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Desperately unemployed, Arianne, answers an ad that reads 'Woman Wanted'. With minuscule hours and excellent pay, she accepts the position of courtesan to Derek, a handsomely dashing man, whom she finds out is a billionaire. Engaging in a game of cat and mouse, will they drive each other crazy...or will they fall in love first.

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Picking up the remote with one hand and the coffee mug with the other, she alternated between surfing channels and sipping wine. She stopped at two naked females passionately exploring each other's body. Blankly staring at the screen she finished the bottle of red wine, consumed her precooked, fast-frozen meal in a container and had changed to white wine, without noticing the difference. Tossing the empty dish onto the coffee table, the fork bounced off and landed on the newspaper. She bent down to pick it up. The ad she had read to Taylor caught her eye. "What the hell." She picked her laptop up off the coffee table, typed in the website then clicked on e-box twenty four.

Hi. I'm Derek. I'm looking for a woman. I don't want a girlfriend or a lover. Just a mutually sexually satisfying companion. The work will be minimal and the pay will be excellent. If interested email me your name, an introduction - 100 words or less - and a photo to entice me to hire you.

Arianne drank her wine and stared at the laptop screen for fifteen minutes while she had a mental debate. The "yes" voice in her head won out. The wine may have helped. She linked the digital camera to the computer then walked to her room and stripped. She stood in front of the small mirror and tried to choose her sexiest pose. Having chosen the conservative one of standing with her hands at her sides, legs spread apart; Arianne positioned herself in front of the camera and clicked the trigger. In a moment the picture appeared on the screen.

Appraising her body, Arianne smiled - soft curves, ample breasts and a neatly trimmed puff of hair below her belly button. It was a sexy body, not ravishing like a movie star's, but it had enticed a few of the male gender. With some careful editing she deleted the background of the picture until all she had was a naked, headless picture of herself. She attached the photo to an email and began to type her message.

My name is Arianne. I'm 25 and recently unemployed so I'm ready to explore any job opportunity. Especially one that will pay an excellent salary. I keep in shape. I like to party but I don't do drugs. I'm not a virgin, but I am clean—no STD's. I've never done anything like this before. I don't jump into bed with every guy I meet. I'm just a regular girl pushed into a corner and is desperately looking for a way out.

How much is "excellent pay"?

She hit the send button. No turning back now. While online she did a daily depressing search of the job listings. As she was about to click off, she noticed her email icon was flashing.

Hello Arianne. This is Derek. I am 28 and employed. I also like to keep in shape, but I enjoy a lazy day doing nothing but watching TV. There will be no drugs involved—only sex. I don't have the time or the patience for a relationship.

Job description - service me at least once a week - say every Tuesday. I will supply an apartment for our meetings. I don't want to wine and dine you. There is no emotional involvement. I want to walk in, fuck and leave.

Pay - how does \$8,000 a month - to start - sound? Reply.

Derek.

“Sounds pretty damn good!”

## **A Kept Woman Details**

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### **Saundra says**

This was all over the place, never really sure what it should be. And I'm not sure how someone didn't catch that in one paragraph, Arianne's dad recognized Derek from the cover of financial magazines, and the next he was jetting off so Derek can prove he is who he says he is. What?

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### **Jan says**

Would have given it 5 stars if the ending/epilogue was longer, it was ended far too quick.

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### **Peggy says**

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An okay read. Arianne has likeable qualities: honest, graceful and pragmatic. Derek is a little hesitant in terms of admitting/realising his love. But once he is "in", there's no stopping him.

Too bad I am not a big fan of BDSM--really dislike the pain-inflicting aspect of sex--otherwise this could have been a 4-star read. (Cannot understand the appeal, but respect it as a choice, mutually consensual across the parties of course.) For instance, I didn't "get" that part about her returning to the club, seeking out/engaging with Randolph, and proving (?) to Derek "something"... Well, guess I'll never find out.

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### **Lindsey says**

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### **Manda says**

This book is defiantly for an 18+ reader or at least people who are mature enough to know the difference between reality and fiction. If they do not then this is dangerous as its okay for between the pages of a book like this one.

With its adult content this leaves you hot under the collar with sassy characters there is more to this book than meets the eye.

It also ends abruptly which is a pity because it could have ended better than what it did.

It dose have a flavor of fifty shades just a lot more naughty

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## **Christina says**

Ok well this one was a bit bizarre for me. The first half started out awesome! I loved it. It seemed like could have been the precursor to FSoG and B2U. It was mysterious, erotic and so good. I couldn't wait to keep reading.

But then somewhere around the 1/2 to 3/4 way mark it got bizarre! I mean, weird! I was rolling my eyes and literally saying "What the f\*\*k?". And "What the hell just happened there?!". It seemed like the book just split into a different personality and turned into a completely different book. It was weird. It seemed a bit fake and they were making speeches about how dominant each other was. I was just plain weird.

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## **Melissa says**

This book would have been a DNF if I didn't have to finish it for a challenge. The dialogue was awful. The use of the word "Gawd" was only the beginning of the decline of my interest in this book.

I really wanted to like this book because it started off kinda funny and light but I just could not get into this.

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## **Sheila says**

Arianne cannot find a job. When she sees an employment ad in the paper advertising for a woman for sex, she applies and is hired. Derek is tired of women chasing him for his money. He just wants sex with no complications. Things change though the further they get into this employment/relationship. Both need to answer questions that will change their relationship. I enjoyed this. I expected a lot of sex and nothing more. There is a lot of sex but it is used to show the change of dynamics in the relationship. I liked how they danced around the question of whether the relationship was going to remain as employment or deepen into something more. It was interesting to see how they changed and, therefore, the relationship had to change. A deeper book than I expected. Well worth the read.

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## **Becky Condit says**

Daryl Devore's *A KEPT WOMAN* explores the dynamics of power exchange. What starts out as a sexy business proposition turns into a surprisingly tense relationship. When Derek and Adrienne are unable to define to themselves exactly what the boundaries and rules for their relationship are it provokes nervous worry in both of them.

There is a very satisfying HEA at the end. I really enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more by the talented Ms Devore. Her style of writing is multi-layered, making this book both plot-driven and character-driven. With well-developed characters, both main and secondary, and a plot that takes you smoothly through a complicated story, *A KEPT WOMAN* is not to be missed.

Read my complete review at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....> (Feb. 16, 2012)

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### **Bubblegum says**

I quite liked this book. It has similar elements that I have come across in other stories but there were some unique parts that I enjoyed reading too.

I would have rated this book 5 stars however I found reading some parts disappointing. I didn't like any of the Randolph scenes. At all. And I personally don't think there was a need for an epilogue as the story seemed to conclude for me after he proposed, met her parents and got approvals from both their parents. In my opinion there was no need for more cheesiness.

I give this book 4 stars, and intend to read more of Daryl Devore's books.

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### **Becca says**

This book was not what I expected (a story where a woman finds herself in a situation she can't escape), which is not a bad thing. The first half had a lovely - if somewhat cliched - fairy tale feel to it. Everyday woman meets and falls in love with unattainable, grossly rich, ridiculously handsome man. I felt sure I knew how it would play out. Then things shifted in the middle and became - for lack of a better word - odd. I really don't know if this was good odd, or just odd. I continually felt that I just wasn't getting the point (and perhaps I wasn't!). Then the end was rather cheesy, although satisfying.

It is a good read, pretty good writing (although the dialog often felt stilted), and an interesting story. As I got it for free it is amazingly good - but I don't want to rate it against other freebies. Not a terribly informative review, I realize, but, without spoiling the story, I'll leave it as is.

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### **Pam says**

Book was interesting enough, it's like pretty woman, but different. No one ever found out how they met ;) All though there was always reference to how people in his circles would react to them as a couple, it was never really explored. No running into catty bitches, just a whole bunch of warning. What I think I like most about Araianne is that regardless of his mother and him, she never let it get her down. The reason for the 3 stars though, was mainly due how and what I felt I was reading their story. I felt like that is what I was exactly doing, just reading it, not being drawn into their story and feeling like I was right there with them. It's probably just me :)

*"Because you are the only woman who can control me. We are equal. I don't exist without you. I never existed until I met you."*

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## **J.R. James says**

Girl and billionaire romance that is better than many. There are a lot of them out there, but this one is amusing and well-written, and I liked the cover.

I wasn't sure, when it started off with her answering an ad that the uber-handsome, uber-rich, has-it-all Derek (don't like the name) had placed in the 'e' equivalent of the personal ads, but they had to meet somehow, and the reasoning for both his advertising for a woman, and her response, was given a satisfactory explanation.

A little bit 'pretty woman' in feel, but none the worse for that, and with BDSM elements too, with both of them 'switches' alternating in dominant and submissive roles. What didn't quite gel for me were the scenes in the club, particularly the involvement of Randal, which seemed as if they'd just been put in there to add spice... or something... not sure what. But overall an enjoyable 3.5 stars, rounded up.

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## **Kavitha says**

Read it after reading readers' reviews - the quality of the book/story is exaggerated.

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## **Isabelle Morebooksthanlivros says**

Rating:

Title: A Kept Woman

Author: Daryl Devore

Genre: Erotic Romance, BDSM

Heat: 4.5 stars

Source: purchased for Kindle

Cover: 4 stars

Characters: 4 stars

Plot: 4 stars

Heat: 4.5 stars

Freshness: 3 stars

Addictiveness: 4.5 stars

Total: 4 stars (18/24)

All starts with an add at the newspaper, a few drinks and a daring proposition. Let the games begin!

Arianne is a bit drunk and a lot broke. Derek is a lot drunk and a bit bored. He wants to keep his sexual life simple. He finds out there is nothing simple about sex.

Ms. Devore has created a very interesting plot within an old theme: the-bored-billionaire-pays-for-sex-with-

no-strings. It has a "Pretty Woman" vibe with a few twists. The turns and twists is what make this book so good.

A pretty obvious plot evolves when the relationship explores power exchange among the couple. The set of rules from the beginning of the relationship/business transaction shifts constantly, and the couple's exploration of BDSM is balanced perfectly between both characters.

Even though predictable, the story is cute and intense, is flirty and harsh, is easy and hard. Both characters are great and very well developed.

I will be adding Ms. Devore to my list of keep-a-watch authors. I would love to read more from her.

I believe anyone that enjoys a good romance with some kinky within, would love to read this one.

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