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A fiery affair that starts out as a lie. A white lie two people tell themselves: they aren't falling fast... they can get out whenever they desire...

Determined to be an effective therapist, Mia isn't about to let a little thing like a small town, a bondage club, or a cocky cowboy stand in her way. Not when it means unearthing the truth. As a counselor, she's in search of answers to help her patients. Undercover, she enters an elite world defined by sex, subs, and power. What can happen? It's just for a night...

As the 4th McLemore brother and a Texas rancher, Brandon's a master when it comes to a chase... More so when he catches the dark-eyed beauty in a lie. Pretty with curves galore, yet it's Mia's sass and stubbornness that force his hand. The little researcher needs to be taught a lesson. If Mia wants to learn about his club, he'll teach her every mind-blowing detail of what it means to surrender. To him.

Out of necessity, Brandon guards his privacy. Tall, bronzed, and frowning—he gives Mia a run for her money when she almost blows her cover. He's one hot piece with a very dominating streak. Think hair pulling, panty-dropping! He's gorgeous, built, and makes Mia want things. In Brandon's bed, she encounters a doorway into her own needs and a man whose love has no bounds.

Their raw chemistry is off-the charts. Mia is more than a tantalizing and temporary diversion. She becomes the woman Brandon can't let go. Until someone with a taste for payback intends on serving up bone-crushing revenge. Can Brandon and Mia explore falling in love, yet still survive their darkest secrets?

Collared By The Cowboy pleases readers who like sizzle and sass. Check the box for red-hot romance! A sexy, funny as well as a poignant love story.

Collared by the Cowboy Details

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Jane Hunt says

Susan Arden

Jane Hunt Writer First Steps

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The latest story in Susan Arden's Bad Boys series is the darkest she has written. This book is an adult read and not for those who are easily shocked but that said it is a compelling story full of heat and emotion.

Brandon leads a double life. He breeds and trains horses on the Evermore Ranch but also part owns a sex club. His shadow life lets him be his true self the one he hides from his close knit family but lately being one of the club's Dom's hasn't gone to plan.

Mia wants to escape from being her father's princess. She needs her grad school degree to do it. First she has to complete her thesis and carrying out research at a sex club is a necessary evil.

After a stormy first meeting full of heat and misunderstanding Brandon insists he is the only one to show Mia what happens in the club. He longs to tame her but will she cede to his dominance ? After visually sampling some of the club's activities Mia is intrigued but can she objectively carry out her research given her magnetic attraction to Brandon. In the name of science Mia agrees to wear Brandon's collar but there is fine line between observing and participation and her emotions make it hard not to cross the line.

The ethos of the club and the roles played within its inner sanctum are absorbing. Shocking and graphic but like a horror movie you have to read what happens next even if it's through half closed eyes. The antagonist's actions demonstrate the evils of drug abuse in a thoughtful believable way.

The McLemore's enhance the story with cameo appearances and soften its gritty edges with their understanding and support of Brandon and Mia. Selma and Esme the twins are also important characters used cleverly to show Mia's skill and Brandon's softer side and illustrate the vulnerability of girls and women.

Collared by the Cowboy combines a deeply emotional love story, the light in a dark world full of abuse and desperation. A must read for all fans of erotica and erotic romance.

Tricia says

I received an ARC for an honest review...

I can't rate this book because it was okay to me I didn't love it and I didn't hate it, but okay is only 2 stars and I wouldn't want to bring the rating down. 2 stars looks bad and it wasn't a bad book.

Brandon is a Dom that owns a sex club while still maintaining his family ranch. After being scorned by his ex he's had quite the dry spell not even wanting to partake in his kink and getting lost in work. No one has interested him and he's not willing to throw himself out there again...that is until he sees her.

Mia is finishing up grad school and needs an awesome thesis to land her a job far away from this town. She decides to do a case study on woman's sexuality and uncover the world of BDSM. What she doesn't realize is just how much she craves it too. Now working with Brandon, they decide the best way to learn is to practice.

I think this book had a lot of potential. I just thought some of the lines were corny and Brandon bottomed out pretty quickly. I liked Mia's feistiness and sass. It was just a little too fast for me to fall in love and not feel the chemistry.

Thank you to the author for the opportunity to read.

<http://triciaciak.blogspot.com/>

The Color of Ink says

Maybe Mia expected a little wild and a little crazy. However, she had no idea what was in store for her when she began researching the BDSM club for her thesis and this was the perfect place to start. She wanted to go above and beyond to help young women who had been victims of severe and traumatic abuse. Although she hadn't planned on uncovering her own deepest desires, but with Brandon crossing that line came all too easy. But when it's time to leave can he convince her to stay?

Once you start this read, you are going to have a hard time putting it down. The chemistry between Mia and Brandon is steamy. You can't help but hold on for the next step in their relationship. There is a great balance between desire and love with the characters. The drive when Mia ends up missing and the way he risks everything wraps you in the connection like a warm blanket. Also, the description in the scenes makes you wish there was a Spurs & Leather around the corner.

This book has passionate sexual situations that will get your blood pumping. I highly recommend Collared by the Cowboy for the adult reader, 18+. Find out what happens when the proverbial flood gates are opened to a world of pleasures beyond vanilla and the desire to be together takes over. Research or not, it all starts with a Yes, Sir.

Colleen Everly says

Love this series! The author has a way of sucking you into a story. The Mclemore's are awesome. This story shows you a little into the lives of a Dom and his sub and shows you that really the sub is the one in control

of the relationship, he may control her body but she controls what goes on and how far it will go and that he gets pleasure from pleasuring her. I thoroughly enjoyed this book it was so well written. This book had a little of everything humor, some action serious issues(rarely addressed) about rape and drug use, there were some great love scenes between two people who were made for each other. If I could have given more than 5 stars I would have.

Fiordiligi says

This novel was just plain boring. Maybe I am expecting too much in a BDSM novel nowadays, but after having struggled through half of the novel I started skipping large parts. D

Heather andrews says

Brandon is an intense man, "standing to her side, he nodded. A muscle along his sculpted jaw twitched. "Evening. Didn't we meet earlier?" I mean he is having some serious attraction to Mia, "who the eff cared if they'd just met or not? His di**, for one, could not care less about timelines. All he wanted to do was get rid of his clothes, her clothes and thrust balls-deep until they both were sated first, exhausted second." I mean I just love him, "and that's what you want. Night after night of me effing you, but not for real. Any way I desired. You riding my co** as I make you scream my name in there." He jerked his chin to his bedroom then slowly said, "But only pretend." There is a lot of chemistry between them, "baby." His body shuddered and he laughed, then he wondered aloud, "You sure know what to say. How much of this is your project and you playing a part?" It seems like their relationship has gone so far that when Brandon is seriously upset it's Mia that can only bring him back down to earth, "his furious desire for retribution waned, spiraling, and under her hands on his arms, subsided. Her soft body blanketed his back within him, the need to hold Mia overrode everything else. His love for her too overpowering to resist. "Mia," he whispered, letting go of the jagged shard of rage that dissolved under her cool hands, so soothing against his arm. Her body snug up against him acted as a balm to his anger." Sometimes Brandon needs to explain to Mia his rules, "why?" He removed a handkerchief from his pocket and dabbed her cheek. "You're mine and I always come for what's mine." And Mia sure knows how to entice her man, "speaking of back...still up for some bareback riding?" she asked, twirling a strand of black hair around her fingers. "Heard you were a master horseman in the saddle."

Jennifer says

I really enjoyed this book. It was HOT! However I have to say that there were a few parts in the book where what was happening didn't make sense or just didn't seem to fit into the book, it didn't affect the story or your enjoyment of the book but it did make me deduct a star from an otherwise 5 star read.

Mia wants to write a thesis on female sexuality and one of the aspects that she wishes to write about is that of a submissive/dom relationship. This leads her to Spurs & Leather and Brandon. Brandon is the head dom and joint owner of the club but is wary of women having been burned from his previous relationship. However the spitfire that is Mia has him rethinking everything that he has been trying to avoid and all he can think about is that fact that he has to have her. The sexual tension between them is that steamy!

I loved Brandon, Mia I loved her but also wanted to slap her at the same time. She had a focus on what she thought she should be doing rather than what she wants to be doing and that at times really irritated me. I adored Brandon's family, be it his brothers or cousins. Mia's ex on the other hand..... I'm not allowed to put what I would really like to call him but think a man trying to force a woman into a group of people in a adult club, bound and gagged..... yup that word you are probably thinking is the one that I wanted to put!!

The story was hot, and I mean HOT. The scenes involving Mia and Brandon together, well get a fan handy, you'll need cooling down. However the story wasn't just the two of them in a bedroom, there was a good romance and storyline there too.

This was the first book I had read by this author and I will certainly look for more in the future.

Please note I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Suzy says

First off this book has been provided to me by the author for my honest review.

I have never read a book by Susan Arden and can say I was happily shocked. The details, the sex, the love the suspense. This book has it all.

Mia is doing her graduate thesis on a submissive's mind. Brandon owns the sex club that she is observing. The sparks between these two are incredible. I couldn't wait to see how their relationship evolved!!

I was so happy to see the details in every scene were done down to a T. Maybe its been a long time since I read a book where the author paid such attention to the little details that it made this book the more enjoyable to me.

Ended up buying all of her books from the Bad Boy Series. Cannot wait to read more from her.

Julie Kirby says

Hmm what can I say! This was a really good story, loved how timid Mia came across but she was really sassy with a smart mouth.

How sweet was the big bad Dom? Brandon was great, very attentive, although sometimes its a little hard to believe that someone can know what the other person is feeling or wanting, especially as they have only know each other for a very short time.

The scenes were fab to the point that I wanted to be in Mia's place enjoying what she was.

Brandon was a very loyal, trustworthy guy whereas Mia came over as a little shy, she didn't want to give up her own self worth due to a previous relationship, she was a little fiery but she had the sweetest nature.

You can identify with both Brandon and Mia especially outside of the Spurs and Leathers club.

Brandon was great with his family, seemed to be the go to brother but family was the biggest bond throughout the book.

I loved the sassy twins Esme and Selma, and with how Brandon dealt with them but Mia shone through working out the reason why the girls were the way they were.

Mia was not very good at taking orders inside and outside the bedroom and club; she had a mischievous attitude.

These two both fell very hard for each other and its generally the lady's being open and honest early but it was quite refreshing that Brandon made all the first moves.

I loved the suspense with both the ex's and Beau certainly got what was coming to him. I was on the edge of my seat throughout that whole section and was so pleased with the outcome.

This is a story about love and understanding, about being honest with yourself, about putting your trust totally onto someone else!

I have not read any of the other books in this series, which is not normally something I do! But I received this book in return for an honest opinion, which I hope I have delivered but I don't think I enjoyed this story any less because I had not read the previous 4 books in the series.

Christine says

I received an ARR copy in return for an honest review.

I had high hopes for this book. When reading the description I was reminded of *Cowboy Casanova* by Lorelei James, but *Collared* falls way short of that mark.

After getting to the halfway point in the book, I got the feeling that the story was cobbled together to connect a lot of sex scenes. I wasn't invested in the main characters at all, and really didn't believe that they would fall for each other so fast and completely. I was never really clear as to why Mia was using Spurs and Leather as the place to do her research, or what exactly her thesis was about. Nor did I get how her agreeing to be a "pretend" sub meant that she was also agreeing to a physical relationship with him.

There were scenes that were way too long, (6 pages of Brandon giving Mia oral sex is one example), dialogue that wasn't needed nor made any sense (Brandon and Mia saying goodbye to his new SIL at the wedding reception), and plenty of instances where the character agrees to something then spends the next few paragraphs saying how he or she isn't sure about what they just agreed to doing.

The copy I received was in need of a good editing. Missing words and incorrect tenses were the major problems in my copy. Considering the author has a special "acknowledgement" note at the end of her legalities thanking her editing team/company, I expected an easier flowing read. I realize I may have been sent a copy that slipped past the editing process, but was surprised at the lack of attention to detail.

Overall, the story was OK, and got better as you got to the end of the book, but I wouldn't recommend it.

Sandra Love says

I received a copy for an honest review and to be honest this book deserves more than 5 stars

Collared by a cowboy..... I think yes. Oh Brandon, hes a hot dom that works at Spurs & Leather, a private club in Paris. Mia is studying women sexuality.

I love this book, it was hot and fun. WARNING: once you start to read it you will be sucked into Mia and Brandon's world. I love Susan's writing style and the detail she book into this book and all her other book shows that she is a genius at writing. YES if you like bdsm type books this is the book for you. YOU will not be disappointed. It makes me want to visit Spurs & Leather. LOL =)This book does touch base with some serious issues. Worth the read.

Heather says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review

This is my first Susan Arden book and it won't be my last! I loved it! It was so sexy and dirty (in a really, really good way!). Mia is going to school because she's hoping to become a therapist. She's close to graduating but wants to find out why any woman would want to be dominated by any man. Mia decides to go undercover at Spurs & Leather. She encounters Brandon. He begins to show her exactly how he came to be the 'head Dom'. Then Mia discovers something unexpected....she likes being Brandon's Sub!

You get to know a lot about Brandon's character. He's been damaged because of a woman. There re reasons he is in this field of work.

The story was awesome! I literally could not put it down once I began reading it. Mia and Brandon were both likeable and I wanted to know more about them. The sex? Amazing!

5 'dirty girl' Stars!

Lisa says

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Mia is going to collage because she's wants to become a therapist. She's close to graduating but wants to find out why any woman would want to be dominated by a man. She decides to go to Brandon's club because it is the least intimating of the sex/dom clubs around.

She ends up becoming Brandon's sub and wearing his collar she actually enjoys it.

I get all of that and I really enjoyed that part. The chemistry was great and the sex was amazing.

You get to know a lot about Brandon's character. He's been damaged because of a woman (pervious sub) &

about Mia who has been left heartbroken in the past.

What I don't get was the twins. I just did not see the point of them or their story just silly things like that niggles me a bit. It was only mentioned a couple of times and I think it was pointless. Maybe if they had went into it more it might have changed my opinion.

So for that reason I am caught between a 3* or 4* so I'm going to go with 3.5*.

Melou53 says

Received from author for an honest review.

Brandon McLemore is a real cowboy in every way. He's a handsome, confident stud who is part owner of a sex club and he is also a well known Dom. He breaks in new fillies (horses and women) and is a badass. He is not looking for a relationship or a sub to train until Mia walks into his club. He finds himself drawn to her.

Mia is a student who wants to do in-depth study of the sex club and gets hands on when she meets Brandon. She's not looking for any relationship either. Just got out of a bad one, and she only wants to do her thesis paper and get out of dodge. She's given up on men.

I don't read many cowboy romances, but I really enjoyed this one. It flows well and it keeps your interest, and the further you get into the book, it gets better and better. There's some mystery, fight action, and great sex scenes.

Hadn't read this author before, but I've looked her up and purchased the books before this one that's about the rest of the bad boys McLemore clan.

I appreciate the author giving me the opportunity to read and review.

Dina says

I received this ARC copy from the The Fifty Shades Support group in exchange for an honest review, and here it is..

3 and half stars, rounding it up to 4 **HOT** stars!!

First of all, I think that I could have enjoyed this book more, if I'd read the first 4 books before this one. I'm not sure one can give it a just review without reading the other books first.

Second, this was a fast-paced book, you kinda get into it quickly; and suddenly you're finished! In a good way ;)

Third, it was HOT! All the scenes were really steamy!

As for the story line and plot, you get fully engaged with the characters trying to figure where things are going.

Lovely work!
