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Landscape designer, Beth King survived an abusive husband and built a new life for herself with the help of Master Nolan, the strongest, most protective man she has ever known. She loves him with all her heart, but the one thing he wants, she can't give him. To her grief, the damage from her abusive first marriage means she can't bear him children.

As Beth and Nolan change their plans and pursue adoption, they're already imagining a baby girl in the nursery. But when two boys from the local domestic violence shelter see their mother taken to the hospital, they call Beth in a panic. Agreeing to care for them temporarily, Beth soon falls in love with the two adorable boys.

Now Master Nolan has a new problem. How can he protect the children when their drug-addicted mother is released—and how the hell can he keep his sweet submissive's heart from being broken when they leave?

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??? Mary's Menage Reviews ??? says

LOVED IT!

I am an exclusive menage romances reviewer but I have a couple of authors that no matter the genre they write, I know without a single doubt in my mind that I will like it, if not love it.

Protecting His Own goes to the LOVE IT category. no question asked.

It is a beautiful family story with BDSM lifestyle. This couple is not new in the series and I guess it is their happily ever after story.

You will fall in love with the kids. And I promise you that you will use tissues a couple of times.

Well done Mrs Sinclair. I loved your story from beginning to the end and I would not change one single thing!!!

Now... cannot wait to read her next story of this series and my gut says two favorite of mine: menage and BDSM!!

Mary's menages Reviews
www.marymenage.wordpress.com

Shayna says

Ahhhh Nolanman...how I've missed you! It was so FANTASTIC to visit Nolan, Beth, and the rest of the Shadowland's crew. This was a very tough, but very beautiful story. One that gives off tons of love and so much hope. Revisiting the Shadowlands is like coming home.

Ale Rivero says

Creo que ha sido un acierto total por parte de la autora repetir con la pareja de Beth y Nolan, más allá que sea una de mis favoritas, creo que la relación entre ambos es el balance perfecto entre su vida diaria y el BDSM. En este caso en particular los vemos luchar por lo que desean, niños. Y es hermoso ver cómo el amor los lleva a preocuparse completamente por Grant y Connor, buscando hacer de la hasta ahora infernal vida de los niños algo 100% mejor. A pesar de que para ello deben pasar por un par de grandes dramas.

Me ha gustado mucho volver a ver a los integrantes de Shadowlands, pero especialmente conocer algo más de Alistair y Max, a quienes ya veo como protagonistas del siguiente libro, de todas formas también seguiré esperando ver la historia de Holt y Saxon. Aún quiero mucha más historias ambientadas en este mundo. Súper recomendable.

Vintage says

I adore the Shadowland series, but I don't feel that this is as sharp as some of the others. Granted to a certain extent the tension is gone because Beth and Nolan are an established couple now, but the real problem is it was too sweet.

BDSM Ms. Sinclair! Yes, there are some club scenes, but the primary focus is on Beth's need/desire for children and how two moppets end up fulfilling that need for Beth and Nolan. It was just a little too schmaltzy and sweet for me. Okay, and not enough Master Z. Yummm. One nice thing is pretty much all the bad people get it good.

Nice set up for the next one which sounds very good.

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

Loved it. With each and every new release this series gets even better.

Masters Of The Shadowlands is the perfect gateway for romance readers curious about BDSM erotica. The main focus is always about characters dynamics, men and women finding their soulmates through a common need to serve or dominate. Cherise Sinclair writes such beautiful relationships, it goes much further than basic erotica. The bonds she ties between Doms and submissives as well as the all encompassing friendship displays will without a doubt make you longing for a Shadowlands membership.

In **Protecting His Own**, we revisit a couple we met in *Breaking Free (MoS #3)* —*Beth and Master Nolan*—and although I usually don't really care for sequels, novellas and follow-ups about characters, I was so pleased with how this one turned out! From the moment I started, I couldn't stop reading.

I've read this book in less than 5 hours, I just couldn't get away from all the feels, the cuteness from the kids, the overall tenderness and devotion demonstrated between Nolan and Beth as well as many other Shadowlands characters. It deals with a couple of heavy subjects, and more than once tore at my heart but the exemplary display of emotions and genuine benevolence from Beth and Nolan for the kids soothed any rips and aches. Such an heartwarming read it put me on a book high and I was left with no other choice but to read the next book right after, *Mischief and the Masters*. (Spoiler alert : I loved it!)

Protecting His Own truly made me reconnect with this series and all the amazing characters the author created. More than smut and BDSM play, **MoS** is about friendship and love and getting to know those characters will well and truly get you addicted!

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Cindy ~ says

From the heartbreaking first chapter to the last I don't think I ever had a dry eye during this book.

This was one emotional powerhouse of a story. Beth's story was always a painful one. Her scars from her ex-husband's abuse still run deep even with the love of her husband and Dom, Master Nolan. Throw in two little boys who have a drug addicted mother and an abusive boyfriend, just keep that box of Kleenex handy.

I'm not going to go into great detail on the story but this was some great writing from Cherise – such emotional gut wrenching scene after scene. I should say after all this talk of emotions that there is a great HEA that also brought more tears to my eyes..

BONUS: we are introduced to two new Doms.. Cannot wait for their stories.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Shadow's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

For the first time, we have a followup book entirely about a couple we have already met in Masters of the Shadowlands. We first met Beth and Nolan in Breaking Free, when Beth was on the run from her sadistic husband and unable to submit to any of the gentle doms she chose as partners. Master Z gave her to Master Nolan to see if he could reach the wary sub. Not only do they connect, but Nolan ensures her safety by killing her husband to save Beth's life. In later books, we find they have married, and that Beth cannot have children due to the damage done to her by her ex.

In this book, Beth finally gives up the hope she can give Nolan a baby of his own, and they agree to adopt a baby girl.

But fate has other plans for the stern Dom and his tenderhearted submissive. Beth volunteers at a local shelter for battered women, one she saved by donating funds she inherited from her late husband. Two of the boys at the shelter have touched her heart, and she is appalled to find out their mother is taking them back to her abusive boyfriend-and her life of drugs. She tells the boys to call her if they need her. When their mother is attacked by her dealer and sent to the hospital, Grant and Connor make that call.

Beth and Nolan take the boys in and after their mother dies, quickly realize that what they want are these two little guys, not a baby girl. But a fanatic grandmother, a vindictive social worker and the abusive boyfriend all stand in their way. That doesn't deter the couple -or their friends from the Shadowlands BDSM club. Are Beth and Nolan going to be able to create the family they want?

Not only do we get to meet some of the familiar faces from the club, we get the set up for the next book, which will feature the prankster Uzuri.

This was a delightful addition to the Shadowlands series, with characters you want to hang with, a plot that keeps you turning the pages, and lots of hot sex. We get to see Master Nolan do a mummification scene with Beth. While Cherise Sinclair makes it seem normal, I have to admit, as someone with claustrophobia, it freaked me out a bit.

In spite of that, this is a totally feel good book, one that makes you want to join the action and hug Grant and

Connor yourself. As always Cherise Sinclair takes you through the emotional wringer and then cuddles you like a well used submissive.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Cherise Sinclair didn't say much about who the next couple would be in this book so I was a little surprised when I learned it was going to be about a couple we've already met before. We first meet Beth and Master Nolan in *BREAKING FREE*, which happens to be one of my favorite books in the series. If you've read that book when you know that Beth's sadistic ex-husband abused her to the point that she can no longer bear children. It's a crushing reality for Beth and one that makes her feel insecure and inadequate. Beth does all she can, including taking hormones to try and help her conceive, but the doctors have said that she won't ever be able to carry to term.

As you can expect, this book is loaded with emotion. There were countless times in this book when I was on the verge of tears. To really get the full experience of this book, however, I would suggest reading *BREAKING FREE* beforehand. There you'll see how they meet and fall in love, but more importantly, you'll get the details on Beth's past.

Now, she is a landscape designer, but she also spends some of her time volunteering at a domestic violence shelter. There she becomes close to two kids in particular, Grant and Connor, and when the rest of her world is falling apart, so is theirs. Fate brings them together, and what Cherise Sinclair does with this story is truly inspiring. *PROTECTING HIS OWN* is definitely a new favorite in the series.

In addition to delivering an emotional story, Sinclair also lays down the foundation for two more Doms. The two men are cousins and Sinclair has intrigued me because apparently they like to co-top. Oh my, I cannot wait to read that!

And the last thing I want to talk about is the writing. I think Sinclair absolutely nails this one. I fell in love with the idea of this book, but the execution really is flawless. This book actually reminds me a lot of *THE BEAST* by J.R. Ward, so if you are a fan of both these series and enjoyed the latest installment to the BDB, I guarantee you'll also love this one.

PROTECTING HIS OWN certainly exceeded my expectations. Wrought with emotion and passion, this story proves why Cherise Sinclair is one of the premier authors of the BDSM Erotic Romance genre.

Lana ❀❀Dirty Girl Romance❀❀ says

5 Stars

Three years ago, wife had been a four-letter word. Beth had transformed the word into one that meant miracle.

How is it possible that this series just gets better and better? Because with each new book, I just fall more and more in love with these characters. But no characters touched me as much as Nolan and Beth. This couple was first introduced in *Breaking Free*, which I highly recommend reading before this one. It's a full standalone with a HEA but it builds the foundation you'll need to truly understand the depth of these characters.

Now normally I am not a reader likes continuations, especially if I felt the first book had a perfectly satisfying HEA, but in the case here, I wasn't about to pass up another book by one of my favorite authors. Boy am I glad I read this! This was best sort of follow up you could get for a beloved couple. It manages to strengthen their relationship, show a natural progression of their life, and yet somehow also be that perfect little cherry on the top you didn't realize their story needed.

Protecting His Own takes place three years into Beth and Nolan's marriage. It shows the struggle that Beth still faces with the remnants of the memories of her abusive past and her devastating pain over learning that the one thing she's wanted, she may never be able to have.

As a mother, this book managed to be a one two punch straight to the feels. I spent a good portion of it a blubbering mess. This was brilliantly written with just the right amount of emotion that's guaranteed it won't leave a dry eye in sight. It was also a beautiful story of second chances.

Cherise Sinclair added a secondary POV from one of the two young boys that are introduced in the story. I have to say that this may have been one of my favorite parts. Not only do you get to see Beth fall in love with them, but you get to experience their side of things. It broke my heart to read about their horrible situation, and having the older boy's POV just added that perfect something that this book needed.

Of course beyond all that, this is also the continuation of Beth and Nolan and their relationship. Nolan is still the intense Dom that he's always been; completely and utterly in love with and devoted to Beth. You'll just fall in love with him all over again in this book. Guaranteed.

She'd never found anyone who kissed like him, patiently continuing until she gave him everything he wanted.

Cherise also introduces two new VERY intriguing characters, and their set up is so freaking delicious, that I'm practically salivating for their book.

Protecting His Own is an emotional journey of second chances and love. Written with Sinclair's signature eroticism, it was so far beyond just a BDSM romance. It was beautiful, touching, and one of the most satisfying continuations for a favorite couple that I have ever read. There's a reason this author is on my auto-buy list, and this book only serves to show why. If you haven't yet discovered this amazing author and this series, I'm not sure what you're waiting for. It's an absolute must read.

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lil' princess says

Review pending

ok so first this book is done in the typical Cherise Sinclair fashion that we have come to expect, love, and need more of. It is an emotional story line that will have you wanting to go all mama bear on some A*hole while at the same time leaving you cuddling your cat promising to protect him from the evil world.

What I found missing from this book was the couple of scenes we did get where good but almost seemed like an after thought. I know sex does not need to be the theme of the book but Ms. Sinclair does them so well and I felt a little cheated out of some hot D/s sex with this one.

With that said it was still a fantastic read that left me feeling emotional and wanting more. Well done Ms. Sinclair once again you have me wanting the next book, the next Dom finding just the right submissive.

Ivy Deluca says

Full review posted on afterdarkbooklovers.com on June 1, 2016.

Beth and Nolan are living their HEA, though they haven't had children yet and Beth is desperately trying to find a way, even going through fertility treatments. As they explore their options to build their little family, they grow closer to Connor and Grant, two little boys with a horrible living situation who need someone to love and take care of them. I could ask all the usual ?s, but you know the drill, so let's get to it.

-Ms. Sinclair does it again: I've enjoyed The Shadowlands series from the very beginning and Ms. Sinclair manages to mix all the elements I love about it in one lovely novella - the issues are real, these are characters that you've gotten to know over a long period of time, and Ms. Sinclair never forgets what brought her readers in the door - good old romance with some damned fine smutty sex.

-Good BDSM: When I read the blurb for Protecting His Own, I was a bit concerned about the balance between Beth and Nolan's BDSM needs and how it would play out while dealing with more serious issues like infertility, the foster care system, and adoption. I needn't have worried. The story is engaging, but doesn't forget the romance. There's hot, kinky sex but it's not gratuitous and helps to show Beth and Nolan's bond. Overall, it's good balanced storytelling that gave me another emotionally satisfying story, while planting the seeds for future entries.

-Connor and Grant: These two boys rode right in and stole my heart. Their history is tragic, their lives painful, but once they get to blossom under Nolan and Beth's care, you can't help but root for them all to win.

-Love after the HEA done right: Beth and Nolan fell in love in book three, Breaking Free and they went through alot to earn their HEA. Ms. Sinclair doesn't just introduce some random just to create tension (though there's a moment where it's certainly possible), but delved into their history and created an obstacle that was believable, emotional and way more interesting than just an old OW/OM plot. I was very grateful

for it. That said...

-Not a standalone: The series is up to book 10 (this book makes 11), so there's a lot going on in this 'verse. It's why I compare it to a soap opera - part of the fun of watching a soap is, when it works, it's all about the characters that you come to love, overcoming obstacles (reality based, and sometimes not) and growing in a way that you just don't get in a standalone book.

Now, I've read them all, but even I had to delve way back into the deepest, darkest corners of my addled memory to refresh myself on the details of Beth and Nolan's romance. I don't think it would be quite as enjoyable for a reader to dive in at this juncture.

-My only quibbles: It's a bit of a fairy tale. Now, sweet, sweet, kinky love is in my romantic wheelhouse, so I like this, but it's fair to say...well, just don't think too long and hard on the difficulties of adopting in the US, and how everything wraps up a neat, little bow. There's no depth to the villains and the setup is very clear where the series is going next. I'm fine with it, but if you're into the super nitty, gritty side of BDSM, this entry doesn't give that kind of fix.

I enjoyed revisiting Beth and Nolan, as well as getting to see a mix of old and new characters from Ms. Sinclair. I would recommend starting from the beginning, if you're inclined to take a stroll through the Shadowlands. As long as you're into safe, sane and consensual BDSM, I think you'll enjoy it.

****ARC provided by author for review****

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Maria Dimitrova says

This is one of the series I started just for the smut but ended up genuinely caring about the characters. So I'm more than happy with the way the series has evolved and now has a lot less sex, though not less sizzling, and focuses more on the plot and the relationships between the characters. *Protecting His Own* is a follow-up story of one of the very first couples in the series. It's the first time that we have a couple featured twice. Usually we just get a few scenes here and there to see how the folks are faring now that the major problem has been worked through.

Beth's original story was hard for me to read because of all the abuse she had suffered at the hands of her sadistic ex-husband. But as with all of Ms. Sinclair books we got the HEA at the end. It was in a way too good to be true ending. It's one of the things I originally disliked until I caught a couple of glimpses of Beth and Nolan in the other novels. Sure the major issues were worked through in the original book but Beth still struggles with the programming of her ex and has all the problems that stem from it. Sure it's not as bad as it used to be because she's slowly healing but the trauma is still there and it won't ever go away completely.

And now another result of Kyler's (the ex) atrocious actions has reared its ugly head and it can't be resolved in a few scenes here and there. So we got another Beth and Nolan book. Hooray! This time we get to delve a bit into other forms of abuse and trauma. Because two little boys with a drug abusing mother and an a**hole

of a boyfriend enter the scene. In the previous novels we saw the battered women's shelter and we know that most of the Shadowlands' gang is heavily involved with it. And this is where we met the adorable Grant and Connor. My heart broke for the two little munchkins. After a series of events the two kids get placed in Beth and Nolan's home for fostering. The kids slowly begin to heal Beth's battered soul just as surely as her care and love starts to heal theirs. It's a truly beautiful story that shows that the good can prevail and that some TLC can make a hell of a difference.

While the aftermath of abuse is the main point around which the story revolves and is what drives the plot forward there were some normal everyday troubles that plagued the couple. Jealousy was one of them. I'm happy to report that unlike most romances I've read the jealousy was not a plot device (or rather wasn't just a plot device) and was not confined to just one of the characters. Sure it was more pronounced in Beth because it triggered her feelings of unworthiness left behind by her a**hole ex but Nolan also had his moments. As it's only normal after a long separation. After all they're both just humans. Another almost mundane problem was fighting the system. In this case the Child Protective Services in the face of the uncaring agent assigned to the children's case. He's a representative of all those bored bureaucrats that don't give a shit about their jobs and just do the bare minimum. And those are usually the ones who become malicious if you have the audacity to ask them to actually do their damn jobs. We've all had to deal with one of those at least once in our lives. It's extremely satisfying to see one of them brought to semi-justice even if it's only in a book.

The thing I love most (apart from the requisite happy ending which is the only reason I can stomach some of the more brutal parts of these books) is the friendships and community the characters have build for themselves. I love how everyone of the members of the Shadowlands is always ready to help. They're like an army always ready to go on a crusade for each and every member of the group. That girl gang kicks ass! And that close friendship is the real reason why I return to this series so often and can barely wait for each new instalment.

From the things I've written so far you might have been left with the impression that these are dark and heavy books when in fact they're anything but. There are some dark moments and some heavy themes but the books themselves are mostly light and funny, easy to read and most importantly they leave you with a warm fuzzy feeling inside (and tingling unmentionables :D because let me tell you the sex is HOT) and with a more optimistic outlook.

MountainKat says

Well, that was pretty darn perfect! It was packed with emotion, without losing any of the steam. What took me so long to read it?!

Nolan and Beth, the couple from Breaking Free, are back in this book. As they work to expand their family, they take in two boys from the shelter Beth volunteers at when their mother is in the hospital. As foster parents, they know the situation is temporary, but try to give the boys everything they can for that short time. We come to care for the boys as much as Nolan and Beth do and that was a big part of the emotional impact of this book. Grant and Connor had been through so much in their short lives, seeing them blossom and grow only to be thrust back into a bad situation was heartbreaking! Of course all ends well and I couldn't have been happier! I can't wait to see what is coming next in this series!

Ezinwanyi says

Definitely one of my favorites in this series. It was so nice to see Nolan and Beth increase their family and the same time address some insecurities.

I love how Nolan and Beth put themselves out there and gave love to two little boys. What they got back made me tear up and smile at the same time. Families don't always come in the form that we anticipate, but as long as there is genuine love and patience, it will be fulfilling and satisfying.

Great book.

Tabatha says

This was probably one of the more difficult books I've read on a personal level. I know just how hard it is going through fertility issues and that it's a subject you don't often see addressed in romance. I know, who wants to see a relationship struggle like that, but it's real and honest that not everyone can so easily have children when they choose or not choose. I can actually only think of two other instances where I've seen this addressed, but I digress...

Protecting His Own was heartbreaking at times, no question about that, but it was also uplifting in ways that I've come to expect from Cherise's writing. She always ensures that her characters have the love and support of the other Doms and subs from the Shadowlands, and that despite great adversity that her characters can find a way to make things work for them even if it isn't exactly in the ways they expect. I'm not ashamed to admit that I cried buckets for Beth and Nolan, because I can more than relate to how they feel as far as infertility goes. But, I also cried because I know that Beth has already had to endure so much in her life, and the thought of adding infertility to it physically pained me. I think this is what sets Sinclair apart from other BDSM authors though. Her books are character driven. It isn't so much about the BDSM scenes and the suspense, as it is about the character going through it and the emotions involved. I've seen this series progress into something that is truly wonderful to read, even through the tears, and I admire Cherise's ability to consistently make this series better with each new release. Protecting His Own was another quality installment to this series, and I'm really looking forward to the next book with Uzuri and finally figuring her out.

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