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In fear for her life after witnessing a powerful drug lord gun down two rivals, Gabriela Marquez flees Sinaloa for the safety of the United States. No sooner does she arrive, however, than she's arrested and threatened with immediate deportation unless she agrees to work for Maid for It, a company providing specialty housekeeping services to high-end clients. Gabi soon realizes the "specialty" services she must provide will be of a sexual nature. She should refuse, but she can't risk deportation. Prostitution is preferable to death.

Her first assignment is in the home of Benjamin Hardcastle, a wealthy and reclusive computer security expert. He's also Maid for It's most exacting client. Determined to please the heretofore unpleasable Mr. Hardcastle, Gabi keeps her past a secret. If he discovers the truth—that she's been coerced into the role of sexual slave—he'll send her away.

But what begins as a unwelcome obligation becomes an awakening to the incredible pleasures of domination, bondage, and submission. As Gabi discovers she truly is "made for it," her secret looms larger, threatening her survival in an entirely unexpected way.

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From Reader Review Maid for It for online ebook

Chibineko says

I'll warn potential readers that there is one semi-consensual scene in this book. It's at the very beginning and is the very first sex scene in the book. After that point the scenes are consensual between our two main characters. It could be argued that Gabi is only performing the sex out of fear of being deported, but if I'd say that this is only the case in the very, very beginning with the first oral scene in the car.

All in all, I loved this novella. It's short, sweet, and to the point with nice and steamy sex scenes. Even better than that are the growing emotions between Gabi and Ben. I'll admit that the short story length is a bit of a disability at times, as the relation might have been propelled along faster than would otherwise seem rational. However this is a wish fulfillment sort of tale so that's easily overlooked.

Another warning that I'd give to readers is that Gabi's background story remains part of the background. It's more something to explain why she'd enter into this situation and why she'd initially put up with this despite this not being her "thing" at first. On a side note, this might make it more difficult for some to read given that scenarios like this do happen in various formats in the sex trade industry. So if you think that you might have an issue with this, you might want to try another book.

The writing here is also pretty good and while I was reading this I couldn't help but think that this is the type of story that Fifty Shades of Grey really wanted to be. I definitely recommend it over FSOG as a serious erotica read. I'm interested enough in reading the next entry, that's for certain.

Sunshine says

The good story. A nice quickie. The writing had a few errors, but will pick up another by this author.

Lady Raven RAVE! says

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BRIEF SUMMARY

Gabriela was found guilty for illegally crossing the border into the Unites States. She is in fear of returning home to Mexico after witnessing a gruesome crime between drug lords. Her guilty verdict is being void because the company Maid for It, own by Mr. Daniels will hire her and apply for a proper visa for Gabriela. What Gabriela slowly comes to realize is that Maid for It is not only about cleaning but also pleasing the owner and its members. Gabriela is sent to her new employer Ben, a very wealth security expert who has a dark sexual side to him. He is known as a hard client to please. In the past, the women sent to Ben have either flea or sent back to Maid for It within a couple of weeks or days. Gabriela will have to keep Ben happy or risk going back home to Mexico.

THOUGHTS

This is a very dark BDSM book; if you are familiar with the book Tender Mercies by Kitty Thomas then you

would have an idea what the book is about. I don't think most people would know how to receive this book but I take it for what it is an erotic BDSM. I was split in the middle with the book, I wanted to know more of what Ben was thinking, all views were seen from Gabriela's prospective. Gabriela was surely naive when it came to certain things but she wanted so bad to please Ben, in fear of what could happen to her. So out of her desperation she did some things that were a little out there. I did think the author had a good storyline in regards to Gabriela and Ben in what he does for a living. I only wanted Ben to say I love you back to Gabi In the end, you sense that he cares but saying the words would have been an added bonus.

The book is very graphic and sexually explicit and might have a few people a little turned off. It also contains scenes that might be very much disturbing and dark to many.

Storyline: GOOD

Intimacy: GOOD (HARDCORE BDSM)

Enjoyment: FAIR

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Monique says

Originally reviewed at AsianCocoa's Secret Garden

3.5 Stars

Maid for It was a quick, steamy, erotic read. There was some dubious consent involved so be aware. Gabriela Marquez has left her small town in Mexico. She is an eye witness to a murder involving a major drug cartel and her family fears for her life. They hire a pollero to get her over the border into the United States. Unfortunately, Gabi's safe house is raided by immigration officials and she finds herself in danger of deportation unless she agrees to work for Maid for It, a specialty housekeeping company that caters to wealthy clientele. Her job interview consists of performing a blow job on her boss in the backseat of his limousine.

Her first job is working for Benjamin Hardcastle, a reclusive cyber security expert. Gabi soon discovers why most of the maids have not lasted more than two days as his employee. Benjamin is looking for more than a recreational sex toy. He wants a permanent willing and submissive sex slave.

After arriving at Benjamin's mansion, Gabi is given a tour of the house by the butler and begins her housekeeping duties. Her introduction to Benjamin comes two days later. And what a steamy introduction it is. Benjamin walks into the bathroom completely nude while Gabi is on her hands and knees cleaning the floor. He wastes no time getting acquainted with his new merchandise.

The relationship progresses rather quickly. The love scenes are pretty erotic and intense. I really liked Gabi's character a lot. She was a survivor and did what she felt she had to do to stay alive. I felt her fear and hoped that Benjamin wouldn't be too hard on her. I wasn't a huge fan of Benjamin in the beginning, as he was a

hard Master and wasn't always as merciful as I felt he should be. But I did warm up to him as he started to let his feelings for Gabi show. The sex scenes in Maid for It were well written and ultra smutty (have a towel ready)! Benjamin did soften towards Gabi in the end and I really enjoyed their happily ever after. I look forward to reading more from Lucy Rodgers. Maid for It gets 3.5 dragons.

Diana says

Nice plot, nice sex scenes. The insecurities from the female protagonist is a bit too much and has no reason, but otherwise it's good!

Ridley says

This was a quick, semi-enjoyable dubcon novella, but I found it really disappointing. The sample sells a BDSM-esque story with dubious consent, but the book quickly devolves into a run-of-the-mill erotic romance. The hero is a rich businessman, the heroine's a virgin, deus ex machina is the book's middle name and 90% of the sex is pure vanilla.

If you like dubcon/noncon, this won't scratch that itch. There's no moral ambiguity in this tale. If anything, this is a sweet, padded My First Dubcon Erotica for the vanilla romance crowd. It takes no chances, pushes no boundaries and stays safe and unoffensive.

/meh

Steelwhisper says

This lost 1 star from the get-go for present tense. I wished authors would stop using it. Rages up the pretentious so-hip scale. Unpalatable prose is the result.

Then, the premise sounded interesting, a woman fleeing from certain death in her own country, only to be blackmailed into an elaborate slave-type prostitution upon arrival in the USA. But the story lost it completely already during warm-up.

I can't say how much I loathe reading these:

- women who barely shrug at being presented with forced prostitution
- women who get forced to deep-throat dicks taking it like porn-pros
- women who immediately get "wet pussy" upon being forced sexually

Let me state once more, for those who don't know how I tick: I like non-con, dub-con and dark erotica. I love rapefic. But would you please stop selling me that women as a rule are fine with prostitution? Or that every woman nilly-willy immediately gets wet on being raped and forced? Not even real-life masochists do that!

Or that for the vast, really VAST majority of women deep-throating the dick of some arsehole rapist is

anything but terminally yukky? I mean, I recently watched "Extremities". That movie was made in the 1980s and being forced to swallow rapist-dick made Farrah end up wanting to burn the fucker! How have we, damn it, arrived at the stereotype of women having no major problem with this?

Lastly, and speaking as someone into dark erotica and also into sadomasochistic fantasies:

It's not shoulder-shrugging acceptance which fuels my fire. At all.

So, if you try reading this with the vague idea that it is anywhere close to the Dark Duet, forget it. It's not even on the same boat.

Diane says

i found this book rather disturbing, though the writing itself was good. the premise that a woman could, through well-meaning intentions, end up in the hands of human trafickers (sp?), and then basically be sold to a wealthy man as a slave, and i do mean slave, and then have the heroine discover that though she is scared she will be discovered in the US and be killed, she also likes the bdsm that her master subjects her to, just sort of icks me out. i have read other books in the bdsm genre before, but this one, where the heroine was on the run for her life, was a catholic hispanic virgin, was an educated person who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, just bothered me.

Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says

Maid For It was an extremely well wrote, very erotic, awesomely fast read! I really liked this one a lot! I managed to read it all in one shot, which everyone knows is hard for me to do. I tend to need to step away for a bit while reading something. Even with novellas. This particular one was so hot I couldn't put it down! When it was over I wanted more even...

Gabi's life has just taken a complete nosedive. Having witnessed a murder by a drug lord, she fled to the US to save her life. Instead she ended up working for a maid service that requires a bit more "service" then just cleaning. Maid For It requires their girls to do anything their wealthy clients want. Gabi doesn't really have much of a choice. This imperfect situation is better than dying.

She quickly learns however that what is asked of her by Ben Hardcastle is completely new and foreign to her. That doesn't mean that she isn't willing to be a quick study. Ben is her only chance at life so Gabi will be his willing submissive. No matter how much his fun room may terrify her.

Yikes, this novella definitely packed a punch. There was so much smexy goodness I think at one point I melted onto the floor in a sweaty puddle off my office chair. Yes I totally read this at work. Heh. I won't get into trying to put on a work face when people came in my office. The thought "If they only knew what I was reading right now..." crossed my mind often.

With a novella, especially an erotic novella it is sometimes hard to get a decent story line in there. I often feel like I've turned on a porn in my head when reading them. With Maid For It I instantly felt for Gabi's situation. Sex with a bajillionaire is much better then death certainly, but still, being put in the predicament is

difficult. It certainly helped that Ben showed glimpses of feeling during their dirty dirty smex sessions. While being a submissive is totally not my thang, I can read about it and understand the position of those whose it is. I even LIKE reading about it. Even if being called a whore still makes me cringe. The game is still fun.

Ben..wow..Ben was HAWT. The things he could do, while probably completely over the top (who can give a woman 5 orgasms in a row) were totally drool worthy. I liked his ability to be dominate while still not hurting Gabi...well mostly...in any way. He was completely confident and that just made me want him more.

The ending was a bit confusing simply because I don't really get that submissive/dominate world. I don't see how you can turn it on and off. Perhaps you can. It just seems to me that you couldn't be in a true relationship with one of these people. How could you ever have a conversation? Do daily activities? It's great to read about. I'm sure there are lots of people who enjoy these things. I enjoy them from afar. I just don't think I could function in a relationship like that. Perhaps an occasional thing.....

Maid For It was a pleasant surprise to me and I think it will be for you too. Filled with erotic situations and a plot line that crosses some barriers, I really enjoyed this novella. Beware, if you don't like walking that line between consensual and....not....well this one wouldn't be for you.

I give Maid For It by Lucy Rodgers 4 stars!

Karma♥Bites ^.~ says

MAID FOR IT is one of the smartest read that I've had in a while and one of the few which manages to portray the start of a BDSM relationship (specifically, master/slave) in a realistic manner. I highly recommend this novella to anyone who is curious about this genre but prefer to dip their toes in rather than plunge straight into the deep end.

(Psst! It's still free on Amazon as of this review's posting.)

Why it's a smart read: Incredibly well-written, MAID FOR IT follows the budding relationship over the course of several months. It's definitely erotica but die-hard erotica readers (especially of BDSM) may deem the sexual encounters as on the light side. However, I found MAID FOR IT more interesting for its basic psychological insights into a sexually inexperienced female who is also completely ignorant of BDSM. (Thankfully, the female protag is mostly a determined realist, not a weak-kneed damsel in distress.) Now, I'm not saying that it's worthy of *Psychology Today*, just that it's approachable for the everyday reader. And BDSM is as much about the psychological and emotional needs of the individuals involved as it can be about physical pleasure (or pain).

Written in the first person, the reader is able to follow Gabi's slow progression from "Madre de Dios, what kind of monster have I given myself to?" to "Perhaps he's not really changing me at all but simply showing who I always was" to "Rather than feeling trapped by his demands, I'm freed by the certainty and security they provide". The conclusion feels right and is believable because the ultimate decision is left to Gabi and she can finally make a decision based on free will.

Upon first meeting Gabi, Ben lays out his basic ground rules and then tests her acceptance of them. But when he realizes just how inexperienced she is, he immediately questions how she could even know that she was a

submissive. The fact that weeks then pass before a substantive BDSM encounter occurs is more like real life. No self-respecting Dom would throw such a person straight into hard-core BDSM scenes, no matter how much he "senses" the submissive in her. (Yes, it's a fictional story but it's bad fiction when its credibility extends beyond a reasonable suspension of disbelief.)

Why the plot works: Taken as a whole, the storyline seems far-fetched. But each separate plot point is based in reality. Innocent people sometimes do witness criminal acts which place their lives in jeopardy. Every day, women are coerced or abducted into the sex trade. Men do pay to have their sexual desires met. BDSM is a much larger community than most people realize, simply because those in the lifestyle usually don't flaunt it.

My biggest complaint? The ending felt incomplete/premature. Perhaps Ms. Rodgers would consider revisiting Gabi and Ben in a future book.

Also, I would've liked to have had some of Ben's POV, instead of inferring from his actions. But then again, POV switches may have detracted from Gabi's progress as she comes to understand Ben and her perceptions change, even if her original circumstances don't. Lastly, there were some editing errors but not beyond the "we're all human" range, and I did question certain plot points but none were major enough to tank the book for me. (The author is more than welcomed to PM me if curious about these items.)

Well-written, thoughtful and sexy, with sympathetic characters and a tangible romance. All from a new author who deserves to be read and followed. Well done, Ms. Rodgers!

Tracey says

I enjoyed this book it's a short read, it's only 68 pages, it contained some hot sex scenes, my fave being the dungeon.

How Gabi ended up there was a little farcical with her education, but I enjoyed how she realised what she liked. I liked the way there relationship developed and became something else.

Worth a read.

Contains Bdsm and anal play

Saunders says

this book had no depth, it was short, quick and didnt go anywhere.

Rebekah Weatherspoon says

this novella was so strange. for every thing that worked there were two things that didn't work. the set up pulled me in. normal woman pulled into the submissive sex trade to save her own life. cool. bring on the story, and then the story falls crazy flat, the sex is way hot, but the main character just left me scratching my

head which was a huge problem because its written in first person and you only get her POV. there is a nice level of submission, but the sex acts themselves are very tame. just regular intercourse and blow jobs. Ben has a dungeon and then use it exactly once.

things that should have been examined deeper are dropped into the text as an after thought. *SPOILER* Gabi, a god fearing Catholic woman, ditches her crucifix for Ben's collar, claiming she can only serve one God. uh okay. *END SPOILER*

Gabi is an English professor who apparently had a life before this story begins, but she acts like she's been living in a cave her whole life. she claims she doesn't know the name of a particular pasta because she's so unfamiliar with Italian food and then in the next sentence she recognizes that the tortellini has been cooked perfectly "al dente". she claims she can't think of English phrases for somethings, but says "knickers" instead of "chonies" when talking about her thong, i didnt get her at all.

Ben is a perfectly fine hero. Nice guy, not a dickhead Dom at all. however, his characters isn't developed as much as i would have liked.

in the end this is a novella that should have been a full length story, but isn't. if you're looking for some hot sex strung together, go for, but the plot and voice are pretty off.

? BookAddict / La Crimson Femme says

Now this is what I like in a BDSM short story. An introduction to a new author who writes quite well. Ms. Rodgers is an author I'm going to have to keep my eye one. This is a 3.5 star for me. The BDSM elements were tasty and just a bit of a tease. Nothing gritty is described. It's all a bit glossed over. The plot was very plausible. What I liked was reading it from Gabi's point of view. This story is actually rather sweet and redeeming for both characters. The writing for a free book was pleasing in that there were no grammar issues or misspelling errors. I would definitely read another book by Ms. Rodgers. I also liked her except of Damaged Goods. I will have to look for that book.

Battleaxe Betty says

When I first started reading I was disappointed to think it was just going to be smut with no story as it read a bit like a bad porn scene but that soon changed. It turned into a blend of good story and good sex. Enjoyable quick read.