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Fiendish is a dark and twisted take on Beauty and The Beast. This story contains mature themes meant for readers 18+.

So what would you do if your prince charming turned out to be the worst kind of monster?

Calida Alexander moves from Charlotte to Atlanta after a painful break up. She faced some harsh realities about herself during that breakup and desperately wants to change who she perceives herself to be. When she meets Seth, she is drawn in by his sexy good looks and is won over by his gentlemanly demeanor. On the surface, he's her dream come true.

Seth Jokobi is sexy and charming, the kind of man that women dream of being with. As a master manipulator, he uses his charm and good looks as a lure. His prey never suspect that lurking behind those piercing blue eyes and million dollar smile, lies a sadistic monster. When he meets Calida, her shy nature tempts him into playing a game where the stakes end up being higher than he could have imagined.

Can love really conquer all or is it sometimes just not enough?

Warning: This e-book contains sexually explicit scenes some that may contain dubious and non-consent, adult language, and graphic violence and may be considered offensive to some readers.

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MaYa says

Best thing about this book, Seth is dead. phew! Though I wish he was made to suffer like his victims before bumping him off.

Worst thing about this book, Calida. She is a moron. Low self esteem, self doubt, self pity, submissive nature, all that is ok. To put the lives of loved ones at risk is NOT ok. This level of stupidity is NOT ok.

I hated reading about these two. Why did I give three stars then? Coz I couldn't stop reading this train wreck even as i tried hard not to, page after page of this insanely lengthy book...

B.E.L.L.A.Mc says

Wow that is some tome, lol. 384 pages that felt like 1000, at least, and which is at least 200 too many. It went on and on and on and...

SHE has to be the most annoying female I've ever come across in a book. She NEVER stopped crying, EVER!! Even the H. said so lol!!

"She lifted a hand to wipe away the tears. She was crying; she always cried.". See?!? LOL

She simpers, when not crying. Her stupidity knows no bounds; over the course of the book, particularly the last 30%, her stupidity goes off the Richter Scale. She's so stupid, she's dangerous!! The lives of people who love her are placed at great risk due to her asinine actions. It's so bad it becomes embarrassing!

The H. is a psycho, a serial killer; he kills for fun, because of boredom and arrogance. His torturing, murder and mayhem are scary to read about, and I hope not to have nightmares. He is one scary dude but still manages to come across as rather 1 dimensional, flat! Just like the female main C.

The plot/premise for the story was pretty original, and did not remind me whatsoever, of Beauty and the Beast; how could it, when it ended so abruptly and so differently. I gave it 1* for the plot, even with all the meanders and holes (what about all the dead women?!?). I gave the writing 1*, although it rambles a lot, it's got potential. I found myself crying with LAUGHTER over bits towards the end, it was just getting really silly, but laughter's always good, so thanks for that!

Would I ever read it again? No! Overall, I think it could have been much better, certainly in terms of character development, and plot. The weddings etc., were an unnecessary distraction, and the ending way too abrupt (although I was grateful to get to the finish line)! There's going to be a sequel. Why?

Lou says

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book as part of a blog tour and in exchange for nothing more than

an honest review. All thoughts and opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own.

The blurb I received in the tour invite for *Fiendish* piqued my curiosity. The idea of a dark, twisted fairy tale was something I couldn't ignore!

Calida has had a rough time she chose to move to Atlanta from Charlotte following a painful break up. She wants to change how she sees herself. Since her break up she hasn't dated or wanted to date. Then she bumps into Seth. Seth is; well; charming, sexy and the all the things dreams are made of, or is he?? Behind his sexy exterior is a predator with some serious skills! Calida's shyness tempts Seth into playing a game where the stakes are incredibly high.

Is Seth still in control? Have the stakes been raised a bit too high? Can Calida become the person she wants to be?

I have loved every page of this book. It has not been a quick or short read, but I have been engrossed in every single page. I love the depth and personalities of these characters.

Calida's willingness to openly trust people and her naivety for me was her biggest downfall. She knew that her relationship with Seth wasn't healthy but she chose to not try to change it. Seth, oh my, he was awesome when he was being nice. He's so sick and twisted underneath. Seth intrigued me, his ability to switch between this almost loving, hot and sexy person into a possessive, dominating, manipulative, evil murderous ass was unreal, it would happen so fast almost like switching a light on. The scenes when Seth was with a "Pet" could be quite disturbing, but those scenes for me made the book so much more appealing, Sorry I can't help it.

The story overall is awesome. This is one of very few dark and twisted books that I have read recently and really enjoyed. This isn't a quick read at over 600 pages, but it is definitely well worth the time. This is the first book by Meka James that I've read and I'm thrilled to have been introduced to her work.

I thought Meka's writing style was really good, everything had flow and continuity. The story doesn't jump or falter. The descriptions give enough information to begin building a vision but leaves out just enough just enough to allow the reader to add more details and keeps you guessing until the end.

I'm not convince that "A Twisted Fairy tale" does this book justice, this is so much more than a fairytale. I will definitely be recommending this book to other people as it is definitely a favourite for me. I am now looking forward to my next encounter with Meka James' work!

This is an awesome book, well written and definitely dark and twisted. A book not for younger reads and not for the feint hearted! 5* all the way!! :)

Jan says

4.5 Psycho Crazy Stars

Hollie says

Dark and twisted read

Holy shit.....I had no idea what I was getting into with this book. Do not take the word fairytale in the title literally. It was anything but and beyond intense. A mix of dark horror with romance? It was different, unique, and unlike anything else I've ever read. It was a really long book. Over 600 pages, but there was never at one time a dull moment. It could have been broken out into a series easily, and I, for one, am quite grateful it was not. The fact that this was a stand-alone defiantly added to the intensity. I'm just blown away. Upon completion I'm speechless. I would have liked a little more details at closure, but it was still a solid 5 star read. It was amazing and well worth its current price tag of \$3.50. This was my first time to read this writer's work, but it won't be my last. I can't recommend this one enough.

Yawatta Hosby says

I received a free copy in exchange for a honest review

I loved this dark, twisted story. I'm not going to lie, the length of the book scared me. I didn't know if I could get through 600 plus pages, but I'm happy I took the challenge (which ended up not being a challenge at all. It was a fast read because I was engrossed in all the drama and conflict). The story was written through Seth and Calida's first person point-of-view accounts. My favorite lines: 1) "You believing you know anything about me could prove to be a grave error on your part." 2) Tonight wasn't about sex, it was about power. 3) Her shy demeanor made me want to study her outside of the confines of my basement. For now at least.

The author wasn't afraid to write in fear, and I respect her for that. Seth was a cold-hearted bastard and I loved reading every moment. He was sick and gave me the creeps. For example, one of his inner-thoughts was: Why aren't you playing with her now? Using 'you' instead of 'I' put distance like a serial killer or multiple personalities. The entire premise: Seth owns Pets, who are women. Some he locks in his basement to torture, but Calida is special in his eyes, so she gets a different treatment.

He was very controlling. I liked that Macy, Calida's best friend, had suspicions. It made the story more realistic. She kept questioning Calida but her low self-esteem wouldn't allow her to leave him. Just my opinion, but I couldn't stand Calida. She was too weak for me and definitely a Mary Sue type (but it fit the storyline). My favorite characters were Seth (the perfect villain), Macy, and Malcolm. They brought charm and personality where Calida was lacking.

Some parts were repetitive, especially in the narration, but that just boiled down to the characters' obsessions with each other. I swooned during the steamy sex scenes and cringed in the abusive ones. Seth was definitely a prick. Besides their relationship, there was other tension. Calida had a crappy boss and her sister was awful. No wonder she held on to Seth for dear life, besides Macy, she really didn't have anything else to be happy about. I did feel bad for her, especially her backstory with her ex. I cheered for her when she started to fight back with mind games towards Seth. Someone needed to put him in his place.

My favorite section was 77% to the ending. I couldn't put the book down! All hell broke loose, and I wish

the author would've spent more time on the aftermath of Calida seeing the basement. This section was very entertaining and I feared for all the characters. Seth was determined to harm anyone Calida loved if she ever dared leave him.

I'm looking forward to the sequel...broken characters are interesting to read about. Bring on the drama.

I RECOMMEND this book to read.

Rosebud says

Calida Alexander has an admirer.

Bumping into Seth Jokobi spilling hot coffee on his shirt, Calinda is flattered when he continues to show an interest in her though he's a perfect gentleman in all ways. A change from men in her past, Calida finds herself falling in love though she's not sure if her affection is reciprocated.

Seth Jokobi is the poster child of wealth, debonair charm, good looks, and sexuality. A chance meeting with Calida reminds him that there really are good girls in the world, he just hasn't met them until now. Maybe it's time to re-think things and change from his current womanizing ways.

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Warning: *This isn't a fairy tale sort of romance. It is a dark themed erotic romance suspense thriller that includes elements of sadistic sex, horror, violence and non-con. It's disturbing and may (and probably will) push comfort zones. Intended for fans who can appreciate this sub-genre only. Consider yourself warned.*

This was a book I didn't want to like but did. Calinda & Seth's relationship' was a mix of sadomasochistic erotica scenes and mind f*ckery that challenged me the reader to understand that while not all love is conventional it's still love as long as consensual, but, when does it cross the line into being more, unacceptable, dangerous, taboo, and what do you do when that happens. That was the question that was answered but only after an emotionally draining journey.

I'm gonna go out on a limb and disagree with certain cited story assumptions. It's listed as "a twisted fairytale" "take on Beauty and The Beast." That brings to MY mind that a story will have some relationship to the mentioned fairy tale and/or be a darker more sinister version of said fairy tale for which I'm not in agreement with. I'm hard pressed to consider this as a fairy tale (unless Stephan King is misunderstood and really a romance author) and that the source is a fairy tale character (unless Ted Bundy is as a muse for Beast). Taking the fairy tale reference out of the mix, I can then agree that this is a TWISTED TALE story.

Not having read anything by this author before I am asking myself why I haven't. Her warped devious surreal deranged mind is compatico with mine which translates into fun times. I started out thinking I was going to be reading a dark twisted sort of fairy tale story only to find that things weren't all that they seemed as things got more and more complicated ... Here's little ole' me hoping for that silver light at the end of the tunnel as chapter after chapter unfolded. Nope. Not yet, so maybe the next chapter? Nope. Not then either. Damn, this really is one crazy ride and I'm on it to the end.... Next chapter? Oh man....

The overall story premises average girl meets guy scenario. Sparks flare, chemistry does it's thing, and the

two become a couple. Pretty simple right? Oh, you naive soul. The author builds off that adding multiple layers of baggage, angst, depravity and other unmentionable elements to create situations that defy logic. This is when I REMIND potential readers that this is hard core dark and not to be read by those who are not open minded to the fictional deep dark horrors possible in life.

The cast of secondary characters. Me, myself, and I would scream RUN!!!!!! Don't be a secondary character in this story. Alas, they are still in the story, some good, some bad, and some, well, they're there. To really isolate any specific character would spoil things so I won't.

The problem areas of this book are definitely the length and balance. Good, bad, or ugly, a book that evokes a lot of emotionalism and darkness is difficult on me, the reader. Not to imply that a story can ever be too long, rather that I did have to break at times because it got to be too much in one sitting. Maybe, again imho, more content added to the end chapters to balance the 'other' chapters would have been appreciated. My take away is the ending deserved more space in the scheme of things.

This is a book I'd recommend **only** to readers who appreciate dark psychological suspense thriller reads that include erotica. If you do ... check this book out as it's intense and plays into the part of us looking for really dark, really twisted, really emotional reads.

Isabel P says

5++ stars!

"...and obey you from this day forward until death do we part"

This random internet quote sums up the story for me.

Lives are for living, I live for you.

Dreams are for dreaming, I dream about you.

Hearts are for beating, mine beats for you.

Angels are for keeping, can I keep you?

Beauty and the Beast is my favorite fairy tale, so of course I couldn't wait to read this book, especially the promise that it will be *dark*. Without giving too much away, I absolutely LOVED it. The book is more of a slow burn book, so give yourself ample time to finish it or you're be staying up all night reading it. Although the book was long, it was necessary since it showed the character's development and *everything* happened for a reason. The characters were definitely well developed. You can't help but pity and love them because they were both so conflicted...at times...while being frustrated at the same time because how could this book end? (view spoiler) All Seth and Calida wanted in the end was to be loved...truly loved.

Normally, I hate hate hate hate absolutely dislike simpering, innocent, insecure, forever blushing heroine...but Calida grew on me...a lot actually. She became relate able and I felt her frustration, pain, indecisiveness, and her battle with herself. The story would not work if she wasn't presented the way that she was. Seth, WOW, the man just blew me away. (view spoiler)

I'm half tempted to believe that this book's intention was to mock a lot of the ~~absolutely ridiculous, horrendous, boringass, lameass, laughable, Gary Stu, #C.Grey, light BDSM, dark anti heroes wannabe~~ common theme of billionaire (cause we all know that millionaires just don't cut it anymore eh?), dominant, alpha, possessive anti-hero meets innocent, naive, insecure heroine trope that's been popular lately. I loved what the author did. So much that every time someone babbles on about how Christian Grey this and that, I just wanna slam this book on their head and chain them to their bed (excuse my violence) until they finish this book. Christian Grey has nothing on Seth. Dare I say that Seth makes Caleb, Q, Tony Rawlings, Jeremy Stonehart, [Insert favorite anti hero here] look like soft and cuddly little boys playing with plastic knives at times? They're Sesame Street compared to him. Twisted love for a twisted fairy tale.

(view spoiler)

This book deserves a lot more stars and reviews (maybe the cover just needs to be prettier) and I would definitely so recommend this to anyone who loves dark reads. Can't wait to read the sequel!

Fre06 Begum says

Dark and gritty but the heroine did annoy me sometimes with her behaviour.

Morena says

I read this whole monstrosity despite the terrible prose and stupid characters because at last the scary dark and sexy man was truly scary and did not care for the petty humans one bit. I liked that. I have even overlooked the poor writing because it was told from the First-Person POV of the two main characters, neither one of them possessed the soul of a poet, certainly not our little heroine. She was a sweet little simpleton and the writing fit her. The man was more complex and here the writer failed. Half way through, the story began to draaaag. The incessant showers, outings and horrid weddings became more torturous than pulling the nails from some screaming woman. The end was utterly predictable and disappointing. I admit I am a little envious of those readers who were shocked by the end. I wonder how they would feel if this antihero killed the friend, her ugly brother and then after the heroine gave birth, killed her too and raised the child by himself.

Lewlin says

One word to describe this book....Fantastic!!

This is a dark read. Some of the scenes were stomach-churning and some were so sweet that my heart melted.

At over 600 pages you are getting a lot of book for your money. Some authors might have spanned this book into a trilogy but I am glad that Ms James decided to just write it as one epic book because that is what this book is...epic.

Seth wasn't the beast in Beauty and the Beast, he was Jekyll and Hyde. He was pure evil, callous, vicious, a total twisted and perverse creature. What he did to his Pets will make you want to puke. The way he was with Calida in the beginning was so different. He obviously was fighting some very bad inner demons!!

Calida was too trusting and accepting but knew their relationship wasn't healthy, even in the beginning.

I spent the whole book trying to work out how this book was going to end, because it was fairly obvious that it wasn't going to be a Cinderella ending!!

My first time reading a book by Meka James and it certainly won't be the last. She writes with such flair and really knows how to develop her characters and paint a very vivid picture with her words. Not once did I feel like skim reading, I wanted, and did, take in every single word.

Well deserving of 5*.

I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says

“The most basic principle of Yin and Yang is that one cannot exist without the other. . . There can be no light without the dark, no good without evil, and no you without me; we are complementary opposites that balance each other. . . I will do whatever is necessary to keep you where you belong. Which is with me.”

DID SOMEONE SAY: “DARK AND TWISTED”? Who? What? When? Where? SOLD! SIGN ME UP! I’M THERE! Now I am calling out to all my twisted-sisters who love a good dark read because I have a new one for you - FIENDISH-A TWISTED FAIRYTALE by Meka James.

First things first! When new author, Meka James said her new release, FIENDISH-A TWISTED FAIRYTALE is a “dark and twisted” tale, she wasn’t joking, but I quite enjoyed it; it’s a very new take on the old classic BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Here’s my disclaimer: If you have an aversion to themes that include kidnap/captivity, forced seduction, dubious consent, non-consensual sex, torture and other graphic violence, then please know that this book contains all of those, so proceed with caution. If you are a fan of dark reads, then jump on it because you are gonna love it!

“Baby, I’m a lot of things, but insecure isn’t one of them. . . I’m a jealous and possessive man. All issues could easily be avoided if you remembered that and acted accordingly.”

“Jealous and possessive, jealous and possessive. Act accordingly. Those words were on repeat in my head, trying to figure out what the hell he meant by them. Someone was only jealous or possessive if they cared, right?”

OR it means that person is a total psychopath and you need to run like the hounds of hell are chasing your submissive-little-ass! That’s kind of the story of heroine, Calida’s life - she might be just a smidgen too trusting. She is sweet, innocent and VERY naïve, but not in an annoying way – trust me, she has a fiery side, but it just takes a lot to get her to that point. Calida’s biggest problem is that she has no self-confidence – but there are plenty of reasons she is lacking in the confidence department and I can’t say that I blame her, but her insecurities make her a prime target for predators like Seth.

Seth is the quintessential anti-hero; one minute, he is charming and chivalrous and the next minute he is a sadistic lunatic. I had a hard time deciphering my emotions in regards to Seth. I vacillated between hating him and thinking he might be ok – well, as “ok” as a brutal killer can be... I wanted to love him because when he was good, he was off the charts “Mr. Wonderful” – handsome, charismatic, and he had plenty of money to burn, but when he was bad... GOOD LORD! HE WAS FUCKING NUTS! We are talking major cray-cray! I’m not going to tell you what I thought about him by the time I finished the book – I think you will figure that out when you read it ;-) This is kind of what I picture might be going on in the basement of Seth’s mansion.

Just so we are clear – this is NOT your traditional fairytale, BUT there are plenty of “fairytale moments” that help to balance out all the madness. FIENDISH-A TWISTED FAIRYTALE is a long one at close to 600 pages, but there is so much going on I can’t imagine cutting anything out without taking away from this very exciting and emotional story. Meka James is a new author and she is definitely on my list as one to watch. There is NOT a cliffhanger, but there IS more to the story and I absolutely cannot wait until the next installment called NOT BROKEN, due out sometime this fall (2014).

Dark romance lovers, rejoice, because there's a new kid on the block and her first book is filled with all the naughty goodness and madness we crave! If you have enjoyed books from the likes of Aletha Romig, Jettie Woodruff and Pepper Winters, then you are bound to enjoy the work of this new author, Meka James. Check it out and let me know what you think!

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If you like this type of book, you might enjoy one of these groups. Check us out!

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Erotic Enchants

Bookie Nookie's Erotic Lending Group

Katie says

5 DARK AND DISTURBING STARS!

note: this is a DARK DARK DARK book...the gore and the torture are VERY explicit...be forewarned. This is hands down the most gut wrenching book I have EVER read...in more ways than one!!

that being said..wow...this book was INTENSE and AMAZING! The things this book discusses is both horrifying and depressing at the same time.

This was me during MOST of the book:

okay, so now that I can officially breathe again after reading this, I can FINALLY write my review...

Let's start with the main characters- Calida and Seth

Calida

Damn, this poor girl. We meet Calida, a beautiful red-head who is ALREADY mentally broken from her last relationship that left her torn and broken. Finally finding the strength to leave her unfaithful boyfriend, she moves in with her best friend Macy. Loved Macy the ENTIRE story. Seriously, such a kick-ass female character...But I digress. Calida accidentally spills coffee all over a handsome man- Seth. And from there, she experiences more heartache and crap that no one should EVER have to deal with. Hoping to God this relationship with Seth would be different than her last, Calida does everything she can to make this relationship work. Won't give away any spoilers, but OMFG. This woman endured sooo much shit from Seth it's not even funny.

Seth

controlling. possessive. scary. monster. evil. sexy.

are just a few words I would use to describe this man. I have never ever experienced such an evil man in

ALL of the books I have read. He's evil to the core and there is just no way around it. We are immediately eluded to the fact that this man CLEARLY has a bad case of schizophrenia. There are these voices in his head that convolute his thinking the entire story and omg..it's terrifying. Along with schizophrenia, he is also extremely bi-polar. Seriously, his emotions from one page to another were enough to give me a headache, you could only imagine what it does to Calida. Like I said, I really don't want to give away any spoilers, but trust me when I tell you- you will NEVER come across another character like this man. He scared the shit out of me and he does the same with everyone else in the book.

what I loved

-the length of this book is pretty hefty, but I can honestly say that every page in this book is needed to convey the true depth of this story. There was no skimming in this book. I even found myself having to read this book while eating...literally could not put it down.

-I felt so much for Calida. I have been in mentally abusive relationships and I couldn't imagine going from one of them to one with a man like Seth. He's horrible. There was NO redeeming part of this man and that made this book that much creepier. There was no "oh, he's just misunderstood"...no...he's an evil and sadistic monster. That's what I loved the most about this book. You are literally waiting on baited breath hoping that he would snap out of whatever he's dealing with. Not saying if he does or doesn't, but I can promise you that at the end of this book, you will not be disappointed with the outcome.

-The twists in this book were amazing. Did NOT see them coming. At all. And let me tell you, they were amazing. You literally never know what's going to happen next and that's what kept me reading.

-Although this book is very descriptive and gory during its many 'cringe-worthy' scenes, it's worth it. You cannot comprehend the depravity that is Seth without these scenes. and yes, they were VERY VERY disturbing.

I literally cannot put into words what this book did to me. Meka James is truly an amazing writer. My psyche hurt after reading this...I'm not sure if it's possible for a psyche to hurt, but like I said, I cannot put into words how I felt during and after reading this. This book will NOT leave me for a while. I cannot WAIT to read other books from this author. Consider me a fan Meka James !

Michelle Friedhoff says

I really liked this book. It kept me on the edge of my seat the whole story. It definitely wasn't predictable!

My only complaint is that I felt the ending was rushed. Without giving away spoilers I can only say that when that "holy shi*t, did that really just happen?" moment occurred it fell a bit flat. It lacked the drama it deserved.

On a different note, I'm kind of confused about the book blurb. This wasn't even remotely fairy tale-esque. It's kind of misleading and might not entice potential readers. It should be marketed more as Beauty meets Silence of the Lambs.

Rob says

This book was recommended to me by my best mate and I loved it!

It was a lot of pages at a low price but I never felt that the author had padded out the story to get a high word count. Every single sentence in the book led somewhere.

The characters were complex and well developed. The story moved along at a good pace, didn't jump around, was very methodical. You could feel the inner struggle Seth had trying to control his feelings. You knew that somewhere it would be too much for him to cover up, and that brought a tension to the reader, waiting for the blow-up!

The story ended the only way it actually could end.

I have recommended this book to my friends, it's a great book.

The only thing I would change is the title.....I would drop the "A Twisted Fairytale" from the title and just call it Fiendish. The title gives the impression that it is going to be a re-telling of a fairytale from the dark side and that's unfair for this book. This book is so much better than that.
