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Kel isn't at all the animal locked in a cage that he appears to be. Secrets keep him there, hidden from those who hunt him. But what does a man do when he needs physical contact to survive, but can't stand the burning pain that comes with another's touch? He's found a way to get a small fraction of his needs met at the nightclub, Sleeves. What happens when he lets in an unknown woman with a healing hand? Casey can see past the vulgar mouth to the affection-starved man hiding inside. When she does, all hell breaks loose, and the past finds him. Will he be able to avoid the agency, or will they add Casey to their twisted experiments? She entered the cage with him, and now it seems there's no way out.

WARNING: crude language, anal sex and intended only for a mature audience 18+ due to graphic love scenes.

## Sleeves Details

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## From Reader Review Sleeves for online ebook

**Debra says**

◆ 2.5 STARS. ◆

**Um...what did I just read!?**

**I don't even know where to begin with explaining exactly how weird this book was...**

\*\*\*Review might contain spoilers.\*\*\*

The first problem I had with it was the fact that the storyline was seriously lacking in consistency and just general making sense. The whole concept of Kel owning a club where woman can come admire him in all his naked glory and then try to free him from his cage was just too weird for words. The way those women were acting and even willing to stand in line for hours and pay hundreds of dollars in hopes of being allowed to touch or even catch a glimpse of (view spoiler) had me rolling my eyes multiple times at how unrealistic that whole situation was.

Then there's the main guy himself, **Kel**, who acts like a toddler throwing a tantrum whenever he doesn't get what he wants. A "*silverback gorilla on crack*" is how Casey called him and well, that about sums him up perfectly. Also, the fact that he calls her a know-it-all bitch all the time and then insults her whenever she does something he doesn't like, really annoyed me. I'm perfectly fine with dirty talk inside the bedroom but the way he was calling her (view spoiler) just did not appeal to me at all.

And well, the whole "science fiction" aspect with the facility and superpower serums made the whole story even more unrealistic.

So, overall this book was just not for me. Maybe others would enjoy it much more, but for me it just wasn't my thing. It left me feeling exhausted and ready for some good old fashioned NA romance. ;)

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**Maya says**

Wow! I loved this story!!! It's my first one from this author and I have to say, it did not disappoint me. I've read some reviews that gave me mixed feelings about this book and at first I wasn't sure, if this book was for me. But luckily I decided to give it a shot. Sleeves is one of those reads, you either love or hate them. And I

definitely loved it. What can I say? I like my books filthy.

**And he ran most of all because his life was a nightmare with no touch and no hope of ever living as anything more than a monster.**

Of course, Kel and Casey's story isn't just about having lots of sexy times. It's also a story about overcoming their past demons and what was done to them. Kel's past is just horrifying. From the moment he was born, all he felt was pain. I even doubt he ever truly felt kindness and love, that is till Casey.

**His body woke, and the blackness that usually would've taken him down by now, failed to conquer him.**

**She saved him.**

**She freed him.**

I am so thankful those two met and although their first meeting was unusual to say the least, it was still the start of their amazing journey. They learned how to heal, to love, to trust and above all how to start their new lives together.

And while I know that their story isn't for everybody, it was definitely the right one for me. So, all I can say to the author is job well done!!!

Safety-gang: Not really safe. (view spoiler)

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## **Lucia says**

This was on my kindle forever so I decided to finally read it and tick it off my TBR list. I hate writing super negative reviews but in this case it cannot be helped and readers need to be warned.

Characters and story = weird, messy, pointless

Storytelling skills = almost non existent, confussing

Verdict = not recommended, complete waste of time

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## **K.I. Lynn says**

Sleeves.... Sleeves....

Wow.

Dirty mouth... dirty, dirty, hard, harsh mouth with a big cock that likes it hard... My kinda man!!!! I'm just going to go drool in the corner here, m'kay?

I edited this, so I may be biased and a bit of a conflict of interest, but I admit to dropping everything when she sent me new chapters because I couldn't wait to read what was next!

Okay, first off Kel has got one of the crudest mouths I've ever read, and he is unapologetic about it. He's a vulgar asshole. There's your warning. Then again, he doesn't know the first thing about social norms, so why should he care about those?

From the beginning there is something off and not quite right with Kel. You get the "he's dangerous" vibe along with a dampening of panties as you read about him. He's off the hook, but that is just one of the many things that draw you in to him. He's mysterious, and it's obvious he's suffered.

Memories haunt him, and he thinks himself a monster. He doesn't know why he's different, just knows he was experimented on.

The touch of another is very painful, but he needs it at the same time, which is why he invented this club of his. It gives him what he needs to survive and a way to make money.

"No one ever comes to the club and actually talks to me, let alone touches me like I'm a person"  
Because you make it that way you sexy, yummy beast! You exude "come get my dick!" Most women aren't thinking about intelligent conversation with a guy chained to a cage who's growling and thrusting his hips and hard cock... Just saying...

Casey - a.k.a. Know-it-all-bitch or Bitch for short.

Casey is anything but a bitch, but that doesn't stop Kel from calling her one. She can be sassy and teasing which can bring out the name, I suppose, but like I said – Kel's not one for social norms.

From the beginning you can tell Casey is serious about her work. She has a big heart, and only wants to help Kel. She'll do anything, including giving him a blowjob... not that it's a hardship for her – she's very attracted to him.

Kel is an intense being, and so are his emotions and how they come out. He doesn't really have a filter on anything.

The first few chapters are a rollercoaster ride of questions and confusion and some in your face WTF is going on, but that all leads you into the face paced sci-fi romance you can't stop reading. And did I mention the sex scenes? Hoooooot!!!

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**Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says**

Review to come.

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### **Heather says**

This is a very intriguing journey into the world of science fiction and erotica. A very well written blend of both genres. I loved the characters, sometimes you wanted to just beat some sense into some of them but it just encouraged me to keep reading. Whenever I had to put the book down, I found myself getting very frustrated with not being able to continue. I seriously look forward to more by this amazing new author.

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### **~ Cariad ~ says**

#### **3.5 stars from me**

~~ Sent to me by Chanse for an honest review ~~

First off this may well be a five star read for those that love sci-fi erotica. For me though the first 15% was a WTF experience - I pretty much didn't have a clue what the point was or what was going on. It was only my determination not to have a DNF book this year that got me through it.

All I could see as a reader was this alpha male in a cage, in a club, trying to escape chains whilst getting hand-jobs by 'fans'. His major emotional issues about being touched and burning when he was, left me confused, he abusively talked at women, as opposed to dirty talking to them and then something about sleeves (condoms? - never heard them called that before)so was the club named slang for condoms then?? - honestly it was making no sense.

If ever a book needed a prologue this is it. Something that got me to the point of at least knowing why all this was happening, before it was too late.

So, for me it's 3.5 stars even when the dirty talking really got going, I just felt that I wanted to get the book over with, (I was done with him) it just wasn't my cup of tea - I'll definitely read more of Chanse's books - perhaps not the sci-fi based ones though!

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### **Mari?ina says**

You know the book is weird when the main hero charges women on a club to put sleeves on his penis and jerk him off while he is chained on the wall inside a cell. But even after this image, i had something else in my mind. I should have known BETTER though!

For most of the book i had the same expression in my face! Dread and panic, repeat dread and panic. Weirder and weirder things kept happening and the end wasn't near enough..

But i was only in the first third! The craziest plot line ever has yet to come upon me.. Because around the 40% mark things became worse. You see Kel is an experiment, and the dimented ex -he thought he killed her and their baby- which is a scientist(?) takes him back in the facility along with his new love interest Casey!

And finding out the truth after that, God it was painful! You see he has a kid and his mother is also in the same facility he escaped and he has super powers and he eats metal barbs to shred his stomach and let him out of another cage. But he wants Casey with him and they escape again..ok Enough!

And finally i really don't want to talk about the most disturbing scene in the entire book! The nightmare with the baby! It was a thriller full on details of the most disquisting sex scene I ever read. I couldn't stop my gag reflex at a point.

ALL IN ALL: I can't explain the story because it's so weird and all over the place.. But the main message is the following.

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- The beggining was interesting.
- They were calling the boy peanut!
- Kel is so vulgar, ugh!
- She kept calling him sweet man! I wanna vomit.
- The poor little boy.. His son.. I felt so bad about everything that happened to him..
- He hurts everytime a woman touches him..
- Was his memory erased? REALLY? He seemed to remember quite a lot..
- He wouldn't stop whining!
- I like some of the sex.
- Also some sentimental scenes.

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#### **Future Slayer Girl says**

Sleeves...

Oh, Sleeves, what shall I say about you that people don't already know from my erratic updates?

Well, lets see.

The book is labelled sci-fi erotica?

First off, just because you set a book in the not so distant future and add some human experimentation does not mean you get to call your book sci-fi. I was raised on good old fashioned tried and true sci-fi like Star Trek, Bladerunner, Alien, Star Wars, and anything else you can think up that's this side of totally nerdy. I felt like the author insulted my intelligence quite a few times by writing herself into a wall, and backing out of it by saying "They erased my memory." You know buddy, you sure do remember a whole lot of an erased

memory.

The book spent 50% making the reader go .....

No I'm serious, if my brain could form .....

That is what would be in there the first 50%, first off I can take a totally Alpha caveman home, wrap him up with my naked body, and cuddle him for days! But Kel was something--else? He spent 90% of the book breaking down in tears. Ok, Alpha males don't cry. I don't care how bad you are tortured, or messed up your situation is, you handle it. I could understand him giving way to frustration ONCE, allowing his inevitable pity party to rain down on him, then suck it up and get moving. The dude had a secret agency after him because they made him a super soldier and he--cries? I wanted to cry too at how utterly ridiculous this was! He wasn't very nice the first 50% of the book. Literally he was a mean dude and our heroine was smitten and in love ready to drop the rest of her uterus for him after just looking at him.

I can handle insta-love to a point but this shot all credibility out the window.

But like I said the mess that was the first 50% was slightly redeemed once every single character in the book suddenly had a lobotomy and got new personalities. The crappy way Kel treated Casey the first half of the book was explained away by his struggle with being experimented on and then joked about the rest of the book. The author gives us some answers but for a sci-fi world did not world building around them for the reader so we were left with a very grey world that I was just making up on my own with flying cars and hover boards.

I never felt for the two leads enough to laugh or cry with them, and that's a problem. If I'm not engaged enough for them to ultimately 'win' then what is the point? I don't like being treated like a fool when I read a book, like you can just tell me its the year 2023 and things are happening and Kel is super smart cause tar was injected into him. The book should have began with a substantial prelude that drew the reader into Kel's mind in the facility give us a good few months of his background, engage us make us feel good and sorry for him, then hit us with Chapter one and this strange club set up. I'm not saying the story didn't have potential for greatness, it was there, there just were honest beta readers, or the author wasn't listening to her about her plot and flow.

On a positive note, the author is really good at writing the smexy, and based on how quick their encounter happened, I believe the author had her eye on that prize way more than actually constructing a plot I could believe.

I would in the future like to try another book by this author, she has solid writing as a whole, I just think I might have grabbed the wrong book and my expectations were too high.

\*I borrowed a copy of this from the Kindle Unlimited Program\*

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**Kitten Mercer says**

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## **PJ says**

This deserves more like 3.75 stars, but I'm rounding up to 4 because Chanse Lowell knows how to write erotica--raunchy erotica that makes you either want to hump the nearest leg available or laugh out loud at the absolute crassness of her words. I couldn't put this endearing if, at times confusing, sci fi erotica novel down. It could have been longer in length and stronger in plot, sure, but it was completely entertaining and HOT as hades.

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## **Mojo\_Mama says**

This. Book.

Oh, my.

I don't know if I have words.

I don't know if I even understand what the fuck passes for a plot in this book :/

Seriously.

This shit was all over the place.

Crude caveman with the soul of a crybaby for an H, slightly "touched" TSTL h, insta-love so quick it'll give you whiplash, secret labs creating some kind of superhumans, FBI agents investigating but not closing in after 2 years, bizarre sexual touching and strip clubs, barrio encounters with men driving Bentley SUVs and giving out rolls of \$100s, unexpected toddlers, social workers and mental health facilities, raw and dirty sex, homophobia, MacGyver-esque surgery, super-soldier mamas, bizarre logic that leads to more convoluted plot?!?!?!

And the writing...

Help!!!

I don't even know how to rate this.

3 stars for concept???

2 stars for steam???

1 star for execution???

1 star for writing (too kind?)???

0 stars for its cheestasticness???

0 stars for dialogue???

This had some BAD dialogue. OMG...the scene @ 75% where H and his mom meet???My brain will never recover from that dialogue.

I think I should get a gold star for reading this shit. Or at least a tumbler (or two) of Woodford.

DNF 80%...I just couldn't any more.

The WORST quote ever:

"She arched her back each time his meatus hit that spot."

--what the fuck is a "meatus"...and do I want to really want to know??

SG Ladies...I think this is a pass for you. There's a 2 week break between H/h where the H goes crazy with the need for touch and still works his cage...meaning OW touch his body, but NO SEX.

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## **Donna says**

DNF...three chapters in and had to stop. Very harsh, vulgar language from the start and explicit scenes as well, which is fine, I'm no prude, but it just didn't hook me in. The whole concept of a man in a cage at a club being fondled by a "lucky" woman of his choice wasn't what threw me off either. There's a reason he's caged and why he needs to be touched but honestly I couldn't say I was interested in finding out :(

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## **Sharon ∞🐉 is an emotional book junkie 🐉∞ says**

All Kel feels when someone touches him is pain but touch is something he craves so deeply. He is constantly in torment. Finally, he meets Casey and her touch doesn't hurt him as much.

What in the heck did I just read? Don't get me wrong, I actually read the blurb for once before I read the book. I was looking for something crazy...and gritty and a bit raw to help cleanse my brain from an extremely romantic series that I just finished. Well, this certainly did the trick!

The beginning of the book came across a bit like this....

our hero being extremely Alpha, extremely angry and of course, well endowed. Unfortunately, that doesn't last, well, the Alpha part anyway. I seriously do not think I've ever read a book where the H cries so much! I think that was almost more shocking than his vulgar mouth.

Yes...his vulgar mouth not his dirty mouth. Of course, for some people they might be the same thing especially if you like being called a b\*tch, slut, c\*nt or whore on a constant basis. I didn't find anything sexy about it and neither does Casey in the beginning but then they sort of becomes words of endearment...or at least, it's set up that way.

The thing about Kel is that he really acts like a teenage with A.D.D. trying to be a grown up. It certainly doesn't help that he is only twenty years old. A lot of what he says and does was over the top and seemed to be more for shock value than anything else.

Something *did* happen to Kel and he has a right to be angry but it was hard finding out what that was. I think the only redeeming part of the book for me was I curious enough to keep reading to try and find the answer.

The biggest problem was the book's lack of cohesiveness. There was no glue holding all these things together...well, maybe a little glue. But it felt confusing and unfocused most of the time.

The beginning was...interesting. I think if somehow the author had focused more on that...and *that* Kel, the story would have played out better.

Favorite quote (*not really but it's apropos!*):

♦ "silverback gorilla on crack." <-- that's Kel!

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## Holly says

If ever there was a book that could be described as **bi-polar**, it would be this fucking train wreck.

I honestly don't even know where to start with this. *Sleeves* was hands down, far and flipping away **the weirdest, most insane hot mess of a book I have ever come across**

It would be pointless for me to try and explain the plot to you. Mainly because I *\*still\** don't understand it myself. I will say that even though it was confusing, ridiculous and about as un-sexy as you can get with a 'romance'...it kept me reading. Mainly so I could see how the hell it all turned out in the end.

The main character...Mr Cage Man as i referred to him in my head while reading...is probably the most messed up, deeply disturbed leading man I have read about in quite a while. Including Nathan from the *Breach* series (btw, the author of *Breach*, K.I. Lynn, is one of the editors of this book. Make of that what you will.). I realize that Lowell 'explains' the reason behind his...eccentricities, but it doesn't change the fact that he is still one helluva twisted whackadoo.

And then we have Casey. The female lead....who accepts all of Cage Man's insanity with a smile on her face. Never questions that he might have a few screws loose. Never bats an eye. That right there makes her even more creepy than Baby Hulk (another one of my nicknames for Cage Man).

Again, I usually avoid writing negative reviews. And I realize some people have read and enjoyed this book, and more power to them. This was just...not for me.

