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Owned is a dark erotic romance. Please pay close attention to the use of the words dark, erotic, and romance. It has intense sexual situations, a Master/slave relationship, mild abuse, and some violence. Reader discretion is advised.

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Ellie Stevens has lusted over Kayne Roberts since he first walked into the import/export company she works for a little over a year ago. As Expo's most important client, Ellie has always kept a safe distance from the man with the majestic blue eyes - until temptation finally gets the better of her. Impulsively, Ellie invites Kayne to one of Expo's infamous company parties her flamboyant boss is notorious for throwing.

Unbeknownst to Ellie, the god in the Armani suit isn't just the suave entrepreneur he portrays himself to be. Underneath the professional exterior is a man with a secret life, dark desires, and nefarious contacts.

In a hidden corner of a trendy New York City lounge, the spark kindling between the two of them ignites. Unable to resist the sinful attraction, Ellie agrees to leave with Kayne, believing she is finally bedding the man of her dreams. Little does she know when she walks out the door, she's about to be Owned.

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From Reader Review Owned for online ebook

Heather *Awkward Queen and Unicorn Twin* says

I don't normally add books I have no intention of reading, but come on.

From the blurb:

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I mean wow, I'm so glad someone is here to tell me how to read book synopses. I don't know what I would do without someone holding my hand and telling me which words to read. I never learned this mysterious skill in all my 30-odd years. THANK YOU SO MUCH. /s

Cassandra Caress says

5 million brilliant stars! *** I thankfully received an ARC for an honest review ***

HOLY SHIT! WTF??? Am still totally in awe of this book. This book comes with a warning and you should read the dedication. Read it carefully and think twice before starting this book.

It really is dark and shocking and edgy and yet it was so hot and captivating. And there's no HEA - for now. (hopefully M. Never will continue the story)

I loved the changes of the POV. It gave the story so much depth and insight to both Kayne and Ellie. While you felt with Ellie and your hopeless situation, Kayne was the total asshole. But this view on the characters changes throughout the story.

Let's not forget Jett. He was like the mediator between these two. The good soul in an evil situation.

The way the story is build up to the big bang had me captivated from the beginning. It was really clever and brilliantly written. I know my words can't do that justice and I highly recommend this to be read to understand. I don't normally use quotes in my reviews, but I think these three give you an idea about the story.

"I like you collared, baby. I like you naked. I like you mine."

"Not everything is as it seems. You'd do best to remember that."

"I would kill for you."

And I do hope and cross everything I have that there will be another book! I bought the ebook and will also buy the paperback if it will be available as the cover and the inside design are beautiful.

Sher♥ The Fabulous BookLover says

4.5 So Wrong, but So Right Stars!

For the awhile there I've been in such a book funk! So I wasn't expecting much when my friends recommended this to me. But oh boy was I was wrong. This story had everything I was looking for. Romance, intrigue, suspense, hot alpha male, steamy sex scenes, lovable heroine. I want to pause real life and devour this entire series!

This book is so much better when you go into blind. Kayne and Ellie's chemistry is so explosive it burns through the pages. The ending definitely took me by surprise and I'm so excited to start the other books.

This is my first by M. Never and now I'm fan!

R.K. Ryde says

Giving this a 3.5 stars but I was torn. I wasn't sure if it should be a one or a five. This book was like a car accident that I just couldn't look away from.

Candace says

Having just completed this book, I find myself going back and forth over whether or not I liked it and just how I should rate it. I think I'll go with 3 1/2 stars. I definitely wasn't over the moon for this book, but I am still curious to see how things work out for Ellie and Kayne. Halfway through this book, I wouldn't have imagined I'd care one way or another about what the future had in store for these two. So, the fact that I want to know more says something. Right?

The story starts off with minimal character development before Ellie is abducted. Essentially, what we know is that she is infatuated with the rich and sexy Kayne. They have one date. He runs into the mysterious creeper, Javier, during their date. Next thing you know, Kayne is drugging and kidnapping her. All the while, his inner-monologue is apologizing for his actions.

Soon, it becomes apparent that Kayne is mixed up in some illegal business ventures. Drugs, prostitution, etc. You want to write him off as a scumbag, but there's that damn inner-monologue in the background nagging at you and hinting that maybe something else is going on.

As expected, Ellie is "trained" to be his sex slave, his "kitten". Think of a watered down, less dark, version of 'Tears of Tess' and you'll get the gist of things. It turns out, Ellie is a fast study and doesn't put up much of a fight. (Honestly, I think I had to put more work into wrestling a toy away from my toddler at the store the other day than Kayne did to get Ellie to submit. Seriously, Ellie could take a lesson or two in raising hell from my 3 year-old!)

Meanwhile, Kayne's side-kick/accomplish, Jett, serves as the maid/confidant to Ellie. He talks up Kayne's hidden positive attributes, offers sympathy...but not too much, and readies Ellie for her nightly visits by Kayne. I guess if I had to draw a comparison to his character, it would be Catherine in 'Consequences'. You

know, the enabler that feels so bad for Ellie, but is never going to lift a hand to help her.

I spent the first half of the book, probably more, despising Kayne, rolling my eyes at Jett's duplicity and holding out a small hope that Ellie would get a chance to stick it to Kayne. It continued to become more apparent that Kayne did have feelings for Ellie, but I still wasn't ready to excuse his actions, regardless of any good intentions that were alluded to.

In an unusual twist, Kayne decides he's going to try and be more considerate of Ellie's emotional needs. A safe-word is implemented. I don't even know what to say about that, but it definitely made me reread that sentence a few times with a chuckle. WTF? Seriously, you kind of missed the boat on the whole "consensual" thing when you KIDNAPPED her, Kayne! Exactly how did he envision that going? I kept waiting for something like: "Cupcake. Um, I'm not feeling very comfortable with this whole captivity situation. I think I'd like to go home now."

To top it off, he seems to be the only one that needed a safe-word. It seemed like every time I turned the page he was saying it again. It was like somebody flipped a switch and the callous ass that he was for the first 3/4 of the book was replaced with some overly sensitive guy. My thoughts went something like: "You're the kidnapper/Dom/A-hole that caused this screwed up situation! You DO NOT get to safe-word!"

Then, in the final chapters, Kayne began to grow on me. I know, I'm such a sucker. The big secret comes out and although it was pretty predictable, I still found myself torn over how I feel about his actions and the reasons driving his decisions. Again, I'm a sucker.

Now, I'm dying to know what will happen between the two. I'm sure I can predict where it's going, but I want to read more just the same.

I'm on the fence with this one. Not a must-read, but now that I've started it I feel compelled to see it through, so not bad either.

Christine says

[Reading is subjective. I did not care for the F/M/F especially when the hero calls the other woman beautiful. Yes, he says he only has eyes for Ellie, but this is what bothers me about F/M/F. Also, I think if Kayne asked Ellie for "permission" she would have no issues with saying yes to everything. I felt she was obsessed and willing to do anything from page 1. (hide spoiler)]

The BookChick says

Unfortunately, I am fairly ambiguous in my feelings about Owned. The story was neither good nor bad but somewhere in between. I had a few issues with the story that caused me not to thoroughly enjoy it. First, the story could use a rigorous edit because it contained more than a few (and could be overlooked) instances of

dropped words or incorrect substitutions of a word (i.e. breath and breathe). The editing aside, I also had issues with the story itself. I will be the first to admit that I am not a fan of dark erotic romance; however, I have read and enjoyed a few. I know that there are very few original concepts in fiction. Ideas have been done and overdone by authors. Yet, I felt that Owned was too closely reminiscent of the Dark Duet series by C.J. Roberts. It almost felt fanficted. And the use of "mercurial" when the young innocent described the rich dominant was too *a la* Fifty Shades of Grey. The story was not cut and pasted so that is a plus but still too close for it to stand ahead of the "pack". Even setting those issues aside, my major issue was with how Ellie came to be in Kayne's servitude. The way he acquired her was just...unreal...is the only way I can explain it. I will not ruin the "how" by providing spoilers but I would have hoped that someone with Kayne's expertise could have found a better way to look out for Ellie other than the way he did. It almost seemed as if he took advantage of her because of a horrible sequence of events. And Ellie. ...*sigh*...frankly she just acquiesced too easily to Kayne's demands. Not just acquiesced but enjoyed and eagerly participated in them. Kayne basically stole her life and made her a human pet. That wouldn't exactly inspire thoughts of loving. And yes, I understand that this story was fiction so the author has free creative reign. All I'm suggesting is that Ellie could have put up more fight. For all she knew, she would never live her life or see her family again. A few moments of subdued stubbornness was all she offered. And the cliffhanger ending, in addition to all of my other issue with the story, didn't help. I am not chomping at the bit for the second book in the series; however, I will read it at some point.

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

That first sentence sucks you in...."I like you collared, baby. I like you naked, I like you mine."

It was dark, but not as gritty and dirty as some I've read. I think because Kayne was already in love with Ellie before he took her. I was not expecting all that to go down with nasty Javier. Love a good suspense thrown into the mix. His BFF Jett was absolutely amazing. I want him to have a story.

Why did no one warn me there was a cliffy? I'm glad the rest of this series is already out. Off to book 2.

La-Lionne says

On the book's page it says that it's dark erotica and that there is mild abuse. Which is not accurate. The heroine is abducted and raped ever day for 3 weeks. I wouldn't call that "mild". Just want to put this out there.

The storyline was ok, nothing new really. What saved this book from being just another M/s story, was the writing. Which was pretty good. The whole background story was a bit weak. The ending was just another cliche. This book reminded me a lot of Escaping Paradise.

The reason I'm giving it 3 stars is the writing, the relationship between the hero and his friend, and the moments between our two MCs, where there were no violence. Although the heroine's character developed nicely throughout the story, I'm not sure what to make of them as a couple.

It didn't left me wanting to read the next installment in the series, but I might try some other books by this author.

Nazanin says

3.5 Stars

Kayne is a client of the company Ellie works for. He has been obsessed with Ellie for over a year and when Ellie saw a chance to be with him, she took it. They both attended one of the company's party and they both got out of there with each other but the next day Ellie wakes up in a locked cage. Something you should know about Kayne:

"I like to dominate. I want submission. I'll tie you up and have my way with you until you beg me to stop."

Well, I really was enjoying the story but the sex scenes were too much for my taste. And I liked Ellie be a bit stronger! But the ending was definitely a surprise/unexpected to me! I liked Kayne but I didn't like how he treated Ellie, maybe if he would have talked to Ellie from the first he wouldn't be frustrated at the end! Told in dual POV, 1st person. It's the first installment in the "Decadence After Dark" series and ends on a cliffhanger, a huge one. Overall, it was a good read and hope you like it as well!

Cristina•●♥?????????♥●• says

5 #ILikeYouCollaredBaby stars ♥?

“A certain kind of darkness is needed to see the stars.”

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“I know I've said I want her obedience, and her submission, and her body, but what I want most of all is her mind. I want to cloud it, consume it, rule over it. Have her thoughts only be of me.”

- Kayne

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“How am I supposed to survive like this? I feel empty. How am I supposed to live with no emotion? No love? As just someone's pet? To be taken off its leash and played with.”

- Ellie

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“Patience is a virtue and submission is your salvation.”

- Jett

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“Treat her like the tin man and you get a steel heart.”

- Jett

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“She’s quickly become the solace in my tumultuous life. With her, I’m the best part of all my sides. All my faces. With her they blend into one cohesive man. She’s the glue.”

- Kanye

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“Make me forget everything but you.”

- Ellie

Beverly says

This sexy little read was definitely more than I bargained for. I started thinking I was getting a sexy story and was so happy to learn it was more. Owned is a sexy story with heart and suspense.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

BOOK 1 & 3 FREE! (10/11/2016)! Thanks Jess!

Book 1 of 3. Series complete.

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Books in Decadence after Dark series should be read in order:

Book 1: Owned

Book 2: Claimed

Book 3: Ruined

'Q' aka CoCo says

Mmmm steamy and yet...

The hot factor in this book is insane. Kanye is deliciously dominant, and boy does he bring it in the bedroom. The book is mostly sex, but there's enough of a plot that you're interested in what's going on. It would've been a five star rating for me but for two things, and both happened at the very end. One: Kanye went all touchy feely crybaby--you're a Dom; act like it. Just because you fall in love does not mean you lose your balls. Two: I abhor loose ends. We don't really find out what happens with Kanye and Ellie. There's no mention of a sequel, and quite frankly, it doesn't need one. Two more chapters and everything could be wrapped up and explained. Instead it just ended, and I was left with a WTH moment, feeling like I invested in these characters and then nothing. Annoying.

Lillie says

Another shitty abusive erotica that pretty much vilifies BDSM. It's books like this that make people who enjoy/participate in BDSM out to be terrible, abusive people when they're not. It's books like this that make sexual acts of any nature other than "vanilla" out to be wrong and destructive and abusive while justifying the horrible treatment of women on the simple fact that "he's hot and rich so let's have him do whatever he wants".

"Keep those fucking legs open. And no talking. Unless you're asking permission to come." I grit my teeth. The Dom is never far. It's a ramification of this life.

no nO NO NONONON NOOOOOoo god dammit! He says this while he's having sex with her not MOMENTS after she's been nearly raped by some *other* guy. A guy that's been repeatedly emotionally and physically abusing her behind Kanye's back. This on top of the whole "it's a ramification of this life" is bullshit. This is not BDSM and this is NOT a good representation of it. Not in the slightest. And there's incredibly dumb and marginalizing scenes like this in the whole book. It's ridiculous.

It's dark, oh yes for sure. In a nonsense, silly, over the top sort of way. The dark aspects of the book are so over done and out of nowhere that I honestly didn't know what to do most of the book. Nothing is taken seriously and nothing is looked back on. Things happen and they move on. There's literally NO self reflection at all throughout the book.

This is even worse when the hero is played as the "good guy" WHEN HE SHOULDN'T BE. THAT'S THE POINT OF A DARK ROMANCE.

Ellie is kidnapped, beaten and sexually abused for days. Yet the author tries to make the hero, "Kanye", out as someone who simply enjoys BDSM, "forced" to go outside the box and kidnap his potential sex partners, and would "never rape a woman".

Oh, but kidnapping and sexually abusing them for days- if not weeks- is "ok"?!??!

And on top of that it felt like the whole thing was just smut. Nothing was taken seriously and there are immature moments sprinkled throughout the book.

This, honestly, only makes the abuse and torture done to Ellie that much WORSE. Why? Because its telling me that the author doesn't take this subject matter seriously. That for her this is all just one big depraved fantasy of hers. There's no real emotional or internal strife going on in this book for me to even really care about it. **AND THAT'S WHY I READ DARK ROMANCES:** The moral strife. The fact that despite all the terrible shit that's happening and the how bad a person the hero is, for some reason the heroine ends up with him. And it's not just "oh lol guess i like you even though you're a piece of shit" its the **STRUGGLE** the hero/heroine goes through trying to figure out why. Its the struggle both emotionally to come to terms with the bad shit going done and the terrible person they're with.

But there's **NONE** of that. It's just smut honestly. Smut with a very dark edge to it. I mean, the smut isn't even that good either. It's just one big heaping pile of **NO**.

So there's no real romance, no emotional or internal strife, the smut isn't that good, the heroine is being routinely abused, and the hero is a piece of shit with no likable qualities and is justified in all his shitty actions.

This isn't a dark romance. It's not even a romance. Hell, it's not even a good **BOOK**. I only have one thing to say: **DO NOT READ**.
