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[Siren Everlasting Classic ManLove: Erotic Alternative Sci-Fi Romance, M/M, light bondage, sex toys, HEA]

For Trev, falling in love with his alien captor after the lottery sent him halfway across the universe was easy. Navigating his relationship as time wears on proves to be much more difficult. He is bound by his desire for his master, but he doesn't know if desire is enough. When his lover takes a job back on Earth, Trevor asks for his freedom.

Yanai is used to being desired, but love is another matter entirely. Unused to human customs but very much enamored with his lover, he will do just about anything to prove to Trev that he cares, including taking a job across the universe on Trev's home planet. If he could only learn how to communicate properly with his human, he knows they will be able to work.

Will the two of them learn to communicate, or will both of them be unable to reconcile their differences?

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From Reader Review Bound by Desire for online ebook

Claudia says

I still love this serie

can't wait for the next one

Hc says

3.5

Considering these two are thrown together at the beginning and then a year later we jump to current status of relationship of issues popping up. They feel so strongly about each other but don't bother to learn the nuances of each other's culture until there are issues is bothersome. But on the other hand, I actually did like this. The revolve around Yanai's pheromones wasn't demonstrated very well until much later. And while humans have some resistance, they too are susceptible, just not nearly to same degree as most.

Another confusing thing for me... How did Yanai end up with Trevor? If he was drawn in the lottery then how does that explain winning the lottery later in the middle of he and Trev working on compromise to stay together and be happy? I would think that would be a lottery error. Plus, now want to see if something could develop with a grey man and a new human 'pet'...

I've been reeled in wanting MORE.....

Susu says

I enjoyed that this book was similar but different from the series. It was fun to read an established couple having troubles.

Note to Author

I really hope one of the next books can be Eric and the tall gray man. That would be great. Thanks! :)

Phaney says

I liked this very much. It's a sweet story, not racy, featuring an established couple and their issues.

As such it is sad at first, of course. But I like this new angle on a relationship (and on alien-human slavery – particularly since there wasn't any actual slavery involved).

There's a definite sense of the passage of time and of long-standing closeness between Trev and Yanai. And the way they sort things out is just beautiful.

The grey men also worked out astonishingly well for me. An intriguing concept and a wonderful execution. The thing with Eric is particularly cute.

This book made me very happy. And for me that is perhaps one of the best outcomes to reading anything. Happy, happy.

Serena Yates says

The newest book in this very entertaining and imaginative science fiction series about aliens who raffle off a certain number of humans once a year, all perfectly legal in exchange for saving humankind from an awful disease, had me very excited to see what Jana Downs has come up with now. And it was so worth it! This is a story about the importance of communication, and not just the linguistic part. With instant translations due to cerebral implants, that has only been an issue where the languages were so incompatible that even translations didn't help. This volume, on the other hand, deals with a situation where the cultural behaviors behind the language, including body language, are so different that actual communication is almost impossible. A fascinating concept!

Trev is a human who isn't terribly unhappy with his new alien "master". In fact, the Tanarran is extremely polite, always wants to give Trev presents, and is extremely attractive (if somewhat purple). Trev falls in love, but the lack of an emotional response from Yanai gets to him. He needs to know his lover is involved with him outside the bedroom as well as when they have sex. Which they manage to do often and well. And why does Yanai keep calling him "pet"? Trev has a name, darn it! Trevor wants more, and he gets so desperate that he asks for some time off when they arrive on Earth. All he wants to do is have some time to think, and make some friends.

Yanai has no clue what is wrong with the human. He senses something is off, but all the signals he has given Trev about how much the man means to him seem to leave Trev cold. The human still calls him by his given name, instead of giving him an endearment, something only they will share (even though Yanai has long-since started to call him pet). And now he wants to leave? Yanai is devastated, but his culture demands he remain calm, show no emotion, and give the man he loves deeply anything he asks for. Including his freedom, even if it tears Yanai apart.

See where the problem is? It was devastating for me to watch both sides, see how each was misconstruing the other's signals by interpreting them using their own cultural perspective. It took them a while, but even when they finally begin to figure what their issues may be, it is still tough for them to adapt to each other's deeply ingrained ways of behaving. I really enjoyed watching them as they figure out what is what.

If you like science fiction stories with men from two different cultures who don't even notice they're simply misinterpreting much of what they do, if you enjoy reading about yet another alien culture, one that operates on scents and pheromones, and if you're looking for a hot read full of heated exchanges and emotional upheavals, then you will probably like this novella.

Crouck says

If I was going on my own personal taste, it would be a two star, but I finished it and I didn't hate it. I was just

bored.

I highlighted a few things that jumped out as ridiculous: "There were moments when he thought they were well on their way to becoming spouses," - that was the slave owner, and then also a line about how he wasn't *really* meant to be a slave owner, so he only knew how to treat Trev as an equal. Finally...I don't know, just another throwaway line similar to the ones in the other books about how Trev had made peace with never seeing his family again. Really? Even when he went back to Earth, he wasn't tempted to see them again? That whole bit baffles me in this whole series. Honestly, I'm not sure I'd want a partner who could so easily give up their family.

Going back to the first line, there was mention of Trev asking if he could be sent home a couple of times in the first few months he was with Yanai. Trev didn't want to be a slave, and time was the only thing that wore down his need to go home. I know it's just fantasy goop and not to be taken seriously, but I can't understand how Yanai could possibly think he's on the way to being spouses with his slave. You own the dude! Call a spade a spade...er, slave.

Everything is so *nice*. The author mentions that some human slaves don't have it so easy, and I think I'd want to see what she could come up with from that. I've been reading this other series, Love Slaves of the Alphas, and it does make me appreciate that Jana Downs gives her slaves some backbone, and her dominant-owner types aren't psychopathic and cruel. But it's like two opposite extremes on the spectrum. I have a feeling this author could be more realistic, or add just a touch more controversy--in fact, I have faith that she could if she wanted to.

~SexyBookWorm~ says

I wasn't sure I'd like this book bc it involved a relationship already in progress but it was actually very very good. It's all about how easy it is to have miscommunication...especially in a inter-species relationship.

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

This book is part of a series and is best read in order. When Trev was handed over to his new master, when he was chosen for the lottery, he was worried but that worry soon turned to love, now heading for Earth with Yanai he wants his feelings returned or he wants his freedom. Yanai is besotted with his human and will do anything for him, but Trev always seems to reject what is offered and Yanai does the only thing he can think of... he lets Trev go. Can Yanai and Trev overcome their miscommunication of their customs or is it too late for them to share their love with each other?

So in this new addition to the *Owned* series Trev has already been with his owner for nearly a year, so the relationship is already well established but that doesn't mean that everything is perfect.... far from it. Trev wants more than to be a beloved pet to Yanai so when Yanai refuses to give Trev his heart Trev asks to be released when they reach Earth. Yanai is devastated when Trev wants to leave him but his only other option

would be to give Trev his heart... and he can't live without it.

It soon becomes clear to us that there are huge misunderstandings going on between the two lovers, even after nearly a year neither really knows much about the others customs and it takes a while and also some nagging from the gray men for Trev to realize it isn't all Yanai's fault either. Now while they both try to reconcile and express themselves in a way the other fully understands there is more going on in the background of the story. Yanai wins another human in the lottery which Trev is unhappy about, but they have much more to be concerned about when the Pressian's turn up demanding the return of Trev.

I really love this series because with each one we are introduced to more information about the Pressian's and their subjugation of the Eoeans, but finally we are given a hint that maybe the Pressian's bullying might be coming to an end. Trev and Yanai are wonderful characters who are incredibly in love with each other they just didn't know how to communicate with each other, they are an incredible hot couple who burn up the sheets and give us some really hot sex. We see characters from Bound by Deception, and you even warm up to the gray men after a while because they certainly develop as we see more of them.

I have to recommend this to those who love aliens and humans falling in love, reconciling after misunderstandings, hot sex, passionate love, a desperate escape and a wonderful romantic, hot and sexy ending.
