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He sacrificed everything for me.

The beast who took me against my will and tied my soul to his so tightly I can no longer breathe without him.

He sacrificed his freedom. His life.

For me.

They say love will make you do anything, give anything.

But what's between him and I - it isn't love. It's a bond.

And my destruction.

Torment is the third book in Nora Ash's suspense-filled Omegaverse serial, Feral.

Please note: This series gets dark, and it gets dirty. If you don't enjoy your romance scorching and your alphas rough & dominant, give this book a pass.

## Torment Details

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## From Reader Review Torment for online ebook

### Judy Lewis says

DELICIOUSLY DARK!!!

Title: Torment

Series: Feral

Author: Nora Ash

Designation: Third and Final Book of the Feral Trilogy, Novella (Approximately 120 pages), \*NOT a Standalone, NO Cliffhanger #omegaversefiction #hatalphas #erotic #romance #explicitsex #graphicviolence  
My Rating: Five Sinfully Sexy Stars\*\*\*\*\*

\*This book is not recommended as a standalone by this reviewer. This is the third and final installment of the Feral Series Trilogy. Books of the series should be read sequentially: Obsession (Book 1), Despair (Book 2), and Despair (Book 3).

Wow! I loved, loved, loved Torment! I'll be the first to admit that Omegaverse Fiction is one of my favorite guilty pleasures, and no one does it better than Nora Ash! Without a doubt, Ash pens the most deliciously naughty Omegaverse Fiction EVER, but she truly outdid herself with Torment, the third and final installment of her deliciously dark Feral Trilogy. After the events of Books 1 and 2, I had no idea what to expect, but Ash totally blew me away. She grabbed me in the first chapter and kept me on the edge of my seat with a death-grip on my ereader while my heart fluttered wildly in my chest! Heavens to Betsy, by the time I got to the last page, I was sweating bullets and struggling for my next breath - AGAIN! And I LOVED every single second! No one writes dark, erotic Omegaverse romance quite like Nora Ash. I've been a fan for years and race to purchase every new release and Ash didn't disappoint in Torment. But be forewarned, Omegaverse Fiction is not for the meek of heart! For folks unfamiliar with the term, Omegaverse is a subgenre of fan fiction in which canine-type characteristics are given to human characters, including alpha/beta/omega designations, strong themes of dominance, submission, possession, and usually contains knotting, marking, & biting during sex. Typically, it also includes the strong use of 'soul mates' with the concept of sex or mating as a biological imperative for both males and females. It varies greatly with each author, but I've always found Ash's work in this particular fandom to be fascinating as well as titillating. I guess you can tell I really like Ash's work; now let me tell you why!

Torment is a dark, gritty, graphic, intense, imaginative, riveting, seductive, fast-paced, well-crafted, easy-to-follow erotic romance with strong Omegaverse elements. The narrative is beautifully written with multiple perspectives but the primary points of view are from the two protagonists, bioanalyst and research scientist Lillian Dorne, and Alpha Test Subject 351 aka former Navy Seal Zach Barnes. The dialogue is smart, snappy, gritty, well-executed, and flows effortlessly. But the piece de resistance of every Ash story is her cast of always compelling characters. One of the things I love most about Ash's writing is her ability to create harsh, gruff, growly, possessive, and unapologetically bad to the bone heroes/antiheroes, blessed (or cursed, depending on your perception) with an overabundance of attitude, testosterone, and alpha pheromones, yet still somehow make them sexy, engaging, irresistible, and endearing. Ash's Omegaverse stories are very much character driven, as is most Omegaverse Fiction, meaning the characters are the primary component or what I like to call 'the driving force' of the story. And folks, this may be erotic romance that curls your toes, but it's not fluff. Ash always balances her steamy storylines with lots of action, danger, drama, angst, suspense, conflict, and enough plot twists to keep you guessing. And at the heart of every single book, you'll always find a heartwarming love story, which brings me to the lovely, hardworking research scientist and bioanalyst Lillian Dorne and former Navy Seal Zach Barnes known as Test Subject 351. I was immediately drawn into the story by these two intriguing characters. It's sometimes difficult to get a good grasp on the relationship between characters when the story is divided into multiple books, but the

strong connection between kindhearted Lillian and the imprisoned feral test subject alpha was quite obvious from the very beginning. The intelligent, ambitious, yet somewhat naive Lillian had no idea what she was getting into when she accepted a position at SilverCorps working for Dr. Simon Axwell, her longtime mentor and idol, as a bioanalyst on a government-sanctioned biodefense project. Dr. Axell not only a respected, world-renowned scientist but also an alpha who'd conquered his primitive urges for the good of mankind - or so she thought. Unfortunately, Lillian was soon to receive a rude awakening about the not so good Dr. Axell and SilverCorp. Sigh... I just love when an unlikely heroine finds her courage and decides to fight for what's right. A very meek Lillian found her voice and once she did, she roared like a lioness to champion the long-suffering hero. In the first two books, we didn't know much about Zach but in the third book, we finally discovered his backstory. But actions always speak louder than words and his proved him to be brave, loyal, caring, protective, and willing to do absolutely anything to protect his new mate Lillian, long before the facts leading to his incarceration were revealed. I loved Lillian and Zach, and their story will capture your heart! I sniffled, sobbed, fumed, and shook my fists in anger throughout the entire book but by the end, I was happy, satisfied and well entertained.

After a failed attempt to rescue one of the imprisoned test subjects, Lillian has become a prisoner herself. She's no longer a research bioanalyst, nor a savior, but a victim of the same heinous experiment as Test Subject 351. Her actions have cost her everything she's worked for, and her worst nightmare has become reality. The thing she vowed would never happen, has happened. She's been claimed by an Alpha, but not just any Alpha... she's been claimed against her will by Test Subject 351. And it seems the malevolent Dr. Axell, the man in charge of the project, has big plans for Lillian. Sadly, the tables have turned. Test Subject 351/Zach Barnes must now find a way to protect and save his new mate Lillian, but at what cost? Will Lillian and Zach find a way to escape and expose the truth of the heartbreaking atrocities perpetrated by the immoral Dr. Axell and SilverCorps? Or will their attempt cost them everything - including their lives? Oh my, the wait is over! We discover the fate of Lillian and Zach, and all our questions are answered in Despair!

Did I like this book? No, I LOVED it! Would I recommend it? You bet, and I am but only for adult readers. It does include violence and explicit sex, some with dubious consent. If you've never read Omegaverse fan fiction, don't knock it till you've tried it! If you enjoy paranormal/fantasy/science fiction romance with elements of BDSM, you'll probably love this story, but these Alphas are not shifters, they're human with an overabundance of testosterone and alpha pheromones. And be forewarned, it's dark, dirty, and hot, hot, hot! The first two books were intense but this installment is the conclusion of Zach and Lillian's story, and Ash really pulled out all the stops with this one. It's darker, more intense, and emotional - ON STEROIDS, and definitely not for the meek of heart. I found myself gasping for breath and screaming, "Nooooo, don't do that!" through the entire story! I really thought I was going to have a heart attack before I could get to the end. And I definitely advise against reading in polite company, it might be a little uncomfortable. Lol... Will I read this author again? OMG! Yes! And finally, was I entertained? Completely! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

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### Amy says

Torment, the third and final book of the Feral trilogy, was chock full of surprises. The book begins with Lillian's escape from the lab and her frantic search for the one person 351 sends her to find for help. Things go at breakneck speed from there. I can't say anything else without the risk of spoilers.

This was a fitting ending to a very dark romance. It certainly exceeded my expectations. I am very curious about the hint of what may be a new series, at the end of Torment. I read an advance copy and I chose to

leave a review.

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### **SBee Reviews says**

~ Merciless mating ~

This is the final book for Lillian and Zach's story, filled in by different perspectives. Lillian is now free of the lab of horrors but is fighting the mating effect and wounded. She doesn't know where she stands with Zach still, after a mere week of being forced to mate and then breed with this powerful Alpha male, but she is going back for him. Because he is still alive. Luckily, she has the still-loyal men from Zach's old squad to help rescue him. Through them, she gets a better picture of who her mate really is, or at least, the kind of man he used to be. And, hopefully, there will be enough of his sanity and soul after all their extreme tests and experimentation to perfect their ultimate soldier.

A darkly satisfying conclusion to their ordeal.

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### **KIRSTY says**

A little disappointing. I did not enjoy all the deaths. I would've preferred more time between the two characters. To be honest- my least favorite in this series. It was missing the 'taken against her will' that I thoroughly enjoy in Nora Ash's books. Fast read and still good. But not on the same calibre as her other books I feel. I will still continue to read her books (if I like the description). Like I said- it's subjective- just my opinion.

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### **Deb says**

Nora Ash, again, brilliantly weaves the agonizing struggle that Lillian and Zach continue to suffer, as his emotions break through.

Included in this, the third book in the Feral series, are new alphas. Ones who knew Zack, before. Ones who will put their lives on the line for their brother and his mate.

This is a deep, dark, erotic romance that is absolutely feral. It is so very worth the experience.

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### **Martha says**

I received an arc of this book to review. I am a big fan of Nora Ash and she did not disappoint. I had some doubts about 351 considering his criminal past but this book made me understand the reasons for his actions and redeemed him in my eyes (not that I didn't like him already). We get to see both 351 and Lillian out in the world which is a first in the series and how their connection to each other helps bring 351 from the brink. I was happy that they get their HEA although it made me sad that we lost some new characters whom I had become fond of. All in all I enjoyed this great read and I can't wait for more as the teaser at the end suggested

there will be another book but with a different character.

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### **Rachel A. says**

I voluntarily read this ARC novella in exchange for an honest review.

I love all of Nora Ash's novels. I definitely liked the fact that this was longer than the 1st two installments but in doing so, I felt it lost some of its eroticism. Perhaps since the h and H were trapped together in the 1st two, of course there were more opportunities for the brutal sexuality that took place and the struggle within the heroine to make sense of her feelings for her alpha. However, in a sense because that struggle and tension between Lillian and her Alpha were now gone and exchanged for more of a suspense aspect of the plot where other characters were introduced, it detracted from their love story a bit, but in a minor way.

\*Spoilers ahead\*

I think I hoped that Barnes would recover more of himself and not be so permanently damaged that the characters could fully reconnect on more equal footing rather than her try to calm him and try to help him return to his less feral self. Also, that Lillian still had to be assured that the man she fell in love with \*wasn't\* a "bad man" still rankled -- she still felt the mating bond was more instinctual and real and it had to take a secondary character to tell her that what she was feeling wasn't just about the mark. I also found it a bit odd that Lillian bit Barnes towards the end of the novella and he wasn't turned on by it. Perhaps it's because he didn't fully understand what was going on with her quite yet due to the damage done by SilverCorp. Usually any bite from an Omega turns on an Alpha... ;)

The hottest scene for me in the book was the final scene where she's attempting to fix her nest and the sexual aggression in him is rolling off in waves. :)) There's that darkly sexual element I wished there was a bit more of... but at the same time I did appreciate the depth of the story, the sacrifices made, the clear loyalty and love Barnes' brothers had for him, and the potential of a new chapter.

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### **Ex Libris says**

Wow! Nora Ash! OMEGAVERSE!

**WARNING** - This book/series contains situations and events that some readers will find extremely confronting. If you're sensitive to Total Power Exchange, explicit sex scenes and gory, violent fight scenes (explicitly detailed) then this series is NOT for you.

This is book three and the final journey for our Alpha/Omega couple Subject 351/Zach and Lillian. If you love these two as much as I did in the prior two books of this series, you won't be disappointed by this conclusion. This is fast paced & full of new characters that flesh out our Alpha's back story. He's really a good guy wrongly convicted. (I knew that!) We also have a few of the original characters that we just love to hate. They suffer a fitting end I'm pleased say.

Read books one and two so this can tie (pardon the pun) things up nicely for you.  
As happy an ending as one could hope for an unlikely Hero.

I rate the entire series 5 stars!

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### **Lynne Moore says**

I voluntarily received an ARC of this book. Installment 3 was definitely the best of the 3 books. I felt it had more depth to the plot and became more interesting. They got better as it went along. Book 1 felt put together too quickly and book 2 was an improvement with book 3 quite interesting and easy to read.

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### **Julia says**

2 stars for 2 reasons:

The number one being that there was no logical reason to split this up into 3 smaller parts. It would have already been a short read if it was all together, but to break it down even further is kindof insulting. Add on the fact that the first installment in this "series" was released in April, so there was also a ton of waiting time between books.

Reason #2: there was an extremely disgusting rape scene. It happens to the villain as the heroines form of revenge, but it felt very distasteful and it made me nauseous. It was gory and detailed and made me question why I was even reading it. All of that effort could have been spent on more scenes with the hero and heroine, as they didnt get much to begin with. Someone was constantly being beaten up or raped or murdered that the couple barely had any time to be together happily.

What started out as a sexy, albeit non-safe, paranormal read turned into a poorly constructed jumble of "action stuff."

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### **Sherill says**

**FERAL-TORMENT - A FIERY PASSIONATE BOND THAT IS POWERFUL & UNCONDITIONAL.**  
Once I began reading I didn't stop until I learned the conclusion of this deeply emotional story. Inside; camaraderie, humor, horrific danger, life-threatening issues, moments that tug your heart, dynamic vivid scene descriptions, Lillian learns Zach's untold secret, sensuous romance, and a most deserved happily ever after.

Lillian has escaped the villainous lab leaving behind Zach (aka #351) her alpha mate. Zach sent her to one of his friends for help. Being away from her mate causes excruciating pain and misery. Lillian is smart, resourceful and determined to free her mate for good. To get to their happy ending requires dangerous challenges and a bit of luck.

**ENTHRALLING** well-written page-turner. I felt empathy, sorrow, and happiness for the characters. Lillian is fearless, and Zach is definitely a worthy mate. True devotion shines in this story; loved Zach and Lillian together. The author does a fantastic job with the retribution scenes and the epilogue is phenomenal. Relishing this read {of my own volition without any stipulations, I reviewed an advanced copy.} Without any hesitation, I recommend this read.

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### **Helen says**

Brilliant!

To steal a title from someone else's review because it sums it up perfectly it's "Dark and Delicious" I did no how Nora was going to save Zach and Lillian but I shouldn't have worried, it was a great ending. I'm going to start a re-read of the trilogy now. Can't wait to read the next Alpha book from this author.

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### **MsMoxy says**

5 Stars for this outstanding conclusion to the Feral Series!

This book held me emotionally captive from start to finish! I really had no clue where the author was going to take us with the final instalment of the Feral Serial. This book could be read in one sitting. It's a dark twisty read that left me gutted and satisfied at the same time!

No spoilers or details from me on this one. It is a book best experienced one page at a time.

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### **Mandy says**

WOW!!!

This was not what I was expecting from the final installment of the Feral series and I was very happy to be surprised. Approximately 130 pages, it is not a sweet, romantic read with hearts and flowers and if you looking for that, I recommend you steer clear because you won't find that here - not for the sensitive reader. Also, this book is not a standalone and should be read as the finale to the series in order to be able to enjoy it at the fullest.

The title of this book is extremely relevant to its contents. There is suffering, pain and violence. Time for the "big girl panties" as it is undeniably tormenting. Did I enjoy it? Damn right I did!!

In the beginning of the book, things happen at a very quick pace. I would not say that it is rushed, but events do develop very quickly. However, it could also be the fact that I was so eager to finally get my hands on this book that I may have been reading a bit fast – so sue me, I was excited.

Lillian has escaped but Zach, aka 351, has been shot. She seeks help from the only person left she thinks might be able to assist her. But help her with what exactly, as she turns up at the door covered in dirt and blood, is the question. Her character grows and adjusts as Lillian becomes ruthless in her desire for retribution. I can't say much more without spoiling the entire story but be ready for the unexpected and prepare to be shocked.

Last thoughts -- having read and loved previous books by this author, I found the contents slightly different to her usual style. That said, it is still, without a doubt, wonderfully wicked as the series comes to a dark and

brilliantly brutal conclusion.

I received an ARC of this book and this is my honest review.

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### **Marissa says**

Wow, you really put the dark in dark romance in this series. I am kind of surprised that you pushed the boundary a little, but I can't spoil anything so I will leave it at that simply. I really love how this all turned out! I love the characters that were introduced here and I wish there was more, this was a little longer than the past two parts of the series so I am more glad about it. I can't say this is a happy ending but it is a realistic one, I was worried that once they escaped that would be the end of it but it wasn't which made it that much better to see the effects of everyone's action.

The plotline is rather simple but the execution made it all that much better, it could have been really dull but it wasn't in the end.

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