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The Acquisition has ruled my life, ruled my every waking moment since Sinclair Vinemont first showed up at my house offering an infernal bargain to save my father's life. Now I know the stakes. The charade is at an end, and Sinclair has far more to lose than I ever did.

But this knowledge hasn't strengthened me. Instead, each revelation breaks me down until nothing is left but my fight and my rage. As I struggle to survive, only one question remains. How far will I go to save those I love and burn the Acquisition to the ground?

Full disclosure: This book is a DARK romance with elements of BDSM, slavery, violence, and super-hot sex. It is the last of the Acquisition trilogy, no cliffhanger. If you're good with these caveats, enjoy!

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Nazanin says

4 Stars

I finished this series, finally! Such a great dark series! Enjoyed it a lot! As always well-written and as dark as I like! This one is about the two last trials and each one is more horrible than the other! Now Stella knows what will happen if she loses at the end. When I found out about the last trial I felt I can breathe finally and I was happy but Stella had another thing in her mind and it worried me a lot, I'm so glad after what she went through, she didn't break or even felt broken! I liked her from the first book. About Sin, I didn't like him first, I wanted to feel his love for Stella!!! In this book, he still was a jerk (mostly) and I can't tell you if I like him or not because I don't know about it myself but I LOVED its epilogue! It was like all the love that was missing was on that part! I wish Lucius could have had his own book, I want to know he has his own HEA! Hmmm, Maybe one day! Told in dual POV, 1st person. It's the third and last installment in the "Acquisition" series and it should be read in order. I didn't want to finish it, it always makes my heart ache when I know I won't read about them anymore but each story has to end someday, right!? All in all, I enjoyed this series and hope you like it as well!

Elfina Renee says

You know those dark erotic novels that sucks you right in from the get go and doesn't turn you loose until you hit the climatic finish? Ooooh boy.. oooh boy are you in for a treat because Sovereign kick ass and takes name. The conclusion...yeah baby I'm at the finish line in this five star read!

Knowing all the facts about Sinclair, he's not as much of a douche bag as I first pegged him for. Yes he's still an asshole, thank goodness that's one trait he doesn't lose but he's not the scum sucking douche bag!

Stella, ahhhh be still my beating heart! This woman rocks and will mess your shit up! Hell has no furry like a woman scorned. But I don't want to paint the whole series just about the leading characters, considering they had a lot of help. You'll have to read the series to know who I'm talking about. Happy reading, enjoy!!!!

CC says

Two trials remain. Each with a theme that appears to be innocuous on the surface, but with the existing Sovereign at the helm, nothing short of evil is expected to occur. With resolve, Stella Rousseau trains and tries to prepare physically and emotionally for the unknown while knowing all too well what's at stake if she loses. While Stella is doing her part as a dutiful Acquisition, Sinclair Vinemont is the ever enigmatic and charming Acquirer who will do whatever it takes to be the next Sovereign.

“It didn’t matter. I had to see it, to witness every last disgusting act. It was the only way to keep my fire burning, the same fire that would destroy these animals.”

As Sin is scheming and positioning to win the trials, Stella begins to question his loyalty and love. Sin has always been insular but their looming fate is pushing Sin back into his own darkness and pain, a place where he is comfortable but he doesn't want Stella's light to be extinguished by his shadows and his family's ghastly obligation. However, Sin can't help but to consume her in every ravenous way possible and Stella's need to absorb all of Sin is sinfully delicious. While Sin and Stella try to ensure a win, they also have a larger vision that would propel Sin's reign into making history.

“This is a dark path. One I'm well-acquainted with.” He pushed me against the tiles and met my eyes. “Are you sure it's what you want?”

“Don't warn me. Fuck me.”

From the first page, the tone is ominous. Knowing how bonded Stella has become with the Vinemont family just adds to the foreboding. The game was never meant for this family and it underscores the need to vanquish this malevolent group whose deviant needs exceed the bounds of human decency. At the trials, Stella's fortitude withstands the criterion for game play and it effectively solidifies what she and Sin actually share for each other.

“I wanted to be the one who was finally made to pay for my sins. But instead of retribution, she'd granted me love.”

Let me just say that I loved this series and the culmination is absolutely heart-pounding! In starting *Sovereign*, you know how the foundation has been set and know who is committed to winning but you just don't know how or if it will happen. The evil surrounding the reigning *Sovereign* is suffocating. The play-by-by action sequences during the trials are incredibly and intricately crafted in that I couldn't read fast enough and felt every single moment and consequence. I liked how Celia Aaron pushed the gruesomeness as much as possible while still holding true to the characters. As for the love story between Sin and Stella, they balanced each other's intensity perfectly.

The *Acquisition* series is full of masterful storytelling with a richly developed plot and multi-dimensional characters. Each of the Vinemont brothers added to the story and without all three, a void would have existed. Stella was such a strong heroine and was never afraid to show her vulnerabilities. There were a few characters that I absolutely loved to loathe, as they were pure evil incarnate.

This series offers an incredible account of love, family, hate, greed, evil, lust, horror, revenge and redemption. I highly recommend!

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Vasiliki says

4.75 stars!

This is the last book of the Acquisition series and Ms. Aaron didn't disappoint at all! The story goes on from where it was stopped and although it has been few months since I've read the previous book in the series, I had no problems to catch up. Ms. Aaron gives enough information to go into the world of the Acquisition without any repetitions!

The writing is still fantastic! I admit I am a big fan of Ms. Aaron! The story is said mainly from Stella's POV with few chapters from Sin's POV. The plot is moving fast and there are enough twists and surprises to keep you on edge! I mean I couldn't put down this book and I was almost ready to start eating my nails! The tension, the mystery, the twisted minds in this story kept me awake!

Stella has changed enormously since the first book of the series! She knows now all the rules of the Acquisition and she knows the risks for herself and the ones she cares about! I really admire her strength all through the trials! Amazing woman!

Sin has changed also since the beginning of this journey! He has feelings for starters and it's beautiful to watch him accepting them! I really like the craziness of this guy but I kind of missed him in this book as he wasn't so present as in the previous ones!

There are no enough words to describe how intense and strong is the connection of Stella and Sin! Ms. Aaron succeeded to show us so many emotions in this book that my words are just not enough!

The end of the book was the death of me! Amazing end full of suspense and twists! I honestly couldn't believe what I was reading! The epilogue was ok. I would have liked to have a bit more information regarding the events after the end of the book took place but I think I am just a bit greedy! I will miss Stella and Sin but I won't miss Ms. Aaron's writing as I cannot wait to start reading her next book!

I definitely recommend this series to everyone who loves a twisted, bit dark erotica book!

Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

Sovereign is LIVE!!! OneClick----> <http://amzn.to/1rkCP5z>

5 Dark and Wonderful Stars

This book was a much awaited read for me. It is the 3rd and final book of the Acquisition Series. I will warn you that at times this book was dark and twisted and disturbing. It is definitely not for the faint of heart.

What will you do for Love? Can you harm, torture, or kill? Can you put someone else first? Can love survive where evil looms? The Trials, Sin, The Rules.....Stella must dig deep within herself in the name of love. Stella and her convictions to be the Acquisition that wins is fierce and loyal. Failure is not an option, the loss would be catastrophic. But in order to win, Sin must play by the rules and treat Stella like an Acquisition when in fact she is so much more than just an Acquisition. The dynamics of Stella and Sin is complex, challenging and smoldering. No matter the odds, *their* determination of winning the trials solidifies *their* intense connection.

I want to say that Sin's brothers, Lucius and Teddy, are important players in this series. While Teddy has always been a constant source of joy, the more I got to know Lucius, he became someone I grew to love. His protection of Stella was endearing in spite of his playful yearning affection for her.

This book has the two remaining trials. They are gruesome and mentally exhausting. I read them and they disturbed me. Cal and Sophia are ruthless and disgusting individuals. The people attending the trials are sick as well as they feed into the depravity of each trial. The imagination of the author takes on a dark tone that truly is quite diabolical during the trials and after the trials.

The ending was also on the OMG side as well. But then I got the epilogue, it was Exactly what I needed, so I must thank the author for putting my sanity back together. While this book had some CRAZY elements, the story kept my attention and the entire plot was fascinating as well as dark and disturbing, a completely win-win for me!!

Note- This book is the last in a trilogy. Counsellor and then Magnate need to be read before Sovereign. I promise you that this series is amazing, dark, disturbing at times, soldering hot and a wickedly wild ride.

Advanced copy received in exchange for an honest review

Parvathy says

5 Stars !

***Sovereign** is the amazing and spellbinding conclusion to the truly stunning Acquisition series. This book is a passionate and erotic exploration of treachery, revenge, love, family and the bond between two people who found each other in darkness. An absolutely breathtaking journey which will captivate you and make you want to re-live their story..!*

The books picks off right from the end of Magnate. Stella as a character has grown exponentially through out the series and in this book we see a newly determined Stella who is ready to see Acquisition through for the people she love. What I loved the most about her was that she turned her love into her strength and made it into a fire which gave her the courage and determination to face whatever that came her way. She is vulnerable and yet so strong in a way that she made her vulnerability and her caring nature her strengths. She learned to play the game in order to survive and save what matters the most to her.

Sin was always a complex character. When Sin was first introduced in Counsellor, it was really hard to like him, but slowly as the story progressed it became easy to see that there is more to him than that meets the eye. He hides far beyond with the facade of his and is very complex due to the secrets he is forced to conceal. He is unraveled more in this book and the dual point of view allows us to see inside Sin's mind and understand what drives him. Although at certain points in the story his actions were really questionable but then he redeemed himself. Sin is an alpha-male and also a caveman who is extremely possessive by nature but who also loves unconditionally and would go any extent for those he loves. The bond between Stella and Sin has been explored further through their passion and sexual chemistry and I really loved the way their relation deepened throughout the book. The author has done a fabulous job in exploring their sexual chemistry and it was erotic, sexy and panty-melting.

The author has weaved magic and created a world where the depravity in human minds have been explored further. The extent to which people could fall and the darkness that they hide made my skin crawl but what is also praise-worthy is the balance she has brought about while narrating them. It was gruesome enough but not too much that you would feel ill. There were certain points where I had to stop reading and catch a breathe. But it was well worth in the end. What is truly fascinating about this book is the secrets that various characters hide and how it is brought to light only as the story progresses.

***Sovereign* is an exceptionally crafted story which was the perfect conclusion to this amazing series. Stella, Sin, Lucius and Teddy are characters who captivated my heart and don't think they will ever let go. This series will forever remain one of my favorite. Read this book for a captivating, spellbinding and breathtaking journey..!!**

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◆*Arianna◆* says

4 Stars!!

'*Sovereign*' is the third and final installment in Celia Aaron's dark series entitled '*Acquisition*' and picks up right where the last book ended. This third installment is as thrilling and addictive as the previous ones. Mrs. Aaron delivered a great conclusion to this series filled with suspense, steam and action and from the beginning until the end it kept me at the edge of my seat. Liked its predecessors, this final book in the series is dark, all kind of twisted and even disturbing at times.

Stella has come a long way since she became Sinclair's property. She accepted to save her father, but now that she knows that Sinclair has far more to lose than she ever did, she's decided to survive, to burn the *Acquisition* to the ground, to help herself and at the same time to help Sinclair and his family. Stella has to survive two more trials before the name of the next *Sovereign* will be known. She's training trying to prepare herself physically for everything Cal, the current *Sovereign* has in store for her.

While Stella tries to stay strong, not only physically, but also mentally, Sinclair has another strategy to try to find out more about what will happen in the upcoming trials, but his strategy and also behavior makes Stella

question his feelings for her and also his loyalty.

'*Sovereign*' was without a doubt my favorite book in the series. Intense and fast-paced, this installment was crazy and twisted as f@ck. Celia Aaron is a great storyteller and like I mentioned above the entire time reading this installment I was at the edge of my seat. There were so many heart-pounding moments...oh my...I couldn't read fast enough.

The cast of characters, the main and supporting ones were vividly portrayed. Both Stella and Sinclair were well developed, engaging and their dynamic one again was complex and fantastically done. Needless to say their connection was palpable and stronger than ever here, well for a good part of the story. Once again, the sex scenes between them were intense and smoking hot. I found Stella's character to be very endearing. Her strength and determination were admirable and the fact that she was willing to sacrifice everything to save...everyone was heartwarming to say the least. She was genuinely a good woman, caring and loving and so considerate at times. Sinclair was such a complex character. There wasn't a moment when I questioned his loyalty towards Stella even if his actions said otherwise. I guess, I trust him a little more than our heroine.

The plot was complex and well structured and like the other two installments in the series, this one is told in dual POV.

All in all, '*Sovereign*' was a fantastic conclusion to Stella and Sinclair's story – fast paced, suspenseful and full of twists and turns that will leave you guessing until the end.

Sophia Triad says

The ending is epic!

Well, before I can talk more about this series, we need to establish some ground rules:

- a) You need to understand that this is not reality! (At least I hope it is not...)
- b) You have to accept that all situations are extreme and they do not really approach normality.
- c) You need to leave behind all your doubts and your questions about the sanity of the main characters.

QUESTIONS LIKE:

Why is she behaving like this? Is this how he is supposed to talk? Why did he/she tolerate this exactly? I wouldn't do that, would I? How can they do this to these people? Where is the police? Where is Batman to save them?

CANNOT BE APPLIED IN THIS SERIES.

d) Don't think of this as a BDSM series. I am sure you will notice that Sinclair likes torturing Stella. He loves hurting her and she loves being hurt by him. The third book of the series is the ultimate proof. But this is not a lovers' game with safe words and a bit of spanking. This is just twisted. No rules.

"But she likes it when I hurt her."

On the bright side, there are worse characters than him in the book. Cal Oakman for example is an excellent

sadist. Unfortunately for him, Stella has chosen Sinclair.

e) You will not hear many love words by Sinclair. He will mainly humiliate and break apart Stella.

“Get the fuck out of here. You can eat with the dogs where you belong.”

“What is wrong is that I ever thought you were more than the whore daughter of a petty criminal.”

Surely it is part of the game, but deep down he definitely enjoys it and she corresponds accordingly. As a result there is not much groveling. But when the groveling comes, I assure you that you will enjoy it.

f) You need to realize that this is not a Dark Romance. This book is just about dark twisted games and a matter of revenge on book 3. A revenge that is delivered beautifully. Finally there is some fire and some rightful killings!

Okay, now that you know what to expect:

Stella is, at last, part of the inner circle in the third book. She learns all the secrets and it is now her own decision to stay and fight to the end. The Vinemont family has never before been so close together united. There will be two more trials for her, until the forthcoming victory. The trials will be about family and about the people she cares for. They will be bloody and painful and once more they will test her limits.

The epilogue is dreamy and if I dare to say maybe it belongs to a different book/series.
Still it will make you very happy!

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★★! Sovereign, book 3 of 3. Sinclair & Stella learn about the final pieces in the puzzle with the biggest battle yet to come in a devious game called the Acquisition!

“You were the best choice and also the worst for my Acquisition.”

Books in Acquisition series should be read in order:

Book 0.5: Sinclair

Book 1: Counsellor

Book 2: Magnate

Book 3: Sovereign

*In **The Acquisition**, book 1-2, artist **Stella Rousseau**’s surrendered her life to the eldest Vinemont brother for one year in order to save her father. Counsellor at law and businessman **Sinclair Vinemont**, **Sin** is an heir to a dark legacy, a challenge called **The Acquisition** that he must participate in with Stella as his plaything. Set amongst the glamorous, old-style Louisiana elite Stella found herself is caught up in a clandestine and sinister game.*

Sovereign (book 3) opens up after book 2's shocking ending. The **intense attraction** between Sinclair and Stella is shifting into more, but both the game, evil villains and their own insecurities stand in their way.

Stella has come a long way since that fateful day when she became Sinclair's property. She has learned about the **rules**, discovered heart-shattering **deceptions** and the dire **consequences** for losing. She feels the **heavy burden** of making choices, sacrifices while overlooking the evil all around.

Ultimately this is not only a **fight for survival** but a **battle** between good and evil and a frantic **race** to outsmart the puppeteers of this centuries' old devious game and its **price of Sovereign**, which means dominance but it also stands for independence. **Winning is the only option** the only way out...

Seven words to describe **Sinclair Vinemont**: **Sinister, conflicted, private, elusive, possessive, depraved and ruthless.**

Seven words to describe **Stella Rousseau**: **Dutiful, naïve, caring, reflective, determined, strong and spirited.**

Sovereign told from dual POVs offers a mixture of **suspense, violence, mystery and erotica** in what has been a depraved game for **power and survival** with ever-changing rules set to break its players while protecting its cause. After many twists and turns it ends on a high and **I love that epilogue!**

Sinister and **complex** plot! **Swoon-worthy** hero! **Excellent** story-telling!

"Her blood was honey on my tongue, and her pussy heaven on my cock."

Hero rating: 5 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sexual tension rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4.5 stars

Plot rating: 5 stars

Dialogue rating: 5 stars

Storytelling rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: 5 stars

Overall rating: 5 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Yes.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

Thanks Celia!
(view spoiler)

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Sybil aka Lala says

Dear Ms Aaron,

You scare me a little because I think you're slightly fucked in the head. How else could you have come up with a series such as this?

I hated this book.

OK, I didn't hate this book as much as I was filled with hate by it. Unadulterated, pure, perfect hate. I nursed my hatred until my righteous indignation burned with the fire of a thousand suns. I raged with it, I cried with it, I laughed with it. I wanted to sew my hate into a beautiful dress and dance barefoot on the graves of the people in this book.

You created such a brilliantly fucked up plot, with such brilliantly fucked up characters that my reaction to it all was visceral. The fear was real. The suspense was real. The love was real. The hate, the beautifully perfect hate, was real. Amongst all the darkness and fucked-up-ness that was Sovereign, you inserted moments of such goodness and purity that it convinced me of everyone's motivations.

You took all of my emotions and played them like puppets. You stretched me further than I thought I could go. You took me to the end of my tether and then pushed me over the edge. At the very bottom, at the end of this series – you gave me a perfect conclusion that was. So. Fucking. Satisfying. With this book you proved one thing to me: with the right motivation and the right set of circumstance we are all capable of being slightly fucked in the head if it means preserving what is good.

Books are meant to make us feel. They are meant to make us believe the unbelievable. They are meant to make us think. They are meant to make us lose ourselves. Because you succeeded in doing all of this, you are a genius. And in case it isn't clear – I LOVE THIS BOOK.

So let me say this:

There is a fine line between genius and crazy, and there is a fine line between hate and love. And you, Ms Aaron, have your feet planted firmly on either side of this line in perfect balance. Bravo!!!

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☆? Angie ?☆ says

Well, holy shit...

****** 4 Very Fucked Up Seductive Lip Bites ******

I don't really like reviewing serials like this per book, so I'm doing this ONE little review and that's all folks.

This is a series of 3.5 books (Sinclair is where to begin). These books all end in cliffhangers (with the exception of the last book, obvs... duh) and they must be read as one long story. That being said... string them all together, and we're talking some serious reading time.

Some might ask, "That's one long ass story, Angie! Will I be engaged the whole time? Or, will I end up being bored with the story?"

Well, Some (Some... that's your name for right now if you asked this question mentally, or hell, out loud... not judging, I talk to myself out loud on the regular), I can tell you I was not once bored with this story. Holy shit... not once! I read this series straight through with zero... Z-E-R-O time between books. My house be damned, my poor family fending for themselves because

"THIS LADY CANNOT BE BOTHERED! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT STELLA, SIN, AND THE REST OF THE FICTIONAL CHARACTERS IN THIS FICTIONAL FUCKED UP WORLD ARE DEALING WITH SOME SERIOUS SHIT GOING DOWN RIGHT NOW! MORE SERIOUS THAN YOUR NEED FOR FOOD AND CLEAN CLOTHES! DAMN, PRIORITIES PEOPLE... PRIORITIES!"

Okay... it wasn't like that, but it was a few days of headaches from my eyes being glued to a Kindle and not much else.

Now... this story is dark, depraved, super edgy, screwed the freak up and will mostly not work for the masses. So many triggers... so many! **If you worry at all about triggers in a book, I can PROMISE you,**

this book isn't for you. Fully read the disclaimer in the book blurb and understand what you'll be getting into. It's super dark. Like, "Oh shit, I'm stuck in this underground mine by my lonesome and my only flashlight just went out" kind of dark. If you have read and liked Pepper Winters *Indebted* series, this series might just be for you.

Katerina says

I think this story crossed the line from dark, to shambolic, to plain sad. I didn't find a SINGLE OUNCE of it ROMANTIC as I often can. If you read my previous reviews, I explain what the Acquisition is. This whole story is implausible. Barbaric for a society of elites and it didn't hold up as a plot line for me. Sorry this is a mini essay, with many many swear words and heavy capitalisation — I was just so mad! ?

My fantasy ending for this book hovered between three ideas:

1. Stella committed suicide from the pain of her reality and Sin followed wracked from guilt.
2. Sin desperately wanted Stella to love him but he ruined her. He begged on his knees but she leaves without a backward glance, saving Teddy and he's crippled from the pain never again touching another woman. (lol)
3. She wrecks havoc on his life and forces him to live through the trials as Sovereign.
4. Oh here's my bonus idea! She leaves him and he tortures himself for years from the guilt.

Morbid right? Well that's how much I HATE, DESPISE, DETEST, and LOATHE Sin. Every solution was to cripple him in pain.

The last person worthy of punishing Stella was Sinclair. The reason for my lack of enjoyment was Sin for being the biggest coward of a hero. HE SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN STELLA AND HE NEVER DID — it was always the Acquisition, it was always her making sacrifices like some blind twat. He always watched in the audience as she was beaten and broken apart in the trial, so it's hard to believe that he loves her.

This is Sin's position always and forever and it ruined him for me:

"In the end, I was still trapped, still lying here with the woman I'd kill to protect, but harm to save Teddy."

Her pain and trials always made him: itch, regret, remorse, wish, feel acid in his stomach. I call BULLSHIT because it never changed anything. Even the worst anti hero's PICK THE GIRL and she means everything at some point.

Her pain and dreams haunt her, and his advice was: **"Time is the only way to soften memories like that."** He had the AUDACITY to say shit like that. I actually felt violent feelings towards him.

And whilst she was so strong with everyone else, Stella was a right DOORMAT when it came to him. It was like stfu you silly cow: **"Every stab of pain inflicted on me would be mirrored in his mind. I wished I could save him from it even more than myself."** Doesn't this just make you want to vomit?? Her living through physical torment being mirrored in his "mind". LOOL this is a quote which should be buried in a graveyard. Doormat.

Sin should have been begging for Stella's mercy: **"He'd put me through a house of horrors, and then left for a vacation with the daughter of its architect."**

I don't care how many men touched Stella, or how she toed the line with Lucius, or Dylan, Sin should have put his loyalty at her feet after the sacrifice she was making for his family, but he never once gave her an ounce of trust. When he thinks she's betrayed him, he wants to hurt her. Homie idc what kind of betrayal you think she's committed, she's your guardian angel no matter any sh*t. He disappeared after she was beaten like cattle and then electrocuted and bashed with a baton against another Acquisition only to go away with another woman. It's all part of the "charade." I DON'T CARE. She needed him and he was never there for her. I don't know what this book was trying to present but if it was a woman bleeding time and time again for a man who gave no fucks, it achieved that. After demeaning her and not giving her any trust, he finds out he was wrong and goes to apologise. Stella is stroking his cheeks like everything is fine and dandy after a sub par apology and some fucking cheesy love declarations. She reassures HIM. He admits he never slept with Sophia, but at this point the list of transgressions against him was so long, he was completely irredeemable. Girl he treated you like a dog and watched your human body break apart.

Then he says: **"I would do anything for you."** I nearly choked laughing.

Sin wants to save Teddy but it came at Stella's cost. Sin should have found the loophole. We find out the last trial is for the slave to beat the owner, and I was PSYCHED. Like finally! And when she took that final beating Sin's place in the last trial because she couldn't and he let her once again.. She didn't value herself, she never put herself first and in essence it caused her downfall. A scalpel went into her. The scarring was going to be horrid and inflamed and disgusting. She acts like some tattoos and creams will tone it down and doesn't see how strong she is without Sin.

"You don't understand. I can't hurt you again."

"Shh." I scooted so I sat upright in his lap and pressed my lips to his. "When this is over, I will still love you. Nothing will ever keep me from loving you."

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"I wanted to pull him close and tell him he wasn't bad, that he didn't suffer from the same evil that infected these people."

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"My heart—the one that had been betrayed, broken, and abused—suddenly beat with renewed purpose. I lived for him, for a life together outside the world of the Acquisition."

He was as cowardly as cowards go. And sheeply as there can be sheep. As pussy as pussy can be.

And after everything is fine and dandy, her tattoo artist says:

"Are you kidding? He couldn't take his eyes off you. I thought he might take me out just for touching you. If that wasn't love, then..."

Is this a joke? Boy you have no clue how many men touched her in his presence. Relax.

I'm going to be a Kardashian and say: THIS BOOK TOTALLY GAVE ME ANXIETY.

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

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The final trials play out. The sovereign is decided..... How will it all end and who will survive? That was my overriding thought going into the third and final installment of the Acquisition series.

The world of the Acquisition story is crazy, ridiculous and violent. My thoughts and feelings have gone back and forth about this story as Celia Aaron continues to push the boundaries and the realms of reality with her outrageous, twisted and downright depraved tale. There are elements that I questioned with friends – How? why? Etc.... I found it difficult to accept some elements of this story. There is a romance at the center of the acquisition but equally it's tied up in a macabre, cult like society that would not be tolerated in a 'normal' law abiding city. The premise is absolutely fascinating and could be compared to a kind of Hunger Games for adults, minus the dystopian theme and with boundaries that are stretched even further. In places the action is so horrific that I felt like I was reading a horror novel, a genre that I don't particularly relish as I feel it often push the realms of reality maybe a little too far for my personal tastes.

This story is not for the faint of heart and despite my distaste for the horror and fantastical macabre on display I found that I couldn't stop reading, I needed to know how retribution would be achieved, how all the bad crazy people would pay for their heinous acts and how this author would tie up all the crazy into a sensible plot and make the story plausible to the end and I have to say, I was not disappointed. Celia Aaron played out her story culminating in a gripping climax that was as thrilling, dark and thoughtfully constructed as the main body of the story arc.

Sovereign is fast paced with never a dull moment. The entire series has provided me with a dark, gritty, fantastic read and, for those who relish twisted worlds tied into their romance reading, this story is not to be missed.

Sovereign is the third book in the Acquisitions Series. The books need to be read in order:

My review thoughts for-->

Book #1 Counsellor

Book #2 Magnate

Full disclosure from the author: This book is a DARK romance with elements of BDSM, slavery, violence, and super-hot sex. It is the last of the Acquisition trilogy, no cliff-hanger. If you're good with these caveats, enjoy!

Advance copy received for my honest review thoughts

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Natalie The Biblioholic says

4.5 "KILL. THEM. KILL. THEM." stars!!

This book was the culmination of the story of Sinclair and his Stella. It had **EVERYTHING** I was hoping for from this series. Love, sex, angst, family, revelations, torture/abuse, and ultimately vengeance.

Stella was kickass in this one. I'm pleased that the author wrote this story in such a way that my opinion of the FMC has done a 180. She was strong, fierce, determined and motivated. And I loved her huge heart and how willing she was to sacrifice herself and also to forgive Sin for all that he's done and still love him in spite of it all.

"Every thought of anger and hatred burned away as he consumed me as surely as fire does black powder."

Sin was just as amazing as ever. In this volume, his humanity was showing. His possessiveness and love for Stella were at the forefront of his POV. I got to witness what he was willing to do and sacrifice for her and his family. His character has evolved in so many ways since he was first introduced. Though still cold and calculating, I got to see his warmth, his caring, his compassion, his passion, and it made him all the more endearing to me.

I loved the story. I adored the characters. And I wish there was more!

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Candace says

The third, and final, book in 'The Acquisition' series, 'Sovereign' brings all of the tension and suspense that we've come to expect from this erotic, dark series. From one page to the next, I held my breath, wondering what horrors awaited Stella. Yet, I couldn't tear myself away until I had finished it!

With the final two trials ahead of her, Stella has committed herself to training at the onset of this book. She's resigned herself to the reality of her situation, knowing that Teddy's fate is in her hands. Day after day, she pushes herself to her physical limits.

Meanwhile, Sinclair is noticeably absent for a large part of this book. When he does reappear, it is with another woman on his arm. It is clear that he's trying to hurt Stella and distance himself from her...and it works.

Despite the predictable pattern of Sinclair's actions and Stella's reactions, I felt like I was on an emotional roller coaster. Between the betrayals of her lover and the terrors that were in store for Stella, I was on the edge of my seat the whole time. When I was done, I felt like I'd been put through the ringer.

However, it was worth every minute of anxiety. I loved the ending. It was absolutely perfect and just what I needed to set my soul at ease after such a gut-wrenching story. Finally, Stella gets some vengeance. If you've read the other books, you must read this one!

