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Devon West is a professional Dom who runs his own club, doesn't believe in romance, and has never been in a long-term relationship. All this changes when he rescues Chase Mackenzie.

Chase is a runaway who has been kept as a slave since he was sixteen. Now twenty-three, he's still innocent and sweet despite being severely abused and left behind by his Dom.

When Devon finds out that the man who held Chase hostage is the same man who hurt him terribly when he started learning about the sub/Dom lifestyle, he knows he has to keep Chase safe.

Spoiled rich boy and sociopath James Kingston is obsessed with Devon. He's convinced Devon would be his perfect sub and Devon only thinks he's a Dom because he needs proper discipline. Losing Chase to Devon is like rubbing salt in the wound, and he's determined to get them both under his thumb. This time, Chase may need to rescue Devon.

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Cindi says

Full review can be found at -

This is a nice story. Don't go into it expecting a long, drawn-out description of BDSM because you won't find it in this book. It's a sweet love story about a man (Chase) who is literally rescued from an abusive Dom by Devon, the owner of a BDSM club and a Dom himself. I fell in love with Chase right off and I felt sympathy as he worked through what his former "Master" had done to him for years. I adored Devon from his introduction. He's not your typical Dom with Chase. He's a total sweetheart who goes to great lengths to protect Chase, even if it means having to let him go. Then there is the issue of the bad Dom and making sure he never hurts another person again. The way that particular part of the story came together was a bit rushed, but satisfying all the same.

The only issues I had with this book were the excessive use of exclamation points and Chase being called "young man" and "younger man" almost constantly by Devon. Both were distracting. Otherwise, a good love story. You have to suspend belief a bit, but everything ultimately comes together well in the end.

This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Chelsea says

3.5 hearts

Well I went into this thinking I'd get a good BDSM story but instead got a good comfort story, am I complaining? Not at all! This was steady and peaceful, not at all what I was expecting and it was quite lovely. The audio however.... wasn't bad....but I've definitely had better.

Chase has been a slave in the guise of a sub for the past seven years to a particularly sadistic and psychopathic 'dom'. One night he's left in Devon's BDSM club and beaten badly in public. Devon, of course comes to the rescue and takes him under his wing while Chase has a chance to heal.

I was waiting... just *waiting* for the BDSM fixes all spiel, but it didn't come at all here! In fact BDSM played a very minor role in the overall story here. We see more of Devon comforting Chase and falling more in love with him as Chase comes more out of his shell.

See the rest of the review on the blog,

Susan says

Liked it, didn't love it.

This book had all the ingredients for me to like it. A formerly abused, shy sub, a sweet Dom, a crazy villain and of course kinky sex. But I just didn't feel it. I felt distanced from the characters, no real connection there.

This story starts when BDSM club owner Devon interrupts a scene at his club. A young man is being severely beaten and is bleeding all over the center stage. The Dom administering the beating is thrown out of the club and Devon takes care of the young man, Chase. He finds out Chase has been the sub of an old enemy of Devon for the last 7 years. Because Chase has nowhere to go and because Devon feels very protective of Chase, he takes him home to recover.

It is not long before both of them start developing feelings for each other. Chase slowly overcomes his years of abuse and is starting to warm up to becoming Devon's sub. Devon is thrilled and can come up with a lot of ways to please his new sub.

But of course it's not all rainbows and sunshine, there is still Chase's former Master, who would do anything to get to Devon and Chase.

In the beginning my heart went out to Chase, but after some time he became a bit annoying. He was acting as such a child I was having a hard time believing he was 23. I know he was isolated since he was 16, but still. And it was getting on my nerve how much Devon was trying to take care of him. But okay, he meant well. And I loved the fact that he wasn't a cruel Dom who just wanted his subs to obey. He wanted to know what Chase wanted and what he liked. The sex was slow in its build-up, just how I like it, but I wouldn't say it got me all hot and bothered.

I can't shake the feeling that there was just something missing..

Emma Sea says

Cindy Sutherland is a first-time author in her early forties who never thought that getting involved in a fandom would lead to being published . . . She wrote in secret as a young adult, with only her family for an audience . . . Cindy thanks God every day for an errant YouTube recommendation that led to her having the best group of friends she's ever had in her life.

I think that's just awesome. It's a case study on why the internet is so brilliant, and why youngs should never listen to olds who say how much better the world was before this series of tubes that keeps them all inside instead of out in vacant lots playing stickball and preparing their skin for melanomas thirty years later.

I feel all happy and warm that Cindy Sutherland finally got published, and I hope she has a great response to her book.

K says

You know when you read a blurb to a story and you think “oh wow, that sounds like a wonderful story” and also hits on all your buttons of interest?” Yep, me too, and that is exactly what this story, Wrapped Up In Chains by Cindy Sutherland, did to me. I have always enjoyed reading stories within the BDSM world, some more than others, obviously. Depending on the level of kink that was implemented in the story, for me, can either suck me in or turn me off. I realize some readers won’t even invest in a story if BDSM is even mentioned. Sometimes these books get a bad rap for something that simply is not true. If you have ever had an interest or maybe would like to explore, but a little leery, I encourage you to read this story that Ms. Sutherland has written. Let me tell you why:

Devon West, a Dom, Master, entrepreneur of his own night club, runs a very legit and respected business. He doesn’t have a love life, doesn’t want one, he is very content in managing his club and taking on customers who need to leave their tightly controlled world at the front door. Devon is very good at what he does, he has very good friends keeping watch for any signs of trouble, and he runs a very tight ship where rules are made, and are not to be broken. The main rule in the BDSM community is ALWAYS, and never to be overlooked, Safe, Sane, and Consensual. This simply means you play within the limits established, you have a clear mind and head, and all parties are in agreement. Sounds easy enough, but what happens when that is broken? Discarded with no concern for your submissive partner?

All hell breaks loose, is what happens, and caught in the middle is a scared, frightened young man, by the name of Chase MacKenzie. He has been a slave to a very evil man for the past 7 years. He doesn’t know any different as he has been held captive since he was 16. He was a runaway, on the streets with nowhere to go. He thought he was doing his parents, and siblings, a favor who were part of the church community. Trying to save them embarrassment and ridicule because of his sexuality, he fled. Unfortunately, being young and insecure, going home with a man who promised you a roof, food, and safety, didn’t seem like such a bad thing. However, for Chase, it soon became a nightmare. One that, until now, he never felt he would wake up from. How will Chase handle being free, allowed to wonder freely, make his own decisions, eat when hungry? He is about to find out what most people take for granted. Did his parents really turn against him like he thought they would, or have they been looking for him the entire 7 years? And let’s not forget, the evil man who held him captive, will he just let him go, without a fight?

Cindy Sutherland has taken a sticky subject and has written a beautiful, heartfelt, sometimes very emotional, story that has you holding your breath one moment, and the next, you may be smiling from ear to ear. The characters, main and supporting, are caring, nurturing, and very loving. They bring this story to life and inside that you get to experience the true meaning of a dom/sub relationship. Sometimes situations need handled with extreme care and caution, patience and time. You see the characters grow right in front of you. You see changes taking place as they each take this silent oath between them, to love and protect each other. You see a family, once torn apart, come together to love and support and do whatever is necessary for healing and closure. You see a boy, abused and tortured, thrive with love and devotion from a man, who never thought love was in the cards for him. You see a man, with guidance and unconditional love, turn that boy into a man. You get to witness the most loving and passionate sex that will have you holding your breath, afraid to blink one minute, and releasing a big “sigh” the next. It is, at the core, a love that has no bounds, except for an occasional rope, but those bounds are needed. The author has done an outstanding job pulling you into this story from the beginning and keeping you there until the end. This is a story with suspense, very light BDSM, (if you haven’t stuck a toe in yet to see if this is for you, this is a great story to do so) but most of all, this is a story of love. A love that is binding and heartfelt. Pick this up today, read and experience the joy and love that these characters have to give. It is an amazing story, I feel certain it will

make you smile, and may even make a tear or two fall. I know mine did and that's okay, I felt their pain, and most of all, I felt their joy.

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

4 Stars

A "Live Your Life, Buy The Book" Review

What a wonderful, sweet and charming story this was..... don't let the cover or blurb mislead you! It kicks off with a scene in Devon's BDSM club – and I thought “Oh yeah! Now *this* is what I am talking about!” as Devon strutted onto my kindle :-) unfortunately it was not for a scene of his own, but to break up a scene in the club that had gone too far. A Dom was punishing a sub for some reason, and the guy was out of control – Devon quickly steps in and rescues the sub, Chase, and pretty much as soon as Devon sees Chase – it is game, set and match. He will be his. I *love* that instant lust. That ownership.

Chase's story is quite heartbreakingly sad – and I really don't want to spoil anything; so I am trying to be vague and yet still tell you something. I actually read the book blind - without reading the blurb, so the events as they were revealed had a big effect on me! In some ways I think blurbs can take away from the drama of the book. Anyhow ... Chase is in his early 20's and ran away from home in his teens because he was terrified of the fallout from him being gay. He soon meets a man, Kingston, in the city – and he takes Chase in. Literally and figuratively. Sadly for Chase, Kingston is not a nice man. And trust me that is a *massive* understatement. Kingston and Chase are living together in a full on D/s arrangement when Devon rescues Chase in the club; so now Kingston is after Devon to regain his possession i.e. Chase. We soon discover that Devon and Kingston have a bit of history which makes their battle for Chase even more personal.

Devon is just sublime. A perfect Dom , I guess. He wants Chase so much, but is unsure whether Chase was a sub purely because he was bullied into it by Kingston, or whether he is as beautifully and naturally submissive as he seems. He is determined to wait and see what Chase wants and needs once he has fully recovered, and is able to make his own decisions – a tough time for a young guy who has been forced into a situation in his formative years. The choices and plain old life experiences Chase has missed out on while with Kingston will break your heart. When Devon arranges for him to meet his family again I cried. Just a bit. But tears *were* shed. :-(

While there was a definite BDSM theme to it - it is not why I recommend the story. The romance is what will stay with me - it was beautiful and the connection between Chase and Devon was wonderful, but if it is the BDSM trope that you after then I honestly think this book isn't edgy enough. The term “sweet boy” was used far too often for my liking; I love terms of endearment but I honestly think authors need to refrain from overusing them. And the BDSM scenes which were hot as HAWT can be just seemed too sweet for some reason – they just weren't gritty – almost like the MC's were just going through the motions. In saying that – I really do strongly recommend this book – it was lovely, and if you like some sweet in your BDSM then you will definitely not be disappointed with this read. Go. Buy the Book!

Tina says

[How did Devon set up the club and come by his money? I wanted to know more about his established

relationships with his 'family'- the staff at the Club. The whole

Elena says

I'm all for hurt/comfort stories with a traumatized sub and a caring, competent Dom, but the sample was more than enough to know that this book and I just aren't meant to be.

The first scene starts with Devon, the owner of a BDSM club, walking on one of his employees (apparently a Dom) flagging a sub as a punishment because the sub struck another Dom. The sub is tied up and bleeding, never consented to the "scene" (I use the term very loosely) and everyone around them is just looking. Some of them are uneasy, but nobody intervenes. No one, not even Devon's manager.

Devon is justly furious and he interrupts the proceedings immediately, which is all well and good, if it wasn't that:

- he hired two of these people, the Dom beating up the sub and the other one just standing around not knowing what to do, and put them in charge, so that's strike one for sheer incompetency;
- he runs a club where such scenes are considered, if not normal, apparently not disturbing enough to warrant some sort of reaction from the club's members and staff. So strike two for the reason above and, incidentally, I don't think any decent BDSM practitioner would've been standing around doing nothing and/or would be going back to that club in real life;
- he stood around asking for explanations and firing the so-called Dom while the sub was *still* tied up, so that's strike three;
- after he finally untied Chase, that's what our wonderful Dom was thinking:

He needed to get to the bottom of this. If Chase was seriously hurt, this little shit show could cause him real problems.

A realistic and very human thought, it's not like I blame him for worrying about his business, even if that wasn't really the right time and his priorities should've been others, like needing to get to the bottom of it so other subs wouldn't get hurt in the future, but then 5 minutes later:

Devon looked toward the crowd. "Please feel free to continue to enjoy yourselves, but keep this in mind. I won't tolerate this kind of brutality in my place. Remember, these amazing people put themselves in your care, and it's your duty as their Doms to make sure they're safe while they're with you. Don't abuse the gift they've given you if you want to keep it."

Yeah, right.

I fear my eyes would be in serious danger of getting stuck rolling if I continued with this book, so...I'm out.

Avani says

This is objectively a good story, well written and respectful of the BDSM lifestyle, but it also turned out to not be my type in terms of pacing and content, so I can only give it 3 stars.

Caroline Brand says

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4.75 STARS

This is a new author for me and I absolutely loved this book!

This is the story of Chase and what a heartbreakingly start to adulthood he has had. At sixteen this young man is too scared to tell his god fearing parents that he is gay and leaves home with just the clothes on his back. Unfortunately he is picked up off the streets by an unscrupulous man parading as a Dom. He spends the next 7 years as a virtual prisoner and is abused and tortured regularly.

By the time he enters the BDSM club owned by Devon West he is completely broken. His Dom sets him up for failure on this rare visit outside and when Chase panics and lashes out he is dragged onto the stage for a brutal punishment. As Chase is beaten bloody Devon enters his club and is left raging at what confronts him. As he rescues this young and broken man and learns who his Dom is he is horrified to learn his past maybe coming back to haunt him.

Devon is immediately taken by the young sub and promises to help him recover. He takes him home under his protection and slowly Chases wounds start to heal. Mending him mentally though is going to be a long and hard task and as much as Devon finds himself attracted to Chase he knows the last thing he needs is another Dom in his life and vows to stay away.

Had the author tried to 'fix' Chase by providing him with another Dom I think this book would have failed for me. It was the compassion and care in Devon that really stuck out. Against everything he felt for Chase over the next few months he never thought about his own desires and feeling first but what was best for Chase.

Chase may have been broken by his previous Dom but underneath all the fear was a beautiful young man who could still see the good in people who tried to help him. As he spent months healing with Devon both men were aware that their past was not yet finished and that there was a man intent on getting his revenge. As plans are put in place to ensure everyones lasting safety Devon must say goodbye to Chase...the ultimate sacrifice to keep him safe. Devon fears that Chase will realise he is grateful to his saviour but nothing more and this will mark the end. Chase is stronger than Devon thinks though and it just may be that he is Devons saviour after all.

Julia says

[while Devon gave Chase time to heal and really try to determine what he wanted (hide spoiler)]

Bev says

Liked the cover AND the blurb on DsP's website so took a chance, and am really glad I did!!. 4 stars from me and

Devon West

runs a BDSM club in New Orleans called Mystique and walks in one night to find one of his Doms disciplining a young man, except this disciplining goes far beyond what is acceptable as far as Devon is concerned. After he's freed the young man in question, he sacks the Dom and the manager of the club for not stopping the punishment, appoints some of his friends to run the club in the meantime, and then takes over the care and rehabilitation of the young sub, **Chase Mackenzie**, himself.

He discovers that Chase was more or less being held prisoner by a complete sadist of a 'Dom' who had brought Chase to the club to be humiliated and worse by his friends. Unfortunately, Devon has first hand experience of just what this whackjob James Kingston can do...when Devon first entered the BDSM scene, Kingston was *his* Master and the violence that Devon endured ensured that when he became a Master himself, he was as alike to Kingston as chalk is to cheese. He has a reputation for being a good Dom and means to continue that rep. As the days go by and Chase starts to heal under Devon's tender care, Devon learns more about Chase and his background and what he's had to endure at the hands of Kingston. Has Devon found a sub he wants to keep...permanently?? And Chase... well, Chase discovers that not all Masters are as cruel and sadistic as Kingston...I'll leave this one here.

As far as the BDSM element of the story is concerned, it's fairly light..not heavy at all, and I wouldn't have any hesitation in recommending this to someone who wants a light, fluffy and ultimately romantic read.

Ambre says

I didn't get past the first few pages, but this is just a really awful portrayal of bdsm.

Basically a club owner who allows abusive doms to use his club is shocked when an out of control employee beats a sub bloody and nobody stops him (not even the manager, who we're expected to forgive because, you know, in BDSM clubs people are being beaten bloody all over the place, who can stop it?). Neither the dom/owner nor the sub ever step out of role. I am guessing we then fall in love with the dom/owner when his amazing domminess cures the sub of the trauma of abuse, and that our love is magnified by the fact that he is condescending and treats the sub like a toddler *even out of role.* This is not likely to be a winner for anyone into bdsm as it really reflects badly on the scene ("bdsm people are the kind of people who would stand around and watch while someone is abused").

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

I'm a huge fan of captive slave type stories. I especially like them gritty. So if you read my reviews don't be afraid of this one - it is not really harsh or gritty. It is actually very sweet most of the time. It is very much like some of the M/f books that are so popular of late (Club Shadowlands type) where you have what appears to be a younger rich Dom who owns a club. Devon fits into character but there are a lot of unanswered questions about his past and his group of friends - and even how the club really works. Why did Mike do what he did in the beginning? I did not realize the book was set in New Orleans until very close to 3/4 of the way through which was interesting (maybe I missed it) because it had no New Orleans flavor to me.

Chase was a very endearing character. Definitely a heart string tugger. There is a great deal of suspension of belief because after 6 years of being kept as a slave I think he would be more scarred (not only physically). There is some mention of things but you do not get a lot of depth (nightmares, his visits with the psych, etc). The BDSM is fine - nothing major and absolutely fits the story (I don't refer to Chase's captivity as BDSM as there was really no sane consent). I actually want to say the BDSM never comes off as preachy or BDSM101 and that's great because it certainly could have.

I liked this story - though I think I would have loved it had I been able to really get a better sense for it. What I mean is it seemed very generic - I wasn't able to really "see", "feel", "smell" the places and people. It's not bland really - it just needs to be dazzling. Had I been able to engage more of my senses I think it would have been a much stronger read for me. Instead of walking into a kitchen to get food being stated if you got a sense for things like how the floor feels (tile - cold, wood - warm or ridged?) and how the kitchen smells it would evoke more feelings in the reader. Much more descriptive language. I had no sense for how other people looked or who they were. These types of things would have made the story more engaging and really probably a 5 for me. The writing is smooth and the dialogue is very good - there is some great talent here and I'm looking forward to future books!

Karen says

3.5 stars rounded down to 3 because the audio...just really didn't work for me this time around.

The story was good the audio...not so much for me...

I've been wanting to read this one for ages now so when the audio book became available I saw it as a golden opportunity and said 'yes please' to the chance. 'Wrapped In Chains' is a story of finding love and second chances.

Because this was an audio book and both the author and narrator are new to me and unfortunately also because my rating for the book and for the audio portion are very distinctly separate I'm going to try and do this review in 2 parts. First the story and then we'll deal with the audio...

I really liked the story overall there was only one thing that I had a tiny niggle with so for me the book was 4 stars.

Devon West runs his own BDSM club and he's a DOM with very strong ideals and beliefs about a D/s relationship especially the DOM's responsibility towards the sub. I liked Devon. I liked that he was someone who basically lived and breathed his moral values in all aspects of his life both as a person and a DOM. Needless to say it made it easy to believe that he would go to the extend that he does to protect Chase, a young sub whom he finds being violently beaten when he walks into his club one night. Devon's immediate actions are strong, confident and all focused on protecting Chase and ensuring that he is safe from the DOM who Chase suffered years of abuse from.

Chase ran away from home afraid of how his family would react when they discovered he was gay. It was a young, naive, scared Chase who is taken in and abused for years by James Kingston. Someone whom he believed was really a DOM but in fact is only an abusive, sociopath who's spent his life being protected by his wealth and privilege as well as several years being obsessed with Devon. Kingston's convinced that Devon is his perfect sub he just needs "proper discipline".

Initially Chase felt so much more submissive than the personalities that I'm use to in BDSM stories but as the story progressed what had initially seemed like a totally submissive personality started to feel more like a combination of a sweet and gentle soul whose nature leaned towards submission and Chase went from seeming like someone whose nature was so totally submissive that he didn't seem to be able to make his own decisions to someone who as I said was sweet and gently and very capable of making his own decisions but also someone who craved the sense of balance and security that submission could give him.

Devon and Chase worked well for me as a couple in that their personalities meshed well. Devon was a DOM but not one who wanted to control his sub 24/7 he wanted the control in regards to the sexual aspect of their relationship but outside of that he fostered and encouraged Chase to be independent and his actions always seemed to be geared towards what was best for Chase and while this initially wasn't always a matter of what Chase wanted he truly did seem to have an ultimate goal of Chase becoming confident and self sufficient in his day to day life but more than willing to also be the DOM that Chase so obviously craved.

My one little niggle with the story was how quickly Chase became attached to Devon and yet, in some ways it was not really a stretch to accept this could happen given that Chase was held hostage for years and endured cruelty and abuse at the hands of the only person he's really had contact with for the past 7 years and suddenly he's rescued and cared for by someone who is his captures polar opposite. Someone who cares what he thinks and feels and treats him like his comfort and well being truly matters. it's like getting rain after a drought how can you not enjoy and appreciate it?

The other thing that balanced the immediate sense of attraction between Devon and Chase was Devon's sense of responsibility towards Chase and what had happened to him. While it wasn't Devon's fault in any way, I like that he realized that what Chase really needed wasn't being in another relationship but having help with dealing with the damage that being held hostage and abused for years did to him physically, emotionally and mentally.

While the story had a bit of a fairy tale feel to it in the handsome knight (Devon) rescues the damsel in distress (Chase) and vanquishes the evil villain (James Kingston) way. It was still a very enjoyable and well done story and I really liked it.

However, what really didn't work for me was the audio on this one. John Anthony Davis was the narrator for this book and while I liked his voice in terms of it's tone and that the voices were distinct and easily discernible in terms of who was speaking. I found that at times it was slow and almost hesitant or stilted when it came to fluidity and unfortunately that made it feel almost monotone at times. While Chase's voice

for me had a too young sound to it that made me think of a young boy in his early teens rather than a young man of 23 or 24 which he was suppose to be. This unfortunately happened enough that I found it was a definite distraction from the story for me. So while the story was 4 stars for me...the audio was at best 2.5 stars. So over all this one's getting 3.5 stars from me.

An audio book of "Wrapped Up In Chains" was graciously provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.
