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When Jayden Carter applied to be Ethan Bryant's roommate, he never expected his whole life to change. Drawn into a world he knows nothing about, Jayden joins the beautiful and mysterious Lexi as Ethan's submissive. He then begins a journey of self-discovery that teaches him more than merely BDSM.

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Emanuela ~plastic duck~ says

01/18/13: Revised rating after a couple of years of reading m/m: from 2 to 3.

I am very conflicted because I liked the way Jayden and Ethan got together and I sort of liked the two main characters, so much that I want to read the sequel, but the book didn't really satisfy me.

First of all, I think Jayden's acceptance of Ethan as a master was too fast. The words he spoke - especially "*Yes, Master Ethan*" at the end of their first encounter - were so unexpected. I don't expect someone who has not even be curious about BDSM to know what to say. While I can believe that a submissive attitude could be instinctive, the words in my opinion must be acquired, taught. Unless Ethan is so overwhelming that you just have to call him Master, I think "Sir" would come first. I also think that Jayden's first experience of same sex intercourse should have left him wondering or conflicted, but I only saw a passive acceptance. Maybe I'm reading this all wrong, but I wasn't able to get involved in the story because of these reasons.

I also perceived a bit of coldness in Jayden. I liked him more when he showed his emotions, for example when he argued with his sister. Even if at the beginning I didn't like Ethan either, as the story progressed I loved the cracks in his behaviour, the glimpses of insecurity and I really felt sorry for him at the end. This is also the reason why I'm so interested in the sequel.

I didn't really care for Lexi, but I think that this is not really a pure m/m romance since Lexi, the female protagonist, is so important in the book.

Teresa says

Jayden is in his final year in college and finds himself looking for an apartment to rent. He couldn't stand the circus in the dorms and he loves his sister Kimberly, but sleeping on couch got old real fast. After reading an add looking for a roommate he thinks it is an answer to his prayers. The first time Jayden meets Ethan everything works out well. The only hitch is that there is one room that Jayden isn't allowed to see and of course the temptation eventually is too great, especially after Ethan goes in the room with a very beautiful woman. Jayden finds something he never expected, a BDSM playroom and of course Ethan immediately knows what he had down and gives him two options: to be naked, waiting for him Saturday at 9 am in the room or to move out at the end of the month. Jayden finds himself in the room at the appointed time by Ethan and his training as a submissive begins. Much to Jayden's surprised, he finds himself not only aroused, but submissive to Ethan's desires too. When Jayden finds himself having a hard time adjusting to the life style, he receives understanding and acceptance from Lexi, Ethan's other sub. Jayden's entrance to the BDSM world opens up a deeper understanding about what he wants in life, but can accept the contradictions between his new and old life. How will Kimberly react when she learns the truth?

J.P. Barnaby has created an incredible and provocative story about one man's introduction into the BDSM world. Jayden is your average guy and all he wants is to get ahead in his scholastic endeavors who never thought that his world would completely change completely after he met Ethan. Ethan at first glance appears large and in charge, but under his exterior lies a man still in pain from the terrors from his past. Lexi is happy

with her present life, but there is more in her past than you could ever expect. The three form ties that go way beyond their commitments to their submissive/dominant parts. It was incredible to watch Jayden explore his new world and open up to the joy and freedom he received being a submissive. The feelings between Ethan, Jayden and Lexi is apparent in every time they interact to their willingness to drop everything to help each other. The story ended leaving the reader both satisfied and wondering what will happen next in the storyline. I for one can't wait to read the next book, A House of Cards Deconstructing Ethan. Thanks go to J. P. Barnaby for a wonderful and beautiful story.

Theresa says

Misled by publisher and author - this is MMF. Weird that there was not a romantic relationship between the Dom and his male and female subs. The relationship was between the two subs and it surprisingly came out of nowhere at the end of the book. This book was all over the place as far a story arcs and relationships to where it just wasn't believable and I stopped caring about the MCs. There just wasn't rhyme or reason behind the MCs' actions and relationships. It felt like the author was trying to throw everything but the kitchen sink into a MMF BDSM erotic novel.

? BookAddict ↗ La Crimson Femme says

Ethan, you delicious devilish Dom! Oh how I dream about you. Wow. I'm very impressed with this BDSM novel as it is very sweet and shows quite a bit of education. I wish all the BDSM communities were this way. Well, this is a fictional story so I can only dream and fantasize.

This story was just the right sweetness and tartness. Ethan is a complicated Dom who has his own demons to wrestle. We don't really know the full story about Ethan until close to 2/3 of the way through the story. This story was more than just a BDSM guide of what a new slave can expect. It was a story of friendship blossoming and turning into lovers. I loved the dynamic between Lexi, Ethan and Jayden. Yes, Kimberly, Jayden's twin is a little bit of a prude, but what do you expect from a midwestern girl? Seriously, I grew up in the Chicago suburbs. I know exactly how white bread it is and how any little deviance from their social norm is looked up as something disgusting or with great distrust. *shudder* I'm glad I no longer live there.

Back to the story, author Barnaby moved me. While I never cried or shed a tear while reading this book, I was pulled into the story hard. I was only going to read a couple of chapters. Next thing I know, I'm devouring the book and my chores are left undone. This book is well written with a great plot as well as complex three dimensional characters. Their relationships were believable. Better yet, the BDSM scenes were hot and so well done. Not a single misstep. I'm very impressed. This is the first 5 star rating I've given so far in 2012. True it is early, but I've already read over a dozen books and this one is the very best. I'm now shamelessly going to start the next book even though I have work to do and other books that I really should be completing first. The bar is now set for other books. It's pretty high. I have a feeling there will be less 5 stars this year than last. I highly recommend this book to BDSM readers who enjoy sexual expression in all its forms.

BookMarc says

If I was an author of erotic fiction I would be very pissed off if the cover of my novel had a guy on it with zits all over his shoulders. That just doesn't scream erotic.

If I was an author of any book I would be very pissed off if the editing was substandard and the text was littered with spelling errors. That just doesn't scream professional.

I am not an author. I am a reader though and those are things that would turn me away from buying the book. Thankfully I was privy to receiving a free copy but I do like to be honest in my reviews and felt that those issues should be mentioned.

The Forbidden Room is an erotic novel that revolves around the main male character Jayden, his soon to be male master who is named Ethan and a fellow submissive, a female named Lexi. Jayden's foray into the world of BDSM wasn't totally believable in my opinion. He is renting a room at Ethan's house, enters the "forbidden room" and gets caught doing so and thus is told he must leave the house for good unless he appears in the room fully naked at a given time and day by Ethan.

Whatever happened to renters rights?

Jayden goes along with this and becomes submissive to Ethan's desires and finds himself enjoying the experience of being dominated and disciplined which encompasses giving Ethan oral sex and being the recipient of anal sex. Before this experience Jayden was, apparently, heterosexual.

Enter Lexi.

Lexi is already Jayden's submissive and what follows is plenty of three way BDSM encounters with Ethan always controlling the action.

The sexual encounters are written very expertly and the author's talent certainly lays in her descriptions of these encounters as they are beyond just sexual in that they are also filled with emotional desire and yearning. Through this one can see how much the three characters need and rely upon each other.

I am new to erotica, and have never read any erotica that dealt with homosexuality, and perhaps this is how erotica is meant to be. However, I would have liked to have seen more character development in relation to their lives outside of their group.

One thing I didn't like about the story was the open ending that will have you needing to buy the second novel if you want to know how things progress. Perhaps a more rounded ending with the tease of a second novel would have worked better?

Overall, I did actually enjoy this novel although it was more of a learning experience and initiation into the world of literary erotica than it was a great read. I think if I had read more erotica, and had other novels to compare it to, I would have enjoyed this more. A decent enough read though.

Vivian says

3.5 stars

Great emotion emerges through this exploration of sexuality and makes the reader wonder why one is so quick to want to categorize everything. It demonstrates the fluidity of sexuality and why naming something often negates it. The sex and emotion is off-the-charts stunning. Unfortunately, there are several heavy-handed plot points that didn't need to be there, and are melodramatic. I rolled my eyes and cringed a bit, but the character study between the Ethan, Lexi, and Jayden is fabulous.

piranha says

i am rating this as 1 star because i despise being misled about the contents of a book so that i buy it with false expectations. i am not opposed to female characters (no, in fact i rather enjoy strong/interesting female characters), but i do NOT enjoy them as lead characters in my supposed m/m erotica, and especially not in BDSM. heck, in this book the woman has a more intimate relationship with the sub than he has with the dom. i didn't finish -- not because the writing was bad (it's quite good; i bought this because i had enjoyed other books by ms barnaby), and at some other time i will probably continue. i didn't finish because this much female presence in the sex scenes was a total turn-off. and it IS the fault of the author in this case, because her other work is mm and she doesn't indicate anywhere that this is mmf.

i'm cranky, and tired of publishers/authors misleading me. this is the third instance in the recent past that i felt ripped off this way. enough already. what in the world makes you people think i'm gonna enjoy something you're tricking me into? it just makes me much less likely to buy from you in the future. write better blurbs!

Shelley says

Firstly ignore that shitty cover. What you are about to read is H.O.T seriously freaking off the charts VOLCANIC!

This book was so erotically attractive to me. Arousing, provocative, sensual and down right carnal. At times it was even wickedly depraved and salacious.

Yes it's BDSM erotica with but for me the edge play was more focused on the B&D rather than the S&M (thank god)There is a lot of sex in this novel and I mean A LOT, but whereas usually with this amount of sex I become bored and disinterested with the continual scening. Not in the Forbidden room, NO WAY!

The story is told very well from Jayden's point of view which makes it all the more real for me to be in his position. Feel what he's feeling, his desires became mine, his fantasies mine, I wanted what he wanted, I saw what he was seeing all through him.

So real in fact, that at times I felt my own cock and balls swell and pulse...Oh wait I don't have a cock or bollox!! See it was that real! The scenes are intense, original, emotional and addictive...yes addictive I tell you.

What makes it so good is the dynamic of the characters.

Jayden is a straight guy, a normal guy and a student, who rents a room from Ethan. The only rule in his new home is **stay out of the forbidden room** Jayden, Jayden...why couldn't you stay away? but little does he know that opening that door will change him irrevocably. What?... you know he opens it, otherwise it's going to be a seriously boring and short book if he didn't. I thank god that he did, otherwise I would never have been thrust into this new lifestyle with Jayden. And thrust he is. Don't expect a slow easing introduction for Jayden uh uh!

Ethan instinctively knows what's needed to introduce Jayden into his world.

Ethan is a doctor and a man who is always striving for control. He is a Dominant for harrowing reasons that are later revealed, and has very real issues that I wont go into because it will involve spoilers. Needless to say, I adored Ethan. He was overall a good Dom to his subs, an amazing Dom! Kind and affectionate but with a tendency to be ruthless too.

I wish I could indulge in more of Ethan's personality with you but it will give away too much. He had me on

my subconscious knees many a time- delicious man!

Lexi is Ethan's beautiful sub. She is beautiful in every way. She is kind, strong and gentle. I truly liked her a lot. My heart broke for Lexi, lovely lonely Lexi. Her personal circumstances and her past make Lexi who she is. Again..not going into it.

The three of them form a bond that forms the basis of this series. It also deals with the natural progression for Jayden in the BDSM world. It was extremely interesting for me to see this evolve.

The Author says Erotic Fiction is more than moans, grunts and physical pleasure. Erotic fiction consists not only of the mechanics of physical love, but the complex characters and relationships that lead to those all encompassing feelings of need and longing.

Well the authors has that all covered with this highly erotic and emotionally charged novel.

Loved it!

4.5 Stars and I am rounding up!

Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

I was recommended to read this book a while back and I finally got round to it. I have to say that I was intrigued at first, the characters were written so well I needed to find out more about them.

However, I have to say the BDSM content made me feel very uncomfortable at times as it was more prominent than the character development. This is not a negative to the book though as I knew it would be in there, I chose to read it and in no way does it affect my rating. However, certain elements of this lifestyle described in this book are not for me. And as I mentioned, I found that the BDSM story was more prominent than the storyline of the characters, because to me they came across as two separate entities rather than one integrated storyline.

Once the characters were developed more by the Author towards the latter part of the book it made them more real and as a reader I understood their feelings and actions and I ended up loving the chemistry between the characters; the friendship and the love.

This is the story of Ethan, Lexi and Jayden. Ethan and Lexi have deep rooted issues and are, through each other and their relationship, receiving the tools and comfort to battle their demons. However, once Jayden enters their lives he almost acts as a catalyst and these issues are laid bare and actual healing and self-development begins in earnest.

The next book in the series is: A House of Cards - Deconstructing Ethan and yes I will be reading this one because Ethan took a piece of my heart in the end and I need to know what happens next!

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

I loved this book! I enjoyed the journey the characters experienced together and individually.

When I think of doms and subs, I always think they just start out that way, but this story paints a very different picture of the process and I thought it was very fun and interesting...not to mention hot and erotic!

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

Menage Readers

Erotic Enchants

Bookie Nookie's Erotic eBook Exchange

Sassafrass says

I just thought that this book was OK. I felt like there was too much going on for it to have ended the way that it did. I felt very unfufilled at the end. There is supposedly a continuation, and I will likely read it to get a sense of what happened.

As far as the smut factor, the book was very hot as far as sex scenes and BDSM sessions go, but the story was lacking.

Also, I believe that I have said this before, there were spelling errors in the book. There was a big one where instead of using the word indicated, the word indicted was used. That gets me out of the world of the characters and back into reality very quickly. It's like splashing cold water on someone.

Reread in September in 2011.

I have reread this book. I've read a lot more BDSM, alot more menage and a lot more m/m since reading this book. I think that a lot of my original opinions still stand, but I did enjoy the book more this time around. I'd probably give it 3-3.5 stars this time. I still don't think that the ending suited me, but that's just my opinion.

Mantastic says

I have so much respect for this book and its sequel that I have had a hard time putting what I think into words.

On one hand, I had an immediate reaction between "what I would do" versus "what the characters do." As you'll see from some of the other reviews, Jayden is given a choice ... stay and submit or leave the house. His inner dialogue splits his decision so equally that the only reason we know he will stay is that it would have been a very short book had he decided to leave.

On the other hand, his experiences are not my own. As readers, we tend to want to escape into the character

and I found that I could not. Stepping back to allow the characters to be who they are instead of who I am was critical in my understanding and enjoyment of these novels.

Decision made, we see Jayden thrown into the BDSM experience in a very abrupt fashion. As explained in the book, each person is different; some needing extra care as they become accustomed to the lifestyle, others needing that immediate cold-dunking, rip-the-band aid-off, full immersion into the community. I think JP Barnaby's choice for Jayden was a good one. Others may not agree, or may be uncomfortable, but Jayden's own inner dialogue would have talked him out of anything more subtle. As we see through their shared experiences, Jayden finds himself in ways that he never expected and wouldn't have known he needed. The addition of Lexi, in the role of confidant and fellow sub, softens the experience and helps guide Jayden through this new life.

I found the character development to be right on the mark. TFR is told from Jayden's perspective from start to finish. We know only what he knows, or what/how we as readers interpret the other characters actions. We get many insights into Lexi, her past and present, because of her many conversations with Jayden through his "training." We know how and why she has chosen this path, how she feels about Ethan, and how she feels about the addition of Jayden because she tells him. We know less about Ethan and his motivations because their relationship outside of the room is not nearly as developed as in it. The reader is able to gain a few insights based on Ethan's actions and Lexi's informed opinions, but Ethan is a controlled, reserved and extremely private person and for him to be more forthcoming with his subs would have gone against the core character Barnaby had created.

One of the main things that I liked about this story is that the characters made mistakes. The storyline didn't go in a straight line from beginning to end; it took lefts and rights, twists and turns. In one particular instance it stopped completely and had to re-trace its steps. This may un-nerve some readers. I found it essential. Other stories I have read with BDSM themes have been somewhat safe, best-case-scenarios. While they were wonderfully crafted and served as a great introduction to the topic, The Forbidden Room seemed more real. Great trust is needed to enter into a relationship of this nature; communication and clear definitions and limits are important, but that doesn't mean that misunderstandings and obvious mistakes don't still happen. The fact that Barnaby allowed the reader to see the raw experience instead of the rose-colored one was a big risk that I believe showed integrity to her work.

Didn't stop me from balling like a baby, though, when those mistakes happened.

In a book titled The Forbidden Room, I am not surprised that the majority of this novel is sexual and takes place in that room. Each encounter brings something new to the story. Some lessons were found in a gentle caress, some in more stark actions. How Jayden reacted to each experience was a big influence on how I responded to reading it.

The transition of Jayden from clueless to sub to dom spans nearly 2 years. Yet I was happy to see Jayden's interaction with his family outside the room. I think it was very telling of Jayden's growth. Without giving away a spoiler, I feel the scenes with his family are as much understandable as they are infuriating. They are also the source of Jayden's greatest mistake. He knew how important communication is and yet he held his tongue. His insecurities tempted him towards anger and colored not only his opinion, but ours as readers. While I still want to thump a certain sister in the head, Jayden's ability to admit his fault was crucial in his development.

The ending was not what I expected. I had gotten a few different glimpses of how it "could" go but was taken by surprise at the actual events. That alone made it a worth while ending, in my opinion.

Having read the synopsis of book 2 I decided to wait until it was released before I read the first. I am very glad I did. The second picks up right where the first leaves off but we see the next part of the story from Ethan's perspective. I will add a separate review for book 2 shortly, but I would highly recommend purchasing both so that they are read back to back and the flow is uninterrupted.

In total, I think The Forbidden Room is a well written exploration of 3 characters who are as diverse as they are similar. There is sex, there is friendship, there is love.

Stephanie says

I am so glad I stuck with this book. I have to admit the BDSM aspect made me very uncomfortable. I guess it is safe to say my hard limits would be crawling around on my knees, whipping, and most of what took place in the forbidden room. With all that said, once Ethan began to open up to Jayden, I found myself really beginning to enjoy the book.

I wanted to read this based on its M/M recommendations, and at times Lexi and her girlie bits got in the way at first, she eventually becomes what brings Ethan and Jayden together.

I was a bit let down by the ending. Of course I have book 2 waiting to be read so maybe I will get the ending that I want.

UrbanFirefly says

I would be kinda mad if I paid for this book. I don't mind porn with a plot if the plot is as good as the porn but in this case the plot was not as good.

Twists felt as if they came out of nowhere. I didn't feel any connection with the relationship between the 3 main characters outside of the playroom. I'm supposed to believe that Ethan, Jayden and Lexi have somehow become friends but there aren't many scenes that show them building that relationship. I suppose the scenes in New York were supposed to build but the author decided to tell me they discussed whatever, but not show me. Thus, when the always in control, cold Ethan starts talking about loving either of them I don't see how.

Jayden seemed like a crybaby but didn't cry in the moment I felt he should have been crying. Lexi, while hot in the playroom was boring overall and I just wanted her to go away near the end.

I did like that Ethan was vulnerable. I found it interesting that despite the fact that he works as a doctor and has trained several submissives, he had severe social issues. I just have a soft spot for tough dudes that fall apart sometimes.

I skipped the ending right around the time when everyone went to Chicago. I skimmed but everything

seemed so ridiculous at that point that I didn't care to read even the juicy parts.

Jason Bradley says

I don't think I realized this was MMF, or at least not as much as it was. The ending left me unsatisfied although I know that life isn't always able to be tied up in a neat bow. The BDSM aspects were well written and sexy.
