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*One day she's an innocent young girl, the next she's the sexual property of the Death Layer Club...*

When recently-unemployed 24-year old Ava Clark lands her dream job working for one of the most prestigious multi-national corporations on the planet, her enigmatic and incredibly handsome boss Vincent King seems to be icing on the cake.

However, despite his superficial charm and intimidating good-looks, Mr. King's facade quickly crumbles revealing a heartless sociopath intent on selling Ava into sexual slavery to cover a gambling debt.

The depraved, sadistic bikers of the Death Layer Motorcycle Club know just what to do with such an impeccable young beauty—sacrifice her to the notoriously violent Bane “The Beast” Harme as a peace offering.

*He's a hardened killer, a ruthless bastard...100% tattoos and testosterone.*

*And he's the best fucking thing that's ever happened to her.*

*Welcome to **The Depraved Club** series. This is a standalone contemporary romance novel. No cliffhanger. Content suitable for adults only, contains violence, and graphic sexual content.*

## Death Layer Details

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### Kathleen says

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Ava, a 24 year old, red head, thinks she has landed the perfect job. Big Corporate America job, consisting of fine suits, a handsome boss and international travel. Unfortunately, Ava has no idea that her dream job is going to be her own personal nightmare.

Thrown into the dirty world of human trafficking, Eva is donated to Bane, "the Beast". Tattooed, large and threatening, Eva risks her life on more than one occasion trying to get away. Unsuccessful, she is in the burly "Beast's" sites more than ever now. As tempers flare and true colors come out, Eva ends up risking what she never even considered, her heart.

This book was a quick, light read. I didn't feel like I wasted my time, because after all, there really wasn't much time involved. The characters were ok, with the main hero being somewhat swoon worthy. The heroine wasn't overly confident as in some stories, (I mean c'mon, you're sold into sexual slavery, you're going to be scared, I don't care who you are). She also wasn't a complete moron. Nice....refreshing.

Truly, the one problem I have, is there's just so much missing. This seems to be a common problem with books like this. There is potential for a lot of story and yet, it's like the author had a word limit or something. The ending felt rushed and it made me feel like I needed to reduce my rating. Plus it just leaves the reader with that nauseating feeling of, "wow, that's it?"

Had the ending developed a bit more, I would have given five stars, but it just felt too rushed to be able to do that.

4 stars!

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### Yona says

It was promising, but the characters and the storyline were very very underdeveloped and rushed.

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### Alba M. says

Porque? Porque os empeñáis en estropear historias tan buenas haciéndolas TAN BREVES?

Con todo lo que Ava ha pasado me fastidia muchísimo que os lo hayáis soplado así como así en tan pocas páginas. El hecho de dejar a su hermana, que pasa con el presidente de DL y todo lo demás... simplemente lo dejasteis así. ME JODE MUCHÍSIMO. Era muy buen libro he incluso conseguisteis que me gustase Bane

por su amor con su perrita Jenny... cagada monumental habéis hecho.

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### **Beachbaby says**

I didn't receive this book in exchange for an honest review. I bought this book while it was on sale for \$.99. I am glad that is all that I paid for it.

#### **SPOILERS IN REVIEW**

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The story started off very intriguing but I had to immediately suspend disbelief. Ava applies on-line (think craigslist) very late one night for her dream job working for one of the most prestigious multi-national corporations on the planet. Within minutes (keep in mind it is way after hours) she has landed an interview for the next morning. She has a group interview, does spectacular and is offered the job before the elevator that she is riding in with the other candidates hits the ground floor. She is hired and signs a non-disclosure which also gives the company access to all of her personal information (passwords included). The beginning of the book is a whirlwind, I almost forgot that this is supposed to be a MC book.

Fast forward, Ava goes to a secret underground meeting with her boss where she is introduced to the very dark side; women and boys chained to fences available to be used sexually, killer dog fights, human cage fights, sex slaves and human trafficking. I felt like a lot of this was for shock value. Ava's boss is in debt and as payment he gives the club Ava. Ava is then given to big, bad, alpha Bane "The Beast" Harme.

Bane starts out bad. Really bad. He is described as, "a hardened killer, a ruthless bastard...100% tattoos and testosterone." Then he seems to do a complete turn around and he is nice. Very nice. He is Ava's savior. "He's the best effing thing that's ever happened to her. And they lived HEA (after a couple of killings and a cage fight that can only end with one survivor) of course.

A lot happened in the story but the plot just seemed disjointed. There were plot holes and unanswered questions. The book was unrealistic even for fiction. I suspended disbelief several times throughout the story.

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### **SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says**

[No (hide spoiler)]

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### **Rebecca Fitts says**

Dark, hard, and just what I like! Another amazing one from the ladies at Hearts Collective. This MC story is very different from what I usually read...thank goodness! Not a thank goodness because the others weren't great, but an OMG! this book is over-the-top-freaking-intense...and I love it!!! I never give a review that

contains a summary of the book or spoiler, so don't look for one. I will tell you why I rated it 5 stars and how freaking fantastic it is!!! This MC book is very different from all the others, yet so satisfying and captivating. There is intense drama, lust, hate, pain, fighting, and darkness. It's dark, raw, deep, dirty, and sad. Then you experience the better of it all and feel courage, like, hope, and bravery. Two very different people protecting each other, only to gain very different things. Celia and Colleen are my two favorite MC authors and they deliver 5 stars! Oh do they deliver... amazing, captivating, and riveting!!! More, that's what you'll be wanting! You will love this book from beginning to end! It starts with a bang and keeps you on the edge of "I can't put this down"! Love it ladies and thank you!

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### **Sara says**

Solo diré que este libro es de infarto...!!

Hubo momentos en que tuve que hacer una pausa y dejarlo a un lado... la prota logra transmitirte su miedo!

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### **Lindsay says**

I was excited to read this. I've been in a MC biker mood and this was right up my alley. Unfortunately, at some point, I stopped enjoying it.

I enjoyed the beginning. There was great set up for the predicament that Ava found herself in. But once she was there and she had Bane's attention things shifted and moved too quickly. It was just hard to go from her being scared for her life to jumping his bones. And there were holes in the plot. Nothing ever happened to the sweetbutts that harassed her or abused her. You never found out what happened to her sister and it was never explained how Jack found them at the end.

This had great potential and there were some things that were good in it, but it fell a little short for me.

*\*A copy of this book was provided by the publisher in exchange for a honest review.\**

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### **Karen says**

Pretty grim and a love story go figure.

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### **Jenn says**

Human trafficking. Drugs. Sex. Death matches. Dog fights. Slavery. It all boils down to this sadistic MC called: Death Layers. And it would appear that only two members aren't complete fans of how their club is now being run.

Ava lands a new job that unfortunately places her in the end at this crazy club. There she's sold for a debt that doesn't make a dent into the owed amount. She's then given to Bane, The Beast. Except, Bane's not

really that bad of a "beast". He gives her his protection and ends up having to save and defend Ava a bunch of times. He's got his own issues going on with this club and the last thing he needed was Ava adding to his list. But lucky for her, he's her best ticket of staying alive and getting the hell out.

### **What I liked**

1. I loved Ava for most of the book. She was witty, sarcastic, a fighter and seems like someone I would want to know.
2. For an extreme short amount of time, I liked Mr. King. He's a cheeky guy.
3. Bane. He was rough on the edges and at first he ticked me off. But he could be sweet and caring and a decent guy.
4. The first 60% of the story.
5. I didn't mind the story being told in only Ava's POV.
6. Jenny.
7. The book had some humor mixed in with the scary other things going on.

### **What bothered me:**

1. Ava has a personality change after she and Bane get intimate.
2. All of the big major events that should have been hard and more detailed and scary just happened to easily.
3. The last part of the story wasn't fleshed out well.
4. People fell off the pages and that was that.
5. The "love" scenes were awful.
6. Needed a better eye on the editing.

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### **Casey says**

A copy was provided by the Hearts Collective for an honest review.

I was really surprised in how dark Death Layer was. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy reading darker romance books, I was just surprised my lovely girls Colleen and Celia were able to unleash such a group of depraved individuals. I read the synopsis and thought it would be similar to the recent MC books they have done, it was much darker. The MC was a little more mafia to me but made a believable villain.

The timeline seemed too short for everything that happened in Death Layer, and there was a lot going on. I wanted to feel good about the ending but I really needed there to be more connection between Bane and Ava.

Gotta say, Blair sounds like a character I hope to revisit with her own book.

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### **Rochelle says**

This one fell short for me...

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### ~`\*Ella Lee\*`~ says

Shwew! This was a very DARK disturbing MC read. At first, I wasn't sure I could finish it. Then, I wasn't sure I liked what I was reading. But then...then...I something sucked me in and I couldn't put it down.

The H, while Alpha and possessive, doesn't really show too much care for the h in the beginning. The h suffers because of this. See, she was kidnapped and "given" to the H. Even though he was a sort of good guy in the MC, he was still bad. He didn't want her, because he doesn't deal in the sex traffic stuff and didn't want to own anyone. The h of course doesn't either. She gives him attitude and fights left and right so he just leaves her at the mercy of the club skanks. It's pretty bad.

Finally the H starts showing he cares for her, only because of her never ending actions of trying to get free.

I have to say, this h is one of the only ones I've read about that actually act like a real, true strong woman would. She NEVER gave up and it was totally fun to read and cheer her on - even though she always got caught.

Again, it's dark - the title says it all. It's depraved and deals in death among other things.

Did it totally make sense, no. Did it have a lot of great characters? No, I hated everyone, LOL! Except the sister and the main couple. Even the next book is about a guy I didn't like. But, I'm sure he'll do something likable.

It was very sexy and fun. The H, once he recognized what he wanted, was very protective of the h, so he made up for his earlier treatment of her IMO.

I do recommend this read, but lightly. If you don't like the h being forced to be with the H (not sexually) or like the h being treated badly, than I would say stay away.

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### Sue says

Wild and dirty MC...check!

Sweet unsuspecting young woman...check!

A pompous rich business man with no conscience and a cold heart...check!

And so begins this really different and unexpected storyline. Sure I've read books where some innocent woman is thrust into the world of an MC and is forced to work as a sex slave or held as leverage against another club. But this book started off with a bang...the prologue got my attention right away...and then after I started reading the first chapters I almost thought I had the wrong book. You go from a woman being thrown onto the bed of Bane "The Beast" to a seemingly different story of a woman trying to find a job and pay her bills. She answers an ad for a too-good-to-be-true job and of course she lands the position after a less than conventional interview. What happens next is a nightmare and definitely a cautionary tale...if it seems too good to be true...it usually is!

This book turned out to be way different than what I imagined, but it was an exciting and fast read about two seemingly different people who find a common ground and go with it.

A lot of violence and abuse against women...but our scary "beast" leading man turns into anything but a beast and slowly his true colors are revealed. It worked for me and you do get an HEA ending. Another great read from the duo Celia Loren/Colleen Masters.

\*\*\*\* 4 \*\*\*\* "the best thing you never expected to happen" stars

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## **Future Slayer Girl says**

I have to say that this book took me totally by surprise. I had read Masters previous series about Formula One and although I thought the male was written amazing, the I had trouble with her female lead. I have NEVER read anything by Celia Loren before, so this was me diving in face first with no one to catch me. But I am a big girl, I can swim. So dive in I did, and let me tell you I couldn't put the book down.

I loved this whole story. I loved the dark, I loved the characters, I loved the fluff moments, and I loved the love. Bane is a well written alpha male that when he knows what he wants he grabs it, snogs it, and doesn't let it go. Ava is a female lead that doesn't just roll over and show the big baddies her belly. She fights. Through beatings, abuse, and torment, she fights and does her best to try and get herself home no matter what the consequences may be. I love stories about demented clubs and women getting trapped. They have a whole Eyes Wide Shut vibe to me.

This was fiction that made me BELIEVE the fiction the authors were created. I never once rolled my eyes, or gave up on the idea of the story. It bloomed and exploded in my mind and I was just this innocent woman along for the ride and grinning (at times crying) the whole way.

The pacing of the book was perfect. The author didn't give to much info dump, or drama. They unbuckled and told the story with a brilliant flow that had me biting my nails and totally hot. It had been awhile since I read smexy scenes that made me ache. And oh boy was I aching. Maybe I just clicked with Bane and Ava, who knows. I was in love with their love.

\*I borrowed a copy of this from Kindle Unlimited.\*

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