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The door read: Tessa Saint.

The truth was: she was nothing of the sort.

Even the name was a lie.

The woman most men fantasized about, a femme, a walking wet dream, and a master with a whip, Tessa Saint took charge and delivered on that fantasy. But Emmy--the woman Tessa became once she walked out the door of the club--was getting tired of the game. It was time to try the vanilla life.

The door read: Nathaniel Walsh

The truth was: the man was an open book

Emmy was interested in reading.

Nathaniel was instantly attracted to the enigma of Emmy, and against her better judgement she lead him into her world of whips and blindfolds, kink and domination. Having a man unencumbered with perceptions of her lifestyle, Emmy could not resist Nathaniel at the tip of her lash, his willing bedroom submission.

The door read: Club Imperial

The truth was: Emmy hid there in the dark for a reason.

She should never have left the comfortable shadows.

Her secrets would find a way to the light- and it was only time until Emmy's lies were torn away and the truth revealed. Nathaniel wasn't ready for that.

Neither was she.

****Content Warning:** Contains explicit content that may not be suitable for all audiences. Contains BDSM themes, Erotic content and language. 18+ Audience**

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Steelwhisper says

BDSM-fail. Kink-shaming. And another prostitute as femdom.

I'm so utterly tired of this.

Kristi says

this one was a free kindle book.

i didn't mind the story, sort of liked it and the characters actually.... but what was that. nothing happened. where was the character growth? what exactly was the point of that book? i just felt like it was an intro and then when things finally started getting interesting and it looked like we might get some resolution or growth... bam it was over. and a cliffhanger ending at that.

disappointed.

Gina Marcantonio says

I loved this book! So many stories are about the Alpha Male introducing BDSM to a young, innocent female. It was fascinating to have the roles reversed with a Domme teaching the lifestyle to the good looking male!

Although there is plenty of hot sex, this story is about so much more. It's a story about trust, overcoming your past and allowing yourself to have the future you're not convinced you deserve. It ends in a cliffhanger that will have you YELLING "NOOOO," but you will not be able to put this book down.

Emmy Westerly begins a new job at Walsh Distribution and becomes involved with Nathaniel Walsh. Emmy is running from her past and uses her lifestyle to compensate for the lack of control she had growing up. She needs control and routine to balance her demons. Nathaniel questions her lack of commitment to him but is curious about her lifestyle and wants to learn more about it, and her. His feelings and thoughts are true to "real-life," the same as any of us who are not in the lifestyle, would feel. Because of this, you will have no problem relating to these characters. Their journey of discovery is emotional and hot.

This book is very well written. There's something for everyone; romance, corporate espionage, fraud, mystery and suspense. The characters are likable and grab you from the very beginning. You get caught up in their journey to find happiness while getting a look into the psychology of this lifestyle. I cannot wait to read the next book. Emmy and Nathaniel both deserve to be happy and you'll be rooting for their HEA!

Pam says

2.5 stars

"Love does funny things,"

"Love can do kinky things too,

Emy and her alter ego, **Tessa Saint** is a woman in need of control to keep her demons at bay, she needs her rules, her boundaries and limits for a reason and it isn't one she wants to find her again. But lately she's hasn't found that sated feeling she gets when she dishes out her pain, and running into **Nathaniel** just confuses her more. Nathaniel isn't from her world, as vanilla as any one man can be, luckily for him, he has the passion and the need for her to tempt her into trying something she's never done before.....vanilla sex and vanilla life, could she do it?

"This is what couples do, Emmy," he said, slowly pulling his fingers away. "They learn about each other. It's a give and take. I like feeling you quiver in my arms, I love hearing you whimper. I love knowing I do that to you. And if you're willing to try my way, I can try it your way. But tonight is mine. Can you give that to me?"

Give and take, compromises and honesty. While the sex maybe off the charts, it's all so new and all so different, both are playing a very dangerous game with emotions and hearts...especially with no rule book to guide them. But while they are lost to themselves, her past threatens everything they started and the future they *hope* to share.

Consensual sadly isn't a book for me, I read it wanting a strong dominant female who does what she loves and makes no excuses for herself. I probably set my self up to fail, seeing as it was my own expectations that killed the experience for me. Emy is a dominant, but she does it more out of self preservation then it being who she is, it's almost as if you could turn that part of you off and suddenly want something else. I don't know, I can't judge, but I would assume that it would be very much ingrained in who you are and not just what you do. Nathaniel was an interesting lead, he isn't an alpha male, being on the sweeter side, it didn't bother me but then again it did nothing for me either. The story is told from both their POV, and their story does continue on, but I don't think I will continue with them. I would encourage others to try, as this was my own personal reaction to this book, sadly I can't love them all.

Kim says

What I liked about this book:-

- Unlike many of these erotic novels, the 'dominant' in the BDSM relationship was female rather than male;
- There were several strong story lines that did not rely totally on the sex scenes;
- The sex and BDSM scenes were very good.

What I didn't like about the book:-

- Even though the main male character was the 'sub', he was still rich and money was no object (a la FSOG etc.);
 - Apart from a few minor typos and missing words, there was a major error in the story. On page 165, the main character Emmy says to 'boyfriend' Nathaniel - 'Chantal wants to know if you want to go out again this Friday. Apparently she and Tyrone had a great time with us last week'. ONLY THEY DIDN'T, COS THE FOUR OF THEM HAD NEVER BEEN OUT TOGETHER BEFORE. We didn't even know Chantal's new boyfriend's name by this time and Emmy and Nathaniel had only been 'dating' a couple of times themselves. Whether this was an incident featured in a different edition (I noticed there is a 'VIP Edition' of this book) I don't know but it really jumped out at me;
 - [SPOILER ALERT] Also want to know how two men, one of whom has been banned from the club and the other who is not a member managed to get in to Emmy's room at the Imperial without being stopped by security!;
 - The story was left on too much of a cliffhanger so you feel almost obliged to purchase the next book.
- Without these issues, particularly the story line failure, would probably have been a five star rating. As it is, still thought it worth 9/10 and look forward to reading the second book.
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Serban Georgiana says

Aceasta carte mi-a amintit de cartile scrise de Tiffany Reisz.

In primul rand trebuie sa mentionez ca in paginile acestei carti veti gasi scene erotice cu accente BDSM, si ca Emmy (protagonista) este dominanta.

Rar se intampla sa citesc o carte in care locurile sa fie schimbate, majoritatea scriitorilor care abordeaza astfel de subiecte aleg ca dominatori personaje de sex masculin.

A fost interesanta aceasta schimbare, pentru ca Emmy are o viata si un trecut misterios.

Mi-a placut cartea, mai ales faptul ca Katherine Rhodes a stiut sa construiasca o poveste palpitanta si plina de suspans in afara scenelor BDSM.

Nu vreau sa intru prea mult in detalii, dar trebuie sa precizez ca aceasta poveste este interesanta, plina de suspans si cu o actiune alerta, iar scenele de sex sunt HOT.

Mi-au placut in mod deosebit personajele si povestile lor de viata.

Cum a ajuns o fata de 17 ani sa intre in aceasta lume, si ce o determina sa se comporte asa? Mistere, mistere neelucidate.....autoarea este foarte secretoasa.

Un alt aspect de apreciat la aceasta carte, este comportamentul lui Nathaniel.

Cum reuseste sa se plieze dorintelor ei, si sa se lase dominat in pat in ciuda faptului ca el in viata reala este un lider/conducator. Schimbul acesta de putere este interesant.

Finalul este fulminat si frustrant, si te obliga efectiv sa citesti si urmatorul volum pentru a afla cum se incheie aceasta poveste de dragoste.

Punctajul meu este unul de 4.5 stele.

Cartea a fost o adevarata surpriza pentru mine.

Dee says

The synopsis of this story is very misleading (IMO). A number of things don't make sense, and it has a huge cliff-hanger that has nothing to do with the things that pissed me off about this story.

Maybe book two will explain why she didn't let anyone look at her tits, but I will never know because I don't care enough to read it.

If you are looking to read some hot D/s (Fm) scenes you WON'T find them in this story. The first full sex scene finds Domme Emmy on the bottom. She is so strong she gives her control to him.

In fairness to the author, it's not a bad story just way off the mark of what I expected!

Full review to follow once I calm down.

Miri says

3 1/2 Stars

Blurb: From the moment Nathaniel laid eyes on Emmy Westerly, he wanted her in his life. He would do anything to get her there and keep her there. To his surprise, Nathaniel found himself quickly pulled into Emmy's dark world of whips and blindfolds, kink and submission. He was intrigued not only by the thrill of it, but by the enigma which led Emmy there as well.

Emmy could not resist Nathaniel Walsh. She couldn't deny the electricity between them, the utter animal magnetism she felt for him. Emmy was mystified by someone as honest and uncomplicated as Nathaniel allowing her to lead him into the dark. She adored having him at the tip of her lash.

But Emmy had secrets – deep, cruel truths which led her to Club Imperial, and staying with Nathaniel would mean telling him everything. He wasn't ready for that. Neither was she.

Review

Hmmmmm I have mixed feelings towards this book. There were parts that caught my attention but there were other parts that totally bored me.

Emmy is a domme at Imperial an exclusive kink club. She is used to living her life by her rules. She loves having the same routine. Emmy has dark past that she doesn't speak to. She had a horrible stepfather and her mom wasn't there for her.

Nathaniel is rich, hot, sweet, kind of a boy next door. He is used to working and having the sense of accomplishments. He is not an alpha male...more of a submissive.

Ok, here is my problem with this story. I read of all types of books. So, when I started this book I wanted to love it, I wanted to feel a connection with the characters.. but that did not happened. Emmy, frustrated me at times.. There were times when she was so vague with everything... yet she wanted to be with Nathaniel

without letting him in not even a bit. I loved that she was upfront about everything and really told him how she felt about a relationship and what she wanted from him. Nathaniel, Jesus Christ seriously.... There were times when Emmy did anything she wanted and he didn't even say anything. Usually the heroine tends to frustrate me.. But in this case he did. I felt like he was just going with the motion.. Like he wanted to be with her and he was just accepting anything he could give her. I wanted them to have a 50/50 relationship but at the end I felt like they didn't even had a relationship to begin with.

The sex scenes were hot and there were a lot... but I didn't feel a connection with either of them. At times I found myself skipping some pages because I had figured out what was going to happen. I loved Victor though for some reason he stood out more than Emmy and Nathaniel...mostly because what he went through which was damn messed up. I hope the author writes a HEA for him.

Sooooo.. good sex scenes, hot female domme, sexy hero. I hope you read this and decide for yourself about this book. I'm in no way trying to bash this author.

Hope Emmy and Nathaniel find their way on the second book.

Miri

*ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

Shirley says

At a time when BDSM, domination and submission have become more prevalent in the erotic genre, comes this novel from Katherine Rhodes that for me is offering readers a fresh perspective . . . the dominant is a woman.

In Consensual we meet Emmy Westerly (the Domme) and Nathaniel Walsh (her boss' brother). They are drawn to each other instantly, but Emmy is hesitant as Nathaniel's sexual history is all vanilla. As she slowly introduces him to her lifestyle, and he opens himself to it, we also see Emmy allow herself to be vulnerable as she allows herself a bit of vanilla. If you've ever wanted to understand more about a Ds relationship, this is definitely a must read for you . . . there are many factors for why Emmy has become a Domme and I feel having a male as the submissive makes it even more clear as to how being the sub in the relationship is NOT about weakness.

Keep in mind . . . this story is about so much more than the sex. At the same time Emmy and Nathaniel are discovering each other, Nathaniel and his brother are also dealing with outside forces who are trying to take them and their business down. Sadly, for Emmy, those involved are also cruel reminders of her past and how she came to live the lifestyle she lives.

It's never easy to wait for the next release in a series, but Katherine has given readers a story that will make it worthwhile. Just hope the wait isn't long.

If you are looking for an honest, believable, yet mysterious erotic romance that will stick with you, Consensual is an absolute MUST READ!!

Jeanie V. says

Gahhhh... dang cliffhanger and I still don't know what Emmy's deal is with her boobies! :) But I absolutely LOVE Nathaniel and I love this whole role reversal to who is a dom/sub in the relationship. I also had a "wow" moment at 36% when Siobhan explained her store and the lifestyle to playing an instrument. BEST metaphor/explanation ever! I really liked this book. Really great perspective. Sexy, interesting... I'll be reading book 2 soon! :)
