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Jennifer says

Received an ARC for review

This is the first book I've read by Ms. Valenti but won't be the last. Great characters all around. Kat had been hurt by BDSM in the past but it wasn't beaten to death in the book. Callum was great working thru all her issues. Loved how even though she was a "natural" submissive he didn't harp on it over and over and over. Nice to know his friend, Spencer will be the next book.

Kooky says

Callum Connors is starring in a pilot episode of a new drama which is being filmed in the studios Kat Armstrong works at. They kiss and then she decides she has to keep away from him. She knows he's dom and she's scared to go down that route after her ex dom abused her. To keep her around, Callum persuades the director to employ Kat as his PA for the two weeks he's there. She is not impressed with his tactics and doesn't hesitate to tell him, earning the nickname "Little Miss Badass".

Having her around proves rather a distraction for him at times. Had a 'hard' time not showing his arousal when on camera (yeah, pun intended).

Male leads who are famous, so actors, musicians, sports men, are usually not my thing. Their fame and pompous attitudes do nothing for me but I liked Callum. He's not a bighead but he knows who he is and what he wants. He steps back when he realises there's more to her refusal and gives her choices rather than imposing his will until she backs down. I liked Kat's cheek and sass too.

My only criticism is I don't like cheesy cliche lines, such as "I can tell you want me, Kat. Doms notice these things". Otherwise a fun BDSM erotic romance.

Jeannie Zelos says

Not Your Damn Submissive, BDSM Erotic Romance, Amy Valenti

Review from jeannie zelos book reviews

I was looking forward to this – I love both erotic romances, and romances set in the film world but....I didn't enjoy it. I didn't hate it, it just didn't strike a chord with me. Too many negatives for it to work my way.

So, what went wrong for me? Well, the film star and film making setting never really developed. It was just backdrop, as if Connor was a star in name only. There wasn't the usual interaction that comes with famous people. Then Kat, she's 18 when she first reads a book with a BDSM romance and tells her then boyfriend about it. One book? That's all she read? Then did no research or anything? Of course the boyfriend is older, and takes advantage and she ends up badly abused, escapes, but then avoids anything BDSM related for the next ten years. I just can't see that scenario somehow – it provides a vehicle for the book, but seems unrealistic to me.

Then Connor, as I said – huge Film Star allegedly, so where were the paparazzi, the starlets flirting and hoping for some action, the autograph hunters etc ? Could he really pull off all this with Kat without anyone knowing, if he's as famous as he's supposed to be?

When they did get together it was a bit backward and forward, and though I understood Kat over the

panic/ball gag event, much of what she was saying or doing was just a puzzle to me. I didn't feel her actions added up to her emotions somehow. Connor was out of touch with her as a Dom initially, didn't take the care a good Dom should and a big black mark for that, though he did redeem that once he knew more – but it's his job as a Dom to find out that before starting.

So, others have loved this, but sadly not me. That's how books work, not everyone will love everything :-) and this is just my opinion.

Stars: just a two, sorry. I doubt I'll try another by this author, though clearly she has a devoted fan base who love her work. That's all to the good, just that I need something different.

ARC supplied via Netgalley.

Aly is so frigging bored says

This was the cheesy, corny sister of the billionaire BDSM trope. I wanted to strangle both characters right after starting it, but I thought I was over-reacting. I wasn't.

Metalkarin says

This was my first book by Amy Valenti and it won't be my last ?

Fun story, great Dom and spunky and intelligent submissive. The D/s lifestyle is nicely portrayed and the play scenes are Safe, Sane and Consensual. The BDSM in this book is very light and mild. (To light for my likings, if I am honest) what I did like is the emphasis on safewords, limits and communication.

Melissa Mendoza says

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“All the uncertainty, the fear, the anger and longing and lust...it combined to form a rush of adrenaline that I put to work immediately, meeting his demanding lips with mine.”

4 submissive stars! What a hot, sexy, dirty book!

Kat lusts over Callum while watching him on her favorite tv show and he's the star of her naughty fantasies. And now Callum has told her he wants her to be his Sub, to which she refuses, there's no way she is going to be his sub.....that is until she kisses him. And then it just gets hotter and more complicated from there.

This book is explosively hot and so dirty! I was sucked in and couldn't put the book down until I was done and now I can't wait to read the next one! This series is addicting and so craveable! I need more.....

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Laura Greenwood says

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Not Your Damn Submissive from Netgalley in exchange for my review.

When she finds out that the actor she's been lustng after for years, Callum Connors, is coming to work on her set, Kat books two weeks off. Not because she doesn't want to meet him, but because she's worried that if she meets him then she'll want to submit to him, something that both scares and thrills her. When Callum first sees Kat he knows he has to have her, not just with his body but with his heart. Being an up and coming actor, as well as a Dom, he uses all his charm, appeal and influence to spend time with Kat and to find out why she refuses to submit to him...but Kat's demons were always going to catch up with her, question is, can

Callum show her he isn't the same?

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This book was so much better than I expected! (And I expected it to be good). I really liked the characters and the way that they interacted with each other as well as the way the relationship between them grew. I also liked the way that the narrative switched between the two characters so you got both perspectives, which I don't think I've ever seen in a book with BDSM elements before.

The BDSM itself plays a part in the book (as you can probably guess from the title) though I was slightly surprised in the way that it was used. Instead of being major scenes described there was actually only actually fairly mild activities described (and there were several 'vanilla' scenes, and some 'vanilla with sprinkles' which for the record was a description I thought fit well and in fact really like!). I came away from Not Your Damn Submissive feeling that the main focus of the submission was actually about submitting to the relationship and seeing where that went.

Though there was one part of the book that I really struggled to read and that was when Kat told Callum about her past. Not wanting to spoil too much, but it was basically a man that took her desires too far and caused a considerable amount of trauma. By that point of the story I was majorly invested in the characters so it was somewhat difficult to take in, which I think is a real teller about the author's ability to create a story and characters.

Now I really liked Callum as a character. At first he was a little pushy as a character, though that was his standard approach to someone wanting to submit I think, but as soon as he realised that wasn't working he changed tactics completely and became more caring and considerate. There were several points in the book where all I could think was that he was being really cute (and probably protective) and that he was really good for Kat.

Now their relationship itself...well once they got into one I thought it was actually a really healthy relationship, they truly cared for each other and it showed through the author's writing. Before they got together there was a lot of banter and a lot of flirting (whether Kat wanted to or not!) and again this was written in a way that really drew me in.

This is one of those books that (unfortunately) people will be put off by because of the subject matter of BDSM...all I ask is that you give it a go! The characters are sweet, funny and sexy and there is so much more to it than that!

Cyn Silvane says

First, I love the title! Second, I love the cover... the model looks so defiant. (She fits the heroine perfectly.) I purchased the book mostly because of the cover and title. That being said, I really enjoyed the book. The chemistry between the two main characters felt real and the BDSM aspects of the romance didn't take over the story.

(Just a warning to those who are sensitive to it... the heroine is a sexual/physical abuse survivor.)

Tracy Buttles says

Not Your Damn Submissive (Denial Book 1) by Amy Valenti

** I received an ARC from the author in exchange for my honest review. **

This book turned out to be totally different than I was expecting from the title. I thought it would be the usual fluff with some BDSM thrown in but that was not the case at all. This turned out to be a very captivating story. The main characters of Kat and Callum were very well developed and their chemistry was truly palpable. Kat is a strong young women who is trying to overcome an abusive relationship. Callum is an up and coming actor who is also a very patient and sensitive Dom. This book was very enjoyable! I am looking forward to reading Book 2 in the Denial series.

Elisa says

First book review of the year!

This is also the first book I've read by Amy Valenti and I am officially a new fan. She really knows how to get into the heads of her characters. Particularly during the love scenes. I'm used to a lot of erotica/BDSM sex scenes being the 'tab A into slot B' style of explaining what is going on. With Amy's scenes I felt like I was experiencing the scenes with the characters in a slightly voyeuristic 'in their brain' sort of way.

Kat and Callum are great characters and I liked both them and the story more as I got further into the book. I have to admit that I wasn't too fond of the way the story started but I loved the way it ended up. I was impressed with how the author dealt with Kat's abuse/flashbacks and how Callum helped her through them. He proved himself to be a Dom of the highest quality.

There is a very nice mix of romance with the BDSM scenes and I happily recommend this book to anyone interested in reading about the lifestyle as Amy really seems to know her stuff.

I already have the next book in the series and I'll be starting it soon as I can't wait to read Spencer's story. What a fabulous way to start 2015!

Jay says

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Kat & Callum - OMG!! smoking hot, great chemistry, & keep you thoroughly entertained with their witty banter & fun loving shit stirring.

the only problem I have with this book is, I find it a little too hard to believe that all this would transpire in only 2 weeks, especially taking into account Kat's history. maybe 2 months would have been a little easier for me to take...

but all in all, it was a great fun read!! :)

Poison says

I really enjoyed this book a lot!

First, I'm a sucker for anything with movie stars/rock stars/whatever, and second, I loved the plot in the book too!

Kat and Callum were really fun together. I liked how I could really get to hear and feel how they felt, which is often of more interest to me than anything. I am not a normal person, and I am pretty sure I don't quite understand how one is supposed to feel in most of the situations people get into in romantica/BDSM novels, so having a window into their thoughts is awesome for me!

The characters are great. Kat is a set designer who gets drafted into being a Personal Assistant on set for the soon to be famous movie star. She's afraid of the BDSM lifestyle, as she's had a truly terrible non-consensual BDSM experience in her past, and has been fed some erroneous information by the counsellors of the shelter for women where she recovered, and her whole story arc is just great.

Callum is an actor, who is also into BDSM. He's a top and he is into Kat from the start. He wants her enough to get her vacation cancelled and get her as his personal assistant, but he doesn't do anything non-consensual, and explains BDSM to her, in its "proper" form, and just generally wins her over.

The sex is hot, the D/s is really well done. I liked how easily Kat fell into submission, it felt natural for her, unlike many books where we're told she's a "Natural Submissive" and then the character keeps lippling off to everyone in sight, Kat is generally submissive, with moments of aggression, that seemed based on her past, understandably so.

I wavered on 5 stars on this one, but it really settles in for me at 4.5 stars. Goodreads won't allow half stars, unfortunately, which means this one ends up at 4, but I really like it more than a 4 star read.

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Jessi says

Hate to do it, but DNF at 23%.

I tried, I really did, I put it down for a few weeks, read other books and came back hoping it would improve. But I just couldn't do it. It is probably just me, b/c the book did receive good ratings from other readers. Probably just a case of the wrong book at the wrong time.

I couldn't get into the story line or relate with any of the characters. Maybe in the future I will be able to try it again.....

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Diana Pinguicha says

Not Your Damn Submissive is the latest BDSM series by author Amy Valenti. In the first installment, you follow the story of Kat and Callum, told in both their perspectives. And now that I've gotten the basics down, I can get on with my opinion of it.

It's an amazing little book. First off, I really enjoyed the characters of Kat and Callum. Even though this is a small story, they feel fleshed out and I liked their instant chemistry. They're attracted to each other from the start, but Kat is scared about giving in to a Dom -- she's been down that road before and came out badly injured. Her issues don't feel like they drag down the story, though -- if anything, they made me love Callum even more. Yes, he wants to get Kat to submit, but when he finds out what happened to her, he doesn't pressure her, nor does he force her into BDSM. Instead, he's patient and caring, and, together, they explore Kat's limits, little by little. And that's how it should be.

The sex scenes are great and don't feel repetitive. Character development is great for a book so small. In fact, my only issue is that this novel's too short, but oh well.

Also, you know how a lot of BDSM writers are completely out of their depth when writing the genre? Yeah? Well, Amy Valenti is not among that select group. She knows her stuff, and it shows.

If you're looking for a book with sane, consensual, safe BDSM with light scenes, then look no further. This one's it.

Karsyn says

Finished ~ Not Your Damn Submissive (Denial 01) by Amy Valenti
Completed 7/10/14
2 of 5 stars
182 page eBook

I received this book from NetGalley for my honest review.

Kat is the assistant of a set designer on a new TV show. Callum is the TV star Kat has had a schoolgirl crush on, and he just happens to be guest starring on the show. The meet and instantly the Dom in Callum knows that Kat is a submissive and he wants her. Kat was burned by a "dom" in a previous relationship and wants nothing to do with "that".

As with all my reviews, these are my personal opinions. I have very strong opinions about how BDSM is portrayed, but they are my personal thoughts and opinions on the matter.

That being said, where should I start with this book?! This book was not a good and positive BDSM book. Callum was the only thing that saved this book. He made some mistakes, BUT did end up doing some of the right things.

First, Kat read what sounds like a "non-consent" BDSM type book. From there, she decided the lifestyle was for her and told the wrong person about it. He abused her in the name of BDSM. Wrong wrong wrong. Perhaps there are people this stupid out there? I sure hope not!! You're going to read ONE thing about a subject and decide it's for you? So if you read a book about a guy that rode over Niagara Falls in a barrel, you'll just jump right in one and go for it too? IF she, even at this young age, read it and was curious, she would have read more, and researched it more, before even bringing it up.

Then she gets OUT of that relationship and spends the next 10 years in the dark about everything that is BDSM. She never once thought to look into it? People are into it, and not abused as she was, she didn't wonder why? No. Even after being so badly abused, a normal person would have started to wonder what got her interested in the first place and what could have went wrong. She would have found out VERY quickly that she was never in a BDSM relationship and she wouldn't have had such negative opinions about it for so long.

She knew Callum, who has a reputation as a Dom, was coming to the set and she scheduled time off to not be around him. Of course, she ends up meeting him and he likes her so much that he asks for her as his personal assistant while he is there.

This is where Callum first went wrong. Yes, she's obviously turned on but she's obviously skittish as well. He should have done what he did half way through the book, apologize and have her just be his assistant. As they got to be friendly and got to know each other, THEN he should have started gently questioning her. After he sleeps with her, vanilla style, he SHOULD have pulled her close and made her talk about all her fears, instead he lets her have her way and leaves. Wrong again! He didn't have to drag everything out of her at that point, but he should have found out the root of the problem. To walk away, and leave a sub hurting, NOT a good Dom.

Callum gets better as time goes on. He does, eventually, get her to open up about her fears, why she is the way she is and he explains, a little, real BDSM to her. It wasn't enough and it took too long to do. It should have been done right away. Of course, it's what created drama in the book and that's all that matters to authors these days. Create the drama, no matter how it looks.

I could go on and on about this book, but I won't. It irked me in so many more ways. This is not an author or series I will visit again.

Setting = B

Plot = D

Conflict = C

Characters = D-

Theme = B
