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Five years after being abused by her boyfriend, Sophia DiMarco has managed to put her life back together. She's a dominatrix with her pick of willing submissives. For her, sex is about control, and she's the one pulling the strings. Everything in her life is perfect until she meets Drew Snow, one of the country's most popular TV chefs. Handsome and charming, Drew gets what he wants, and he wants Sophia.

The chemistry is undeniable, but Drew refuses to fall in line. He simply isn't a submissive. Sophia tries to walk away, but Drew refuses to give up. Can he tear away the barriers to her heart and claim it for his own?

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Smut Junkie says

What a great story! I knew that Sophie's story would be good after you got a little glimpse of her in the first book of the series....and you also got a sneak peak of Drew in the first book too.....so when he shows up at her 'dungeon' as a date for one of Sophie's clients it was anybodies guess what would happen!! HOLY HOTNESS is all I will say.

These two had insane chemistry right from the start, but how on earth can a Domme be with a guy who is TOTALLY NOT a sub??! I think it would be impossible with a hottie like Drew, who says and does all the right things, to resist him, I know I wouldn't be able to! Drew makes me want to do bad things with food!! If only.....

Anyway - Sophie's emotional burden was enough to bring tears to my eyes and joy to my heart when she finally realizes that Drew loves her no matter what has happened to her in the past. A great HEA and another great story my Michele Zurlo!

Judith says

4.5 out of 5. Book 2 in this series picks up the story of Sophia who made her first appearance in "Letting Go" and who is a troubled women fighting the trauma of having been raped by someone she thought loved and respected her. Her response: learn to take control of her sexual nature and train to become a dominatrix. That is, until she meets a man who challenges everything she thinks about herself, who challenges her pain and her desire to be in control, who slowly seeks to teach her about the joy of being a partner in life and loving. It is a very poignant story with lots of emotional highs and lows. A number of characters from book one continue on in this book and it is a really, really good read.

315 says

Of the three books in this series that I've read so far I like letting go the best. But I've enjoyed them all very much so any of them are worth the time to read! These are full length books and for the word volume I didn't find them slow at all. It's a very lovely love story with some very steamy scenes. The characters in this book are not only likable but believable and you want to like them from the very beginning.

Sue Brooks says

great book, I love this author.

Gab says

Good book. Started getting a little bit bored in the middle and stopped reading but picked it up again two days later and thought I'd give it another go and glad I did as it picked up again.

Na7asha says

I wanted to love it, but something was lacking for me. once you read a few books that are really deep, it's hard to get emotionally involved in something that seems... less I was not rooting for this couple... in fact I didn't care 1 way or the other... I may be judging this book a little too harshly...

Lyn says

Loved this book. Can't wait for the next book...hopefully Danny's story. I'm glad I found Michele Zurlo. She's a great author.

Aelliana says

Skimmed through the last half.

Lace says

Absolutely worth my time. Characters were real, situations real. Sophia, a survivor of rape, endures a persistent male, Drew, who does not let her destroy their relationship possibilities. Because of dreadful embarrassment and self loathing, Sophia hides the tragedy from Drew, tries to escape the possibility of hurt from a relationship. Situational dynamics create an intrigue well worth the time.

Helen says

what a love story!!

Michele Zurlo says

Sophia and Drew's epic love story. See my website for more information. <http://www.michelezurlo.com>

Then check out Hanging On 2: Surreal Neal to see the conclusion of Sophia and Drew's dramatic love story.

***Nan* says**

rated 3.5

LynnMarie says

Desmond's Review

Sophia DeMarco is a Dominatrix, using her skills with BDSM to compartmentalize her relationships. She must remain in control and, when Drew Snow enters her circle, he creates a classic approach/avoidance conflict within her.

She desires him sexually and more, but her necessity for control pushes her away from any meaningful connection. In Hanging On, Michele Zurlo is masterful using BDSM as another character, the plot device, by which she can have Sophia use it both for keeping her distance and yet, lower her walls of isolation, but not let anyone know.

The main characters, Sophia and Drew are fully realized and it isn't far into the book, before Ms. Zurlo makes them seem real; they both have virtues and flaws, which only help us to relate to them. The secondary characters, Sabrina, Jonas, and Ellen add flavor to the story, their personalities painting a world, many of us never see.

Ms. Zurlo has crafted a tale, spiraling inward towards the inevitable dénouement, which captures your imagination and takes you along for the ride. Slowly, over the course of the story, you see Sophia succumb to her need for intimacy, but fight every step of the way. Drew is her steady rock, albeit in this tale, more of the lure attracting Sophia to examine her world and draw her to his, one where true intimacy is the treasure, she unknowingly covets.

I'll admit I didn't know anything about BDSM when I started reading and I was somewhat reluctant when I chose Hanging On, but I realized, soon into the book, how necessary it was as a well done plot device. Ms. Zurlo has chosen an ideal instrument from which to tell a tale. This is a well crafted, well written book, highly recommended.

Desmond's quote: Among the plethora of books available, Hanging On is a jewel, a treasure of a story describing a woman's journey through hell and finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. And as Ms. Zurlo intersperses Shakespearian quotes, I'll leave you with the title to one of his plays: 'All's Well That Ends Well.'