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Book three in the Love-Bots series. When a riot erupts in Built4's stein-building lab, the alpha stein Kee drags a submissive young lab assistant into his cage. Kee's been studying the human. Ben's sad eyes and slender form call to Kee—urging him to equal parts lust and possessiveness. Prisoner to the alpha, Ben surrenders to the stein's fierce determination and gentle seductions. He's long hated his job, feeling like a monster for following his boss's orders, especially once he's seen intelligence flickering in the alpha's green eyes. If Kee's to escape, he needs Ben's help to learn about the world outside the laboratory—a world full of people, sex and experiences Kee's only beginning to discover. And guilt-ridden over the things he's done, Ben can only forgive himself if the alpha forgives his sins first.

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SheReadsALot says

ZOMBIES!

Any fans of the television True Blood? You know how Andy Bellefleur says 'ZOMBIES' with that ever-so-thick accent? He's ruined the word 'zombies' for the rest of my life. Anytime I read the word zombie, I picture his voice in my head and it's over.

That being said, his version of *zombie* has nothing on Daisy Harris' zombies. I'd definitely would love to take her version out...for a spin. There's no flesh falling off, brain eating binges or any of the other popular associations people might make when reading the word zombie. She sexualized and humanized zombies to one yummy level!

Built 4 It, book # 3 of her Love Bots series was a hit for me. It's MM with a solid plot, memorable sci-fi-ish contemporary world building (think urban fantasy in present day) and erotically...stimulating. :D

Ben Spiegel is a young lab assistant in the Built 4 It company where steins (reanimated corpses - might sound skeevy but it really isn't) are kept in labs for experiments. Ben's company is going down fast and he's left to do all the dirty work. But out of all of the steins, there's one who keeps catching his eye, the alpha of the group. And when I say alpha, picture a strapping, muscular, possessive, giant of a man. His name is Kee and all he wants is get his hands on Ben and take care of him.

The tension between the two is so hot it's tangible. And when they finally come together? *fans self* *Very enjoybale* For less than 100 pages, this story packs some punch. The ending felt a little rushed but overall it was a satisfying read. There's a little suspense, a little creeper-jeepers, erotic moments and a HEA!

I will familiarize myself with more of this series and more work from this author because I really like her style.

An ARC was provided for an honest review.

Sandra says

This was actually pretty good, and an interesting idea. The premise reminded me of Laurann Dohner's Breed series, except instead of genetically modified animal-human hybrids... they're reanimated corpses! Very cool, but I did feel like I needed more explanation on this.

Maybe it's because I skipped books 1 and 2 in this series, but **1)** you can tell someone's a stein by looking at them, but they don't explain what exactly are the physical differences from human. Obviously very subtle if a cloudy day can mask them (view spoiler)**2)** Do the stein's recall anything of their life? Can anyone who dies be turned into a stein or did they sign up for it like donating your body to science? I find it odd that neither Ben nor Kee was interested in his (previous) life, to me my first thoughts are "*Who was he? What did he do? How did he die?*" **3)** Obviously they don't decompose, do they age? (view spoiler), so Ben will get old but

Kee won't?

But those questions aside, I thought the set up was very good. Everything up until Dr. Finch left I thought was perfect (view spoiler) Although it would have been cool if they had had some interactions over the course of the few months, instead of Ben just all of a sudden finding out Kee can talk. Admittedly, after that, I would have liked things to run their course a little differently. But they ended up in the same place either way, so I enjoyed the ride. (view spoiler)

I am interested in going back and reading Lust After Death and Studenstein, both to get more background on the stein's (hopefully) and just because it's a fun series.

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?? Michaelle says

3.3 Stars

Interesting premise, and I wish I'd had my hands on this book when I needed a Zombie-themed romance...but the shorter length really impaired the story-telling. It definitely stood alone - for which I'm glad as the previous 2 were MF - but I'm wondering if the world-building and character connections would have been more rich and improved the experience if I'd read them?

Saritza says

I don't normally review my clients' books but this series holds a special place in my heart and I've been honored to be part of its creation and continued growth. Daisy Harris has an amazing ability for humor and banter that her stories are always fun to read. When she first talked to me about writing a series about zombies I thought it would be a horror fest and it has turned out to be one of the most inventive urban fantasy series I've ever had the pleasure to read.

The Love Bots in the series are not just humanized, they're literally brought to life in this amazing world she's created and their love lives do NOT disappoint. This isn't a zombie romance. It's an adventure/sci-fi/urban fantasy/romance you don't want to miss.

Built 4 It is one of my favorites in the series for many reasons, the first being the fact that it's the first M/M in the series. The second reason being the animalistic and raw sexual energy portrayed in its most primal yet romantic of ways. Everything Daisy Harris writes defies what most people would consider natural order but she does it in such a great way, you can't stop reading!

MLE says

I received this book as an ARC through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. From all the talk of alphas and submissive in the plot I thought it

might be another book where some pretty young thing is taken, used, and abused by a jerk. This was not the case however, and I enjoyed that. I liked how Kee uses his position as alpha look out for the other Stein's. It's nice to see that he was more of a caretaker than a cruel master. Ben might have been described as a submissive, but that didn't make him a push over either. I liked seeing him do the right thing no matter how scared he was. The sexual chemistry is good, and I like how much Kee was motivated by Ben's pleasure. He doesn't push Ben when Ben is afraid, and in his own way he respects Ben. It was an interesting take of Zombies, and I liked the idea of the chips. It would be interesting to see how Ben and Kee's relationship changes now that Kee has the chip. He wasn't stupid before he had it, but I would like to see more of him with higher functions at his disposal. Something tells me he's going to be fun.

Tracy's Place says

This was definitely a different read. The pair consists of a human and a reanimated corpse. I was a bit confused about Kee who is the reanimated corpse. He was human at one point, I gather, but the way that the "creature" was portrayed was that they are full sized humans who are basically newborn. They can get smarter the longer they are "alive" but not all live that long as they are used for controlled samples in medical studies. I guess they have no clue as to who they once were or have anything to do with their former personality. Now I haven't read the previous books in this series so I'm not sure if this was explained in a more in depth way previously - I'm just going by what I read in this story.

Anyway...the lab assistant, Ben, feels bad for these creatures and calls the Zombie Underground to come and take them away. This after he ignored their contact a few month earlier. Now that he's been ordered to kill them all he's having a hard time with it all. He gets them free but Kee isn't ready to leave the only home he's ever known and keeps Ben there with him. Kee has some dirty thoughts about what he can do to and with Ben but Ben's almost a complete innocent and is scared. The story is about the two men dealing with their differences as well as finding some common ground - first in sex and then more after.

It was a cute story I for some reason just couldn't get too far past the "reanimated" part of it all. I know that vampires are undead but for some reason reanimated sounds so much worse to me. lol They did have a sweet HEA which Harris is always good with so that was nice.

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

Ben is a shy human that doesn't make waves. He takes orders from his boss like a good little subordinate. He knows what Built4 Labs is doing is wrong. That is why he is willing to assist Zombie Underground in freeing the steins. The only problem is the large male stein known as Kee has developed a little crush on Ben.

I loved, loved, loved Ben and Kee. I loved how they continually switched the role of alpha. I think that was my favorite part of the story. Kee, physically he is obviously the alpha. Yet when he begins to experience new feelings and emotions that he cannot verbally express and when he experiences the wonders of outside the lab he looks to Ben for a strong confidant. These two males were so perfectly matched. I enjoyed reading them bumbling along while they figured out how they would work out their feeling for one another.

The romance between Kee and Ben was so incredibly sweet. I had so many awe how sweet moments. I would never have imagined that a shave and shower scene between two men could have been so erotic. I'm still a bit wowed by that scene. Harris has some serious talent. She put so much heart passion into that scene.

All three books in this series work as stand alones. So if you think you want to try hot steins, erotic sex and a sweet romance you can jump right in with the third book and not be lost.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Ben works for a company that is conducting experiments on 'stein'.

Stein are (if I got this right) something akin to zombies and can be programmed for different uses, Ben isn't happy with what he is doing but he needs a job and he isn't really the type to go against orders.

Kee is the leader of the small group of steins at the facility Ben works at, they are both fascinated by the other.

When it comes time to terminate all the left-over stein, Ben calls the ZU(zombie underground) for help..from there it's Kee discovering the world outside the jail cell he has always lived in and Ben discovering love of a not human, sort of dead guy.

It was cute and touching, I enjoyed reading this one and I can say it was different from most zombie stories I've read, I would love more information on how or why they have been created.

leigh says

Adorable gentle-giant story, with a hero wise beyond his limited intellectual capacity. "Steins" are reanimated dead with surgically implanted programming which makes them suitable for slavery in various forms. Caged in a shabby laboratory, Kee is the leader of a group destined for elimination. Ben is the timid human lab assistant who helps them illegally escape.

The creature and the man are similarly inexperienced in the ways of love, but both know what they want. Things do not run smoothly. Kee is struggling to understand his new world and Ben is mired in guilt for his role in the slaves' sufferings. Their mutual trust and friendship never falters as they make their way to a grin-inducing HEA.

Experiment BL626 says

The romance was nice but I wanted it to be longer. Because of the disturbing premise, it took me nearly half the of the story before I got comfortable and allowed myself to focus on the romance. Once I did, it was almost over.

+ the world building

The premise was a hurdle because it was about dead people being reanimated back to life as lab rats for experiments. Whether or not the steins, which the book called the zombies, became lab rats, they were quickly disposed of after a few months, treated fully like equipment. The story was not outright violent or

anything like that, but it showed a side of human cruelty that I couldn't fully stomach. I wasn't surprised to learn later on from Shani's POV, a minor character, that steins were also used for sex slavery.

While the world was easy to imagine, parts of it remained a mystery to me. For example, where did the bad guys get these dead people to make steins? What place did steins have in society? Were they openly oppressed or were they a secret of a hidden world? I didn't read the prequels so I didn't know. The book worked sufficiently as a standalone, but it was apparent to me the book was best read as a part of the series.

+ the characters

I didn't have any delay connecting to the characters. The story was dominated by the couple's POVs, and even though it was in 3rd person POV I felt no distance between the characters and myself. In other words, the character felt palpable, and their thoughts were like an open book to me.

Thus, I immediately felt sad for the couple because of what they were facing. Thankfully, it wasn't all sad. I liked how Ben overcame the stereotype of a meek geek and summoned his courage to do what was right. I liked how Kee was a nice alpha who respected boundaries and put Ben's happiness as a priority; I loved his attempts to reach out to Ben and be with Ben.

The characters were refreshing; they weren't cardboard characters as I expected. I wouldn't have minded if they were, but I'm glad they were not and that there was a perceptible standard the book was aiming for.

+ the romance

I also wouldn't have minded if the romance had turned out to be nothing more than a fuckfest; smut fan in your presence. However, nothing like that happened. The romance turned out to be developmental and sweet. That said, I appreciated that there was still some smut. Incorrigible smut fan is incorrigible. Holla!

In Conclusion

I rate *Built 4 It* 2-stars for it was okay. By all rights, it would have been a star higher but the story left me wanting at the end. I wasn't satisfied how the story came off more as an appetizer than as an entree. Not that the ending wasn't a HEA — it was, but I felt like Ben and Kee have more adventures to be told, that this book was just the beginning. I wished Ben and Kee's story continued on in a series of their own instead as a part of a typical romance series where each book focused on a different couple.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

I was surprised at how much I liked this little novella.

I think this is book 3 of a series but you don't need any prior knowledge to jump right into it. Basically, Ben works for a lab that reanimates humans to make steins (aka zombies) for testing and other morally ambiguous acts. Kee is the leader of the steins and he is learning words and gathering knowledge from watching Ben and TV daily. When the steins are released with the help of Zombie Underground, Kee and Ben are allowed to explore their growing attraction to one another.

My preconceived notion of this book was that it would be silly and trashy. However, the chemistry between

Ben and Kee was *hot* and I really dug the world building. The author did a LOT in only 75 pages. Daisy Harris writes with humor and skill and I was pretty impressed with the result. I liked that they were in lust and not love (so sick of insta-love) and I love that they were both kind of inexperienced. This book was a fresh take on zombies and it made me want to read more in the series.

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Tracey says

3.5 stars

I liked this story, yes I did, but aspects of reanimating humans for testing etc horrified me.

Zee is a stein, a reanimated dead human, his well built and intelligent enough to learn to understand and talk, and likes giving pleasure, his the alpha of pack.

Ben works in the lab and is strangely attracted to zee, even though there locked in cages and treated like animals, when things go wrong and Ben is assigned killing the steins he cant do it, and zee forces them to spend time together.

They develop a relationship, yes it's strange as he is a zombie as such but the story works and is enjoyable.

i received this book via the publisher from netgalley

Ronda Tutt says

Fun & Sexy Read!

This story was so cute and HOT, I love these Love-Bots and their Underground Zombie Organization that rescues steins from their makers and helps them achieve a level of self-reliance. What you will find in this hot read is an electrifying attraction between a human male Ben and a Alpha Stein named Kee. Ben and Kee are so hot for each other but the m/m love scene is semi new to them. Sure they both know tid bits about what they want but both find a first time for a new A N A L adventure when it comes right down to it.

Ben is the lab tech and he really doesn't agree with what his boss does to the steins and feels guilt for what he has to do for his job, even after he is told the program for the steins is over, he still holds the guilt inside because his orders where to kill them all, well at least it was until the rescue from the Underground Zombie Organization – however, this affected Ben's personality throughout the whole story.

For me, Ben's character was actually annoying to me in the way he treated Kee. But, I think I felt resentful towards Ben because I fell in love with Kee immediately, not with just the description of his hunky body but with his personality. Kee's personality totally suckered me in, he is an alpha but a tender and caring alpha. Even though he is a new stein he is larger body built and smarter than the others. Kee learns fast and even

though he doesn't know a lot he still found no fault towards Ben and it really irked me when Ben hurt his feelings or gave him a mixture of unsure feelings.

Needless to say though, by the end of the book I had warmed up to Ben and even loved him in the ending as I found myself smiling at how cute a couple Ben and Kee were for each other.

With the Underground Zombie Operation the rescue team was just Shani alone with the help from Q-ter, the bases computer nerd. I loved that the UZO took Ben in and set him up to help rescue more steins. This was an all-around great read. I cannot wait to read the next book that comes out, excellent series.

Ayanna says

Actually surprisingly enjoyable.

I mean, I skipped the rest of the books, but the premise here is interesting.

Some of the way it played out is rather froofy, but it's pulp. What can you do?

...can't think of anything else to say...

*shrug.

I liked it.

Ah. That was it.

The blurb is really melodramatic. I was pleasantly surprised by the way the ideas were laid out and how the plot played out. It wasn't as purply and pointless as I thought, based on the blurb.

It's a lot more subtly written than the blurb.

Valentina Heart says

This review was originally written for The Romance Reviews and can also be found there.

Dropping in the middle of a series is never fun, but enjoying the book anyway is saying something. With a hot Alpha male and a geeky scientist discovering the world together it really wasn't difficult to sit back and relax.

Kee is a stein, a zombie of a sort brought to life for the purpose of scientific experiment, but unlike the other steins there with him, he can think more clearly and as his friends disappear one by one, he sets on learning the language of the humans and saving them all from a terrible end.

Ben is an assistant to the scientist in charge of the steins and is in charge of all the dirty jobs, but the big

alpha still holds a special place in his heart despite all of Ben's efforts to ignore the curious male.

From the start this story is sexually charged despite both characters being inexperienced and somewhat lost. Their attraction is almost palpable and that is something Daisy Harris really knows how to work with.

I liked Ben's sympathy and his ultimate decision to save the steins, but also his gentle side where he let Kee take charge despite being virtually ignorant when it came to the real world. I thought Kee's innocence was really well described and his wonder made me smile more than once. But even with all the praise, the story needed more development and more insight into the characters. I haven't read the rest of the series, but the little info I got in this book was lacking certain closure and the last jump to three months forward denied me the pleasure of seeing the MCs grow as a couple.

I was excited to read this book, and while not perfect it was good enough to make me glad I've read it. Hats down for a great idea and making zombies look just as sexy as usually only shifter alphas are.
