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Eric's always been able to take his subs to a higher plane, but now Eric himself is wounded. When he's assigned a new case, he meets wild undisciplined Angel. He knows he's meant to Master her. But first he has to save her life. [Previous Book: Sweet Vibrations] [Publisher's Note: This book contains explicit sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: Anal intercourse, bondage, domination/submission, exhibitionism, masturbation, multiple partners, voyeurism.]

## **Sweet Perfection Details**

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## From Reader Review Sweet Perfection for online ebook

### Zee Monodee says

Detective Eric Neal is a perfectionist. He's competent, capable, and always, always, brings what is needed to the table, be it the resolution of a case or the pleasure of a submissive under his masterful dominant's hands. But lately, things are not so perfect. Eric has shot a man in the line of duty. Doubting his action, his convictions, and ultimately his whole purpose in life, Eric is a man looking for redemption and absolution.

Angelica Vega owns a bakery. Nicknamed Angel, this perfectionist in her work however has a wild side she has indulged in quite a few times in the past. But Angel has always known something was missing, this 'spark' that could fulfil her. After two break-ups in her store, Angel is struck by lust the minute she lays eyes on the detective assigned to the case – Eric Neal.

Angle knows there is something gnawing at this handsome and seductive man. On a one-off trip to a BDSM club, she meets Eric, the dom. Angel arouses Eric's dominant instincts again, something he hasn't felt in a long time. Maybe she could even bring him back to life.

But a dangerous criminal, who runs illegal gambling operations, is convinced the money stolen from him is hidden in Angel's store. He'll do everything to get it back, even threaten those close to Angel, and Angelica herself. Eric knows he cannot let anything like this happen. But will he find the courage and the guts it takes to protect Angel? Will his bruised spirit heal enough under Angel's touch to let him become whole again?

A delightful story of healing spirits and a voyage of discovery into what could bring two 'misfits' together. Ms. Barron has managed to put all this across in SWEET PERFECTION. She infuses her characters with life and breathes a soul into the world where her protagonists live. Even the secondary characters are painted with strokes that make them remarkably stand off the page. It was heartening to see Eric come back into the man he was, and to see Angelica slowly give in to him and step into this unknown world he wants to lead her in. The intrigue in the plot adds a further notch in terms of action. But what really remains with the reader is this sentiment of having found your soul mate and testing your limits, self-imposed or thrust on you, to emerge as a whole being finally.

(Review courtesy of Enchanting Reviews)

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### Dee Wy says

Couldn't quite give this 4 stars, but it was another sweet read by Melinda Barron. She always give me a story that is interesting. The match up of a cop haunted by the man he shot and killed to save a woman's life is perfectly matched with a feisty Hispanic bakery owner. Loved these two together, especially Angel trying hard to be a good subbie.

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### Tina says

Ok I liked the story but it was a little too club scene for me (ok it's not the club per se but I really didn't feel

the connection and was a little put off by some of it. Even though I have read much more explicit club scenes I was just put off and skipped it in some spots particularly toward the end with Lake and his wife).

Ok now that I think about it, it was the way Angel (girl) was very "oh I am interested in being a sub" but was very challenging to Eric and a lot of the scenes were not what I thought Eric would do if he was a Dom as experienced as the author said he was. HE even says that in one part.

This was the first book by this author and not sure if I will read anything by her again. I have read much better BDSM and club scenes with more connection and realism (lol like I would really know).

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### **Vic says**

Closer to 3.5

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### **Rebecca says**

another good book in this series. need to read in order to follow the characters who return from book #1. intense BDSM - not for everyone - but also a beautiful love story and good mystery.

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### **Mlleelizabeth says**

This is a book.

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### **Jen says**

That was cool! I loved this one!

I did have a little bit of a hard time connecting with Angel though - she didn't seem to take the D/s roles very seriously. Of course she was new to it, and had her doubts, but even towards the end, she just didn't seem to take it as seriously as Lake and Lucy did.

We start off in this book about 2 months after the incident that happened with Eric shooting Rodney Baker in order to save Lucy's life.

Eric is still struggling through the horrible dreams of ending another man's life. even in the line of duty and knowing it was to save Lucy's life. But a life was a life, and Eric was having a really hard time dealing with it.

His boss, Warner was being easy with him, more than Eric deserved, actually. So when Warner called Eric in his office and told him to suck it up and get over it, because Eric has a new assignment ...

:A burglary at a bakery? What'd they steal, some sacks of flour? Money from the till?"

"They stole nothing, except some cookies from the store room..."

Eric was pissed! He was a detective, this was common police case. But after some thought, Eric decided there was something going on. Thieves didn't break into a business two nights in a row to steal cookies.

Angelica Vega, the owner of La Tienda Dulce , Spanish for "Sweet Shop"

was nervous. To see a 6 foot 4 man, gorgeous, tall, blond and muscular standing in the doorway of her bakery, she knew he wasn't a tourist.

As he started making his way down to the counter where she was standing, she turned and made a cup of Cafe de Olla and handed it to him as he stood at the counter.

He gratefully took a sip, but when Angelica offered him some breakfast, he told her he was here for her case, not to eat.

Angel could see that the detective had a rough night. his eyes looked haunted, and she wanted to help. But when he started asking questions about the break in, they discussed what happened.

The first night, someone broke in and scattered flour and stuff around in the back, then stole a few cookies and that was it. The next night, Tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage done to the tables, her glass display case, food, etc.

But they didn't take anything. She had no threats, or anything, in fact, this area, all the owners were friendly towards each other.

He asked to speak with the employees, only 3 of them were in now, but busy with customers, and the other 2 would be after school was over.

Eric decided to come back when the other's got here, so he could talk to them...

Soo all while they were discussing things, Eric couldn't seem to figure out why now, all of a sudden after months of nothing after the shooting, his body decides to take an interest in this woman.. and most of all, how was he suppose to find out if she was a sub?

Leaving the bakery, he had a lunch date with Lake and Lucy. Both his friends were really concerned for him,

and he was grateful for that, but he really wasn't in the mood to deal with them, at the moment. They invited him to Tygers to watch the bondage contest (I LOVE ROPE!) but Eric was too nervous to go back. He knew he had been too distracted lately, and if he was with a sub, he was afraid that he would take things too far, or not be able to read her right. so he got up and left.

Going back to the bakery, he sat in a booth watching Angel. When Joe Black Hawk, the 18 year old high school kid who worked at the bakery came out to talk to Eric, Eric could see the guilt all over this kid's face. Being a cop as long as he has, he had learned about pointing out lies. So he was able to figure out this kid was involved with the burglaries, but the kid was smart, and he didn't trust cops. So he kept his lid closed tight.

When Angel sat back down, she told him that Joe was a good kid. He's had a hard life and supports his mother and 4 brothers and sisters. He had to be innocent.

Just as Eric was about to leave, Pamela Balder walked in "Hello, Mast.. umm, hello Eric." She said. He was surprised to find her there. She was a regular at Tygers with her Husband, and Eric has Topped both of them a few times already.

Pamela explained that she came to the bakery a lot and was friends with Angel, so Eric decided it was time to go.

And although Pamela has sworn a oath with the club, she told Angel about Eric ... and Angel was suddenly excited to see a bondage contest ....

Eric left to go home to his empty house. Doing some research over the notes he and Sanchez had made that afternoon on Joseph Black Hawk. That's when Rodney Baker showed up in the char opposite from him. Crap, it's not bad enough he invaded his dreams, now he's going to come into his house while he's awake? GAH! He had to get out of there.. and he knew just where to go. He owed Lake and Lucy an apology. So he went to Tygers.....

This was a cute story. I'm glad Eric got over his funk with the shooting. it took awhile though. He was a nervous wreck, and with good reason, too.

Next book - Diego's story! ROPE BONDAGE!!!!

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### **Salena says**

3.5 stars

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### **Traci Soppelander says**

I just can't seem to get into this series :( im not sure what exactly it's missing i think it could have been a great book if there had been more character development it has a decent story line it's a short read but i felt like it took me forever to get through it. I'm going to give the next one a shot but if it's not any better i may have to give up on the series

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### **Debbie says**

Another great book to this series. Eric and Angel are such a great couple. He taught her how to trust again and she helped him through a tough period after he had to shoot a criminal. Can't wait to read the next book.

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### **Sassafrass says**

I really enjoyed this book. I read the first book and fell in love with Lake and Eric and their brand of BDSM, that "loving Dominant" thing they have going on is really sexy!

Reading Eric's story though, got me looking forward to the rest of the series. Melinda Barron has definitely gotten a new fan. I think her plots are great, her dialogue is realistic, and she knows how to write a good sex scene that goes with the flow and theme of the book.

If you like BDSM and like having an HEA, I think this series is for you!

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### **? BookAddict ↗ La Crimson Femme says**

Killing someone, even to protect another is not an easy thing to live with, even if you are a police officer. Eric Ross is a cop who is second guessing himself ever since he shot to kill a murderer when he nearly killed another woman, Lucy. Eric's been remorseful and guilt ridden to the point where he's being haunted by the dead man's ghost. Yes, that's what I'm thinking - W.T.F?

From here it gets better. I was actually pleasantly surprised and this book is a 3.5 star for me. I enjoyed it and it was a very fast read. The BDSM in here was good for me. The club was nice and wasn't GlitterKink in case anyone was wondering. The storyline was really quite well done. I flowed and I liked it. It was believable to me. I liked Angel's character and even when she does a very stupid thing, I can kind of understand. I'm a bit pissed about her father. What an asshole. I don't like him one bit and he wasn't even in the story much.

The struggle Angel experiences in submitting is all too familiar. Eric's lack of confidence isn't helping and only causing more communication failures. This is all so realistic that I'm easy buying into it. Even the dumb kid, Joseph, who doesn't think about the consequences of his actions. Ever have a day where you just want to slap people upside the head and go, "THINK! STOP AND THINK!". Today is that day for me. And it appears the books I'm reading aren't helping.

This is a lovely little BDSM story which I can definitely recommend to both new and experienced BDSM readers. Enjoyable and sweet.

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### **Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says**

This was a great read, I am Loving this series!!

I cant wait to read the next one!!

This one is about Eric and Angel, and it was hot!!

I dont wanna give away to much, but this is so good...

Angel want to know more about being a sub and there is no one better to be her Dom then Eric!!

Love it!!

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