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In this prison, we weren't just guards. We were animals.

I captured the guilty.
Locked them inside our prison.
Tortured their bodies and abused their minds.
I had murdered hundreds.
Never recognized one.
Until her face.
Until that scream.
I was hired to take her life.
But first, I had to figure out how she ruined mine.

WARNING

Animal is an extremely dark novel. There are strong sexual themes, drug usage, physical abuse and torture that could trigger and/or cause emotional suffering. You have been warned.

Animal Details

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From Reader Review Animal for online ebook

Hulya Kara Yuksel says

Ugh my brain literally fucked with this book... :-\

WOOOW!

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

This review is going to come across as though I need to be shoved in a straight jacket and sent to Animals prison to be dealt with because my mind literally can not process the shit that I just read!!

I can't compare this to ANY BOOK I've previously read, but if I tried to compare it to a movie for gore factor the closest I could think of would be 'SAW' A prison run by three guards, each have their own torture tool, this prison is like no other prison you will ever hear about, these prisoners never get to leave, the only way out is body parts scattered in rats stomachs as they digest each morsel until nothing is left!!

So this was by no means dark for me, gritty yes, some gorey bits thrown in for good measure, but the twists and turns were enough to put this as a 5 star read for me and I'm even throwing it onto my favorite reads for this year!! One because it was unique, two I never knew what was coming at me, three because the shit that went down in this book was sick, twisted, run for the hills now kind of read..

Reading this in the beginning of the book and thinking Animal is one sick motherfucker, he collects the tears and screams of his victims I was like Hell Yes!! And thinking there is no way I am going to connect with this guys character, but wait for it, I actually did!!

Let me hear you scream

Sorry if this review is all over the place it's just where my head is at the moment after finishing this..I think I might need to guzzle a bottle of wine to make my thoughts maybe make sense..

I'd love to see this authors computer and take a sneak peek at her google searches!! When writing this book

some hardcore shit must be on her search engines lol

Then I hit the ending and I'm silently screaming inside my head please bring us more!! Because she can't just leave it at that surely!! GAH!!

How am I going to go from this book to a normal book (god that just makes me laugh) a normal book where there is no rat eating flesh, the taker of screams, the torture chambers..Oh my!!

* Teasers used are off the authors facebook page *

CC says

4.5 Stars!

Tyler Richens is a hardworking student attending university on an academic scholarship. Not having family to rely upon, Tyler is determined to move forward and start a new life. With always wanting to feel like she belongs, she finally accepts her roommate's request to go out on the town. During that evening, Tyler is approached by a woman offering stability, a sizeable income and a sense of family she so desperately craves.

“We love unconditionally. And we will love you.”

“I didn't know what that felt like.”

Upon meeting and dating Jae, Tyler begins to feel the weight of her decision as she becomes entangled in the rules of her new job. While Jae has been understanding of her schedule, Tyler must make a decision that will affect their future. Knowing what the consequences will be, Tyler chooses to protect those she loves.

“I wanted to always remember his arms. His breathing. The way he felt against me.”

Beard is a prison guard at an underground prison. As a young man, Beard's family circumstances changed causing his closest friend's father to provide a home for him. During that time, Beard learned how violence could be channeled toward those who seemingly deserve it. Not expecting to such feel pain again in his life, Beard experiences a significant loss that propels him into a world of darkness. While the prison helps to calm the screams from within, Beard's additional outlet is hard sex.

“Prison guard, captor, torturer – I had many titles. They all meant the same thing; I lived in the dark.”

Told in multiple first-person POV, the characters really come to life and the tone of each character's essence is perfectly conveyed. With Beard he is raw, broody and cold but it's partly due to how he's chosen to insulate himself. For Tyler, she is naïve at times, but she is driven and willing to take a risk to protect others, though her methods may not be ideal. What transpires between all these characters is a balancing act and their lives intersect in such unexpected ways. And, the sex offers plenty of dominating and dirty goodness.

"I wanted that pussy on my tongue. I wanted that taste coating me. I wanted my noise buried there, so all I could smell was her."

As each piece appears to click into place, further complex questions arise leading to more significant consequences. With escalating tension and suspense embedded into this plot, the pacing incrementally rises until the timeline is at critical point. To say the plot is twisty would be an understatement.

Animal is a story that pulls you in from the first page with damaged characters trying to survive in their own ways. It is dark, mysterious and addictive, as Marni Mann successfully creates a world where morality is flexible and shadows lurk in one's souls. I highly recommend!!

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**This was a (F)BR with Twinsie Hawkey!*

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Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

Reviewed By Beckie Bookworm
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???? STARS

So here is "Animal" in all its glory.

Where do I start with this so very different story. well here goes,

Beard is running an illegal prison in Venezuela with his two best friends.

It's A place where they torture and kill, not just for the money involved, but also for the kicks too.

Beard himself has an obsession with the screams, he loves to listen to the cries of the tortured and the damned, it's just his thing.

So as you have probably surmised from the above "Animal" is an extremely dark tale and you should probably be aware that the descriptions in this are very graphic and detailed.

So the majority of this tale we get to follow Beard around and experience his very graphic sex life. I should also mention that there's a lot of girl on girl action, some menage scenes and also some drug use as well, just in case this bothers you.

The sex itself is also very down and dirty in language as well as detail and while this itself didn't bother me, the sheer amount of it did.

This is where Animal lost a star for me, I felt there was too much and I just didn't enjoy some of the encounters here, they felt a trifle off to me.

I actually in hindsight realised why I felt this way, It was quite obvious to me once I'd made the connection. Surprisingly the prison itself didn't affect me that much, not because I don't have a heart and lack the ability to empathise, Just more because I tried to not visualise what was occurring there, I buried my head in the sand, so to speak, out of sight, out of mind and all that jetsam.

You Know, LA LA LA LA LA Fingers in ears that kind of stuff.

I am actually pretty much unshockable anyway as it takes a lot to disturb me and mess with my head.

Probably the side effect of reading so much depravity.

So moving on , the other person's head we get to play inside is a young college girl by the name of Tyler. Ignored and taken for granted by her family, makes Tyler extremely vulnerable in her need for acceptance and love.

she is Easily Recruited by the Achurdy and her choices in life lead her down a dark path with only one end seemingly in her sights.

we are given a little taster of Tyler's utter despair in life and also in her death.

A snapshot into her head if you will.

So, What did I just read? And How darn Clever Was this folks? A Slow Stunned Clap from me, I'm so very impressed Marni, you rock girl.

Animal by Marni Mann was a complete an utter twisted-mind F@ck.

I know I had a slightly bemused expression on my face throughout.

And I was also, in a state of utter confusion for the majority of this story.

and Just when I thought I was getting somewhere, It was like BAM!!! here's another curve-ball for you, we don't want you getting too complacent girl.

With the final curtain closing on what was a massive Reveal, my first thought after the initial shock was, Ah, I get it now, everything kinda makes sense in a weird sort of freaky arse way.

Marni Mann after keeping me in a state of compete and utter perplexity throughout all of "Animal" has somehow managed to wrap this all up so prettily

Gathering together all the stray threads of this story and weaving them into a sort of gruesome testimony.

At least that's what I thought until Animal threw another DUH!!! moment at me, (I'm rolling my eyes here people.)

I knew it was to good to be true,

Back to trying to find my way out of the dark, sigh.

Animal is like being lost in a maze with no exit anywhere at all.

So where were we, Oh yes, I guess this story hasn't quite finished unfolding yet. I for one can't wait till act two commences.

So just a footnote,

I originally after finishing "Animal" rated this a three and a half.

I decided to sleep on it before I put pen to paper

As I could not get this out of my head, and for that reason alone I've upped this to a four, as this is not a read I will forget in a hurry and it doesn't really matter if that's for the right or the wrong reasons it's stuck in my head now so it' a definite score.

Reviewed By Beckie Bookworm
<https://www.beckiebookworm.com/>
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Katie says

5 scream for me stars

"Love was a feeling I'd never felt before. I didn't know it's symptoms, its side effects. I didn't know the depth it could reach, how it could trigger so many other emotions, how it influenced all of my decisions. But it had done just that, and the stronger it grew-something I hadn't known was possible either- the more of it consumed me."

Holy shit. Just holy shit. What a TOTAL mind-fuck of a book. I honestly DID NOT see any of the twists in the book coming! And that ending...just wow. Talk about a book hangover!

Tyler was such a strong heroine and Beard was one hot and messed up Alpha. What I loved the most was that you honestly are left in the dark during most of the book as you are following the lives of these two people. I loved that I had NO IDEA what direction the book was going to go in or what was going to happen to the people that characters that you are reading about.

I love me some dark books, and this one did not disappoint. I highly recommend this book to all of my fellow dark romance/erotica junkies!

Elizabeth says

"Your life is about to change."

Animal is a thrilling ride full of twists and turns that will hold you captive and leave you breathless and only wanting more. As moments of pain, joy, lust, fear, and love rain down, the characters desperately seek solace and will stop at nothing to find it.

"I didn't know what I was actually signing up for."

Tyler Richens is a college student. A small-town girl thrust into the world of the big city, she has a bright future ahead of her. Tyler has always felt alone. Emotionally abandoned by her family and financially strained, she craves acceptance and love. When her roommate takes her out on the town, she is given an offer that she simply cannot refuse.

Shortly after Tyler's life is changed forever, she meets Jae. Jae shows her a world of possibilities that she never knew existed and can never have. Despite her best effort to stay away from him, she can't let him go.

"I needed some fucking screams."

"There was bad motherfuckers on these streets. I should know. I was one of them."

Beard is a broken beautiful man full of raw fury. Working as a prison guard in an underground prison, he and his two best friends fulfill their needs by torturing and killing the guilty. As Beard ventures out past the prison walls, he finds himself in a twisted web of lust. Falling hard for a beautiful woman, the physical connection seems to keep his fury tempered and allows him a small semblance of satisfaction. Can money, women, and screams truly provide him everything he needs to forget?

"Up in this mother fucker, the three of us were like doctors."

Told in mostly dual POV, **Animal** is a blend of two stories told in both the present and the past. The characters are complex and beautifully damaged. The physical and emotional connections are raw and in-depth as each moment intercepts and twist and turn through each other. The action drives the plot like a freight train going a million miles an hour. The torture and raw grittiness that takes place in the prison paired with the tender romance between Tyler and Jae paired with the sexually charged conquests of Beard evoke a vast array of feelings that span the entire spectrum of emotions. The plot is intricately constructed with precision and the setting is expertly captured with the colorful description embedded in the text. Like a blockbuster movie, the action, suspense, romance, and sexually charged moments will leave you more than satisfied.

Overall, **Animal** will appeal to readers who like to challenge their mind, stretch their boundaries, and venture into a twisted world in which they may never want to escape. Marni Mann is an expert storyteller and the complex characters paired with the complex plot in **Animal** transported me to a world that I will never forget.

Check out the BOOK TRAILER here:

<https://goo.gl/5Kd7S6>

This was a BR with MISTRESS CC and WAR

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Betul says

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4.5 'WTF' stars

If you read the blurb, you can't really figure out what to expect. After I read *Prisoned* and met Beard, the main character of this book, I couldn't wait to get my hands on his book. As soon as I got *Animal*, I knew some really dark and twisted things would go down. I love dark books with villains as main characters. And Beard fit that bill perfectly. In my opinion he isn't a good guy, but there are things that made him the way he is. The structure of this book was different, normally it wouldn't have worked for me but for this book it was perfect. It left you with question marks almost throughout the whole book. I had no idea what was going on in the beginning, however I am a pretty good predictor/investigator of secrets in books. So half-way through I had some theories and a couple of them were correct.

However Marni wouldn't be Marni if she didn't throw a couple of plot twists the readers way. There was so much dark and twisted things going on but there was also a lot of hot and dirty sex. The author did an amazing job with the characters. She made me feel a certain way about them, which made perfect sense at the end. There are two stories in one book but they are connected, and it is up to you to figure out what is going on. It was very creative and mysterious and I couldn't get enough. I was hooked from the start and I couldn't wait till I received the answers to all my questions. Marni has one crazy and twisted mind!! This book is NOT for the faint-hearted. If you want a good mind-fuck where nothing is as it seems then definitely read this book. Especially the ending had me saying WTF and OMG, Marni really knows how to end a book.

Michelle says

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Dark, riveting, gritty, and twisted!! Marni Mann sure knows how to seduce her readers to the dark side as she dangerously engages her readers to feel for her characters in the **ANIMAL**. Though this is not a book for everyone since it's definitely an acquired taste, Mann does a wonderful job as she assaults readers with her vivid and raw prose.

In this bold tale that takes readers on a twisty journey, Marni beautifully and sinfully weaves Beard's present POV with Tyler's past POV and in such gives a story full of depth as their dark and dangerous paths collide. I know that I am being vague as to what happens and what to expect and the reason for that is that this is one story that needs to be experienced. Live and breathe in the darkness. Experience the raw emotions. The struggle between light and dark. The emptiness. The pain. The love. The want. The connection. The imprisonment. So if you are ready to take the journey where bold visceral words assault you, then this book is for you.

?✿? Alicia ?✿? says

4.5 Scream For Me Stars

WOW, starting this book I knew straight away I was stepping into a weird twisted world but I could never have guessed how twisted it would get.

So Beard runs this weird prison type place in Venezuela with his two best friends, they are hired to make people confess to things or to make them disappear. They use some very 'yucky' methods to get people to talk, some of it had me gagging.

When I released, his nipple shot across the room, hitting the cement wall and dropping to the floor.

Tyler's family was not well off and had always wanted her to be boy hence her name. She did not get affection and attention from her family so when it was time for college she worked hard and got a full scholarship to a college as far from her Kansas home as possible. The only person Tyler knows at college is her roommate, after constantly annoying her to go out to 'party' Tyler gives in. Little does she know that one night will change her life forever .

I found this a little slow at times, with there being so much in the story needing to be explained and so many side stories going on. I was weirded out and a little confused at first by the change in time between Tylers and Beards chapters. Another reason why I liked it.

The Whole **Achurdy** thing was a tad unrealistic and far fetched for me but I suppose opening a death/torture prison on an island in Venezuela is too. In saying that it it didn't stop me enjoying this twisted ride. I think I enjoyed it more because of how original it was and each new bit made you think. It was like a puzzle and I will admit I only managed to figure out one piece of it before the end.

I would not call this book just 'dark', it was more like a twisted and gross at times mystery read. You know how sometimes there is just one thing in a book you can't get past? Well in this one its '**The Babies**'

If you're like me and like to figure out all the answers as you read, then you'll be a mess with this one. My advice just read it, take it all in as you go then enjoy the total mindfuck it gives you at the end. It will give you the answers to the hundred questions you'll have while reading it. It will leave you with one question, that question can only be answered by another book.

Will there be another book??

Perry ★TBBSSisterhood Blog★ says

4.5 stars. Twisted and dark and I love it. Review to come.

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

READING ASAP! BOOK 2 ON OCTOBER 12th!

Book 1 of 2.

Blurb:

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Books in duet should be read in order:

Book 1: Animal

Book 2: Monster

warhawke says

Genre: Erotic Suspense

Type: Standalone

POV: First Person – Dual (partially multiple)

Rating:

Tyler Richens was a freshman looking for a new start. She was relief to be away from home, even though she was just scraping by. That was until she was introduced to a new lifestyle where she could have anything she wanted.

Beard was a guard at a special prison. He was a ruthless man with a distinctive taste. Being heartless made him good at his job until it became too personal.

After I've read *Prisoned*, Beard's character definitely intrigued me. I'm happy he got his own spotlight now.

Once they stopped screaming, it wasn't fun anymore.

Beard was not exactly someone you would swoon over. I like being in his dark and brutal psyche. He was unapologetic in what he lived for.

Every time I looked at myself in the mirror, I didn't recognize the person who stared back. She was hollow, miserable, full of fury and resentment.

Tyler was young and impressionable. Her past life made her susceptible to influence. She was fragile, yet there's rebellious streak in her that gave her strength.

The book hooked me from the intriguing prologue. From there it went on a non-linear timeline which I always love. It went back and forth between past and present and I was waiting with bated breath for it to converge.

I increased my speed, my balls slapping against her ass cheeks, clenching more with each stroke. I didn't give her my whole cock. She was too narrow. I didn't want to rip her apart.

Each of the story had its own allure. Some parts were dark while some were sexy. Well, very dirty fucking sexy. Just the way I like haha!

Animal is a darkly sexy story of two individuals who chose a path they couldn't come back from. The

scorching sex and the alluring suspense would make you grip your bed sheet while enjoying the wild ride

Note:

Shank captured my attention since he first appeared in the book. I can say everybody else can have Beard. I rather get Shanked hahah!

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Jen says

*** 3.5 Stars!***

This was an ok read for me. For a large portion of the book I was kind of bored though, the last little bit is what made me enjoy it a lot more! Once I got answers to what was going on.... then I decided to up a star! I can't go into details about what exactly bothered me about the story... this is one of those tails that need to be experienced while the story unfolds. One hint of what is going on could cause major spoilers.

This is a dark read... there is a lot of sex and flirting with boundaries that some readers may not like..(girl on girl... ménage) If you are a reader that likes a different kind of read then give this a go!
I am willing to read the next one to see if I will enjoy even more secrets revealed and tortures being doled out!! Shank is a brutal character so I'm sure what he dishes out will be extremely hard to swallow!!!

Jennifer Kyle says

3.75 SCREEEAM Stars

S.M. West says

OMG! First off, highly recommend this for anyone who loves dark reads, twisty plots and has the stomach for badass, ruthless anti-heroes!

Marni outdid herself this time! Wow, after reading *Prisoned*, I knew Marni had a dark, twisted sista lurky inside of her, but this, THIS is just beyond my expectations! The plot is more than twisty, it's complex, unexpected and kept me on the edge of my seat!!

Beard is not someone to fall for, although some of you may do just that ;). This is one disturbed man. How Marni weaves this plot with multiple POVs and a moving timeline, you don't see it coming! I won't say what 'it' is, but this whole story is fantastic. I highly recommend Beard!!

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