I suggest she speaks to a black woman. By the way we perm our hair and big wooden beads in braids come on now! I had to add this Cynda was upset because she lost her job Dan decides way to help her throughbeing upset to spank her instead of hug her , that's right he gets her up and starts smacking on her butt I was so mad when I read that. Wildly Inappropriate indeed!

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## Sassafrass says

I LOVED this one even better than the first. I had no idea that's what Dan was all about. YUMMY! I devoured this. The story was so gripping, I had to know what happened. I was so sad when we found out what happened to Dan, Connor and Eric's mom though.

Anyway, the relationship between Dan and Cynda...SCORCHING. He was so deliciously dominant, I wanted to get on my knees while reading it. I loved their interactions, it was just about perfect. They didn't even have sex for most of the book, but it was so hot you would even have noticed.

I can't wait for book three. I have to know what's in store for the playboy, Eric. And I really want to see more of Dan and Cynda and Connor and Lila. I've really grown to love those couples.

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## Missy Thompson says

Must Read!! This second book in Those devilish De Marco Men was absolutely riveting!! First let me say that the hot scenes were very steamy and had you holding your breath. You never knew what was coming next ;) Second, not only does the author give us a precious love story, she gives us a story so much deeper than that. This was such a complex read. I felt so many emotions while reading this book. There were moments I had to stop and fan my face because it's really hot! Then there were moments (being from the deep south) I had to stop and just absorb the truth of the things that made me angry and sad. I didn't just read this book, I experienced it. In the end my heart was full and can honestly say this is one of the best books I've ever read!!

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## **Mariann {at} Belle's Book Bag says**

I just love when a book that I didn't really expect anything from grabs me and doesn't let go!! WOW...Wildly Inappropriate was so much more than I expected and I loved every second of it!! I am definitely a HUGE fan of Eden Connor after reading this. I loved how she made this story come alive through her fantastic writing. Just so damn good!! Once I started reading, I was so involved in the story that I didn't put it down until I was finished. Can't wait to return to these characters in the next book!!

I was immediately drawn to Dan's character. I loved when he acted like such caveman and was all bossy and arrogant but then was really sweet, funny, and caring. Totally an ALPHA/DOM male and I fell for him right away!! "Cynda, take off the dress." \*shivers\*~Loved when he would say this to her and he said it to her a lot!! ;) LOL I was surprised how much I loved Cynda because I didn't expect to like her character. I loved the way she was with Dan and I was routing for their HEA. I also loved that there wasn't any fighting between them, he told her what he wanted and she did it, willingly, and he never took advantage of that. I loved this because in a lot of books with BDSM aspects the sub usually fights and argues with her Dom about everything and it gets to the point where it gets annoying to read. I am not sure about the scene with the forks though!! \*ouch\* LOL

I also loved Colton, Lila, Eric, and Jonah!! Eden pulled me into the story with these great lovable characters and immediately made me care about them. The way they interacted together made for some sweet and funny scenes. I can't wait to read Soft Sounds Of Pleasure(Colton & Lila's book~#1 in the series)and I can't wait for Eric's book!!

Wildly Inappropriate was filled with everything I love about reading. Eden definitely knows how to write some very CREATIVE HOT KINKY sex scenes!! I will never be able to look at peaches or silverware the same way again!! ;) LOL Just an AWESOME read that I highly recommend. Wildly Inappropriate has quickly become one of my favorite reads and definitely has a place in my keeper pile to be reread. 5 out of 5 rating.

\*\*\*Copy provided by Eden Connor and Silver Publishing~Thank you so much!! It was truly my pleasure to read!!

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## **Karen says**

### **Kinky Fuckery and BW/WM love on a Southern Peach Farm**

I just finished reading my first Eden Conner book, Wildly Inappropriate. I loved it! Despite reading negative reviews about racism, slavery, demeaning women, etc., I read the sample and had to click the buy button.

Reviewers objected about how Cynda was dressed and leashed to Dan's truck. But this was done by a black loan shark to whom Cynda's grandma owes money. Cynda didn't see any way out but to agree in return for him forgiving the debt.

Daniel DeMarco IS guilty of letting his kinky libido overrule good sense and courtesy. But seeing Cynda pushes buttons that haven't been pushed in quite awhile because, to Dan, if all he had to settle for was vanilla sex, "he'd as soon do without". Even if he thought Cynda was the latest in a string of incentives from a realtor to sell his land, all of which he had refused, he couldn't refuse this.

I'm a black woman from New England, and while I saw racism depicted in the story, to me there is no racism in the writing. I was a little concerned about a third of the way through because up to then it was about Cynda being in Dan's world and him not being in hers. But that changed, happily. If it hadn't I would have agreed that the book was somewhat tone deaf, racially. Racism may be about name calling, stereotypes and discrimination but that's just sticks and stones compared to its truly evil heart-- murder, denying family, roots, and an individual's life, personality and dreams. Happily Connor didn't leave out Cynda's. Dan becomes more deeply involved in her world just as much as she is in his. What is missing is any mention of who Cynda was in her relationships with men before Dan. Other than her vague thoughts about past, unfulfilling relationships, this is one huge blank, especially in a romance.

Cynda is a great character. She is not weak, helpless, low class or trashy, or anti-feminist. Some may see her as passive and an underachiever, but she was quite real to me, as were her aims (admittedly not that high). But in this world of "Teen Mom" and "Real Housewives" reality shows, she shows strength, character and courage, and she has dreams. She sacrifices for her grandmother. She wants a man and children of her own. She maintains her dignity in situations where people think she is less than them.

She doesn't realize she likes to submit until she meets Dan and gets seriously turned on by his kinky, countrified magic. Yet she does choose this. He is quite upfront about her choices. She has a safe word and a contract. Cynda is no shrinking violet, and once she understands that Dan is trusting his emotions to her in dominating her as much as she is in submitting to him, she begins to understand the trust, power and love in it. In submitting to him, she can read his cues and attune to his needs as well as he can to hers. Real D/S doesn't tear the submissive down, it builds her up and increases emotional intimacy. And Cynda grows stronger throughout her relationship with Dan.

"In your garden, I'm Eve, and when you take me shoe shopping, I'm Cinderella. On top of your mountain, I feel like Mother Earth. In your house, I'm a lady. You dress me like one and you insist others treat me like one."

I think Dan is more into domestic discipline than D/S or BDSM. He is a man who likes to take control, but he doesn't object to proving he deserves to be in control of her body. His role model was a dominant father who punished his mother for secretly using birth control pills and who Dan knew spanked her in the bedroom. Being the eldest son, the apple hadn't fallen far from the tree. He doesn't go to BDSM clubs, isn't into that scene at all. He is a simple farmer with an auto repair shop. His last girlfriend left because he's basically a caveman who wants to take care of a woman and wants her to take care of him and their children.

"When you found a woman who wanted to get up close and personal with your inner caveman on a long-term basis, you had to be her everything, because you were demanding that of her. You had to commit to becoming so attuned to every little shade and shift in her moods that she could hide nothing."

But damm, this is one inventive farmboy! I was amazed at the creative use of common household items. Silverware? Plastic ties? Bungee cords? Peach pits? He even finds stuff when they stay at his brother's house! No commercial sex toys for this McGyver; he's strictly a do-it-yourself type of guy! The orchard scene while he conversationally expounds on the varieties of clingstone and freestone peaches his grandfather developed while using the fruit on Cynda in ingenious ways -- that's pretty darn hot!

What did concern me is that they NEVER had vaginal sex. Now, I'm a huge fan of reading about anal anything, especially with spanking. But hey, just fingering the V is NOT enough. Never getting part A into

slot A, only into slot B was bizarre, even for me.

The mystery was well done, but I still guessed what happened halfway through, and I almost guessed whodunit, although the red herring was very good. This was a very satisfying read with emotional depth, characters you care about, and seriously hot sex. Even better? It's not a "Part 1" or trilogy. It has a beginning and a satisfying end with no stupid cliff-hanger, even though I think the characters appear in other books in the series. I have vowed to purchase no more FSOG type trilogies. I am so done, just don't stick a fork on me! But I'll definitely buy Conner's other books now that I have discovered her.

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## **Gaele says**

Let me start with the warnings here: this is a story that starts with highly charged imagery, which really seems to celebrate both the "old South's" racism and the distasteful side of a Dominant / Submissive relationship. While the Dom/Sub relationship is a trend throughout the book, the racism does become less overt, although no less offensive. There are also several highly charged sex scenes with bondage, anal sex and spanking.

When I first started this book, I truly didn't know if I could finish; the opening scene was so distasteful and instantly had me disliking the main male character. However, it was beautifully written with description that put me right in the front row seeing the story as it progressed. While I don't pretend to understand or even be all that curious about the Dom/Sub relationship dynamics, they were really well detailed, and I came to see Daniel as more than a distasteful character. Drawn with a series of interior monologues as well as an obvious need to protect, shelter and "fix" issues for everyone he encounters, we come to see how the past influenced his current behavior. Cynda is far more courageous and loving than one would expect, and she comes to have an understanding of her value and worth as a human being and woman as the story progresses.

Yes, at the heart of the story, this is a romance with kink, and the action around the couple has moments of laughter, pain and outrage as they deal with the difficulties of being in a relationship that is still taboo in much of the south – despite forward progress. All of these events and feelings are beautifully detailed and described by the author, creating a completely different impression of the book for me when complete than from the first chapters. I do understand that this is the second in the series, but there was also more than enough information provided about the secondary characters to not need to read these in order, and those who are inclined should look at the review here for Soft Sounds of Pleasure .

Reviewed for Jeep Diva - I received an electronic copy of the book from the author for purpose of honest review. I was not compensated for this review, and all conclusions are my own responsibility.

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## **Jennifer says**

I honestly enjoyed this book. I didn't think I would because the beginning of the book and how Daniel and Cynda met was very odd to me. Cynda was trying to save her grandmothers home. She owed money to a loan shark, who agreed to forget the note if she could convince Daniel to sell a part of land he owned to him. The loan sharks idea was to basically offer herself to Daniel and chained her to Daniels car with a collar around her neck. When Daniel saw her he walked up to her outside naked stroking himself ( completely

misunderstanding who had really sent her). And not to mention after reading the first book in this series this didn't seem like Daniel

But I kept reading and the truth is I really enjoyed it. You begin to understand why they met that way. Why she was chained with a collar. And they had an almost instant connection from the very moment they met. But there was so much more to this story than a love story between two strangers. IT was about an interracial couple trying to be a couple in a small town in the south. And Daniel trying to still come to terms with his mother leaving him as a kid and what it did to his father and him and his brothers. And it was Cynda's presence that helped find answer a lot of the unanswered questions he had about his mother. What I also loved about this book was that Colton and Lila were a big part of this book as well. It wasn't just about Daniel and Cynda.

I loved them together and thought the author did a great job telling their story.

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## **Gayle Pace says**

Wildly Inappropriate by Eden Connor

If you like hot, steamy sex scenes then Eden has absolutely written this book for you. This book can be looked at for Interracial Romance.

The DeMarco men work hard and play hard. Daniel comes off as a brute, but also has another side. That side of him is very caring, fix-it-all, gentle man. Cynda is far more than what you first see. She's strong and brave. As the story progresses, you find her to be the woman you want her to be.

There was no way you couldn't care for the other characters in the book. Eden has this way of making you think about the other people instead of just reading and forgetting them.

The entire book goes through dramatic changes from the start to the finish. When I started reading the book, I didn't think that the book might catch my fancy, but I was caught up in it. WHOA! Wildly Inappropriate was definitely a page turner. I liked Eden Connor's writing. She made you think you were actually there. The problem was, I finished the book. Now I'm waiting for the next one.

The book has some of the racism and controlling conflicts which we find offensive. These traits still exist all over. I feel Eden is trying to show that racism and the controlling relationships exist more than we care to know. We can't close our eyes to it. Eden is keeping our eyes open.

Eden shows just how some people feel about black women. The traits that Eden tells about Cynda also apply to a lot of other people, not just blacks. Take a look around, people. What about the whites? It's kinda like tit for tat.

In the book there is laughter and pain. A lot of emotions that are dealt with from being in an interracial relationship. People still consider this a no-no. There will always be people who will find reasons to fault what the other guy does.

Eden writes a beautiful and detailed account of the emotions and relationship in the book.

Anyone can just plain, pick apart the novel. It's being written, not for everyone's liking, but for Those who want to see the changes from the first few chapters to the end. To some it could be a wake up call to the fact

that racism still exists, not just in the South.

To others it is what it is. A Romance novel where the racism and the dominance still exist.

This book is not a true story, but there's a lot of truth in it. It's fiction, to take what you want from it. Don't psycho-analyze it, just READ it. If you like it, read another of Eden's bookd, if not go on to another author.

The title WILDLY INAPPROPRIATE fits this book to a "T".

Eden Connor has a B>A> in Psychology from Converse College in a variety of occupations. She has worked as a wedding photographer, a graphic artist, an insurance sales person and an antique dealer before writing as her next adventure.

She was born in Winston-Salem, N.C. and now resides in Greenville, S.C. She's widowed, has two grown children who have left home, leaving her plenty of time to plot her next romance.

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I received this complimentary copy of Wildly Inasppropriate from author Eden Connor and Silver Publishing for this review.



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## **Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says**

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

Cynda Avery stood in Daniel De Marco's yard with a chain around her neck tethered to the back of his truck. Half dressed and wishing she was any place but here, Cynda knew that she had to go through with this plan in order to save her grandmothers ' home. What she didn't expect to see was the gorgeous completely naked Daniel De Marco step out on his porch stroking himself.

Daniel De Marco didn't like the fact that someone else was sent to him to try to convince him to sell off some of his land. He did however find the woman chained to his truck intriguing and she also had a nice ass. Instead of unchaining her and sending her on her way, Daniel decided to play along but by his rules.

Wildly Inappropriate is a excellent book with lots of hot sex, and interesting toys. Daniel expressed his Dom tendencies and Cynda submitted to each and every one of them. The two of them sizzled and heated up the pages, I could almost see the smoke billowing up from them. The story wasn't just about sizzling sex, there was also the mystery of what happened to Daniel's mom, and also why Cynda was chained to Daniel's truck. The supporting characters like Daniel's brothers Colton and Eric, along with Colton's girlfriend Lila and his nephew Jonah added depth to the story. Even the villain Kingsley Dazza who was trying to take Cynda's grandmothers home was very well developed.

I loved how the story was about Cynda and Daniel but had back stories going as well. The lives of his brothers and nephew and the things they faced did not detract from Cynda and Daniel. Everything blended so well together and this reader enjoyed Wildly Inappropriate because of all the different elements to the story. I whole heartedly recommend Wildly Inappropriate, it's BDSM content is light but tasteful and it's just a really good read. See for yourself, pick up a of copy of Wildly Inappropriate, settle back in your favorite chair and enjoy.

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## **Mspraise50 says**

I have just finished reading this book by Eden Connor my first book by her but it won't be my last. I absolutely loved Cynda and Daniel's story. There is a BDSM theme to this story but its not heavy. There is one scene where he ties Cynda to a tree like they did in slavery days. If that kind of symbolism offends you then this is not the book for you. There was only one scene like that and you need to be able to let the author take you beyond that to the real meaning behind why Daniel does what he does. I liked both Daniel and Cynda. He was not cruel to her in anyway but gently introduces her to the way that he desires to express his passions. Cynda agrees for him to show her his way in order to help out her granny with a problem she has. There is some mystery running through the story-line about what happened to Daniel's mother. I am looking forward to reading her latest book "Rain on Me". I enjoyed the story and I would recommended this book! Remember this is my take on the story, yours may be different!

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## Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

4.5 Stars

I always enjoy a great romance but when one has elements of real life in it as well as some way interesting BDSM play, I don't just enjoy it...I savor it. Wildly Inappropriate is the second book in Eden Connor's Those Devilish DeMarco Men and it is just as delicious as the first one. This book tackles the challenges of an interracial romance, bigotry, and an unsolved mystery dating back several decades. It's exciting, heart breaking and maddening. It's also wonderful, heartwarming, and extremely sexy.

Daniel De Marco is the oldest of the De Marco men. He works with his brother's at their auto garage and he maintains the family's homestead and all the land. He's always in charge and he takes care of everyone in the family making sure they all have what they need. Some people would call Daniel a Neanderthal; when he marries he'd like his wife to stay home, take care of the house and their children and him. He knows it's a long shot in today's time and he even questions if it's wrong to want this considering his Mom walked away when he was 9 after leading the exact lifestyle he wants, but he also knows it's in his blood. Daniel realizes it will take a special type of woman and he's been looking a long time, never did it cross his mind that someone would leave one chained to his truck.

Cynda Avery is a woman on the edge. She has two weeks to get Daniel DeMarco to sell some of his land to a loan shark who her grandmother owes money to or her grandma's house will be taken. She's not proud of what she has to do but to help her grandma she'll do anything including basically prostituting herself out to the "old farmer" who's truck the loan shark has chained her to. She recently lost her job at a kindergarten teaching assistant due to budget cutbacks, she's working in a diner and trying to stay afloat. She hates that it's come to this but she's realistic, there's only a few jobs for uneducated black women and so she decides if she has to play this man's game she'll do it.

These are some seriously wonderful characters. Daniel, we saw a little of him in the first book but wow, I had no idea everything that was hiding behind his tough exterior. I love the way he won't let Cynda talk down about herself and I love that he makes everyone talk and treat her with the respect she deserves. I admire that despite the way their relationship starts he treats her like the lady she is. Daniel may have cave man tendencies, but he can drag me by my hair any damn day! Cynda has so much going on in her life and I appreciate how much she's willing to do to help those she loves. I also get the feeling that she's tired of fighting for everything in life that she wants and deserves. She has no idea how to deal with a man like Daniel, one who wants to take care of her. We also can't forget Daniel's brothers Eric and Colton. Colton's girlfriend/fiancée, Lila and their nephew, Jonah. They all play pretty big roles in this story and it wouldn't be the same without them.

There are some pretty big revelations in this book as we find out more about the boy's parents, Rafe and Cammie. It becomes clear that they had an alternative type of life and that Cammie's disappearance wasn't at all what the boys had suspected over so many years.

This book will bring to light a lot of emotions for many people. Anyone who has spent time in the south will probably not be shocked by some of the situations that arise within this book. Some, who have never seen a burning cross in a yard, might find it hard to believe that this type of behavior still exists and I'll be the first to admit that growing up in south Texas I never experienced anything like this until a trip to Mississippi. I

was appalled at some of the things I saw there and they are forever etched in my mind. While this theme is pretty prevalent throughout the book, I don't want you to think that's all there is to it because there is so much more.

There are many great moments in this book including the time Lila and Cynda spend in jail, when Daniel drops a few guys from the 'hood, and when Daniel realizes that Cynda is exactly the type of woman he's looking for. The scene between Daniel and Cynda the night she has a dangerous run in with the loan shark is so erotic and shows the absolute trust she has in him and how much he values her as a person.

I found this story hard to resist not only because it's a great love story but because it's a great people story in general. Wildly Inappropriate is a fantastic addition to this series; Eden has a way of drawing you in and planting you smack dab in the middle of the excitement and it's impossible to leave. I'm counting down the days until the next release when I can be right back where I want; hanging with those devilish DeMarco's and the women lucky enough to love them!

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### **Camille Adams says**

"...or could he cling to dark flesh like hers."

What. The. Fuck???

That's the blurb! Seriously!!!

Your blurb is "wildly inappropriate" Ms. Connor. Ugh, the ignorance, to say the least...

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### **The FountainPenDiva, Old school geek chick and lover of teddy bears says**

My first reaction after finishing Wildly Inappropriate was racism and BDSM...never shall the twain meet. That is unless one is writing about race play (and I highly doubt that will ever wind up in a romance novel). BDSM already has its detractors who view the lifestyle as a fancy form of abuse with just more fashion sense. Racism combined with BDSM conjures up images of black slave women forced to serve their white masters, especially as one of the formal terms of address is indeed "Master". To pair these potentially explosive topics into what is supposed to be an interracial romance novel poses a huge risk and if not handled carefully is to invite accusations of racism, which from an interview on Radical Reviews is exactly what happened. The reaction of some of her detractors, comparing Eden Connor with the Klan and sending hate mail is also wildly inappropriate. Once more a teachable moment has been lost, with both sides retreating to their respective corners certain that the other side doesn't "get it". On the other hand, her explanation that she went over the manuscript with her daughter's African-American boyfriend in order to "get it right" seemed a little too pat for me. One size does not fit all and one black person does not veracity make. Call me crazy, but perhaps a diverse critique group might have saved this book from being vilified. It's not just the race aspect I had issues with. There were some serious genderfail happening as well. I realize I'm going against the grain with this review, but reading is a subjective experience and for me, this book just fell short on so many levels.

As a BDSM romance, Wildly Inappropriate actually works, hence the two and a half stars. The BDSM is pretty inventive and as someone who's sick and tired of endless depictions of expensively-tricked out

dungeons filled with perfect people, it's refreshing to see what human ingenuity can come up with given cooking utensils, zip ties, bungee cords and peach pits. Had it just been about two people—Daniel and Cynda—who just so happened to be of different races and who both have a kinky streak a mile wide, I would have enjoyed it far more. There was plenty of conflict: Daniel keeping his land, the DeMarco men never knowing what happened to their mother, their father's slide into alcoholism after her disappearance, Cynda's predicament and the growing attraction between them.

I can't express this enough, but not every contemporary interracial romance novel needs to be or should be about RACE. I don't read interracial romances for a social treatise on race relations, especially when I know from personal experience that there are far many other issues that interracial couples face besides the obvious.

I am not a fan of the uber-alpha male because they've become less character-driven and more *caricature*-driven. They've become rather paint-by-numbers: broad shoulders, trim waist, rugged looks, possessed of mad sex skills and always, always well-endowed, yet I was fascinated and repelled by Daniel DeMarco even though his behavior skirted the razor's edge of being patently sexist and some of his attitudes were straight from the male chauvinist playbook. I had a hard time believing Daniel truly respected women because his attitudes and actions seemed to illustrate the opposite and he definitely had some unresolved mommy issues. I wanted to kick him in the family jewels when he bemoaned the fact that "modern women" seemed to want more out of life than being a wife and brood mare to an autocratic asshole and that he ridiculed his ex-fiancee because she had the temerity to choose career over a hot stove. Or that a hormonal woman just needs a good spanking to sort her out (seriously dude, ever heard of Ben and Jerry's? It's cheaper than being charged for spousal abuse). Fine, Daniel was definitely a protector of his family, his land and later of Cynda, but the "me Tarzan, you Jane" thing was just so wildly over-the-top. Daniel obviously did not learn a damn thing from his father's mistakes until almost too late.

What also fails is his seeming naiveté about race relations between blacks and whites in his small town. For Pete's sake, he's friends with southern white cops. There's just no way in hell that Daniel would have never heard some of them speak disdainfully of blacks or other minorities and/or dropping the n-word at every given opportunity. How could he have not known the KKK still exists, especially in small towns such as his? He works in a garage. There was no way in hell he could have never encountered the racist views of some of his customers.

Cynda Avery was grossly mishandled. Once more I'm at a loss as to why some romance authors do such a great job creating these unforgettable heroes only to be stuck-on-stupid when comes to their heroines and it's really annoying. Cynda wasn't a bad character overall and her motivations were clear. She's willing to do whatever it takes to save her grandmother's house from a loan shark, including using her body to entice Daniel to sell some acres of his land to said loan shark. Unfortunately, she becomes seriously cringe-worthy over the course of the book, going from weepy and needy to submissive lust-puppet without rhyme or reason. While I didn't expect neck-rolling and snappy comebacks, Cynda's meek acceptance of being treated like a second-class citizen in this age of Barack Obama simply does not hold true. Nor can I envision a young black woman in modern-day America willingly wanting to be a nanny given all the brouhaha over The Help. I read that part and just kept flashing back to "Miss Sca'lett, I don't know nothin'bout birthin' no babies." This in spite of the author telling us that Cynda had dreams of being a kindergarten teacher.

There were so many other ways Cynda could have ended up on Daniel's doorstep and then become his submissive, but having her chained like an animal to his truck practically naked in his front yard was a WTF moment. This scene immediately reminded me of James Byrd Jr., the black man who was dragged to his death chained behind a pickup truck down a back road by three young white men. I got the feeling this was

just done for the shock factor and it was totally unnecessary.

There is nothing romantic about fetishizing black women's bodies or their hair (both of which still have the power to hurt black women's self-esteem). Fine, Daniel's an ass man. I got that on page one. This is neither the first nor the last romance in which the hero finds certain parts of the heroine attractive. The difference is those books don't have the hero dwelling endlessly upon said body part. The hero also finds other aspects of the heroine appealing, which is how they eventually fall in love. This book just droned on and on about how much Daniel loved Cynda's big, bouncy booty and how he didn't like it when other men did so. And I really don't think it's just me who found it wildly inappropriate for a thirteen year-old white boy to ogle a black woman's rear end. Talk about a plantation-mentality. Yes, pre-teen and teen boys are bundles of raging hormones but there could have been a better way for Cynda and Jonah to have interacted. I will not even get into the whole "black people can dance and sing spirituals" fail, but it was pretty telling while the white characters were given a free range of behaviors and were allowed to be more complex, the few black characters in the book were cardboard caricatures. There were the saggy-pants thugs, the loan shark, and the black female officer at the jail talking about Cynda as a future welfare mom. Even Cynda's grandma fell victim to this stereotyping, as the harmless and kindly old black woman/mammy figure.

In attempting to portray a South still at odds with the shifting dynamics of black/white relations, Ms. Connor ends up bogging down what is, at its bare bones, a really good love story. Sadly, she has also given those who don't believe a white writer has any business writing characters of other races more ammunition. I love Alexander McCall Smith, David Handler and Suzanne Brockmann who have been successful in writing black characters in a positive and realistic way. Yes Virginia, there is still racism in the South just like there's snow on Mount Everest. There are also a lot of interracial couples in that very same South. Writing a novel such as this required a deft touch and sensitivity, especially since this was an interracial romance featuring a heroine of color and one that was targeted towards that audience. Wildly Inappropriate tried to be everything to everyone—a BDSM romance, an interracial romance, a slice of real life in a small town, a mystery, a family drama--and managed to go wildly off tangent on all fronts. Lastly, it is one's responsibility as an author to show a respectful and accurate portrayal of *all* characters in their shared humanity. To do anything less calls an author's talent and even intent into question.

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## Carin says

Wildly Inappropriate is the second in the Devilish De Marco Men series, They are stand alone books but I prefer to read them in order.

The series takes place in a small Southern town and that is some of what shapes Daniel De Marco's conflicted feelings about his need to dominate women, he knows he is a dominate but fears he will never find a woman who will want to submit to him in the way that he needs.

Cynda is a natural submissive she starts out agreeing with Daniel's offer to listen to her in exchange for her body as a way to save her grandmothers house. Something she never expected was how much it turned her on and satisfied a need to feel protected.

Wildly Inappropriate is an amazing look at not only the D/s side of a relationship it also addresses the bigotry and racism a interracial couple still face in some places, if that weren't enough there is a decades old missing person, a slimy loan shark and a few sexy brothers thrown in just to make it fun.

I loved the interaction between Daniel and his brothers, it was dead on with being the oldest sibling and

feeling a need to protect them. I was fascinated by the internal conflict that Daniel felt about his dominant sexual needs and I was touched deeply by the heartbreak of him losing his mother at such a tender age.

I love Cynda she is a sweet girl who is put into bad situations by her financial situation and that is exasperated by the fact that she is a young black woman in the South and still faces discrimination. Cynda is brave, loyal and perfect for Daniel.

Because of the difference in their social experiences Daniel and Cynda see the same events in two entirely different ways. The ability of Ms. Connor to understand and write from the point of view of someone of a different race is amazing, she does a fantastic job helping you to see our worlds are still different but that love can bring it together no matter the odds.

Eden Connor does a terrific job writing a book that is sexy, funny, heart warming and still gives you a peek into the racial divide that still exists. She manages to never feel like she is giving you a lecture or smacking you upside the head, she takes several very sensitive subjects BDSM, Racism, May/December relationships and writes a book that is a fantastic read, hot as the asphalt in Texas in July and draws you into the lives of those Devilish De Marco Men.

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### **Nicole Miller says**

Wildly Inappropriate (Those Devilish De Marco Men) I will have to say that when I first started the book, I didn't like it. I did not like Cynda and especially not Dan.

Dan is a man tortured by his past and afraid he will end up alone because he cannot find a woman to put up with his "caveman" way. He wants his woman to dress a certain way, wear her hair a certain way and so on. But then he also wants a woman who wants to have a home with him, a family and spend time and enjoy his brothers and their families. He has pretty much given up hope of finding the one. Then Cynda appears chained to his bumper..naked. She has to convince Dan to sell part of his property to the town loanshark who Cynda and her Gram owe money to. She will do whatever it takes to get her grams house paid off to this guy. By the end of the book I had totally changed my mind. I love them Cynda and Dan. They will always stand by each other and their love is so sweet. This is such a heartwarming and touching story despite Dan's caveman ways. The story touches on many taboo subjects such as racism, interracial relationships and unconventional sex. Ms. Connor did a wonderful job touching on these subjects and I was very impressed and so glad I read it, because I considered not finishing. And again, I can't wait to read the next book. I would highly recommend the book to anyone.

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