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## **Pawn - Volume 2 Details**

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### ✿kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! ! ?

The highly anticipated continuation from **Pawn #1**, author Maya St. James definitely definitely ups the sexual tension and stakes as I didn't know what to expect between Graham and Elle.

Between wanting to hump Graham's leg and thinking he was a self-assured a\$# who thinks he's entitled to everything, I couldn't help but wonder how his little arrangement with Elle was going to work out and who would be hurting who in the end?

Aaah, the woes of the heart!! But then again, it's all's fare in love and war!! Hehe

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### Maida»-(`v`)-» says

**RATING: 4 “My knight in kinky armour” HEARTS!!**

#### Pawn Part 2 of 3

*Pawn - Volume 2* starts off where its predecessor left off, with Senator Graham Delaney and Eleanor Courtney parting ways with the revelation of Graham's ulterior motives, however, not for long, if Graham Delaney has anything to say about it. And does he ever. **"Checkmate."** With that one word, Maya St. James further unravels the seductively risqué relationship between Graham and Elle, and in its progression gives us, yet again, a temptingly carnal read to devour.

In this, the gameboard has been set, the Chess pieces laid out, and the calculated moves stimulated in a sexy push-and-pull of explosive passion and sinful temptation between our two main characters. The fast-paced, dual POV plot brings back the sensually erotic, filthy words ingrained in its storytelling and – with every possessive order, every tantalizing touch, and for-sure attitude – the readers completely at the mercy of a demanding, come-hither hero. Amongst the sexy romance, the vengeance Graham seeks against Elle's father, Senator Courtney, remains at the forefront with Elle still his pawn in the political game, yet, Graham's need for her is tangled with his earnest attraction, not only unsettling the high-handed Senator, but creating the perfect bridge to the next installment.

Graham Delaney is the same frustratingly sexy, filthy-mouthed, ruthless and deliciously controlling asshole we have come to crave, and yet, it is Elle's character that shines in this. She no longer hides her attraction, and takes every opportunity presented to search for her own answers and eradicate the wall surrounding Graham, no matter the extent of her desire, his constant reinforcement of who is in control or his inherent intransigence. Previously labelled as prim and proper, she is no longer, instead we get a strong woman who doesn't take Graham's BS, and draws the reader's eye instantly, unlike before.

The ending is another precipitous closure, and although hindering, the more distress comes from the lack of depth in the content – in the story, in its delivery of answers, and even in its development of Graham's character. And, surprisingly, his actions in this are unfavorable to the conscious mind, sitting uncomfortably until they (hopefully) can be redeemed. This installment leaves a lot to be desired with many loose ends, and surely St. James has a trick or two up her sleeve to deliver impeccably all the lacking elements in Pawn - Volume 3.

Missing in its initial abundance of emotions, plot depth and development, nonetheless, *Pawn - Volume 2* is a quick read sure to please with plentiful scandalous fantasies as an outcome, and leaving intense desire to know the verdict of this lust-filled endeavor. Awaiting the release of the next part is going to be an anxious struggle, but one worth the wait, I hope!

***“Fuck, you’re beautiful when you’re angry, Elle. Beautiful and vicious and mine.”***

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**Maria Kaye says**

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It was okay, I needed **more**.

**Crazy for Books (Stephanie) says**

**4 Forbidden Stars**

Though Graham is still playing games with Elle, they are both feeling more than either of them intended. She can't get him out of her head when he's away and he can't seem to get enough of her when she's with him.

But Graham is still playing a dangerous game. What will happen when Elle figures it all out?

I am loving this series. I can't say enough about it. I want to the next installment NOW!

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### **Eliza says**

[ n/a (hide spoiler)]

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### **Eda\*\* # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says**

**\*\* 3-3,5 STARS \*\***

COLLECTIVE REVIEW FOR VOLUMES 1 & 2

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### **Jen says**

I hate to say it.

But this sequel was a miss for me. I just felt like it read like an extended lost chapter of the first book and offered nothing new to me.

I was not a fan of this AT all. I loved book one because it was fun to read, had shocking elements and despite being short in length, it had characters with layered pasts that made you curious about them.

However, this sequel just extended the cat and mouse chase game that happened in book 1 between Graham and Elle and at first it was kinda cool and suspenseful but after a while, I kinda wanted to slap Graham with how he was dealing with Elle. He got annoying for me.

And I get it that when a person gets hurt, they sometimes can get cold with others and don't want to show vulnerability but after a while it's like, "Hello, you are a grown ass man. You know what you are feeling. Why play the twisted games after so long?" and that is what happened with Graham and what I wanted to say to him. And even if he didn't tell Elle his feelings, I would have liked him to have balls, at least with his own damn self, and admit that he liked her beyond his lust for her. But NO. Not even a full confession. Just half-assed mini admissions. And sorry for my language but I am so annoyed with Graham. His charm just went away for me. I hate when guys use their man pain as an excuse to treat girls like shit.

Elle also annoyed me in this because in book 1 she showed potential to be able to match Graham and challenge him. And it's like the author tried to make her character gutsy but failed because everytime she did something semi interesting to challenge Graham to find out what is behind their deal, she became this wide eyed mary sue girl who just got her first kiss and is babbling like an idiot in awe of Graham. I get it, the man had something sexy about him at first but with the way he was treating her in this book, like NO. It went

away. At least for me. She put him on this sexy pedestal and honestly, I wasn't seeing it. I did in book 1, but not in this book.

This series does have potential to redeem itself and it lies within Elle really challenging Graham, like FOR REAL and Graham bringing down his guard, showing his past wounds and quitting this stupid revenge plot because Elle doesn't deserve it and he's being petty.

Graham's sexual demands got old real quick because he was trying to establish dominance but at the same time keeping away from Elle from fear of falling for (though he didn't once come close to admit it even to himself) but acting like an idiot in the process. A creepy, immature idiot.

Only thing I liked about this book: The cover. That is IT.

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My rating: 2/5

### **Michelle says**

In the second installment of Pawn, we begin the story just where book one left off. Eleanor confronts Graham and walks out. Four days pass until he can no longer take it. Four long days of his body craving her, but he's not about to back down now. And Graham is a man that gets what he wants. But for Eleanor, she is craving him just as badly. Wanting to stay buried under his skin, to get to see the glimpse of the man that lies beneath the posh suits and dirty talk.

This serial series just hit a whole new level of hot! But not only are we getting some pretty sexy scenes and more of the delectable Senator, we also get the pieces to the story – the reasons why. The need for him to use Eleanor, to destroy her father. The only question is, when the time comes will the Senator be able to twist the knife or will getting his revenge cost him too much?

As much as I love full length novels, there is something purely addicting about serials; especially when the author gets the formula right. And this one does. The perfect mix of the larger story being unveiled and new elements mixed in. And throw in one dirty talking Senator and it's damn near perfect. The only thing I am really needing for this story to come full circle is for these two to find themselves spending more time together. The attraction is certainly there, but I am not quite ready for these two to realize that it is something beyond lust that is fueling their attraction. I am really hoping that the final installment brings us some more vulnerable moments where we can experience the shift from lovers in lust to something more.

I am counting down the days until the final installment is released, just a few more to go!!!!

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### **Claire Robinson says**

4 - "Don't walk like that. People will talk." Stars!

The second part of the *Pawn* Series starts off pretty much where novella one left off. Elle is back in Washington and Graham is still in New York, pissed that she walked out on him.

**I want her, crave her like I've never desired any other woman.**

Graham as you would expect, doesn't take Elle's departure lying down, and is soon back in D.C. to remind her of their agreement, and to start collecting on his investment.

**"Change of plans, Ms. Courtney."**

The risk when splitting a work with essentially enough word-count to warrant being a complete book into serialized parts I find is that often there is a part (or parts) that don't really offer anything up in the flow of the story. Although well written, and full of the innuendo, blunt talking and inappropriate actions, from *Senator Sexy-Ass* this part of Graham and Elle's journey is remarkably like the first novella, in its content.

**"Is it just me or do you get cruder as the days march on?"**

It's not a bad thing, but it is something that can sometimes lessen the reader's anticipation for future installments.

I think my rating highlights that I have no issues with the virtual non-movement of the storyline on this occasion.

**"When I call, you come."**

That said, the author has an awful lot of loose ends looking to be tied up in relation to this couple's story, and I am looking forward to it giving the final (and extended) part of the *Pawn* Series, a thoroughly exciting and engrossing ending. Thankfully we don't have to wait too long as it is due for release at the end of February.

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**Maureen Nicholson says**

4 Steamy Stars! Well, well, well, our sexy senator with his filthy mouth is still moving forward with his plan to use Elle as a pawn of revenge. There was a lot of foreplay and just as before, the strong chemistry between these two cannot be denied. One thing is for sure, as much of a jerk the senator is, he knows how to seduce a woman. I just hope in the last book the tables turn on him.

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**Jan says**

**2.5 Stars**

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## Sabrina says

### **4 You. Are. Mine. Stars**

Senator sexy-ass is such an arrogant jerk, and yet you can't help but want to jump his bones. After how Volume 1 ended I wasn't sure what to expect from the hottie Senator. An apology? Maybe groveling for forgiveness? Nope. He just doled out more demands and damn if I didn't want to follow them.

*When I call, you come.*

Four days. That's how long Graham gave Elle to hide before he came back for his pawn. Four days of Elle thinking of Graham and little else. Four days of anticipation growing and me dying trying to figure out what would happen when Graham finally got Elle back.

*Before dawn breaks, I will have driven all my frustration-all my wants-into Eleanor's body, and she won't even think of disappearing for four fucking days again because all she'll be able to comprehend is more.*

To Graham, Elle is just a pawn in getting revenge on her father for something that happened years ago, or so he thinks. He's the one in control but his control is slipping when it comes to the elegant Elle and I, for one, cannot wait to see that control fully break and Senator Graham Delaney down on his knee's. Elle isn't one to take the demands lying down, well...sometimes ;) but she's looking for the answers to what Graham is hiding from her. Will she find out that he's just using her? And if so will Senator sexy-ass finally learn to grovel? I don't know but the wait to find out is slowly killing me!

Me right now...

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## V says

3.5 stars.....not too shabby.....lots of smokin' hot chemistry between the two. If this was a full length novel I think the whole 'close but no cigar' between the two MCs would have bothered me abit. They just kept getting *almost* there to doing the deed, but then not. And it wasnt because of interruptions or anything, but rather their own stubbornness. And when they do *finally* get there.....it was a disappointment I have to say. Very little, if any, detail was given and I felt like i was left hanging, but not in a good way.

All that said, I still really want to see where they end up and how they'll get there. So book 3 is definitely on

my tbr list.

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## SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★★! **Pawn, part 2 of 3.** Senator Delaney continues to toy with student in his vengeful game of seduction!

*“It’s huge,” she says flatly.*

*“On what fucking planet is that a bad thing?”*

These novellas should be read in order:

**Part 1: Pawn Volume I**

**Part 2: Pawn Volume II**

**Part 3: Pawn Volume III**

*In Pawn, part 1 US senator, investor and heir Graham Joshua Delaney made a proposal to student, heiress and daughter of a fellow politician, Eleanor Sutton Courtney, Elle. He would pay her tuition if she became his mistress for the semester. Elle was ill equipped to handle such a relentless, wickedly charming, dirty-talking and suave politician. Graham might have appeared horny and depraved, but his motives were murky at best...*

**Pawn, part 2** picks up shortly after part 1's ending. The **cat-and-mouse game** continues with Graham's **wicked hot-cold seduction** of Elle. The **sexual tension** is off the charts and **sexxyy times** with Graham leaves Elle on pins and needles. She has her moments of strength though. More so than she realizes as the **Senator may very well fall victim** to his own **manipulative** and **seductive games...** in his quest for **vengeance!**

*“I’m a politician, Ms. Courtney. Twisting the truth is in my DNA.”*

Ten words to describe **Graham Joshua Delaney**: **Dirty-talker, suave, cocky, flirty, ruthless, jaded, vengeful, elusive, blunt and manipulative.**

Eight words to describe **Eleanor Sutton Courtney, Elle**: **Smart, loyal, resourceful, reflective, honest, caring, naive and determined.**

**Pawn**, part 2, told from dual POVs is driven by Graham's **calculated seduction**. Story reads at a **fast pace**, offering the best in sizzling **sexual tension** and **intrigue**. Story ends with another **shocker**. Part 3, **Pawn**

**Volume III** shall **explain** it all as it'll **conclude** Graham and Elle's story.

**Addictive and suspenseful plot! Excellent story-telling! Depraved, dirty-talking and devious hero! Witty dialogue and bantering! Seduction, secrets, suspense and smut!**

***“Cocky much?”***

***“Nine inches,” he assures me.”***

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Hero rating: 5 stars

Heroine rating: 4.5 stars

Sexual tension rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5+ stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4.5+ stars

Plot rating: 5 stars

Dialogue rating: 5 stars

Storytelling rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: N/A

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): N/A, ARC

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**Overall rating: 5 stars**

**Would I recommend this series: Yes.**

**Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

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**A??ela W. says**

Hot Sexy-Ass Senator! This book picks up four days after the last book ended. Book two in Pawn series was hot. Graham still can't get Eleanor Courtney off his mind his plan to use her to get back at his father is not working as he planned, she left him hanging at the end of the last book. Eleanor can't stop thinking about the hot sexy Senator from New York she wants to learn who broke his heart she knows that he cost her job at 202 and that she doesn't trust him. Elle is still weary of Graham, of how their proposition will work, and of how she'll be able to walk away. He makes her feel like no one ever has and that's the problem. Graham is still just as possessive, arrogant, sexy, and dominating with an even filthier mouth. He still wants Elle, he still wants to own her, but what he doesn't know is that he may never want to let her go. From his first taste he's hooked and thoughts of their time ending possess his mind. This book was hot sexy and erotic just the way that I like them. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling. I love how the overall story also plays into Graham and Elle's relationship and I am looking forward to find out more about his past and exactly what Senator Courtney did to him and if he will be able to use Eleanor to hurt her father. I am really looking forward to reading the next Volume in this series.

