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## From Reader Review Taming Me for online ebook

**Lina's Reviews** says

\*I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review\*

I don't know why I waited so long to read this book! Oh, right, technical problems. I seriously loved it! Lexie Palmer is a writer and has come at an impasse because her ideas for books are starting to get stale in the eyes of her editor. So, when he tells her to write something about BDSM she jumps at the opportunity. But first, she needs to find out more about the style. A chance meeting with Garrett is all she needs in order to educate herself in the ways of the BDSM world.

Garrett Hughes is a Dominant and member of an elite BDSM club. He decides to help Lexie write her book but what's really in his agenda?

Lexie is a strong willed woman and finds it sickening that other women decide to become submissives. She just doesn't understand why anyone would give up their will to another human being. She likes control and she isn't willing to compromise that for anyone.

*"Does that excite you?" His voice was steady, and hypnotic.*

*"You have no idea how that would excite me. To actually talk to someone who has some insight into that lifestyle. It would give me a great angle to get—"* "I was talking about exciting you, as a woman," he interrupted, sounding frustrated.

Garrett on the other hand is looking for a submissive woman; nothing more, nothing less. And he has his eyes set on Alexandra.

*Showing me his profile, he coldly replied, "I was rewarding you for your good behavior, nothing more." "If there was nothing more, Garrett, then why did you read my book?"*

Trying to convert Lexie in order to fit his idea of the perfect submissive, he introduces her to his lifestyle with life altering consequences for her and for himself. Who is going to tame who in the end? How much can passion and need for someone change a person?

The writing of the book was flawless. It drew me right in and I finished it in two days. The story flowed smoothly and the characters were well developed. Both Garrett and Lexie are multidimensional characters, real human beings. The pace of the book was perfect and I cannot thank the author enough for writing this book the way that she did. It was so refreshing and utterly believable. I fell in love with Garrett and Lexie and I was totally engrossed in their story.

I would recommend this book to every fan of the genre. You will miss out if you don't read it.

5+ Stars from me!

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**LaVida Brisco - One Last Page Book Blog** says

## Taming Mr. Hughes

This was truly a extraordinary read. Lexi is a writer looking for her next story and is stumbled upon by the delicious Garrett. She decides to get to know him better and finds out that he is a Dom. Eventually he agrees to tell her about the lifestyle for her book. From there you're transported on a journey of sensual chemistry and playful banter. What started off as a lesson about D/S ends up being a story of love between two stubborn alpha characters that you can't help falling in love with and rooting for.

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### Liz F says

Review copy courtesy of the publisher via NetGalley.

\*\*This is a DNF review\*\*

I saw and liked the cover and I read and liked the description. But what I read did not live up to my meager expectations. I made it to 25% before I gave up on this book. I don't like quitting a book so I made myself keep going. I only got to 30% before I just couldn't take anymore.

The main reason this book didn't work for me was the main female character, Lexie. She was completely, utterly unlikable. I didn't find that her attitude was fun or sassy; she just had a shitty attitude. To be blunt, I thought she was a total bitch. She was rude and ignorant to the hero and I didn't really see any reason for that. She wanted to do research and he was going out on a limb to help her with it. Her single-minded focus on her book didn't evoke any "You Go Girl!" feelings. In fact, it was a big turn off and made her seem harsh and heartless. I felt like she had no personality and a third of the way into the book, I only knew two things about her: She was an erotic romance writer and she was a horrible person.

Listen, books don't have to be spectacular right from page one and they don't have to grab hold of my collar and take me on a wild ride. I feel like I'm pretty forgiving as far as character flaws go. But I really feel like I should, at the very least, like or care about the main characters by about 10 or 15% into a book. Garrett, the hero, was fine and I was interested in him but Lexie was such an awful and abrasive character that I couldn't continue. It was painful to be inside her head. This is not a book I would recommend.

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### Elisa says

I am SO glad that I found this author at an event on Facebook! She is just so talented.

She has tackled a very common trope, 'girl meets well-to-do man and falls in love', in a very Uncommon way. Everything is told from Lexie's POV and if you don't like single person POV stories, you might want to give this a try anyway as it is done well here. In fact, I don't think it would have worked as well if we had access to Garret's POV. However, having said that, I would definitely like to read the same story told strictly from Garret's POV.

\*hint, hint\* Alexandria

A lot of the erotica books I read with a BDSM slant often feel more like fantasy than anything that could

happen in real life. This book felt very authentic. I could totally see something like this happening and I 'suffered' and was confused and happy and depressed right along with the heroine which, to me, is the sign of a very good story. I don't think this book would convince anyone to try any forms of BDSM, but it might help people interested in the lifestyle to think a bit more about what they actually want before deciding to take a dip in that world.

I wish I was better at writing reviews for books that I enjoyed this much but then I suppose I would be writing my own books. lol

I can't remember if I won this book in the aforementioned Facebook event or if it was something I signed up for at the party but I was given an advance copy of this story. I am honored to be able to review it for Alexandrea. I can't wait to read more of her work!

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### **Marina (Living In Our Own Story) says**

I love the Cover to Cover series so for me this book was a must read. Even though it wasn't my favorite in the series, this story is still quite good. It is definitely intriguing and show a different D&S relationship than the most commonly portrayed in fiction. The characters are quite intriguing and fascinating. They are very well developed and they are definitely fun to "hang out" with.

Garret is definitely a very intense and enchanting alpha male. Even though the way he treated Lexie at times, wasn't exactly my cup of tea, he still managed to intrigue me with his personality and made the book quite an interesting read. Lexie, on the other hand, is quite frustrating character most of the time. I did understand her hang ups, especially considering the way she grew up, but I still didn't like how she judged Garret and his acquaintances mostly on their sexual preferences. So, of course, I was really glad when she started changing her opinion even if it wasn't in all areas.

I loved reading how both Garret and Lexie changed each other for the better. It was definitely and interesting to see their relationship developing little by little and the small nuances in their behavior showing the way they felt about each other. Even if they haven't recognized themselves. I have to say that one of my favorite things in the book was the verbal sparring between Garret and Lexie. They were so much fun, the way each one was stubborn and pigheaded, that they just drove each other completely nuts :D And DAMN, they for sure have some crazy chemistry that makes their interactions even hotter :)

In a few words, I definitely enjoyed reading the book. I cannot say that it was my favorite but it was still quite an interesting and fascinating read :) I will still recommend it to all lovers of racier and steamier romances :) I can't wait to see what Alexandrea Weis will come up with next :)

This review was originally posted at Living In Our Own Story Book Blog. I received an ARC of the book in exchange of an honest review.

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## **Diane says**

She needed to live it, to feel it....

Lexie Palmer was a published author but her agent said her love stories were missing that elusive “something” that made a good story a blockbuster smash. Even with mysterious New Orleans as a romantic backdrop, inspiration remained just out of reach. Whether it was by chance or design that brought the mysterious Garrett Hughes into her life, Lexie was not going to look a gift horse in the mouth. Garrett was a dominant in the BDSM lifestyle and had information she desperately needed to fill in the blanks of the new plot that was now furiously percolating in her mind. He was willing to help her but she had to obey every request and demand. Independent from a young age, Lexie struggled to give herself completely over to the aloof dominant. The words were flowing and the story just seemed to write itself. Secrets, though, were hard to keep. When Garrett’s professional life was threatened, would that end their arrangement, their relationship, for good?

This is the first novel I’ve read by this author. I didn’t realize it was the fifth story in the Cover to Covers series but, thankfully, the story worked fine as a stand-alone. The backdrop of NOLA was used ably by the author as she weaved the mystery and sultriness of the city into the story. Lexie was an able heroine with a wry sense of humour that I really enjoyed. Her struggle to get past her independent nature and give herself completely over to Garrett’s tutelage seemed natural and real though caused her some waffling here and there. Garrett was definitely more of a mystery for me. Though definitely a strong, take-charge person, the glimpses of the man behind the façade were tantalizing. I’m sure I learned more about him by the end but I would have loved more. This was a good story but I think it would have been easily a great one for me if I felt the connection more between the two main characters. I really enjoyed the first “read” of this author and I’m looking forward to catching up on the other titles in the series.

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## **The Ardent Bibliophile says**

This book is captivating from beginning to end and don’t even get me started on the heat!! The dynamic between Lexie and Garrett is playful, sensual, and a battle!! Alexandrea Weis outdoes herself again by returning you to her favorite destination, New Orleans, and letting the soul of the city shine through Lexie. It is easy to get roped into the lives of the characters and the challenges they face!!

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## **Erica says**

4 stars

Lexie & Garret's story is sweet, sensual and sexy!

Lexie mistakenly ends up meeting a dominant, Garrett, and decides to use it to her advantage. She's writing a book on BDSM and hopes to get an accurate depiction from Garrett.

Soon business turns to more.

I loved the fact that Lexie was willing to go with it, she was pretty fearless jumping in for her story. Garrett was ofcourse hot as to be expected, and while firm not as hard as I usually read about.

This was my first Alexandrea Weis book and I look forward to reading more from the author. While there are a many different looks at BDSM through novels, I found Taming Me to be a much lighter look and more romance than dominance which is a switch from what I usually read. A solid four stars.

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## **Sandy S says**

3.75 stars--

### **ABOUT THE BOOK:** Release Date February 2, 2015

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Taming Me falls in the Cover to Covers tie In Series but is a stand alone.

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**REVIEW:** 3.75 stars--TAMING ME is the fifth installment in Alexandrea Weis's contemporary, adult Cover to Covers erotic romance series. This is architect Garrett Hughes and romance author Alexandra 'Lexie' Palmer's story. Each book in the series can be read as a stand alone as the storylines are not connected but tie in together through the first book in the series Cover to Covers.

Told from first person point of view (Lexie) the storyline finds Lexie in desperate need of ideas for her next story. When her agent suggests switching up the heat factor into something more erotic like BDSM, Lexie finds herself at a loss. Enter Garrett Hughes-a Dom who offers Lexie the experience of a lifetime-first hand information and an up close and personal venture into the secret life of BDSM.

Lexie is a feisty, aggressive, dominant heroine who has issues with people (especially men) trying to control her life. There is nothing submissive about Lexie's personality and when requested to play the role, the abhorrent nature of submission is foreign and unwelcome. Lexie's future as a writer is dependent upon the success of her next story and Garrett is her ticket into the world of domination and submission. There is a fine line between alpha female and b\*tch, and in this Lexie's acerbic personality and character traits tread a dangerous line. She is not an easy character to love.

Garrett is a Dom who is willing to take responsibility for Lexie's training but teaching Lexie to submit is nothing short of a disaster. He is a man who commands respect and submission, and Lexie is quite possibly the worst candidate for the lifestyle. There are moments of exasperation and frustration for a man who is desperate to show Lexie the truth, and in the end, he discovers that he has 'bitten off more than he can chew'. He is falling in love with a woman who is unlike anyone he has ever known.

The secondary and supporting characters include many of the BDSM lifestyle members including the all knowing Empress Mabel, and Garrett's friend and fellow club member Colin. We are introduced to Lexie's agent, a man who, although is not the most generous with compliments, knows that for Lexie to succeed she must push her writing in another direction; and Lexie's mother Lily-a woman of experience and the thorn in Lexie's side.

TAMING ME looks at the 'darker' side of the BDSM lifestyle. This is not the romanticized version of the Dom/sub relationship but a stormier and dangerous look at a life choice; a choice most people will never accept. The scenarios felt accurate; genuine and sincere. The premise is informative and definitive. TAMING ME is also a love story about two people who fall in love while fighting their attraction and need for one another. If you can get past Lexie's personality quirks, TAMING ME is a compelling and seductive read.

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### **Rachel says**

Taming Me was a combination funny-sexy read. Lexie Palmer is a romance novelist with 4 books under her belt, and her agent tells her that she needs to shake things up. Be more 50 Shades-ish, talk bondage and such. Everyday "normal" romance isn't really selling anymore.

Along comes Garrett Hughes. He's sexy, mysterious and pushes Lexie's buttons. He is a master manipulator and Lexie finds herself making a deal with the devil. She offers up her submission for his help on her newest book.

They characters are ok, I love Lily, Lexie's mom...what a hoot! The best part of this story to me is the playful and sexy banter and backtalk. Lexie gives just as good as she gets, and believe me, Garrett can really dish it out.

This will be enjoyable for someone that isn't into bdsm stories as it is pretty tame, and if sex scenes make you blush, you'll have some red cheeks, but you probably won't put the book down.

I think Colin could make a good taming story somewhere down the road. He's another secondary character with a lot of possibilities.

Enjoy Taming Me and foray into the politically governed underworld of New Orleans secret sex society. 4 Stars

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### **Natalie Coelho says**

Taming Me is truly an amazing book. I loved every minute of it and could not put it down. It was very touching and

there was a lot of parts I went wow and I understood the view and point of the Dom better. For anyone looking to get a better understanding of the BDSM world this is the book for you, I now have another book boyfriend to add to my long list already. Thank you Alexandrea Weis for sharing with me your wonderful work I truly appreciate it. Can not wait for more xox <3

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### **Marika says**

Loved everything about this story..Lexie and Garrett are so great together!

Lexie is a writer and when she meets Garrett and by chance it comes out that he is a master..well, she is intrigued and she can't wait to get him to share his story so that she can write a story!

Garrett comes across and cold and always in control. He is a master and he is willing to help Lexie, but he wants her submission in return.

A great story and I loved the interactions between these 2, I loved their passion and everything they did together.

There are ups and down, but you could see the strengths and the weaknesses of them both, how they work together and what they have to do and give up in order to find their balance!

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### **Barbara says**

This book had me sold from the start. It was funny, informative (believe it or not) and captivating. Lexie, the female star of the book, is a romance writer in a slump. In fact her entire life seems to be in a slump. Her editor tells her he can't sell her ole time romance books any more that she needs to get a more modern erotic angle. So Lexie sets out to do just that. While sitting in her favorite thinking spot, at the park by the water in New Orleans, Lexie meets new to town, Garret Hughes (one of the most gorgeous men she's ever met). Over coffee she finds out Garret is into BDSM and she convinces him to let her into his erotic world to get research for her next book.

What starts out as research soon becomes an erotic adventure into the private world of Mr. Hughes. Lexie finds herself becoming more and more under his dominating spell - but is it just research for the book or are her feelings becoming more and more involved? Garrett finds himself in uncharted waters as Lexie is not the submissive type he has always trained to his liking, yet he can't seem to stay away from Lexie.

Will Lexie end up giving up her ways for the sexy Dominating Garret? Does Garret tame Lexie to his way of life? Does Lexie end up taming Garret? The book is fantastically wrote and keeps the reader enthralled from the get go.

2 thumbs up!

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### **Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says**

Taming Me was my first read by this author and I enjoyed it very much. I loved reading about an author and her process of writing and research. I loved how her character obviously had a connection with the author since they are both writers. It was also easy for me to connect since that piece of it made it seem more real to me. I will definitely look into reading more of Alexandrea's books and I would love to get Garrett's POV !!

He was a very complex and mysterious man , I would love to try and figure him out !!

Lexie is a writer , her agent is bugging her about writing something different , more thrilling , her stuff is getting boring. She is struggling with what to write and the idea of bondage is joked around with between the two of them. Lexie is now contemplating doing some research about this and attempting a story. Ironically she then has a run in with a man named Garrett and here is where the adventure begins. Garrett is an architect from Dallas , he is here in New Orleans helping a branch of the company he works for open. He has made a name for himself in the area for his work and his extra curricular activities. Upon meeting Lexie he pursues her thinking she may be what he needs only finding out rather quickly she is more like him than he knew. Lexie does want to do research and Garrett decides he is the guy to help her out with that. Worlds collide and their journey is nothing like you would expect , or maybe we would expect it but they certainly do not !!

Garrett and Lexie have chemistry from the start but in Garrett's lifestyle he is all about control and submission. Lexie needs to research this lifestyle and agrees to play along being the submissive. This ends up being more difficult than she thought. Garrett does not make things easy all the time but yet at times he makes it almost too easy. He really is a confusing and complex man. Lexie's journey into the world of BDSM is a very realistic one , she sees things at the club that make her hot and bothered and other things that make her uncomfortable. She can't see herself in that lifestyle but yet she begins to submit to things because of her strong desire to be with Garrett. Lexie is on a writing spree , this research is really fueling her creativity !! Once feelings get involved and research heads to a totally different level will Garrett and Lexie be able to stay on task or will they run from what they are feeling ?? Was there a hidden agenda behind Garrett's desire to help Lexie with her research ?? Can Lexie be what Garrett needs or will she turn him into what she needs ??

Great story , quick read and loved the realistic feel to it.

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### **L.P. Hidalgo says**

If you have read the cover to cover series, you met Garrett on the previous installment, That night with you. If you haven't, it's okay because each book is uniquely theirs and you don't need to read them to get into the book. Off the back I had an appreciation that Alexandrea felt compelled to put readers awareness that not all D/s lifestyle is like Fifty shades. This is a lifestyle; the good, the bad, and there are definitely a lot of ugly. Most importantly, you felt that not all women are submissives, but that is life and more than okay. On to the review!

I love Lexie even though her walls are thicker than reinforced steel. Lexie, a writer, has come to the realization that the book industry has changed dramatically for a romance author. With a healthy shove from her Agent Al, she knew that if her next book was going to make any kind of money, she needed to step into the depths in the BDSM scene. What she doesn't bargain for is fully immersing herself when she meets a man who is the answer to all her problems.

Unfortunately, there is nothing easy taming a woman like Lexie, especially when she herself is dominant as any Dom in the scene there is. Garrett sees the challenge and decides that if Lexie wants to plunge into the depths of this Dom's mind, she needed to submit to him. The question was could she throw away all the apprehension and preconceived notions on the D/s lifestyle, or will she fail when they come out to play. While there was fiction for the purpose of the story, the author put for a great storyline together with valid

D/s knowledge, a lot of sexual tension, and a whole lot of sexual frustration. The characters had depth and each grew with each passing day. Lastly, for the novice who is curious about the lifestyle, this will allow them to understand what could be out there. I loved the story and give it a proud five stars because, editing was flawless. It was thoroughly researched, characters were not vacuous personalities, cover was enticing, and enough depth that it made this a story of substance and not just sex on pages. Kudos!

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