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One master, one woman who craves surrender, and a sky that will challenge them both.

At a time when airplanes are as new-fangled and sensational as the telephone, Faith dares to fly.

The one territory she has not explored is her own sexuality. In Leonhardt she discovers the man who can teach her how a woman surrenders her body and her mind. However, Leonhardt has a shadowed past and his own learning to do. He doesn't have the right to keep Faith from flying, even if he thinks airplanes are flimsy death-traps made of canvas, timber and their inventor's prayers.

Faith has her limits, Leonhardt has his flaws, and sometimes the nicest people get murdered by unscrupulous bastards. Even if Leonhardt can save the woman he loves, the battle for Faith's heart will be the hardest one of all.

WARNING: BDSM, anal sex, orgasms galore, and a Dom who likes to claim his property with pen, ink and bondage.

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Jacqueline says

Very impressed. This was historical bdsm erotica. The historical details felt real and the research was of very good quality. The writing was stellar and so far above normal offerings in this genre. In addition, there was an actual plot that held together well and had a beginning middle and end. The character development was very well done. You got to know both the hero and the heroine and their story seemed real and genuine. Issues such as the fact that those who felt the need for dominance and submission in prior time periods were considered perverts and perhaps did not consider themselves normal were addressed. The sex scenes were different and hot. Well written and did not seem hokey or prurient really at all to me. The bdsm was there but you could also feel the emotion between these two people. The kink factor while present was not super high so I think it would be a comfortable read for those new to the genre but because of the high quality of the writing is worth reading by those more familiar with the themes.

The writing and story was good people, I'm telling you.

R *is for Relentless* says

What a great read! Historical, BDSM, Erotic Romance, What makes a story a great erotic romance for me? When it makes me squirm and shiver OOOHHH so right! ~shiver and squirm~ This book really pushed my buttons in the right way. I loved both the Hero and Heroine of Rough Surrender. Set in 1910 in Cairo, Faith is not your typical 1910 woman and Leonhardt is not your typical 1910 man. Faith is adventurous, opinionated, and feisty. Leonhardt is big, bold, and a Dom with a deep dark secret. I can not speak to the historical accuracy of the story but nothing to my untutored eye jumped out as inconsistent. I thought the story very well written with a good mystery to solve and sizzling hot sex scenes. Most definitely sizzling- Had to go back and reread a few of them just make sure I didn't miss anything ;-) I would love to know more about Faith and Leonhardt or even some of the intriguing secondary characters like Beth or Hasim. I believe that fans of Cherise Sinclair would enjoy this book. If you are someone who regularly reads bdsm or someone who is just discovering they might like to take a walk on the wilder side of romance give this book a try. You won't be disappointed. Now I just might have to go read some of the steamier scenes to my husband, just for inspiration you know! Happy reading!

Tony says

Rosebud's Review described the premise of the book very well, so if you haven't read it go read it first and then come back here because there are a couple of personal reflections I would like add to what she had to say.

Let's start off with the bad stuff (and as you can see from my rating they aren't significant to really take anything away from the book); I would have like a bit more "warm-up" with Faith's character to identify her as the free spirit that she's later discovered to be. As it is now she doesn't immediately seem true the time period.

I would also had liked to get her flight from her perspective, to hear her revel in the freedom.. and compare it

to freedom of Leonhardt's restraints.

To me there were a slight disconnect when the erotic novel became a suspense novel.

Lastly there were my personal pet-peave that when she had the chance to take charge and be the dominant one.. she gave it up without hesitation. I know that's probably what the wast majority (the women) wants to hear, but I'm still allowed to raise my voice in complaint... as that seems to always be the case.

Okay, enough with what I hope is some constructive criticism and on to some more positive points; the interaction verbal and otherwise between the two main characters Faith and Leonhardt is what makes this story great and just that would earn this book four stars, but there's more.

I don't object to reading a porn story with just hot sex and I've ready plenty of books without any sexual content, but to me a truly great Erotic story needs to have both, and preferably in a story where both feels like natural part of the complete story like it does in Rough Surrender.

What makes this story magical is Cari Silverwood's ability to use language and words to help build the atmosphere without having to use a lot of description. *She placed her cutlery on her plate.* is one example of how she uses time typical and today dated words to instil her story with a time typical 'air', which seems effortless but has likely taken quite a bit of work. This is brilliant use of language!

After this I'll definitely have to find more of Cari's books to enjoy.

Louise says

4.5 stars

Well I think this author may well have changed my opinion of historical romances, as well as having given me a whole new insight into the varied uses of a fountain pen!

My word this story is deliciously naughty, wicked and panty-melting hot. It also proves that a talented author can make any genre of book interesting to read. I would have read this in one sitting if my awkward family hadn't kept interrupting me with unreasonable requests for meals and the like. The book really had me gripped with it's excellent writing, flowing prose, exciting plot and well rounded characters. The mystery/suspense sub-plot really added extra depth to the story too. My only complaint was that I am sure we were teased about a menage but it never happened, or was that just my over active imagination hoping for even more smut?

One of my issues with historical romances stems from societal norms of the time for women. Their lack of voice and freedom, and the very rule bound way of living often results in a wishy-washy heroine who severely lacks in personality. Ms Silverwood obviously didn't get the memo because Faith is a strong, opinionated and very worthy heroine and for me she totally made this story work. I liked the little touch that she originated from Australia, I just felt this gave her permission to be less uptight than if she had been a British or American woman of the period.

Leonhardt has got to be one of the sexiest and most wonderful Dom's I have had the pleasure to encounter in a book. Often they are a touch too overbearing, or when they are kind/sweet it weakens them as a character, but Leonhardt had it all. Even when he felt the need to 'push' Faith at the end of the book, he explained why, he reassured her and he made her feel comfortable and safe. I loved how he remained dominating and in control and yet at the same time Faith had the true control and 'last say', which is how a true D/s relationship should be but many writers fail to capture this aspect in their stories.

The sex was hot. So hot I felt awkward reading this in the same room as my family. Faith's wasn't the only underwear getting damp! It's not a term I've used to describe sex scenes before, but they were beautiful. They also left me very jealous of Faith and wanting a Leonhardt of my own. My that man does things for me.

So if like me you think 'historical romance - no way' but love a good smutty, kinky read then give this a go, and even if you're not give it a go anyway because it is DAMN GOOD AND HOT TOO.

Becca says

This book just kept getting better and better as I read it. Lots of adventure, a brave woman, a protective man and a murder mystery to boot! The story was wonderful, although it felt to me as though some of the back story was missing as to Faith's life. That, and some difficulty with the author's writing style are my only complaints with this book. I enjoyed the setting, the time period and (of course) the hot sex!

Rough Surrender takes place in Egypt in 1910. I'm not particularly familiar with that time period, but Ms. Silverwood's research made the time period ring true. I recommend this book to anyone who likes BDSM romance (nothing overly heavy here) in an unusual time and place.

Smut Junkie says

FREAKIN' AMAZING, AMAZING book!!! It took me way to long to read it because of my work schedule this week, but I stayed up WAY too late to finish it because I could NOT put it down! Leonhardt - man! I never thought I'd be attracted to a big bald man, but damn, he made my heart pound on more than one occasion! And Faith was the perfect combination of submissive and spunky in a time that I'd imagine that was not a combination you saw often! Just FREAKIN' LOVED IT! I think a book that can make you cry is pretty damn good - and I cried on more than one occasion - Cari really tugged at my heart there near the end! One of my favs for 2012 for sure!! and again, this another book that made me say - FUCK 50 Shades of Grey! Seriously - if this is NOT on your TBR pile, you need to add it NOW! Seriously. And don't worry if 'historical' or 'period' books are not your thing - trust me when I tell you that it doesn't matter...just add it already! ;)

Alice says

I practically counted down the days until this was rereleased as a kindle book. It was so worth the wait.

This is the final book to complete my June Opposites Attract BotB challenge, categories single/historical. I was also lucky enough to find a buddy to read it with me for the Buddy Read challenge also happening this month, many thanks Marie!

I'm still floating on my post read happy cloud, really trying to pull to gather my thoughts for a good review.

The attention to detail the author put into this book really made the read that much richer for me. I did stop a few times to look up some specific references to cars, and a fashion designer of the time. On top of all that this book was filled to the brim with erotic escapades. Perfect! Our heroine was a great mix of independent,

innocent & daring. Our hero wasn't too shabby either, an awfully creative fellow all around, I might even describe him as bit of a renaissance man.

The baddies made my stomach turn, more than once, and the supporting characters really did round everything out for me.

I can think of my maybe five books I've thought about re-reading, this one is absolutely on that shelf for me. I'm still holding back on the fifth star though. No matter how I look at it, I'm at a solid 4 on this read. I may change my mind, maybe after the reread at a future date.

Holly Full Moon Bites Book Reviews says

May have slight spoilers.

In author Cari Silverwood's book Rough Surrender we meet Faith Evard and Leonhardt Meissner.

First off I have to say that I absolutely loved this book; from the steamy hot sex scenes, to the detailed descriptions on the setting.

Secondly; I am going to have to find me a Leonhardt, or a Theo, Sten, *mmm*, Dankyo... *clears-throat* as I was saying.

Rough Surrender. Pure. Awesomeness. The Queen of the Sex Scene is at it again as she takes us back in time to a time where airplanes are a new and very dangerous thing and tying up and dominating a woman was not something most people know about.

Especially respectable women like Miss Faith. Faith has come to Cairo to fly her plane in the Week of Aviation with other pilots. Leonhardt attracts her attention from the first time she sees him but Leonhardt is not just any man, tall, smart and very domineering he arouses her like no one ever has before and when she boldly invites him to her room—he shows her just how different his desires are, and that she loves it.

Leonhardt doubts his sexual ways on and off thinking maybe they really are wrong, and for the last year and pushed them out of mind, but when he sees the delicate but strong Faith those interests swamp him like a tilde wave, and when he finds submitting to him interests her as well he can not help but to allow himself.

A bargain is struck. For 10 day's she will be his. But danger is stalking women in Cairo and Faith soon finds herself in the center of it.

This is one of the best historical romance novels I have ever read. Whenever I read a historical book, though I love them, it is always on my mind that the book is historical, how can it not be? With Rough Surrender though, it did not even factor into my thinking. Sure I know it is and I really learned *a lot*, but the plot flows so easily that it is like being taken into the story, I felt so in sync with the Faith and Leonhardt that it didn't feel anything like a historical novel while reading.

In fact, it did not really register in my brain again until I was reading the info in the back of the book about the research Cari did for it.

I loved the conflict of Leonhardt's. He seemed so strong and confidant, (and he was) but he hated Faith flying, it terrified him. Not only that but we have Faith's conflict as well, though she loves for Leonhardt to take control in the bedroom she does not want to lose her sense of self *outside* of the bedroom.

Overall--Pure. Unrestrained-Or restrained as it were ;). Awesomeness.

An absolutely *must* read for anyone who is looking for a wonderful erotica BDSM and historical romance book to read!

****I received a hardcover/paperback/eBook copy/ARC of this book for free to review from the author/publisher; this in no way influenced my review, all opinions are 100% honest and my own.***

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

Ever so thoroughly...

This is my first Cari Silverwood read, and it was highly entertaining. I kinda ended up reading it by accident, not realizing it was a historical. I'm a contemporary girl and would not have chosen it on purpose. Best mistake ever!!!! I loved it. I kept my girlfriends laughing with updates as I was reading. We were all amazed and intrigued by the imagination of this author. The main characters were both very strong in their own way, especially the female since it was not looked upon as favorable in that time period, and their witty banter was very amusing. The historical aspects were surprisingly interesting to me also. The story kept my attention, I was in a constant state of surprise with either my eyebrows raised or my face flushed, as he told her to, "brace yourself, dear" and I visualized Alphie Gordillo as the sexy bald Sir described by the author. Uh huh, I've got your attention now, don't I? I bet I just sold a few books with this review - lol!

Becky Condit says

The ending is heart-stopping and riveting. I could not put the book down for the last 80 pages or so, not even to answer the phone or fix dinner. Who is the killer? Who is his next victim? Will the victim be rescued in time? Will Faith's airplane motor be found? Will a pilot walk away from a crash? So many things happening at once to bring this story to a dramatic conclusion. This is a plot-driven novel but the characters are fully developed, from the main characters, Leonhardt and Faith, through all of the supporting cast. I enjoyed this book so much! I hope there is a sequel to bring us further adventures of this sensational heroine and the man who loves her with his whole heart.

Please see my complete review on June 5, 2012 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

Meggie says

4.5 stars!

Everything he did, every action, every word, seemed to take some piece of her being and place it in his

possession and she could only wait, trembling, for his next move.

This was a great read! I've never been a huge fan of historical romances, so I was hesitant going in, but I shouldn't have been. It added another element to the story, which set it apart from the BDSM romances I've read (which admittedly aren't all that many). I liked everything about it: the characters, the plot, and the setting. Oh, and the sex? HOT.

"If you let me, if you trust me enough, I'll show you a world of pleasure."

The story is set in 1910, primarily in Cairo, Egypt. Faith Evard has arrived there for a flying expedition. She is a pilot, as well as an independently wealthy woman. Through her childhood friend Jeremy, she meets a man named Leonhardt Meisner. They embark on a sexual relationship where Faith learns she likes to be dominated. They also slowly open up emotionally to each other, despite a major hurdle: Concerned with her safety, Leonhardt despises the idea of her flying. There is darkness intertwined throughout the story, and it has nothing to do with their 'unconventional tastes.' Women have recently been tortured and then murdered, and since Leonhardt's past is loosely tied to these happenings, Faith is inadvertently put at risk.

Whatever her place was in the universe, somehow it had slipped, and to the end of time, no matter what she did, Mr. Meisner would own a piece of her.

I didn't even have to look through the time-period lens to adore Faith. She was an extremely fascinating woman; she followed society's rules enough to be widely respected, but she also stayed true to herself. As an independent female, I expected her to buck against her natural inclination to submit, but she really didn't fight it all that much. In fact, she resisted submitting to Leonhardt emotionally more than anything else. She had a keen sense of right and wrong, and she was also brave and strong. As for Leonhardt, **DAMN.** I've never been so attracted to a bald man. He was dominant and controlling, but even though it was difficult for him, he made a real effort to lay off that side of him outside of the bedroom. Even though I understand Faith's insistence that she fly, I also understood why Leonhardt didn't want her to. It wasn't that he thought a female didn't belong in the sky, it was just that he worried about something bad happening to her. Not only was Leonhardt a monster in the sack but a saint to Faith outside of it, he was also a morally sound man that wanted to right his past wrongs. No wonder Faith's drawers were constantly saturated; he's a goddam unicorn in any decade!

"Now, Faith, let's see how you like being worshipped. You're all strung up for me to touch wherever I like. Beautiful. Naked. And very wet. I can see it on the insides of your thighs. You like this—being controlled."

I have very little in the way of complaints-hot sex, a beautiful setting, and a murder mystery, what else could you possibly want?!- but I will say that at times, the sex was almost too plentiful. For once, I actually enjoyed the historical aspect, and I think the whole story would've packed more of a punch if the reader had a better idea of what life was like in Cairo in 1910. Faith and Leonhardt definitely were upper class, so their experiences were likely not indicative of the whole. Also, there was no closure outside of Faith and Leonhardt's relationship status. I undoubtedly knew every sensation Faith's vagina had felt over the course of the book, but I have no idea what happened with two characters that were extremely pivotal in the progression of the story. Still, if an author is going to leave out something I was interested in, I'd rather she fill it with scorching hot sex than anything else. Along with the sex, there was multi-faceted characters and interesting historical references. The 'murder mystery' was a nice touch, adding a tone of evil that kept the reader on their toes. The climax wasn't surprising, but I don't think it was supposed to be. It was definitely suspenseful, though, what with me biting my nails and silently imploring that good wins over evil.

I've had this book on my TBR for months, and I'm so glad I finally read it! I will definitely be reading more from Cari Silverwood.

"No one has ever made me feel the way that you do. From the first moment you kissed me, I wanted to lie down at your feet and curl around you."

Charity says

I read this book for a challenge. The purpose of the challenge was to introduce me to something out of my norm, while staying within the Erotic genre. I am an avid reader, mostly of Erotica, but I very rarely enjoy anything historical. My hang-ups in historical reading are the language and women being so fragile. I have nothing against it, but as a young modern woman, I get a little frustrated with the drawn out proper talk, when something could be said strait forward and quicker. It also rubs my buttons wrong when a woman is so fragile she faints when situations get sticky. I know I am in the minority here and Historical Romance is a very popular genre, it's just not for me.

Having made that clear, I struggled with the beginning of this book, because of said qualms, but I grew to love it immensely. I love Leonhardt! His possessiveness is scorching. Faith is an inspiration to women with her strength, determinations, bravado, and her down right bravery in a time when women are still fragile little creatures.

The sex, wow- the sex, it will set your panties on fire and a constant yearning for release. I'm not usually so crude in reviews, but I was truly taken by surprise with this book. I definitely recommend it to anyone who likes Erotic writings, a little on rougher side.

The writing is very well done and it is clear the author did a lot of research for this book. Very well done Ms. Silverwood!

Rosebud says

Egypt, 1910. Faith Evard travels to Egypt to attend and participate in 'A Week of Aviation' where she will fly her own plane and mingle with others who share a love of all things aviation. Plans change when she arrives and finds a severed human limb floating in the water, her cherished plane has arrived missing key important parts, her step-father has arranged a potential marriage for her, and random women are being murdered in the city.

To her chagrin Leonhardt Meisner, a domineering, controlling but sexually explosive man is there to help and protect her during her stay. And introduce her to a BDSM lifestyle where she ends up being his own personal property for the duration of her stay.

I have read quite a few books written by this author and I have to say that this is positively her best book ever. The attention to details, the historical trivia, the BDSM, the story line all worked brilliantly to create a read that has elevated her to a new level.

The two main characters had me mesmerized. They had a back and forth challenge of dominance where the

mental and physical differences between the two were showcased. Of course Leonhardt is a Dom so I know who comes out on top but Faith never gives up trying. She continually challenges him to be her Dom which made for some really really good scenes and approaches to BDSM in the 1910's that have to be read to be believed. I do also have to say that the erotica in this book is so HAWT that a 5 alarm fire warning is indicated.

Along with the sexual chemistry aspects of this book is one terrific plot and story line. Never one to provide a story with a few surprises and twists and turns, this author goes out of her way to give the reader a complex twist and turn suspense adventure story that grips and holds your attention to the end. This is a book that could be made into a block buster movie it was that good.

Now as to my issues. I had a serious problem with one part of the book. I had to force myself not to pitch my e-reader across the room I was that upset not to mention scaring my poor pet with the sudden scream I just had to get out of my system. Unfortunately I don't do spoilers so my vague reference to the fact that Hasim Massri is not as involved in this book to the degree he should have been.

There are sadistic abusers, manipulating men, a murder to solve, and the use of pens that made this a book I loved, loved, loved.

Sassy says

After stopping numerous times to take cold showers, I have finally finished reading "Rough Surrender" by Cari Silverwood. HR is one of my very favourite genres - especially hot, steamy ones like this one.

Set in 1910 in Egypt, I loved the hot hero and the feisty heroine, Faith. She is very adventurous and certainly has a mind of her own...well most of the time. Leonhardt is very demanding and dominating, with demons in his closet. But once he meets up with Faith, he finds he has a soft, gentle and loving side to him. This is an erotic book that is very sensual and will grip your heart.

There were sizzling hot sex scenes and a very good mystery as well. Cari did a fantastic job of portraying the scenes and the visuals of Egypt. Thanks, Cari for this wonderful and steamy book.

Silent_count says

I was looking forwards to reading this book but, at the same time, dreading having to review it. You see, I like the author, Cari Silverwood. She's a hell of a nice lady. So I don't want to be the black-hearted bastard who cost her book it's 5.0 (at the time of writing) average rating. But I don't pull punches. Not for anyone.

A historical, erotic romance. To be honest, I've never heard of, much less seen, such a thing before (I've clearly led a sheltered life) but it does work. The period detail does lend a charming lustre to the story, rather like the rich varnish on an exquisite piece of antique furniture. I have to give a great deal of credit to Ms.

Silverwood for her comprehensive research. It would have been easy to resort to laziness and discount any discrepancies in the characters' manner and clothing as resulting from their personal tastes. It would be harder to wave away technical inaccuracies regarding the aircraft of the time. I'm not an early aviation buff but I didn't detect any hint of fakery.

Slightly less impressive is the vocabulary and phrasing which, while authentic, was laid on a thickly for my tastes. Though it is notably wound-down behind closed doors, which obviously accounts for large tracts of the story, so it does give certain air of the characters behaving very formally in public but letting their hair down in private.

Speaking of behind closed doors... I have trouble comprehending how a lady could reach adulthood and yet remain *so* naive about her sexuality. If you can get past that, the interplay between our hero and heroine is both kinky and genuine in a way you rarely encounter in an erotic story. There's an honest sense of Leonhardt trying to understand Faith's passions, which is a decidedly pleasant departure from the generic, literary dom who sees only a random chuck of female flesh to play.

There is a secondary plot about a series of murders but unfortunately it's undermined by the "romance" part of "erotic romance" - you can safely bet your house that the hero won't turn out to be the bad guy.

I guess in conclusion, this is ambitious project which took an author of Ms. Silverwood's calibre to pull off, and she does. My only major complaint is the blandest title ever, but you'll forget all about that amongst the dusty heat of Cairo outside and the delicious heat between Leonhardt and Faith inside.
