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2 years

38 weeks

4 days

That's how long I've been here. *Captive. Frightened. Alone.*

The little human contact I receive is not what I crave. It's not a friend's comforting arm or my mother's swift kiss. It's rough contact—forced, and familiar for all the wrong reasons. I don't want him there, but I'm powerless to stop him. He says that he owns me and that I am his.

"*Emmy*," he calls me. That's not my name, but as more time passes I'm starting to forget things.

What is my name? Where am I from? Who was I before I came here?

6 days

11 hours

14 minutes

That's how long I've known Callum, and already, I trust him with my life. I was so sure I would never crave another man, but he challenges everything I thought I knew— everything I felt.

He says that he'll save me. I believe him.

He calls me "*Leila*." It sounds like a name that belongs to me and it reminds me of a past I was starting to forget.

The escape is planned and my fate is in his hands, but if this doesn't work, what will become of me?

*WARNING: This book contains disturbing situations, graphic depictions of rape, strong language and violence.*

## **Lost & Bound Details**

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## From Reader Review Lost & Bound for online ebook

### A??ela W. says

This was a pretty good dark read. When Leila traveled to the U.S. she thought she would be working as a nanny instead she was kidnapped and sold as a sex slave that was almost three years ago and she has given up of ever being free. Callum shows up to visit his father and finding Emmy/Leila who he thought was the maid at first. I loved the chemistry between Callum and Leila she was a strong female who has been through a lot at the hands of her Master who is a powerful man. This was my first time reading this author this book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling. I am looking forward to reading more of her work.

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### Amazeballs Book Addicts says

Lost & Bound was a quick good read. It's told in the dual POVs Leila and Callum. It's very well written and the story pulled in right in.

Leila Comes to the US seeking freedom but is tricked and sold as a sex slave. Callum meets Leila when he comes home to his father's house. Even though he meets her under odd circumstances there is still an instant connection. Leila feels safe with Callum. Leila hasn't been treated very nicely and I kind of excepted her not be so comfortable with Callum as quickly as she was.

Callum wants to be Leila's savior and she hopes that he is. Saving Leila is not as easy as it seems. They have a few obstacles to overcome before she is free.

A copy was received for a review.

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### Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This was a real quick read for me. I read it in a few hours and I did enjoy it.

This book will be dark for some so read the warnings as it contains captivity and rape scenes. As I'm a sucker for the real dark books I'd say this is a really great gritty read.

I found this to be a well written story with a different storyline to what I've read before.

The connection between Leila and Callum was too rushed for my liking. I would have liked to see her deal with what happened a bit better.

4 gritty stars from me.

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### Amy says

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3.5 stars

Leila and Callum – this is a dark dark read so if you don't care for those don't pick it up. This book focuses on human trafficking, selling of women and rape.

Callum needs to save the woman he sees. The man can't leave her.

Emmy is not the name she was given but it's what she is being called. The man she just met she trusts more than she has ever trusted anyone. She remembers nothing. She was held captive for over two years and her life started to fade. But this man who she has only known a short time says he wants to save her and gives her hope. After all this time she doesn't know what to think. Her life has been a nightmare. It was supposed to be a new beginning filled with hope but it's been the opposite. How did she get here and where did she go wrong?

This story will keep you guessing. It wasn't a bad read but it wasn't what I thought I guess. The situations are somewhat brutal. There is a lot of things that are somewhat confusing. The first meeting of Callum and Emmy is somewhat bizarre. I wasn't sure how this could have even happened. However it does put the start of the story into a whirlwind for sure.

If you like dark romance then pick this one up. I didn't not like it I just couldn't wrap my head around the meeting of Callum and Emmy.

Thank you for the ARC! Review to post to Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets.

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**NMmomof4 says**

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**The Good**

Unique Take on the Captive Theme

At least I've never read a book that had this type of approach. It is based on a male mc, Callum, that comes home to visit his father after ~3 years (I think) to find out that his father has taken a sex slave, Leila. They both lost his mother 5 years prior, so he figures that hi

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**EroticaAfterDark (Lilith) says**

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**Lina's Reviews ♡?????????♡??Book Blog?? ♡?????????♡ says**

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**Title:** Lost & Bound

**Author:** Tara Hart

**Category:** Dark Romance

**Series or Standalone:** Standalone

**Characters:** 4

**Plot:** 4

**Scorching Level:** 3.50

**HEA:** Read to find out!

This was a new author for me. I was pleasantly surprised by *Lost & Bound*. Even though the plot was a bit predictable, to me at least, the writing made up for it. The author's skill is refreshing and eloquent and I loved how she developed her plotline.

Leila has been a captive for so long that days and weeks blend together. She is confused, she is afraid, but she has survived.

The man who keeps her is cold and cruel, but he has kept her alive. She is nothing but an object to him, a toy to play with.

Her fate changes when her captor's son appears into the house.

Callum never expected to find a kidnapped woman in his father's house. Shocked and confused, he is starting to doubt his father's character and sanity.

Leila seems lost but she awakens something in Callum that makes him feel obligated to help her.

But delving deep into darkness is never safe and Callum will risk everything, even his life, to free Leila.

Can he succeed? Is it possible for love to blossom even in the strangest of places?

The book flows smoothly and I finished it in one sitting. I will definitely read more from this author! I recommend it.

3.75 to 4 Stars

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**Dusti Hanrahan says**

3.75 stars

I need to think on this... It started out strong but I ended up skimming the last 30%....

Received ARC from author in exchange for honest review. Thank you TH!!

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**Danielle says**

I was warned that *Lost & Bound* was a dark romance and definitely not for everyone but I decided to take my chances on this one and I'm so glad that I did!

Imagine leaving the only home you've ever known to go to America and make a life for yourself only to have it all turn into a horrible nightmare in the blink of an eye.

Imagine showing up at your childhood home after being away for three years only to discover that your father is not the man you thought he was.

This is Leila and Callum's story and it's dark, and twisted, and oh sooo good!

I don't want to give anything away so all I'm going to say is this... If you're a fan of dark romance you definitely need to give this one a go!

\*Beta copy kindly provided by the author.

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### **Katie says**

#### **4 dark stars**

*"You were sent here to save me and you did, in more ways than one. You gave me my freedom, but much more than that, you saved my life. You saved me from myself."*

Leila thought that coming to the United States will be an amazing new start in her life. Instead, she is kidnapped and taken by a sadistic man. His son, Callum, comes home one day from Italy and finds Leila in his father's home. Confused as to why there is a girl there who tells him she is his 'sex slave', Callum starts to question everything he ever thought he knew about his dad.

This book is dark. I love dark books. My favorite type of books are the ones that 'go there' when most books do not. And this book GOES THERE and then goes further. I'm also a HUGE fan of kidnapped/romance novels, so of course this book totally fit the bill.

So why not 5 stars? Well, I had problems believing that Leila wasn't feeling anything more than 'hero worship' for Callum. And that Callum saw a pretty girl in need and felt like he needed to protect her and it created some sort of Florence Nightingale effect. But love? Idk. I would have liked to see (view spoiler)

I'd recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of a dark read! :-)

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### **Sabrina says**

Leila thought traveling to the U.S would be the start to getting her freedom. She was very, *very* wrong. Instead of arriving and meeting the family she would be a nanny for she was kidnapped and sold as a sex slave. That was almost three years ago and by now she's given up all hope of ever leaving her hell. But then Callum show's up and he may just be the savior she's been hoping for. If he doesn't get captured himself, that is.

This is my first read by Tara Hart so I wasn't too sure what to expect going in, but I was hoping for an actual dark story, and I got exactly what I hoped for. Leila was stuck in a twisted and very messed up situation with her captor and sometimes it broke my heart. From the beginning I could tell she was strong and I liked after so long being a slave for a sick and demented man she still had her fighting spirit.

There were so many different ways that this story could have gone and ended, and I really liked that I was kept on the edge of my seat from when I first started. Even when I thought I knew what would happen I would be proven wrong, which doesn't happen much. Callum was a complete mystery as to how his characters role would play out, but I ended up loving him and especially him with Leila.

Overall, this was a good dark story. The subject matter isn't going to be for everyone but if you have a twisted mind like mine than I think it's the perfect book for you.

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### **Glittering Review Blog says**

Wow ... just ... wow. This book is unlike anything I've ever read. It's dark, twisted, heart-wrenching, but hopeful & beautiful all in the same. This story isn't for the faint of heart. It's very raw and has detail of rape. It's very tastefully done and not too graphic in my opinion. If there's one word that I would use to describe this story it's HOPE.

Callum hasn't been home in years and when he makes an unexpected visit to his father's house he's confronted by a foreign woman holding a knife. He quickly learns that this woman is being held at the house against her will in the house he grew up in ... the events that follow make Callum realize the facade he always knew existed about his father is actually true. Leila thought she was dead, not physically but mentally, she had no reason to believe her life would ever change but then Callum came home.

Give this book a try, I almost plead that you do. It's a story that stays with you but not in a bad way even though much of this story is anything but pleasant. As I mentioned above, if you have hope, even the darkest of nights will turn to morning and a new day.

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### **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**TITLE:** Lost & Bound

**AUTHOR:** Tara Hart

**GENRE:** Contemporary Romance

**RELEASE DATE:** May, 2016

## MY RATING

**LOST & BOUND** Told in dual POV'S ( Leila & Callum ) This book does come with a warning attached to it. **This book contains disturbing situations, graphic depictions of rape, strong language and violence.**

Twenty-One year old Leila is travelling to the United States of America towards her new nanny job relishing in her new found freedom of working abroad.

Instead of arriving at her new position, she's kidnapped and sold as a sex slave to William Osborne whose the Mayor of a small town in America called Merling.

Barely speaking any English, confused, and scared, she doesn't fully understand what's happening to her.

**2 years**

**38 weeks**

**4 days**

That's how long Leila has been held captive for, in a basement

The above part is glossed over, so your not privy to the full brutal grittiness of the kidnapping, which is what one would expect with the nature of this book. I think if it was depicted in more detail it would be darker than what it is, but this would be a stepping stone for first time readers of a dark genre.

Callum hasn't been to his childhood home in three years when he makes an unexpected visit to his father's house he's confronted by a foreign woman welding a knife.

He quickly uncovers that she is being held captive by his father, a tracking device on her wrist.

***I notice her ankles. They are red and swollen. Thick gouges mar her skin as if she's been tied up.***

Callum starts to question everything he ever thought he knew about his father.

***Dad has been a recluse since my mum died.***

With the help of his childhood friend they come up with a way to try and break Leila out from his father's home.

I enjoyed the suspense of this story, sit on the edge of your seat waiting to see what the author was going to throw at me next, loved the build up of these two characters and their subsequent attraction towards each other, to be a dark read for me the author would've had to go into more details of the actual kidnapping, the feels that went coursing through her mind, those are what I felt were missing, but for ones just stepping towards the dark genre this would be perfect for them, as it's not too dark, but it is gritty.

\*Teaser used in my review is off the Authors FB page\*

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## **The Smutbrarians says**

Storyline: 5

Angst: 4

Tissue: 1

Value: 5

Panty Scorching: 4

Over All Rating: 4.25 Stars

Kindle eArc provided by Author

Reviewed by Robin

Callum has come back unexpectedly to his father's home after quite a long absence. Letting himself into the house, he encounters a girl dressed scantily who pulls a knife on him. Did she break in? Callum is shocked when the stranger tells him that she's being held captive by his father. The story only gets more bizarre from there and Callum doesn't know what to believe, but he does know he should help this desperate girl. Perhaps his father is not who Callum thinks he is.

"My father held this girl captive. A foreign girl that no one would miss and no one would come looking for. From what Leila says, few people knew she was in the house, and of those who did, none of them turned him into the authorities. If this is true, which I am beginning to suspect it is, my father is more disturbed than I thought."

I have never read a captive story quite like this. Dark and strangely riveting. I love how she tracked time from when she was sold into sexual slavery and then after she met Callum. I couldn't help but put myself in either of their shoes and think what I would have done if everything I thought I knew about my father was a lie. I was on pins and needles wondering how he might save her when twists fly out of nowhere. Sometimes I wondered if his father could get any more deranged. Quite a messed up, dark little story that I perversely enjoyed.

If you are a little sadistic like I am and like to freak yourself out, try this story out and see what you think. It definitely made me wonder about visiting my dad the next time and checking out the basement. I wonder what he has down there.

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## **Michelle says**

2.5 stars

This book was not what I was expecting.

To be quite honest... I was expecting something a little more darker.

As I kept reading... I just kept thinking there had to have been a faster way to help Leila out. Then the route Callum had taken to help Leila. He was a writer for a U.S. Newspaper. Your going to tell me he couldn't contact anyone to help him out faster?

I mean... There was just so many opportunities he could have taken before everything all went down.  
I'm sorry... I just wasn't buying it all.

And I just felt if it wasn't one thing it was another in the attempts to help Leila and himself out. Everything

he did it seemed to fail for him. The knife scene in the end was like a big COME ON moment for me.

William's chapter didn't really make sense to me. I felt like his chapter should have been in the beginning of the book. It just seemed like to me it was just thrown in.

It did not flow for me after what just went down in the previous chapter.

Leila's character.... I just felt there was something missing for me in her. Her emotions just weren't very convincing to me in certain situations in this book. It was hard to get into her character.

Like I said in the beginning of my review.... This book was not what I was expecting.  
It wasn't bad. But it could have been a little more darker.

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