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## Worthy Details

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## From Reader Review Worthy for online ebook

### Shannon says

This book was A-Maz-Ing!! That poor kid made my chest ache. What a wicked world Lia Black created. It was just insane. And the kinky fuckery...nice!! And the love...even nicer!! I can't recommend this free read enough. And I'm thinking of taking up gymnastics or something. :)

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### Steelwhisper says

Who'd have thought I'd be in need of something so sweet so soon?

Worthy profits from my current disgust with FCR and my need to clear my head of that for writing. It was just what I needed to achieve that. Heh.

Good writing, as sweet as falafel.

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### Eli Easton says

This is another outstanding story from "Love Has No Boundaries" that I probably would not have normally read given the story blurb, and I'm so glad I did! This is a master/slave story set in a dystopian fantasy world. It reminds me a little of Anne Rice's early erotica written as A. N. Roquelaure (the Sleeping Beauty series). Seven was born a 'dreg' with a birthmark over part of his face. He was raised by gypsies and became an accomplished acrobat. He's rescued from poverty by a noble, Demetrie. At first their relationship is very much one of master/slave but it grows into something much deeper as Seven's inner and outer beauty blossom under Demetrie's care.

It's a sort of very kinky My Fair Lady story--and I loved it.

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### Emma Sea says

So, this is the slave fic for you if you find the idea of slaves hot, as long as they're cosseted, lavishly dressed, well-fed, loved, and adored, but you *really* don't want to read about any actual discomfort, punishment, or non-consensual sex stuff.

Possibly the schoopiest, most diabetes-causing slave fic ever, but if you're into that then you'll adore it. Solid writing, good descriptions, and nice blow job scenes.

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### Lena♥Ribka says

I'll give everybody 5 stars who can say me why I kept reading it.

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## **Ingie says**

*Written August 17, 2013*

**4 Stars - a wonderful, hard and beautiful, romantic short story about a slave and his Master in a fictional future world.**

**I have some sort of wacky fascination** with these stories that unfolds in a dystopian future or in a fictional historical world. Somewhere between fantasy and a fairy tale. After reading some M/M stories in this genre has my newly awakened love for these kind of books forced me to look for more undiscovered gems. This one, "**Worthy**" is a such great little gem.

"You're mine now, Sev," Demetrie murmured into his ear as they exited the car; his deep voice carved another notch into Sev's heart.

"Always, Master," Sev answered breathlessly, looking up at him through his thick eyelashes. He saw a nearly imperceptible shift of Demetrie's eyes, the pupils dilating, and knew he had pleased him.'

**Of course I couldn't help, but really love** this sweet story about the humble, and so serving **Sev** (Seven - he was the seventh child born in a brothel in the slums). Sev is a an acrobat and dancer who becomes the slightly sadistic **Count Demetrie Silvastrano's** own private bedroom slave. A Master with needs, tough requirements but also with, sometimes, a so soft hand.

**It's a future dystopia society where** the rich have everything and to be a needed and appreciated slave in a rich man's house is an honor for a poor young boy...

"I was right." He turned his head and whispered against Sev's ear, "You are lovely when you cry... and your tears are delicious."

'Demetrie's dark gaze shifted between them, then to Sev's softly parted lips. He ran the pad of his thumb over them, "God, you're beautiful... Don't ever show that face to anyone but me, Sev... never."

Circumstances and events, as in a contemporary romance would feel very uncomfortable for me, is here, actually quite okay.

**A tender-hearted master and slave story** where both main characters got my heart. It was longing, heat and a beautiful finish. Approximately 150 pages of the joy of reading.

**I LIKE - a cute and amusing story / a new favorite genre?**

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## **R \* A Reader Obsessed \* says**

### **3.5 Stars**

Count Demetrie catches a glimpse of physically "flawed" Sev. He's intrigued by this contortionist performer and knows he must have him despite Sev being a dreg - a member of the lowest part of society.

Sev knows he's just a play thing, a whim to the count and strives to be perfect despite his untrained "slave" status. He's just grateful for any time and attention awarded to him.

This world is different where it's an honor to be a slave. People train to be one and they covet to be bought by the aristocracy so that they can serve. So yes the dynamic between these two are "master/dom" and "slave/sub". But there was a tender angst and of course a lot of heat as they deal with and redefine their roles.

I will be the first to say that bdsm is not at the top of my to-be-read list. However this was very light in bondage, choosing to focus more on the power exchange. Also since this is not real life contemporary but actually set in a world not our own, I could easily accept this set up and thus I enjoyed this fic quite immensely.

It's free so take a chance on it - I'm happy I did. Thanks Ingela!

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## **Vivian ?????? says**

Set in the dystopian society of beautiful Athena with its golden towers and flawless white is a wonderful love story that rose from the filthy slums which hide in its shadows. *Worthy* is reminiscent of Duck! and Dark Heart; sweet half-breed Sev being beautiful and so *right* in his submissive role. Their romance was a slow transformation between Owner and Sex Slave to the stunning dynamics of a true Master-Submissive relationship. Reading this story was a treasure and 100% fulfilling.

Rating: 4.5 stars

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## **Vivian says**

Exquisite love story. Every romantic bone in my body just melted reading this. \*deep sigh\*  
That said, I appreciate that some of the kink displayed here is more than others enjoy. Anyway, delightful interpretation of the image and request. One I'll revisit.

So many quotes deserve notice:

Sev knew how to be less than nothing, and so any recognition at all?— even punishment?— made him

something closer to human.

“Don’t pull?— I don’t want any marks on your body that I haven’t put there,” Demetrie cautioned."

“I used to make love to that man’s body; I want you to love him with your eyes as I touch your body and make love to you. Will you do that for him, Sev?”

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**Kynthos-the-Archer (Kyn) says**

**3 Stars for the effort and for being a good diversion to pass the time.**

*A sweet and caloric slavefic fairytale. Enjoyable at first bite, unfortunately it only makes you hunger for something more sustainable than a sugar fix.* (See this? I could write short reviews too)

Dare I stop my review here? I could, couldn't I? I maybe should too. Because what comes after this is a product of my over analyzing.

Nudge me if you wish for my trademark long-ass review.

\*Edits 10/12/13 @ 11.03pm:

I have just answered some fun and interesting questionnaires on this book over at the **Goodreads BDSM Group** . I thought maybe I should share it here as well:

(view spoiler)

### **6. Do you think the author's story answered the member's photo and prompt?**

Firstly, I am excited a photo of the bookcover from one of my favorite M/M Psychological Thriller graphic novel was used (In These Words, Volume 1 by Kichiku Neko & TogaQ). TogaQ's art is to die-for. And Kichiku Neko writes awesome psychological thrillers of the erotic kind.

Okay back to the prompt. I think it was answered quite well. The author even incorporated the limberness of the slave in the picture into the story and the cards strewn across the floor was also applied to the story. I dig the sex scenes too. It was sensual and erotic.

### **7. Do you wish something different was done or incorporated into the story?**

Not really. The author tried her best to deliver according to the prompt and she has succeeded in that goal alone. I hope that by reading the honest reviews of her readers, she would be able to improve her writings further, especially in terms of character development and making tighter plotlines. I could see that she has lots of potential to excel. All she needs was more experience and constructive feedbacks. (hide spoiler)]

### **BOOK DETAILS:**

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\* Reviewed on December 10th, 2013

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### **Samantha says**

4.5 rounded up.

When it comes to filling a prompt, this author has it down pact. Not only did the most basic elements from the picture and letter make it into the story, but even the littlest of details were present.

From the sensational world building that even I understood (which, in itself is a feat), to the depth of each character, even some in such small roles, this was a fantastic read.

This is one author I'll have on my watch list for the future.

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### **Breann says**

I've said this before, but it's worth repeating:

I love slave fic set in a fantasy world. I love it, I love it, I love it.

Since I love that, I totes loved Worthy.

There's this dystopian world where Sev lives in the dregs and is considered the lowest of the low. He's not even worthy of being a slave. While dancing at a club, a Count, Demetrie, walks in a decides to play a game of cards to win that boy up on stage to be his slave.



Now Sev has moved up in the world and is a slave. And a good slave at that. He wants to please his master and be the best he can be in whatever his master desires from him. Gah! I love this type of character. I'm not sure what that says about me... but I don't care. I can't get enough of these sweet slave boys. I think I want one. On top of that? Demetrie is this overprotective, alpha, loving, master who takes good care of his slave. For me, a story doesn't get much better than that.

But, something did bother me in the back of my brain. We knew Sev for a little but before he was a slave. He didn't act all docile and sweet. I wasn't expecting him to be so receptive and to be such a natural slave. Then BAM! he's a slave. And not just slave, but with his master petting his hair, him on his knees with his forehead on the floor and reveling in it. So, it just didn't fit the character that we had met in the beginning and it threw me for a minute.

Totally worth the read. And for free? I can't believe some of the fantastic stuff I've read for free from LHNB and any of the Don't Read in the Closet events. Go read it.

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### **Julio Genao says**

**DNF.**

Minor editing annoyances; clunky prose; cartoonish characterization.

It isn't terrible, but all three at once were killing me.

Not for me. Maybe for you!

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### **Sunny says**

A new favorite... Great characters and story, so well written I couldn't put it down.

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### **Lilia Ford says**

Great little M/M slave story, very hot and kinky, with strong world-building and two believable characters. Sev, the "dreg" slaveboy, was particularly interesting to me. I really liked how the author depicted his submissiveness. Too often in M/M BDSM you feel like the subs inhabit an entirely different mental universe than the Doms--that they are somehow so weak or helpless, almost innocent, that they need someone to boss them around in order to function.

Sev feels different: he definitely throws himself into his submissive relationship with Demetrie, and has compelling reasons to feel grateful to him and thus accept his domination, but there's nothing weak or helpless in his personality. He knows what he wants and isn't ashamed of his desires. He really is a remarkable creation. Considering that this is a slave story set in a deeply stratified society, I found their relationship refreshingly healthy and mutual. My only qualm was that the story contained a fair amount of unsignalled head-hopping--the perspective would suddenly change, sometimes for only a sentence or two. It makes the book feel less polished than it otherwise might. But still, a very satisfying, sexy read--and an

author I will return to.

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