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If you do not wish to read about hard topics, or you're under the age of 18. If you want a feel-good, sexy read, this is NOT the book for you. *One of Many* is part dark romance, part suspense thriller, and is a gritty, harrowing tale about finding love in the darkest of places. Read at your own risk. **Might contain triggers.**

## AUDREY

When we had nothing, The Community gave us everything. When we were lost, Father Weston welcomed us home. For the last five years, we've been preparing for the world to end in flames. Then I was Chosen to join the other wives in the big house on the hill. And in that house, I would learn the truth.

There is no damnation. I am no savior. And the only way out of this cult is to trust the one person I've been forbidden to talk to. Kiev, Father Weston's son. But Kiev only wants one thing from me, and I must prove to him I'm not one of many blindly following his father's lies.

If I don't, I won't make it out of here alive.

## KIEV

My father ruined my life. Took everything from me and never looked back. For years, I've been waiting to strike, to pull his false empire from under his feet and watch him burn.

Then he chooses her as his newest Virgin Bride. She's special to him, held in higher regard, presented to the entire community as a symbol of hope, a symbol to make them keep buying his lies.

My father took everything from me. Now it's time I take everything from him. And I'm starting with her.

## One of Many Details

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## From Reader Review One of Many for online ebook

### **Heather Cavanaugh says**

I love dark reads. The darker the better. I was excited for this book since it was a religious cult dark romance and it was from 2 authors I have never read before. The book was told in both Audrey and Kiev POV.

Audrey was the “Chosen one” in the community by Father Weston. She was pure a virgin that would become Father Weston’s 5th bride. After the wedding she was brought to the main house and that is where their eyes met for the first time. She was warned by wife #4 to stay away they were not allowed to talk to Father Weston’s son Kiev. But something about him she just couldn’t look away.

Kiev was there for one reason to take his father down. After everything he went through in the past because of his sadistic father he was there to save his half siblings from what he went through. But could all that be in jeopardy cause of Audrey. When he saw her he wanted her for himself.

I have read a lot of dark romance books and I didn’t find this one to be very dark. Yes it had some parts that could be a trigger for some but I don’t really think they were that dark at all. With that being said it was still a good book but just mislabeled on genre. You should definitely pick it up and check it out. You won’t be disappointed.

Received an advance readers copy in exchange for an honest review.

Reviewed for Marebare’s Book Shelf.

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### **Zetti says**

This book focuses on Audrey and the revelation that she has been chosen to be the next ‘bride’ of Father Weston. He’s a polygamist and a creepy old dude. He has this fantasy in his head that he will lead his people to salvation and that he has to take many wives in order to fulfil that fantasy/prophecy. It was really bizarre to read those elements because I honestly have no idea how he managed to suck in so many people. He devised this elaborate and messed up world. It is scary to think that this happens in the real world too.

Kiev is the son of Father Weston but he is nothing like him in all the ways that count. He’s caring and he truly wants to destroy the community. He also wants to claim Audrey for himself. Right from the very beginning of this book, I knew that Kiev would be Audrey’s downfall and salvation all in one and throughout this book I was right. I love seeing them together because they gave each other hope that things might just be okay in the end.

Audrey realises that things are not the way it should be, deep down she’s always known that but didn’t want to accept it which is why she sees Kiev as her salvation. Along the way she also falls in love with him.

There are elements in this book that will make you feel sick but once you get through those parts, you get to the parts that show you a real happy ever after does exist.

I love this read, I devoured this book in an hour, reading as fast as I could so I lose myself in a world of a cult. It doesn't look like it has been written by two authors, it was seamless and flowed and I'm just in awe of how I haven't read anything by these two authors in the past. I will be sure to rectify that as soon as I can.

4 stars!

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### **phoebess says**

I don't know if I should start laughing or crying after this. I think I'll choose the latter, it will help me stay sane. This book... I guess I'm totally speechless. Not in a good way, mind you.

The story felt like the two authors thought they should give the mankind a gift—their collaboration of a book—and then they dived in headlong. I suspect they invented the plot and its "creative" twists in one short session. Because if you wrote book with some fanatic babbling, sadistic rapist, tortured hero, naive-but-suddenly-strong heroine, people will eat this shit up without thinking and praise you about it, right?

Well, sadly/fortunately I'm not the case. I honestly don't know why the hero and heroine liked (or even loved) each other so much. There was zero (and I'm talking about absolute zero here) chemistry between them. Half of things they said to each other didn't even make logic sense.

There were clearly attempts to make the story darker and deeper with several "philosophical" phrases but in the end they fell flat anyway and all that deep and dark stuff felt like jokes that no one gets.

And I can't forget to mention that evergreen cliché, "You, shouldn't love me I'm so fucked-up." It hurt, seriously... I wasn't sure I would live to see the end of the book. But I'm made of sterner shit than this slapstick so I've survived.

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### **Patricia Maia (The Bookery Review) says**

I'm finding difficult to review this book. I'm in between feelings about it because although I liked the plot, there's something that it doesn't feel right. There's some inconsistencies, answers we don't get in the end...

The blurb was what made me read this book.

It's interesting, taboo even. Suspenseful and dark.

Written in dual POV, the reader gets to know the characters feelings and hopes, making it interesting to read. It's fast paced, gritty, with some abusive scenes... There's nothing romantic about it. Although there is a HEA, the romantic part of it is almost null. There's rape, abusive scenes and delusional characters.

Audrey lives with her parents since she was 14, in a Community that strips them off of everything they had before they arrived.

Basically it's a Cult leaded by Father Weston, a polygamist with 4 wives, a sadistic delusional man that chosen Audrey at 19 to be this fifth wife.

Then there's Kiev, his son, that came back for revenge.

As soon as Audrey sees Kiev, right after her marriage, the lust is evident between them. Kiev is torn between keeping his revenge and keeping Audrey to himself saving her and destroying the Community...

It's here that the inconsistencies start... Although Audrey and Kiev don't want Father Weston to take Audrey virginity, Kiev does that himself, in a scene that not being a rape, it's not romantic either...

(view spoiler)

Although I enjoyed the book, the inconsistencies, lack of answers, and the almost insta-love between the characters, made me rate the book 3 stars.

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### **Christy McCurry says**

3.5 stars

Religious Cult, Father Weston, Kiev the son out for revenge, and Audrey the virgin bride or "chosen one". Definitely a recipe for an intriguing read. One of Many is a very fast paced read, I did find this story hard to put down but, I also felt things happened rather quickly. Audrey & Kiev's relationship progressed at a rapped speed. Keiv is out for revenge he has information that could cause Father Weston to loose his credibility among the community and what better way to get bad at dad than to take his most prized possession. His virgin bride.

Overall I enjoyed One of Many. I am new to both these author and while I found the writing to be good and the story line to be unique, I would of like to seen more of a build up to the relationship between Kiev and Audrey as well as deeper look into Father Weston and his other wives.

Christy  
Radical Reads Book Blog  
Arc provided in exchange for my honest review.

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### **KRYM says**

4.5 stars!

Once again I find myself reading Marata Eros, but now with a darkish theme, and popping my cherry with Emily Goodwin. The result is that I really liked the product of these two authors working together.

Despite having already read this kind of theme in a book (religious cult and bad leader) from one of my favorite authors, I found myself turning pages and looking forward to what was coming.

Here is more or less the blurb of the story. Audrey is the next Chosen. A girl whose soul and body belongs to the community. A girl who carries the responsibility to save the community from damnation. However, she starts doubting the so-called fate and prophecies that Father Weston feeds the community with once she meets Father's Weston's son, Kiev.

Kiev is looking for revenge, and there's no better revenge that destroying all of what his father has built and power. And, what better way of starting than taking his beloved Chosen to start his plans.

One of Many is told in dual POV's, Audrey's and Kiev's. As the authors wisely warn, this book contains violent scenes and there's sexual abuse, too.

As I said before, I'm very familiar with this theme from a previous story, but the authors gave the story twists that kept me on my toes. You have romance, hot scenes (yay!) and suspense which for me, it's the perfect combination for an excellent story.

The dynamic between Audrey and Kiev is perfect. The naive and pure side of Audrey versus the bad boy vibe of Kiev. And of course, the forbidden love factor is more than welcome here, so you are perfectly set for a good ride!

The writing is amazing and the changes in pov's are perfectly set giving you angst and having you guess what's coming. I strongly recommend it!

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### **Diane plourde says**

If you're looking for a sweet, sexy, low key, boy meets girl kind of romance, well look elsewhere because this is not it. This is a thrilling, chilling, suspenseful, gripping and absolutely addictive dark story. It's so intense and fierce that it kept me on the edge of my seat with a thumping heart all throughout the reading of this story. Trust me you're in for a wild ride that you won't be prepared for.

One of Many is the first book I've had the pleasure and honour of beta reading. Although I knew of the story, I still needed to review it properly. I admire an author who values the opinions of the readers. These authors took a 4 star story and turned it into an astonishing above 5 star journey.

ARC of One of Many by Emily Goodwin and Marata Eros provided in exchange for an honest and spoiler free review.

Warning, if you want to read this story, leave your morals at the door. It's a taboo/cult romance. It's about vengeance. If the readers are trigger sensitive, tread carefully because it can be violent with sexual assault.

It's about Audrey the fifth wife of a polygamist prophet in a Community. She knows deep down that it's wrong but that's all she's known in the last few years, the life on a commune. Kiev is the oldest son of Father Weston who wants revenge and to bring down his evil father. What Kiev didn't foresee was to fall for the "little bride". Now he must keep her safe while trying to stop his father.

Marata is a new author for me, but I'm far from being disappointed. I'm always amazed when 2 authors put together their creative minds in order to give me a spellbound amazing story. It has an original storyline with a seamless plot. Deep, distinguishable characters that were created just to perfection for this story. I was glued to my kindle for hours on end, even if I had beta read it. I've read thousands of books throughout the

years, so I need to be stunned speechless. One of Many did just that.

This is a standalone told in a dual POV with an HEA? Intended for mature readers due to violence of all nature and some strong language. If you're in the mood for a scandalous, dark story, read this. I highly recommend this story. I suggest also Emily Goodwin's previous titles and I'll be sure to check out in the near future some of Marata's titles.

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### **Felicia Semmler says**

You're in for a wicked wild ride. Emily has been a ride or die author for me for sometime now so it was no surprise that I loved this book.

Marta and Emily did something so spectacular with such a "dirty" subject matter that you can't help but fall in love the characters and thoroughly hate others.

Audrey and Kiev (love that name) have totally different voices - not just the same person writing male and female. Emily wrote one perspective while Marta wrote the other - and it shows. It really feels and reads like you are there witnessing all of the action.

This story is highly graphic - the details feel so realistic- you will be crying, cringing, laughing, and even feel the loss the characters go through. With such a taboo subject you wouldn't expect nothing less.

Audrey is a "chosen" to Father Weston and you can feel her utter despair and utter confusion at the events that transpire.

Kiev is Father Weston's son who is determined to bring about his fathers undoing.

I feel guilty for liking this book as much as I do, but it's so fantastically written and heartbreakingly beautiful that you can't help but love it. This is a standout book this year for me for sure. I highly recommend.

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### **Lina's Reviews ♡?????????♡??Book Blog?? ♡?????????♡ says**

*ARC Kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.*

**Title:** One Of Many

**Author:** Emily Goodwin & Marata Eros

**Series or Standalone:** Standalone

**Category:** Romance, Cult Romance

**POV:** Dual

**Characters:** 5

**Plot 5**

**Scorching Level:** 5

**HEA:** Not telling

I had the honor of BETA reading this book and I can honestly say that it is one of my favorite dark reads ever!

The authors do a fantastic job in capturing the wrongness and depravity of this cult! Let me start from the story.

We meet Audrey. She is a young woman and her family is a member to religious cult.

The **Community** saved her family and so now, it is time to pay the price.

Audrey has to marry Father Weston, the cult's leader, and join his other four wives at his home. She is the Chosen One.

Not having another choice, Audrey's hand is given to the much older man and so her journey to hell begins. In Father Weston's house, there are rules and Audrey must learn to obey them. What she didn't expect was to meet Kiev, Father Weston's son.

Kiev is a tattooed rebel. He had escaped the Community but he returned after finishing his education. He is the exact opposite of his father, he sees the cult for what it really is and he intends to destroy his father's seedy empire. The women in the house are intimidated by him and he rather enjoys it.

**It's okay if the wives fear me. The real monster shares their beds, but they feel better thinking it's me.**

Kiev's mother was the first wife but she is long gone. That has marked him.

When he meets Audrey, his plan will take an unexpected detour.

**I'm supposed to make the first move in my plan. I'm the boss of the destruction of the Community. Not her. Not a wife.**

An attraction blooms between them and they will risk everything in their attempt to be together.

But can Audrey completely trust Kiev? Will Kiev save Audrey or will his plans come first?

What I loved about this book was Audrey. She is not your usual heroine. You don't often find a heroine like her in cult romances. Audrey is not brainwashed. She thinks, she is smart, she questions everything. She is a very intelligent young woman that has just been misled. She had a life outside the cult in the past and that has helped shaping who she is today.

**I'm no more special than anyone else, but I'm chosen.**

**The question is...who chose me?**

Kiev is the perfect bad boy but he is complex and deep down a good guy. His feelings for Audrey shock him to his core and he is restless in his attempt to find a way out for both of them.

**...I couldn't be inside her, without her being inside me.**

## **My self-hatred becomes less in her hands.**

His father had abused him, but Kiev has found a way to fight his demons.

Father Weston is a classic villain. I hated the guy. He didn't have one redeeming quality about him. He was a manipulating man that used his power in the Community to profit and indulge in his wicked desires.

The writing is flawless and the transition from one POV to the next done to perfection. The story will have you guessing, it will captivate you and it will certainly stay with you! I highly recommend it. One of my favorite reads of 2016! Dark, gritty, scorching and thrilling! Do not miss it! One of the best collaborations I've ever read.

★★★5 Stars★★★

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## **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**TITLE:** One of Many

**AUTHOR:** Marata Eros

**GENRE:** Cult Contemporary Romance

**RELEASE DATE:** April 7th, 2016

## **MY RATING**

### **4 LITTLE BRIDE STARS**

This just made me one click!! \*Don't judge\* lol YES I am sick!!

#### **NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: *Do Not Read This Book:***

*If you do not wish to read about hard topics, or you're under the age of 18. If you want a feel-good, sexy read, this is NOT the book for you. One of Many is part dark romance, part suspense thriller, and is a gritty, harrowing tale about finding love in the darkest of places. Read at your own risk. Might contain triggers.*

This is definitely NOT something I would normally read, some reviews are in favor and others are making me question what the hell I'm getting myself into..This is the first book I've read by these authors and what sold me was the subject matter surrounding the religious cult which had me intrigued.

#### **ONE OF MANY:** This is told in dual POV's (Kiev and Audrey)

This is a semi dark suspenseful thriller, a gritty harrowing tale about finding love in the darkest of places. Wife number five, nineteen year old virgin (which is one criteria for being chosen as a wife) Audrey is one of the chosen ones, her life, her body, her soul now belongs to the cult leader Father Weston.

***Father Weston is no Shepard of his flock but a wolf in disguise.***

*It's my job to serve him, to please him, to fulfill my duty as a wife to the leader of The Community. It's my job to save us all* - Audrey

***I took an oath, said vows.***

***Vows I didn't mean.***

***Vows I didn't want to say.***

***I didn't want to marry a man the same age as my father.***

***I didn't want to share a husband with four other women.***

***I didn't want to be forced to sexually pleasure a man I feel no attraction to.***

Then we meet Kiev who is Father Weston's son, Kiev's mother was the first wife but she disappeared..All woman in the commune are forbidden to talk to Kiev, some fear him, Aubrey as soon as she set eyes on him was intrigued by him, attracted to his tattooed bad boy look..

***Father Weston was a cult leader. A sadist. A rapist. A liar.***

***A polygamist.***

***So many things.***

***Primarily, he was evil.***

*"It's okay if the wives fear me. The real monster shares their beds, but they feel better thinking it's me."*

***The foundation of the Community is to pass on the genes of the oracle that Father Weston pretends to be.***

Aubrey has her eyes wide open, she knows things aren't right, she questions everything, the lies fed to bring new members in, lies uncovered that Father Weston does not want made known to the commune.

***A forbidden romance forged in the cult.***

***Once a family is in the Community, it's hard to get out.***

## **MY THOUGHTS**

Hmmmm not really sure what to make of this one, I didn't hate it but didn't 100% love it so my rating is spot on, probably just a wee bit too far out there for me, but was glued to my ipad until I read that very last page to see what was going to happen..

\*All teasers used are off the authors fb page\*

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**Erica says**

OH WOW that had EVERYTHING!!!!

I LOVED IT!!!! I could not put it down I read it in one day it was that good!!!

An absolute page turner from a beloved favourite author and a new introduction to a writer I haven't before had the privilege of reading. This collaboration between Marata Eros and Emily Goodwin is an amazing success and I enjoyed it immensely.

The Community opens the doors to the sadistic nature of power and how one man allows others to believe he speaks to god. What happens behind this cult's closed doors is horrific and ongoing, and it will take the Son of the Leader to battle the devil himself.

Marata Eros does it again with her delicious knack of creating an uber villain straight from the bowels of hell.

So dark and action packed!!!! To quote from the book "My heart is racing, and I think I might throw up". Summons the first of many times the darkness from this story overthrows me.

This book is all about the feels not the good ones that leave you all sunny and mushy inside, but the ones that leave you hoping this never happens to you, does this really happen why do we let this happen?

The sadistic nature for Father Weston pisses you off from the get go, Showing that once again Marata Eros has the delicious knack of creating an uber villain straight from the bowels of hell.

Kiev you just want to eat him up. I love his disdain and resentment of his father and his disobedience, its enticing and capturing Aubrey's attention was not beyond his capabilities.

Aubrey is amazing I loved her ability to question and understand from a different view, to want a different reality.

THANK YOU for the Epilogue that got an extra star just for that!!!!

All up that was entirely BRILLIANT and wow captured me from the beginning to the end. I will most definitely continue to follow the works of Marata Eros and undoubtedly be on the look out for the works of Emily Goodwin.

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### **Hello Cupcakes says**

#### **One of Many**

I was provided an advance copy of this book to read for an honest review. I must say to start that if you are not into dark, quite graphic romance, controversial subjects, not over 18 or just faint of heart then this book is definitely not for you.

That said this book was AMAZING!!! This book grabbed me and pulled me right into the story, I loved the writing style of the authors, they really know how to draw you in and keep you holding onto every word until the very end.

The characters in the story are well thought out and I fell in love with Audrey and Kiev. Their worlds are so very different but the instant and obvious pull between them is captivating.

"Hallow. Void. Empty. The color of rain. Nothing."

"It's my job to serve him, to please him, to fulfill my duty as a wife to the leader of The Community. It's my job to save us all"

Audrey is a girl whose parents joined a "religious organization" after losing basically everything and found herself in a cult becoming brainwashed to believe the world is coming to an end. She is selected by Father Weston as "Chosen" and becomes one of his several wives. Once she moves into the big house with her new husband and sister wives, she meets Kiev and her whole world blows apart.

"Stay away from him. Stay away from Father Weston's son."

"I am a blatant example that someone as pure as him can have someone as evil as me."

Kiev is Father Weston's son, living at the big house after some time at school, plotting a way to take his fathers' fake empire down from the inside. Kiev hates everything his father says he stands for and wants nothing more than to see him punished for his wrongdoings. Then Audrey moves in and he sees in her his way to take down his father. He just didn't expect to fall for her along the way.

This story is intense and dark from the very beginning and flows so well. Some parts may be hard to read due to the situation but in the end it is an amazing story full of loss, angst, and in the end beautiful love.

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## **Betul says**

\*\*Received ARC in exchange for an honest review\*\*

**"The heart is a merciless bastard of deceit, whispering its lies until belief turns to something else. Love."**

This is the first book I read by the authors. The religious cult aspect really piqued my interest when I read the description of this book. I didn't really know what to expect so I pretty much went in blind. Right away I was intrigued by Kiev the son of the cult leader. Kiev and his father are the polar opposites of each other. Kiev is back in the community to bring his father down, he wants revenge. He is a bad boy with tattoos and an attitude.

**"My love ended up being more important than my hate. A first. An always."**

From the first moment Kiev and Audrey meet there is such an attraction between them. They just can't stay away from each other. Kiev first wants to use her to bring his father down, but eventually develops feelings for her. Audrey is a strong character, I expected her to be more scared and brainwashed but was really happy that wasn't the case. She doesn't blindly follow Father Weston.

I did think that Audrey fell in love pretty fast, so I would've wanted that to develop more slowly. There are a couple of scenes that will be hard for certain readers to read, I am used to dark romances so these scenes didn't really bother me that much. I enjoyed the writing and the plot but I wanted this book to be longer. It ended a bit too fast. However I did enjoy the epilogue!

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### **Brenda says**

i received an arc for an honest review.....loved it!!! it was intriguing.... it was one weird crazy religious cult romantic story. Kiev comes back home when he could have stayed away but came back for revenge and ends up falling in love and wanting to protect the one he loves from his father. Audrey is chosen to be "the chosen" from religious beliefs and has to be married to a man who calls himself a prophet of God and that she will save the people that are part of the community.... it's a great story I couldn't put it down. it took a while for the romance to heat up a little between Kiev and Audrey but it was worth it. it was super hot! I totally recommend it.

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

#### **DNF**

YUCK.....the Hero (Kiev) was "fooling around with the heroine" who happens to be the 5th wife of his father (Weston), then his father came in to the bedroom to have his time with his wife so Kiev is hiding in the closet, and watches his father going down on Heroine and finger fuck her.... he gets aroused!

*"My father licks her pussy, finger fucking where my fingers were, his mouth where my mouth just was, and she stares at me. I don't want to feel anything, but I do."*

*"But seeing her pleasure and knowing she's thinking about me as Weston is working her over is fucking hot—hard not to do a little panting myself, deviant and fucked up as that is."*

*"I hate Weston, but I let him finger fuck Audrey—I let him go down on her. And I liked it. Liked it so much I came into my hand."*

**Not dark, Just nasty! This is the last book i purchased from this author!**

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