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As Blue's master, Derek has plenty of toys and ingenuity at his disposal, but his high-priced loft isn't the best environment for raising Blue's BDSM training to the next level. If only he had a basement and the proper "hardware..." Blue has other worries. Still conflicted between his love for Derek and his feelings for Cameron, he's due to face a killer in court and the accompanying publicity storm once the press connects the star witness to his powerful father. Seeking a break from the real world, he expresses his darker fantasies to his master. Blue should be careful what he wishes for. Blue lands himself in the clutches of the Balkan mob, and Derek must negotiate his freedom. The highly dangerous, very sexy Sasha offers the couple playtime in his private dungeon during Blue's stay. The catch? In exchange for Blue's release, Sasha gets to supervise. [Publisher's Note: This book contains explicit sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: Anal play/intercourse, strong BDSM theme and content, including spanking and rope play, violence, voyeurism]

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Danielle says

Another book I'm not going to rate only because I read it out of order and was kinda confused (which was entirely my fault) about all the Cameron stuff going on.

Besides that though I'm just not a fan of these series because I don't like that Blue and Derek have to go outside their relationship in order to get their rock off. Just not my thing.

Plus I'm not a fan of the writing style. Phrases like "he assumed the mounting position" just sound so weird. There was a huge mix of childish and more "adult" ways to describe a guys penis that I just got annoyed.

Anyway, sure I'd recommend the series if you're interested in couples that use thirds in their relationship.

Pam Faste aka Peejakers says

I love this series and this book is the hottest of the 4 installments so far. As always, Blue is adorable & Derek is hot, but newly introduced mob boss & ultra-dom Sasha is SMOKIN'. I LOVED that there was attraction between him and Derek as well as Blue. I'd like to see Sasha back in a sequel. OMG: That scene where Sasha stood behind Derek as he f*d Blue and what Sasha did to Derek with his tie to spur him on, WHEW! Then the way Derek leaned back into Sasha after and how Sasha brushed the damp hair from his forehead and kissed his throat, right where his pulse was pounding?! WOW!!! I had to read that part over & over. I am seriously wanting an encore appearance by Sasha, wherein he becomes the one who (finally!) takes the one part of Derek that no one has in this series. Derek may be a Top, but the book shows Derek is attracted to Sasha and though he thinks he doesn't want to submit to anyone anytime soon, his reaction to what Sasha did tells a different story. I can't think of anything hotter!

Brenda Maldonado says

In this third installment of the Blue Ruin Series, we are treated to a series of erotic encounters that highlight the nuances of Derek and Blue's relationship. The BDSM aspects of their relationship are explored in great detail. We even get a few more insights into Derek's sexual history and his introduction to the lifestyle. We continue to enjoy Blue's refreshing antics in and out of the bedroom. Not the least of which is a selfless act of friendship that lands him in the hands of the Balkan mob. Make that the gay, leather wearing, bdsm living, look like rock stars, Balkan mob. Ay caramba!

Entering Derek and Blue's world is always a pleasure and this visit was no exception. A world full of beautiful men and... more beautiful men is definitively my cup of tea. Love it! Lord Master Sasha the Balkan mobster is quite the character. Not since meeting Jet Mykles' Johnnie Heaven have I been so smitten with a character's appearance and demeanor. There is significant development of Sasha as a character in this book. Through little and not so little tid bits we learn a lot about the man, and what we learn is enough to push me

right to the role of president of Sasha's fan club. I suspect that it will come as no surprise to Katrina that I say: "More Sasha please!"

As always, the beautiful style of writing contributed greatly to the anime movie in my head. I very much enjoyed the vivid descriptions of Sasha's gothic lair. The only thing better than hot bishie love is hot bishie love with a gothic flair. Long live red, black, velvet and satin! There's an m/m, incest (I can dream about Drago an Luka), vampire novel spin off of the series somewhere in there, just waiting to be written. I will be first in line to buy it, if/when it is published. LOL

After the violence of BR1 and the yaoi angst of BR2, BR3 is a refreshing, low angst story that left no doubt of the committed nature of Derek and Blue's relationship, and the depth of their love for each other. That the story does this with great honesty and remaining faithful to the nature of the characters as introduced in the first two books is to be commended. At its core, this story is about Derek. We find Derek holding back during his scenes with Blue. He does not push Blue all the way until he "breaks", why? In Derek's mind his love for Blue is at odds with his desire to dominate, or at least that is what he thinks. The truth is something else. How Derek arrives at a point where he can accept that his need to dominate and his love for Blue are not at odds, and that the source of his hesitation is something else entirely is at the heart of this story. We can thank Sasha for helping Derek to recognize and acknowledge the truth.

Once again, I particularly enjoyed reading about Blue's relationship with Jodi. Their regular clothing exchange made me laugh. I find it amazing that one of my favorite characters is a woman, as I have a very, very low tolerance for females in m/m books. I asked myself, why do I enjoy Jodi-chan so much, when most of the time I wish I could delete female characters right out of all my m/m books? I think I like her, because she is like me! She is not the traditional, uber understanding, almost simpering family member. She is not the scorned ex-girlfriend. She is not the righteous sister. She is unlike any of the other female stereotypes I have read in m/m erotica. Jodi-chan is smart-mouthed, outrageous, outspoken in her love of hot manlove and unequivocally supportive of Blue and the men he loves. Yup, I like her!

All in all, Chains of Love is an entertaining, sensual journey with just the right balance of action and emotion. The ending brought all kinds of yummy, deviant, x rated images to mind. I can't wait for the next serving of this addictive treat. Meanwhile, I'll just re-read BR1, BR2 and BR3.

Skye Blue ?*~??(´?`)~*? says

This is good series. I've enjoyed every one...the first one best of all.

Boy, Blue is a danger mangnet isn't he?

I liked Sasha, with there had been a little more of Sasha.

This series picks right back up, no matter how long you go between books, you can fall right back into the story.

Elaine White says

Okay, so this one made me love Blue a little more, since the last book had me questioning his loyalty to Derek. This one made sense of all of that. I really began to understand that what Blue was looking for with Cameron was closure, while in this book, he gets a little snuggly with Sasha, looking for someone who will push his boundaries, the way Derek isn't willing to.

That totally makes sense to me.

I love that we get both sides of the story; that we see how conflicted Blue is and Derek's struggles. I know what the whole supermarket scene is about and where that's going to lead, which is exciting, and I think if it goes well, it will make Sasha very happy, too. ;)

The ending was well done, but I had a few niggles with believability. The dungeon and bath sex scenes were a little difficult to swallow, with some run on sentences that made it hard to keep up and some movements that don't seem possible. How can they be standing in the bath, with the water around their knees? That would have to be one really deep bath. Even then, some of the movements are incredulous; the way Derek was sort of 'float' to his feet from an awkward position, while lifting an entire person off his lap in the process. The crime element was also a little incredulous, towards the end, but it's fiction, so I'm going with it.

The niggles are what take this down to 4 stars instead of 5. This one, of all the series, had the most potential for a 5 star, but it did leave me scratching my head at moments, wondering how they was possible. Saying that, I'm really looking forward to the next two books.

Don says

Just as I was about to give up reading any more Katrina Strauss thinking she was only capable of writing kids stuff, along comes one of the most detailed and complex bondage scenes I've ever read in this 3rd installment of Blue Ruin. Best of all, it's a 3 way of my favorite kind, two Tops and a bottom. It was well worth plowing through the first 2 books in the series to finally get to this one, which paid off in more ways than one. Here we get the low down on the MC's backgrounds making them more three dimensional than they were in the first two books. We also get another Top for Blue and this character comes complete with real three dimensional balls that bring a whole new level of 'Mastery' to the proceedings. And proceed I shall, right on to the next two books.

mlady_rebecca says

I keep getting more and more wrapped up in this series. I'm disappointed to realize I have to wait for the next book to be published. (Comes out November 24th). Well, at least it's written. *g*

To be honest, the plot is getting to be a bit "convenient". I mean finding a group of mobsters that are mostly gay, lead by a dom, and all with a heart of gold is a bit unlikely. But, hey, this is fantasy.

What I really love about this series is the characters. All the little quirks that make them unique individuals. And the sex isn't bad, either. *g*

Overall, I'm happy with the series and looking forward to seeing what else the author has written.

Recommended to those who like character centric BDSM erotica.

Marty Rayne says

Hottest!

Elisa Rolle says

Blue Ruin series was born like a yaoi romance which blended in a BDSM relationship. At its third book, the yaoi component is only hinted and the BDSM relationship is in full swing. Blue and Derek still live together and they had overcome the little escapade of Blue with Cameron; true, Blue sometime still thinks to his old sweetheart, but I believe that Blue is too much for someone like Cameron, probably he is too much also for Derek.

This is probably the main aspect of the novel. Derek should be the Master on the relationship, but for me he isn't enough of the dominant type. Derek likes to play, but he is more into the aesthetic of the game, than into the pleasure / pain things. When he is making a scene, he is like painting, he develops all the details, he enjoys in the view and then he makes love to Blue, but he always stops a bit before the limit, even before Blue himself asks him to stop. This trait of Blue is something that you can find till the first book: Blue is a brat, but he is a strong willed brat, he always does what he wants, and I think he is never really in a submissive position. He can go on with his game since Derek has yet not still realized that he is played around by his little pet, and this is instead the specifically trait of Derek, he is sometime out in his world, and doesn't really understand what it's happening around him.

The noise element in the story is Sasha, a russian mob leader who takes a fancy on Blue. But Sasha is a man of honor and he respects the D / s relationship between Derek and Blue, and so he doesn't try to steal the boy from Derek, but he forces the couple to play for him. Sasha and his russian friends are a funny bunch, probably not much realistic, but nevertheless nice. I have a presentiment that Sasha and a certain guy with silver hair could be an interesting couple; since I read a short story about a blind pet, I always wonder how it could be a long story on this argument.

For who was left a bit stunned by the menage evolution in the second book, with this third installment all the things go in path, and the bond between Derek and Blue is stronger than ever. If not for the slightly problem that Blue is always interested and excited by other men... yes, I believe Blue is a bit of a slut, but he is a faithful slut, so he never plays along his secret desires.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B002T45VVS/?...>

? BookAddict La Crimson Femme says

What is WRONG with Blue? Seriously, he gets into more trouble than any other character I've read in a while. How he gets into trouble the way he does is beyond me. He must be giving off some very heavy slave

pheromones. God I loved the D/s in this story. Between Sasha and Derek, I was in a haze of slutty submission. Damn Blue. I would like to be the one being dominated between the two. How does Blue find these sexy dominant men? Where are all these sexy dominant men? Cuz they certainly are NOT where I can see them.

Ms. Strauss does another wonderful job of pulling me in. I love the dynamic between Blue and Derek. Their sexy love and devotion warms my heart and makes me all gooey for my DH. This series has been a trip to read. I don't know why I didn't rush to read these last two in the series. It's be lovely so far. I look forward to reading the last one in this series. Just about every combination of m/m love has been explored in the manner I enjoy. I just wish there was a little girlie action. Ah well, that is not to be.

Wendy Ann says

Imp - such a tiny little word, and yet very fitting for the mischievous Blue. In what seems to have become typical fashion, Blue managed to get himself into trouble... again. As expected, Derek comes to the rescue but not before Blue has them wrapped up in a wholly different threesome arrangement than the prior book – one in which the mobster who's holding Blue gives Derek lessons in being more dominant.

Unlike the last book and Blue's relationship with Cameron, I actually wouldn't have minded more of Blue, Derek and Sasha (the Balkan mob Lord) and with fewer restrictions in place! Two Doms for Blue and Derek a little subservient to an even more dominant Sasha – yeah, that registered high on the hotness scale. I even got a little attached to the Russian mobsters and wouldn't mind more from them in a future sequel! Very nice:)

Indie Reviews says

In *Blue Ruin 3: Chains of Love* the boys are back having survived yet another harrowing experience this time at the hands of the alleged Maple Street Killer. As Blue waits to testify at his would be killer's trial, there is much going on in his life. He continues to deal with his conflicting feelings in respect of Derek and Cameron, and while there is no doubt that he loves Derek his feelings for Cameron linger. Blue is also looking at the prospects of cosmetology school with his friend Jodi. These things converge and Blue takes sanctuary in his relationship with Derek as he expresses a need to more deeply explore his sexual fantasies.

When Blue tries to help his friend and new owner of a refurbished Blue Ruin, Miss Doreena Dee Vine, he finds himself yet again smack in the middle of trouble and this time it's face-to-face with the gay Balkan mafia. Blue offers himself up as a bargaining chip and Derek is once again forced to come to his "brat's" rescue. But neither Blue or Derek expected to find themselves hostages to pain and pleasure as the drop dead gorgeous former Serb soldier turned mafia king, Lord Master Sasha, takes them under his tutelage.

The third installment of the Blue Ruin series *Chains of Love* by Katrina Strauss more deeply explores the BDSM aspects of Derek and Blue's relationship while once again expanding their Blue Ruin world with new, intriguing and sexy characters.

Blue is interested in pushing the boundaries and testing the limits of their pain and pleasure sexual relationship. He wants Derek to take the pain further and yet Derek is hesitant. A good part of the beginning

of the book is devoted to some extremely erotic and sensual scenes between the two that delve into both the physical and psychological needs of both characters.

In Blue Ruin 3, Katrina Strauss has once again written very strong secondary characters. There's Lord Master Sasha the mafia leader that is all "Dom" alpha male but with a benevolent heart; Sasha's loyal foot soldiers, the enigmatic brothers Drago and Luka; as well as Georgi and Yuri, Sasha's entertaining but deadly enforcers. But both Derek and Blue are pleasantly surprised to find out that Master Sasha and his band of thugs are not what they appear to be. And while Derek and Blue's encounter with the gay Balkan mafia was intense, albeit brief, the characters of Sasha, Drago and Luka are intriguing enough to offer possibilities for spin-off stories in the future.

As much as Blue Ruin 2 was dedicated in large part to the growth of Blue's character, I felt that Blue Ruin 3 was very much Derek's book. We get to know him a lot better as well as the origins of his foray as a seme into the BDSM life style. We also gain insight into his conflicting feelings of, on the one hand, not wanting to hurt Blue in their pain/pleasure play, and on the other fulfilling his own needs by testing both his and Blue's limits. With the character of Sasha serving as both instigator and trainer, Derek and Blue come to a heightened understanding of their individual needs, both sexual and other. And while the BDSM aspect of their relationship will never become an all consuming way of life, their experiences in Blue Ruin 3 do deepen their feelings for one another, taking their relationship to another level.

Katrina Strauss' rich descriptions and excellent characterization in this installment demonstrate a consistency in her writing throughout the Blue Ruin series, as she once again offers a sensual feast in *Chains of Love*. I found Blue Ruin 3 to be the most erotic and exotic of the three books in the series thus far, precisely because of Strauss' visually enticing BDSM scenes between Derek and Blue, in particular their "shibari" rope play, and exotic because of her description and mood setting of the goth-dungeon backdrop of Sasha's lair.

Blue Ruin 3: Chains of Love does not have the level of angst and violence of Blue Ruin 1 and 2, instead, Strauss brings us back to basics, back to Blue and Derek's relationship within the context of an ever widening circle of friends. The central theme in Blue Ruin 3 remains the balancing of Derek and Blue's private sexual relationship with real life. And owing to some clever foreshadowing in *Chains of Love* future installments in this series offer possibilities for new characters whose lives will intersect with Derek and Blue. Stay tuned!

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Vivian ?(????)? says

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Oh my fucking God. Blue is a slut. That's it. I am *so* pissed at Blue. This whole ruse with Sasha was "apparently" meant to awaken Derek or some shit, so he would stop holding back on Blue and give Blue what he "needs".

Blue Blue Blue.

Goddamn it Blue. He even said himself that he would've let Sasha fuck him, this being despite the fact that in the contract that Derek set up with Sasha, there was a clause saying

Tina says

OMG... I need to re-read the series. Loved it!

Taintedskyee (Books Books&More Books) says

This book for me was lacking. I like a book with alpha male a lot but somehow I was a tad disappointed with Derek the Master in this book. I know in BDSM sharing and caring is common but not for me. What ever or how ever how can you share someone you love.....you may not allow the other to fu*k but rest is okay. Nope doesn't work for me: (I don't like Blue's character much it seems he like every other guy and that's a total minus point for me okay I can understand he is young and all but sadly that is not good enough.

So why 3 star the new character who all are introduced in this book, Sasha the Russian Mob with a Rockstar good looks and dominating attitude really made me realize how much Derek was lacking in that department in this book and I think the author purposely gave that twist and his gang, Luka and his brother they will captivate you and through out the book I kept hoping please.... "I want story for all of them."

I liked everything and everyone except Blue. (view spoiler)

Its really nice to read a book with both the MC POV but I wanted third or Sasha's pov too;)
