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Hidden in the red-light district of Moscow, tucked away behind the strip clubs and brothels, lies one of the mostly closely guarded secrets among the wealthy upperclass of the same-sex persuasion. The exclusive, members-only Club Rimska is no common gay bar. The powerful men who come there expect total discretion and to be served by the most beautiful boys in the city. They all have money and they all have secrets.

Young Mishka works at Club Rimska and one of his clients seems to have more secrets than most. He says very little, but he pays very well. He demands most of the pretty dancer's time and attention. Mishka brushes off his fixation as harmless, until one night the powerful man decides that 'most' is not enough. He wants ALL of him.

Kidnapped and imprisoned by a psychopath, Mishka must now do whatever it takes to make the powerful man happy- no matter how degrading or humiliating. His captor is determined to punish him and thereby 'save' him from his wicked, sinful ways (whether the young stripper wants to be saved or not).

Days pass, and then weeks. Brutality turns to tenderness and obsession begins to resemble love. Mishka becomes more and more confused about his own feelings towards his mysterious captor. Is it Stockholm Syndrome or something more? And how does the man know all of Mishka's deepest, darkest secrets? What secrets is he hiding in turn?

This unique story by best-selling author Amelita Rae is not for everyone. It explores the most twisted versions of love and dares to shine a light on the darkest corners of the human heart. You will not forget the Fallen Angel.

~55,000 words

## **The Rise Details**

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## From Reader Review The Rise for online ebook

### **Al \*the semi serial series skipper\* says**

3.5 stars

Bloody cliffhangers, lucky for me I have book two.

This is my second book by the author and second Yaoi romance, I don't really know what makes it "Yaoi" because it read like a regular MM romance, I tried goggle but that did not really enlighten me, is it the phrases used that sets it apart or is it the cover, questions still unanswered.

I liked this book regardless, there isn't much to say, it was pretty hot, really hot, but it did get repetitive. Mishka gets kidnapped and we don't know why even until the end, he just gets tortured with pleasure, while I found it hot, I wanted to know what was going on.

Unto book 2.

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### **P says**

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### **Eleaze says**

DNF 52%

This was just not for me.-

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### **Chelsea says**

I enjoyed this one a lot. It what I expected from Amelita Rae and I was not disappointed! Very non-con, but I can already tell we'll forget all about the horrible things that were done and totally root for the bad guy.

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### **Zuzu says**

**Need Part 2 for answers!!**

Ms Rae did warn that this was darker than her other stories, but I thought "sir" was too cruel. I want to find out why. I also want to know what is going on with Mishka's eyes.

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### **Mimi says**

4.5 stars

First, I would to Thank my GR friend Rayne her recommendation of "The Rise: Fallen Angel".

Great book can't wait for the second book.

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### **Sandra says**

[he called him a fallen angel so I figure that's more literal than initially implied, maybe the Captor is a demon and they were in love (hide spoiler)]

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### **?? Michaelle ?? says**

3.9 Stars

Why is it that whenever I am in the mood for dark, porny, non/dub-con goodness as a mindless escape...Amelita Rae makes me use my brain? She's sneaky that way, and I'm not sure if I like that or not. But I can't say it wasn't well-written.

See, for a while there I was getting really irritated with how the captor was judging Mishka for his choices, like people who "resort" to sex-work - either prostitution or dancing - are broken or without morals, and deserve to be treated like property. As a former stripper I took offense at that BIG TIME because I have never felt as empowered in my life as I did when I was shaking my ass & tits and raking in the money hand over fist (that I REALLY DID use to help pay for school, shut up)...so I felt like his agency was being completely denied before he was even kidnapped. (Just like I feel when people think somehow the system failed me or some bullshit because I "resorted" to stripping. Fuck you, that was my choice.)

So, yeah. Lots of personal feelings kept getting in the way here, and the way it was presented seemed very judgmental. Which meant I had to step back and reassess. (Which meant using my brain, damn it.) I had to re-read a lot of what I'd already finished because I originally read it with this negative opinion formed...and I am SO glad I did that. After all, there is more here than meets the eye.

The Captor treats Mishka like a pet; he's fed, housed & pampered like a treasured possession...and while there is punishment and forced orgasms, there is no non-con penetration. Which, I have to admit, was a new development in the non/dub-con genre for me. Even with the spankings and BDSM Mishka was always rewarded with orgasms. Everything else about the Captor screams of domination and control, of wielding power over Mishka whether he likes it or not, including Mishka's sexual release. Which IS rape, however anyone wants to parse it.

But as we get further along in the story, something else becomes quite clear: The captor knows Mishka from somewhere other than the strip club, and his actions have a more personal meaning as he obviously has a more personal connection that Mishka doesn't remember. Until the end. With that massive cliffhanger.

And of course that means the next one is on the TBR - I have to know how it all works out, and whether the Captor is misguided in his attempts to "rescue" Mishka, whether he changes his tactics, and how Mishka responds (submit or fight harder) now that he knows who the Captor is.

(I do find myself questioning the "Yaoi" designation here; it reads just like any other contemporary dark MM Romance book...and without the title and cover image, I would never have pegged it as anything else.)

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### **Tammy says**

3.5 stars, well hell talk about an ending?!?! Thank God I don't need to wait for the next book!! The author was so stingy with details on sir, just his obsession and abduction of Mishka pretty much the whole book. I'm hoping the next book has a whole bunch of explanation for me!!

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### **Keneisha Perry says**

I have a love of darker books and this one really scratched an itch for me. It wasn't only rough, it was gentle at times and caring-nurturing. Everything about it made me love it more. I literally couldn't stop reading and I cannot wait until I can read the next one and find out more about the relationship between the two main characters. The end of this book was really surprising and made it immediately clear to me that I need the next book as soon as possible!

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### **J Alm says**

#### **An unusual tale .....**

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of one man's obsession for another.

Mishka is a stripper at one of Moscow's exclusive but less known club. The club deals only with men, for men.

The men who are customers are wealthy and want discretion.

For months one man has been a large and obsessed customer of Mishka's, making Mishka's skin crawl. A man of few words who pays well for his time.

One night however, Mishka is taken whilst on his way home.

Confused and being threatened he follows the kidnapper's instructions, but some rebellious spirit gets him

punished.

Their relationship is slow going and takes a fair bit of the book up, however, the ending really ends the book well and I can't wait to see what happens next.

The characters don't have the depth that this author usually shows. The book is slow in moving, although much happens it was slow reading. I am hoping that the author will give the depth and clear up the end revelation, so we know who they are and how their past has brought them to this point. The ending of this book certainly made me want more. Mishka has an epiphany and finally recognizes who has captured him. Poor Mishka was just getting into the rhythm of living with his kidnapper, when all hell breaks loose at the end of the book.

Would have given this a five star if it flowed quicker during the story. I found the ending amazing so gave it a four star.

Can't wait for the next instalment.

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### **Lilia Ford says**

Amelita Rae obviously has a thing for yaoi stories. For such a prolific writer, her stuff is solid and well-written. This "book" is actually only the first half of a full-length novel, (which has the annoyance of bringing the full price for the actual book to \$8.) The set-up is pretty classic dark yaoi: sweet, gorgeous "tiny" uke stripper is kidnapped by equally gorgeous psychotic billionaire seme.

And honestly the first half read like straight up porn, basically letting the captive scenario play out without much more than the basic, predictable character development in the midst of all the bondage and forced orgasms. The writing was fine, but there were a fair number of cliches (e.g. attracted to him like a moth to a flame) which just seemed to reinforce the stereotypical plot, enough that I had hesitations on picking up part 2.

I caved of course, and I'm glad I did because the second part pretty much totally upends everything in the first, and ends up going to some really weird, fucked-up places, which unlike the first part, were not quite like anything I'd read before.

I can't imagine anyone who doesn't like dark yaoi enjoying this, but for fans of that genre, both the book and the author offer many pages of pervy pleasure.

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### **Shin Mon Thway says**

I really hate how authors left us poor readers hanging at the end of the book .. rushing to read book 2 now

Very interesting .. the beginning of the book was full of non-consensual and abusing and raping. Still, the twists and turns of the story has enticed me completely.

Well deserved 4 stars

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### **M'rella says**

NO. There is no such thing as red light district in Moscow. Or St.Petersburg. Or any city or town in Russia, where prostitution is illegal.

But ok, I'll give this series a try.

2 stars.

I wish the author had placed this book in some imaginary city, not an existing one. As it is, I am going to assume this is some futuristic dystopian Moscow, not a contemporary one. At least that way I can continue with the series and not bitch every 3% of the book.

One more thing.

Mishka is a nickname. It can be affectionate or it can be rude. For a small chubby kid it's very much an equivalent of "Teddy Bear". For a skinny grown up it's a bit rude, unless you are a close friend or family. Misha is a much better and more common short version of the name Michael (Mikhail).

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### **April Espinosa says**

#### **BDSM with class**

I only like some BDSM this was full of passion caring and an awesome twist. Written with class and suspense. Can't wait to read book two.

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