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[ Reprint ] On the mountain, the watcher seeks out evil women. And then they die.

Two years ago, when Jake Hunt uncollared his slave, she committed suicide. Guilt-ridden, he will commit to a woman for one night only, devoting his energy to a mountain lodge that caters to a BDSM crowd.

Kallie Masterson is tough. Unwanted as a child, she worked hard to become a wilderness guide. She's proud of who she is, and hurt that Jake frowns on her for acting like a man.

After rescuing the macho guide from a bar fight, Jake is stunned that the ugly men's clothing hides a warm, responsive woman. A submissive woman. When guide business brings her to the lodge on BDSM night, and she is obviously aroused by the play, Jake takes the little sub right into his world of pain and pleasure. He warns her: one-night-only. But she responds so beautifully--so joyously--under his command, that one night soon becomes two, then three...

Then a missing hiker reminds Jake of his past lover, and he realizes he's become too involved. He pulls back.

Meanwhile, the watcher on the mountain has rendered his verdict: Kallie Masterson is evil. The sentence: Death.

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## From Reader Review Master of the Abyss for online ebook

### Stephanie\* says

#### 4.5 stars

I liked this book better than the first in this series. Jake Hunt was absolutely *delicious!!* I want to eat him up for breakfast, lunch, & dinner!!!

Cherise Sinclair knows how to write a very sexy read!! The blurb does not do this book justice!! It could also use a new cover, IMO. Do not overlook this great read based on those two shortcomings.

Looking forward to reading the other books in this series!!

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### Blackravens Reviews says

Lace's Review:

Have you ever read a book that just took your breath away? Well Master of the Abyss by Cherise Sinclair was that book for me.

Ms. Sinclair knows how to keep her readers on the edge, just waiting to see what happens next. She kept this story moving, taking you from one incredible scene to the next.

Jake is half owner of Serenity Retreat and his character made me love him one minute and want to beat him upside the head the next. He's a hero that I could not get enough of. He swore off the D/s relationship after his heart was broken. Can one little sub change that?

Kallie is sweet, strong and loving. I truly admired this heroine. I enjoyed her take no prisoners when it came to the men. Can she close the deal between her family business and Serenity Retreat? Can she handle what comes next?

The layout of the story made me feel like I was there in the Masterson's backyard. I had tears when Kallie knew finally what she wanted.\*chills\*

The additions of the other characters made this book even better. I cannot wait to see what Ms. Sinclair has in store for the other Masterson men.

Add this all together with a serial killer and you have the makings of a stunning read!

Rated 5 Ravens by Lace!

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### Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says

#### \*\*\*4 Stars\*\*\*

From one Hunt brother to the other. Jake certainly DID NOT disappoint!!

Jake and Kallie were a fantastic pairing. I loved her "macho" attitude. She was fiesty, funny, vulnerable and very relatable. Jake was a perfect blend of slightly broody, very protective, and 100% Dominant mountain man. I'm still not sure how my kindle didn't melt while reading. We've got some great outdoor sex in this one folks! H.O.T.

The suspense/mystery aspect of the storyline was an interesting addition and added an extra layer to the plot without taking away from the romance.

Overall, great duo of books about the Hunt brothers. This is definitely a manwich I wouldn't mind being a part of!

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#### Rain ~miss kinky knickers~ says

What a story...

While I was reading *Master of the Mountain*, all those hints about Jake made me grab this book and read it right away. And, I'm sooo glad I have.

Logan is haunted by nightmares, but Jake is haunted by his own guilt, for two years already. After uncollaring his slave Mimi, she committed suicide. That's when Jake swore against commitment and long-term relationships and started using his one-night-only rule. Well... until Kallie showed up, at least. With her, one-night-only happened on several occasions.

Mimi was all for TPE type of relationship, and nothing less, which is the very reason Jake decided to let her go. He couldn't do it. Not that I blame him, though. TPE is definitely *not* my thing, mostly because I love heroines who are strong and feisty, even if they *are* subs.

Kallie is full of her own fears and insecurities, and once those clash with Jake's you can't help but think they'll never manage to figure it all out. Not with Jake coming, running and coming all the time. And, then there's the watcher...

*Master of the Abyss* is a wonderful story. I loved to see Rebecca and Logan again, and especially loved how she managed to push both Logan and Jake out of their isolation. They seem completely human for a change. I loved Kallie and Jake. The way they are together, and how good they are for each other. But, what I loved most of all was that both Kallie and Jake got the chance to let go of their fears, free themselves from the past and have a fresh - scar free - beginning. That was precious.

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#### Kristen says

I absolutely love this book! *Master of the Abyss* is the second book in Cherise Sinclair's, Mountain Masters

series and is easily my favorite of the two books.

*Master of the Abyss* is an amazing, heartwarming, slightly angst ridden, and wonderfully written erotic story about Jake Hunt and Kallie Masterson.

As I read their story, I couldn't help but fall in love with Jake's and Kallie's characters. Both have deep personal issues that has prevented them from opening themselves up to love. For Kallie, it's feeling she'll never be truly loved; for Jake, it's the worry that he'll ultimately fail the one he loves. I enjoyed experiencing Jake and Kallie's journey as they helped each other heal and discovered they were worthy of love-and in love with each other. Add in some steamy kinky sex and one crazy serial killer and you can't get much better than that.

Mrs. Sinclair is fast becoming my favorite erotic author. Her writing style captures my attention, intrigues and entertains me, all the while educating me about the complex and misunderstood world of BDSM. I feel her books have given me a fairly actuate glimpse into the Dominate and Submissive psyche, as well as the dynamics that make up their relationship.

I love this book. It has that perfect combination of steamy eroticism and emotional impact. I wholeheartedly recommend this book.

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### **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

4.5 stars

Cherise Sinclair. So when I realized that I hadn't read this book yet, I immediately thought WTF? and opened the book. Right from the get go, I remembered why I adore her writing so much. Cherise Sinclair writes emotional BDSM books. Yes, they are sexy as hell. Yes, they are original and thought-provoking. But what Cherise excels at is making readers feel the same emotions that her characters are feeling.

Kallie Masterson is a tough chick, but she has a vulnerable core that she guards every day and night. It isn't until the very end that you get her full blast of emotions, but that's because Kallie is so damn good at hiding what she truly feels. She is a survivor. But when she crumbles, you see the dark spaces hidden within her soul before she picks herself back up.

But first, let's backtrack a bit and talk about Jake Hunt. A sexy guy needs a sexy name, right? Jake is Logan's brother. He is scarred and harboring his own dark feelings about his ex-slave, Mimi. Mimi was a woman who craved to be submissive 24/7. However, that didn't fit Jake's lifestyle. When he uncollared her, she grew distressed and killed herself. Jake holds himself responsible for her death and vows never to allow himself to feel something for another sub in case that another repeat happens. When Kallie and Jake meet, there is instant attraction, but both want to keep things as casual as they can. That is, until their passion overrides their restraint...

I loved all the BDSM moments of this book. Sinclair just knows every trick of the trade when it comes to BDSM. However, what really shot this story from great to OMG-THIS-IS-SO-FREAKING-AWESOME is the latter half of this book where the serial killer plot kicks in and takes you on a crazy ride. I loved the little

twists here and there but it was the way Sinclair used that serial killer plot to coincide with Jake's internal battle with guilt that made his resolution. A lot of authors use guilt in their stories to create angst and a lot of the time it works. They are able to show the journey of overcoming that guilt by the end of the story. However, Sinclair employs the suspense plot in a way makes his achievement of overcoming that guilt more justifiable and believable. He learns that a serial killer killed Mimi and she didn't commit suicide because of him. It makes the healing process more genuine for me as a reader.

Similarly, Sinclair spends a lot of time at the very end of the book revealing Kallie's conflicts and taking the time to show that she actually heals herself. No matter how brief the scenes were, they were necessary in closing out the book.

I really loved this book. Well-written with a stroke of passion in it, MASTER OF THE ABYSS truly felt like a love story that overcame its conflicts.

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### **Jill says**

3.5stars

I don't know why this one wasn't as enjoyable to me as the first one. I loved the first one.

This one I felt like I was pushing myself to finish it.

I did enjoy it and I totally didn't guess who the bad guy was so that's good. I hate it when something is obvious from the beginning. This book was sexy, not as sexy as Logan's but still good.

Maybe I am just sleepy and not feeling it.

Still solid bdsm story, so much better than some of the stuff out there.

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### **Dina says**

5 holly heck that was hot stars!!

Umm.. this baby should have come with a warning.. "You are holding scorching stuff, handle with care!"

SCORCHING!

Oven mittens not included.

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### **Didi says**

Yeah, that was hot! I was really in the mood for some Cherise Sinclair and really, to get into her stuff you have to be in the mood.

This was great! Loved Jake and Kallie together. It was nice seeing a man fall for a woman who usually wouldn't catch his attention, but wholeheartedly does.

I think mixing a healthy dose of angst and a tad of danger really propelled this book. I knew pretty early on

who the culprit was, but it was still enjoyable watching everything come together. I've read this series out of order but I definitely enjoyed this and the first book way more than the third. Anyways, I'm looking forward to working through this authors body of work and I love how the BDSM isn't overpowering but sexy as hell.

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

You know, there are some authors who just get it right every time and for me, when it comes to the erotic world of BDSM, Cherise Sinclair is one of them. Her books always strike just the right balance of hot sex and interesting storylines and I love and appreciate how her heroes always educate the usually new-to-the-scene heroines. It's never just a case of tying her up and spanking her ass until she figures out how much she enjoys it, though now that I think about it, that does sound like it might be fun - \*\*clears throat\*\* but I digress... Where was I? Oh, yes... Feelings, both physical and emotional, are always explained as a means of easing their concerns, and that it's done in such a way that also heats things up is another reason I love these books!

There's something about her heroes and heroines that appeal to me, and stories that suck me in. The storyline in this book was a little creepy, what with the psycho killer on the loose, but overall, *Master of the Abyss* is another winner for me. And maybe I'm a naughty girl for enjoying these so much, in which case I say, "Yes, sir. PLEASE sir, I should be spanked."

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### **Belinda Boring says**

I can't get enough of this author with her delicious Doms and I know I'm not the only one. I was looking for a quick hot read that would not only stir up the tingly bits but also sear my heart and **MASTER OF THE ABYSS** was hands down the best choice. Although I yearn for trips to Club Shadowlands (honestly who wouldn't with those sexy Masters running loose), Serenity Lodge has quickly become a place I love to visit because the owners and brothers, Jake and Logan, just sizzle with their strong and commanding ways. I expected the heat, I expected the deep sigh moments and I expected to find a thrilling Dom/sub relationship. What I didn't expect was to be hit of the head with emotion that stole my breath and left me with a smile on my face. Well.. I should've expected it but the intensity floored me.

Kallie is a tougher-than-nails kind of woman who would more likely swing a punch than get all girlie on you. She's had to be as she shelters a very fragile heart within a rough exterior and unflattering clothes. Deep in her heart, she hides the pain of feeling unloved and unwanted and refuses to put herself back in hurts way, even when she harbors an attraction for the local lodge owner Jake Hunt. That man is pure sex on a stick but with a strict "one night only" policy, she knows he won't take a single moment's notice of her. That is until he does and once he's set his sights on her, he rocks her world. Jake would never have thought he'd be attracted to Kallie but when he discovers she's a natural sexual submissive, he enforces the policy and invites her to a night of "play". One night becomes another and they both struggle to keep their feelings distant. Meanwhile, there is a killer loose on the mountain who looks for women filled with "demons". As things become crazy between Jake and Kallie, her protective cousins becoming involved, the killer targets her, bringing the story to a stunning conclusion. Will Jake suffer the loss of another woman and will he finally

admit his love for Kallie? Even though Kallie has given her body into Jake's care, will she also give over to him her fear of abandonment? And finally, will the killer get his way, destroying Kallie in his sick belief of saving the men in her life?

Cherise Sinclair continues to suck me in, impress me, educate me and dazzle me with her stories and I loved the way MASTER OF THE ABYSS took over my senses. The setting for the book was definitely different from her Masters series but I loved watching the BDSM scene away from the club, music and mayhem. Even though the book was filled with erotic moments, I enjoyed imagining the scenery of the mountains and creeks as Jake and Kallie had their fill of each other. I loved the plot Cherise mixed in with the story – of a killer on the loose and the brief moments you spent in his head. Don't be fooled into thinking all this author can write is sex. She's amazing at weaving heavy emotions in her stories and her villain was completely convincing. The only thing that I missed in this book was the after scene "sub snuggle" that you find when you visit Club Shadowlands. After the Dom has taken his sub and pushed her to new heights of pleasure, I loved watching him wrap her up in a blanket and snuggle with her on his lap. There is a level of erotic sensuality and intimacy that comes from that kind of connection and was sad to see that didn't happen too much with Jake and Kallie. I will add though, when it did happen in the end, I was so choked up with tears streaming down my cheeks because the moment was so intense. I think that's what I love most about this author – she pushes her readers all the way like an observant Dom. She knows what we want, she knows what we need but it's at her discretion how we receive it. It was an amazing story and such a memorable experience

I really loved Kallie and Jake as a couple. I used to think being submissive was to be weak but that would definitely not be a word I'd use to describe Kallie. She is one tough character but with a real vulnerable side. Like with most tough exteriors, she hides a hidden hurt and I loved that Jake not only recognized that she had the false belief of not being wanted, but that he cared enough to help her work through it. He was one sexy man that looked beyond it all and saw into her heart, and took charge when it was needed to help her. I loved the way they played off each other. Both of them came to each other with baggage – one not feeling wanted and the other not wanting to be needed. But love doesn't care about those things and I had so much fun watching them realize just how much they truly cared for each other. There was so much intensity to this couple and I was so happy to reading their journey. Jake – like all of Cherise's Doms was sexy and commanding and I found myself wanting to submit to him and his firm demands weren't even meant for me. He had that tortured appeal that I loved and I completely enjoyed seeing him realize what he needed. \*sigh\* Totally fell in love with this couple.

This was such a great story and one I wholeheartedly encourage romance lovers to read. A great book and series for those new to the BDSM lifestyle and who have a curiosity for it. I don't regret exploring this branch of the genre and I'm eagerly looking for new authors. Give this book a try and I hope you fall as deeply for this Dom and sub as I have. Happy reading!

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### **Rebekah Weatherspoon says**

I did not like this story. Beginning to end, I never got the impression that Kallie actually wanted to submit to Jake. Sinclair gave off the impression that she really liked Jake and that she wanted to have sex with him so she submitted to his domly ways, reluctantly might I add, since that was the only way he would spend time with her. I wasn't it into.

Jake complains that he only wants one night D/s situations, but continues to literally stalk Kallie all over their mountain town so he can screw her when his boner calls. (view spoiler) He claims he's a bedroom Dom like fourteenth times, but every second he's near Kallie, IN PUBLIC, he keeps saying how he's her Dom and she's his sub. Kallie fights him on this every step of the way, but then suddenly gives in the moment Jake's dick gets hard. Not into it.

AND ANOTHER THING! With her clothes. This made me hate Rebecca and Logan from the first book. Kallie dresses in what I would consider suitable trail attire, jeans and flannels. But Jake keeps giving her shit for not being more girlie. For what? SHE'S A TRAIL GUIDE! and then Rebecca jumps in and encourages this sexist shit. And with Logan calling Kallie sugar all the time. Blech. Not into it.

The side plot of Kallie being stalked by a serial killer didn't really help Jake's case. Why? Cause Jake was acting just like the killer, just with different motivations.

The climax of the story and that pages that followed really pissed me off. (view spoiler)

In the end, I liked Kallie. She was funny and spunky and I have no idea why Sinclair flipped this switch in her when she should have stuck to her spunk. Jake was an ass. I liked the murder plot as well, but Jake's whole steeze just sunk this one for me. Not into it.

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### **Christy says**

I'm just gonna come right out and say it- I love the Hunt brothers! First Logan, and now his brother Jake- they are HOT!!!

Master of the Mountain was Jake and Kallie's story:

#### **MY JAKE**

#### **KALLIE**

Jake and Kallie are both from the same town, but are very different. Kallie is an insecure tomboy who lives with her three overprotective male cousins.

Jake lives with his brother Logan, and Logan's woman, Rebecca. Jake doesn't do relationships, but he's upfront about it. Most of the women in town know about his 'one night' rule. He is like this for a reason. With the way his last relationship ended, he can't be responsible for another woman like that. Jake has been with a lot of Kallie's friends, but he's never seen Kallie in that way before. Kallie, however, has had a crush on Jake for the last few years.

Kallie's family and the Hunt brothers decide to go into business together. One night, at the local bar, Jake really notices Kallie, under all the boyish clothing, he sees a side of her that intrigues him. Kallie's cousins are not thrilled with Kallie going to one of the Hunt brother's notorious retreats, but Kallie reminds them that they are all equals and both cousins are busy that night so she will have to do. When she gets to the lodge, she finds out what's really going on. And decides to be a participant in the activities. Jake is her dom for 'one night only', but one night turns into more, both seem to be breaking rules for one another knowing it can

only end in heart ache. Also, there is some creeper around town killing woman because he thinks they are possessed by demons... yea, crazy! And he has his eye set on Kallie as his next victim. So there is definitely some suspense in this one, as well as some smoking hot BDSM scenes.

Cherise Sinclair is my favorite BDSM author by far! Love all her work, and this one didn't disappoint! Jake was a sweetheart, I love how he loved Kallie for who she was, but also got her to embrace her feminine side and really see how loved and valued she was. Kallie was way too insecure for me, but with her situation, it was understandable. All of Cherise's books are sexy, emotional, beautiful, and more often than not, suspenseful. Perfect combination! Looking forward to more of this series and more from this author!!!

My favorite quote in the book... Love Jake!!!

***"You know I still don't like your ... hobby."***

***"Didn't ask your opinion. If you want mine: anyone using the missionary position twice in a row should serve time."***

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### **CC says**

I liked Jake's book slightly less than Logan's. But still really enjoyed it. Even though my tastes have changed since I first read this years ago, I still liked it.

Safety gang - probably not safe for you

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### **Denise H. says**

\*\*\*\*\* This story is a deeply intense, erotic, sensual, romance and BDSM tale. \*\*\*\*\* Cherise Sinclair is the best writer of the BDSM lifestyle, rules, options, and always shows the optimum care in the story.

the author's Doms are the ultimate in their roll, their sub's pleasure and mind set is their priority. Her writing flows and you will absorb yourself in the plot. Amazing Jake, is Logan's brother, whom we met when he and Rebecca joined. Both brothers are ex-military who run a lodge that caters to the kinky side.

Petite, feisty, Kallie, runs a hiking guide business

with her cousins, and have just begun a joint venture to offer guiding the lodgers into the trails, for extracurricular explorations. Fun. Kallie has a sad past, as she lost her parents early, and was tossed between relatives, never fitting in, always being left alone. She's an ultimate tomboy, and dresses manly, so Jake hasn't pressed her for attention.

She's liked Jake from afar, because he's so macho, deep voiced, big and muscled, and a real hunk.

This story is so much more than the blurb states. There is thorough thinking on why the people are who they are. Great conversations, and thoughtful examinations find each person settling into there inner most desires.

Their relationship begins as a one night stand to explore the D/s needs of Kallie and Jake.

It blossoms, with feelings, emotions, and great sex resulting. Cherise's intense, erotic sex scenes are wonderful. Raw, gut-wrenching, possessive sex. The story has interactions, a murder, a serial killer, and suspense.

I highly recommend this beautifully written story.

I hope you thoroughly ENJOY it !!!

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