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Book #3 in the dark, depraved, and delicious Red Order series.

Faith is for the foolish.

Love is for the weak.

Hope is for those with dreams.

I am faithless.

I am not weak.

I am your every nightmare.

I want. I take.

You refuse. I take.

You beg. I smile.

You weep. I laugh.

You deny.

You die.

Life is simple when you're faithless.

Until the man who rewrites the rules, and the girl who is determined to break every one of them set their sights on me.

They want. They take.

I beg. They smile.

They deny.

Who dies?

Book #3 of 'The Red Order' series. Can be read as a standalone, but to understand the full storyline consider beginning the journey with Feyness

Faith is but a mask. Sin is what lies beneath.

Faithless Details

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Darlene Avery says

Faithless by E.S. Carter is phenomenal! Carter presents a dark and twisted storyline with so much depth that you find yourself immersed in every word.

Luke Hunter is a powerful man with a haunted and chilling past. He has suffered more than human ever should, and yet he finds a way to rise above. Even if that means using his own past as fuel to fight his demons.

What Luke never sees coming is someone who can handle all of him. Not just his past, not just his need for power, but also at the heart of matters ... his need for love.

It maybe twisted and scarred, but it is a need that he has, and is nonetheless powerful than the need to breathe.

I woke up in the middle of the night thinking about this storyline and how Carter is able to take her readers on a journey.

It may take each of us out of our comfort zone in some aspects, but it leaves us all with feels that reaches the core of our souls.

Faithless is a must read, especially if you have the open mindedness to take on the layers of humanity at its very depths of torment and depravity.

5 Dark Phenomenal Stars

Cathy says

I was so excited for this, the final instalment in The Red Order, Luke's story! I knew it was going to be dark, I didn't know how much I would love it! Whilst it can be read as a stand alone, I fully recommend starting from the very beginning and getting all of the background.

Luke likes to be in control, and this story is a battle of wills, a fight for dominance. Luke with his dry humour and sharp edges had me all a flutter, but James has a compassion and warmth that shines through his own particular brand of darkness. Their power struggle, and the underlying spark is mesmerising.

Lily is an interesting character, she brings a whole new dynamic to the situation. Her feistiness even in the most dire circumstances had me grinning!

Full of surprises, death and depravity this story has everything you could want, but if you are of a sensitive nature it may not be for you.

ES Carter is so clever in the way parallels can be drawn between characters who appear so very different, she blows me away with her writing.

Betul says

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3.5 stars

"You say I've ruined you James but one taste of you has damned me."

I love the Red Order series by E.S. Carter. I enjoy this author's dark romance novels, and was looking forward to Faithless. It started out really strong and I was very dedicated to the characters. It was unpredictable and things didn't go as I expected. I love it when the author is able to surprise and shock me. Both James and Luke are alpha males and have a dark side, Luke more than James. Luke, was able to bring out an even darker side from James that would satisfy his monster. There is another character that appears and plays an important role in this story. I am not going further into detail, you'll have to read this book to find out.

The reason I rated this 3.5 stars rather than 4 stars is because of the length of the story. It was just too short to fully tell the story of these characters. It felt rushed and it didn't completely satisfy me. It felt unfinished so it left me wanting more. I needed more character development, and the story kind of ended abruptly. There was action, sex, and suspense in this book. The writing was very easy to read and had a great flow. Even though this is the last book in the Red Order series, I hope here will be a spin-off series, because there is a character who needs its story told. Also E.S. really knows how to write a dark romance, so I am hoping more from her in this subgenre.

Diane (Books and Tequila Blog) says

OMG!! What an amazing story! This book is for those who LOVE a dark, twisty, and wild story. If you need to ask about your "no-no's" or "hard limits" this just might not be for you!!

"Then he bites—hard—at the soft skin between my neck and shoulder, his teeth clamping down to stake his claim on my body. On my soul."

Luke is the new leader of the Red Order. His dark and violent past has left him as a man trying to control the monster that abides within him. Only one person seems to touch that beast and affect it in any way.

"You say I've ruined you James—" he steps away from me and my used body sags against the door in front of me. "—but one taste of you has damned me."

Faithless is the third and final book in the Red Order series. Each book can be read as a standalone but have connected characters and a storyline that continues throughout. I think Faithless feels the DARKEST and most suspenseful in this series. So Good! I was on the edge of my seat reading this!

-5 Stars!!-

My Own Bookshelves says

There is a time when all good things must come to an end and maybe scare the shit out of you at the same time.

Faithless' time is now.

Now, if you've read my reviews for Red Order Book 1 & 2, this is not my normal. E.S. Carter's use of language and gothic imaginary is something I couldn't resist. The story of the Hunter brothers is not for the faint of heart. And maybe how they problem solve isn't in the best interest of the other characters. Yet, the story is engaging and action packed - you are determined to see how it finishes.

I was anxious for Luke's story. Of the three, he was charming and yet had that underlying sharp edge of darkness that you knew he was the most deprived of them all. Did not disappoint. James, secondary character of book 2, becomes the soul focus of Luke's attention in the book. The reader learns more the driving force for James' needs to save the forgotten. And along comes Lily.

Enough said.

Now, I'm not going to talk readers into reading this dark romance series. Its graphic in its darkness. Unapologetic in the scenes that unfold. But, it is the brilliance of the storytelling that I find myself compelled to break out of my normal cup of tea. I finished the story and felt stressed, horrified and yet complete. If you are a fan of books 1 & 2, this finale is not to be missed. Ms. Carter ramps up the action and the heat to give us more - suspense, action and all we loved in these stories.

“You say I’ve ruined you James—” he steps away from me and my used body sags against the door in front of me. “—but one taste of you has damned me.”

Lorraine says

Well, holy crap! I did not see this one coming at all!!!

Luke and James are on a mission to find and kill the last piece of a dark, dangerous and twisted puzzle. Their story was an interesting one and I was intrigued to find out who would win the fight for dominance between these two alpha males. What a game of cat and mouse they play and their relationship is an interesting one. James has a child and a life outside of the Red Order, whereas Luke only has himself to consider. Where they end up is anyone's guess, but finding out makes for a fabulous read.

This is not your typical love story. Set against a backdrop of the underworld, it is very dark and gory in places but if you've read the first two books, Feyness (#1) and Parasight (#2) (which you should do before reading Faithless), then you won't be surprised.

I'm sad this series has come to an end and after finishing this book last night, I could scream. I mean, really scream!!! The ending will have you do that!!!!

An excellent read for those who love a little darkness.

Kali McQuillen says

Luke doesn't do feelings unless you count the satisfaction of being a dark soul and nothing touches him emotionally. He has his brothers and that's enough. He doesn't ever expect to feel those things, I mean that's not how he was raised, that's definitely not who he is and he feels that he's untouchable.

Then the unthinkable happens and he starts to feel for someone in his own way. It still doesn't change who he is or how he is but who's to say that person wants him to change? What if they do and he can't change how he is?

I was speed reading to find out how this was all going to play out. Was their journey over before it really began?

Note the authors warning but if you like dark this is definitely it!

Lindsey Domokur says

Well well well Eli, you wrapped that series up even darker than I thought. Things I read cannot be unseen in my head and I'm stained for life. This series was dark, depraved and dirty. As soon as i stop shaking in the corner i will tell you how much i loves it. I will never look at a butter dish sitting on a table the same way. I was a little concerned that this one would be too much for me because of James and Luke and I have never read anything like this before, but I also felt so close to the characters from previous books that I had to know their story. Bravo.

CC says

4.5 Stars!

As leader of the Red Order, Luke Hunter is exacting in his decisions as darkness saturates his emotions keeping him the ever apex predator. One to keep pets for his own entertainment, Luke avoids entanglements and enjoys such freedom to explore his depraved proclivities. However, when a friendly associate asks for assistance, Luke agrees to help but also finds himself wanting to take what isn't his.

“I'm not a coward, I'm a killer. A successful one, but only because I weigh up every option before I strike. The only faith I hold is in myself.”

James Renshaw Cooper is an honorable man who fights for a cause. Having lost those he loved, he protects the remaining piece of his heart by staying focused on his long-range goal. After insulating his own needs, James begins to feel a pull toward a person who could bleed him dry and not blink an eye.

“I’ve never claimed to be a wise man, Luke. But I am a man, and I know what I want and what I’m willing to give up to get it.”

While Luke and James unite for different reasons, and as they have conflicting approaches, the sexual tension between them is undeniable. Luke is ever ready to take and doesn’t have any qualms about it. A strong man by nature, James isn’t about to do anything he doesn’t choose to do and he isn’t going to back down from the swirling attraction he feels toward Luke. What ensues is incredibly hot as their chemistry is off the charts.

“His mouth attacks mine in violent kiss. Teeth, tongue, lips all battling for supremacy until blood and cum mix and swirl over my taste buds in a heady cocktail of depravity. This isn’t a kiss. It’s combat.”

Adding to the friction between Luke and James is the ongoing storyline pertaining to conflict with the Dominion’s leader and an unexpected female character. I thoroughly enjoyed the element Lily provided, as she enhanced James’ character by showing his compassionate side. Of course, Luke remained detached when it comes to collateral damage but he also showed some cracks in regard to James.

The connection between James and Luke was felt from the first page and it had me dying for more. I loved Luke’s broody, unbreachable exterior and his dominance added to his dark and depraved sexual proclivities. While James was also incredible sexy, he balanced Luke with his sincerity and candidness. There are a quite a few scenes that have been permanently etched into my id.

Faithless is a dark romance that sizzles from the beginning. This book would appeal to those who enjoy two strong alpha male characters. Be ready to take several cold showers while reading!

Red Order series:

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This was a (F)BR with Twinsie Hawkey and Loyda!

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warhawke says

Genre: Dark Suspense

Type: Standalone Book 3 of 3 from Red Order series

POV: First Person - Multiple

Rating:

Luke Hunter took whatever he wanted like he already owned it. As the leader of the Red Order, he was used of having people bending for him. But when two people who invaded his life fought to defy him, he was intrigued by their audacity and determined to see them beg or break.

The man is more than a killer. Darkness engulfs him. The smiles, the cultured tone of his voice, and his seemingly calm demeanour are all superficial things that mask the monster who lives beneath his skin.

Luke has been my favorite character in this series since book 1 for a reason. He embraced his darkness and completely unapologetic about it. And when little tidbits about him revealed in book 2, I was a goner haha! I simply love characters who knew what they wanted and won't let anyone stop them.

In this game of cat and mouse in which we were engaged, James was in danger of getting caught with his hands on the cheese just as the trap snapped shut.

James Cooper had his own shade of darkness but he was more restrained about it. I love that he had a "weakness" that held him back just enough to keep him grounded.

Lily was not someone I expected her to be. With her background and history, she was understandably broken, but she also had a spark that burned bright to carry her to whatever she put her mind and heart to. I absolutely love her role in this story.

On Luke, power is a narcotic—an addictive drug that floods my senses and has me craving for more like a mindless junkie.

This book is without a doubt my favorite in this series. I love the dynamics between the characters and how they fed off each other for their personal and/or collective ambitions. My dark soul sang when I saw the direction the author took this one to because these were the kind of characters I could relate to.

As we crash together, I groan deep in my throat and he reacts by biting down hard. The soft flesh of my lip splits under his teeth, and warm blood mixes with his flavour adding that dark edge I've craved.

The story had a perfect balance of darkness, sexiness and humor. The sexual tension was like being choked to the edge of an orgasm before being rewarded by an explosive release.

Hunter and predator, a seductive if lethal combination and one I anticipated would ruin us both.

Faithless is a tale of embracing the murky side of one's soul. It would appeal to readers who prefer to take a walk on the dark side.

P.S.: I don't think I can look at butter the same way again after reading this book... lol!

Books in the series:

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? One Click Romance ? says

Not for the faint of heart or anyone with a weak stomach

Blood. Gore. Death.

This book was, for me, the darkest and goriest in The Red Order series. Luke and James blew my freaking mind.

I honestly was surprised by this story. Nothing at all, was what I thought it'd be. Soon as I started to think I had something figured out, BAM! I was wrong, wrong, wrong!

This entire series has been one hell of an experience, Faithless however, is on a league of its own. It's violent, it's darker than dark, it's anything but, sunshine and rainbows.

It will blow your mind. I'm sad this is the end but, the author has left such a huge opening for something more disastrous, despicable and sickening to happen. There's another monster out there with so much possibilities and I hate them.

This book is NOT for everyone, definitely not for people easily offended by violence, death, and gore. This is not some sweet romance. This is the stuff your mom told you to stay away from, at least mine did. Here I am though loving the darkness. I'm twisted, let me live.

Lo Bookfrantic says

4.5★★★★Stars

Genre: *Dark Suspense*

Type: *Standalone Book 3 of 3 from Red Order series*

POV: *First Person – Multiple*

"Every man has a dark side. You merely need to find the key,... The darkness in which we live is like an infectious rain."

Luke Hunter was the leader of the Red Order. He was unapologetic; he always took what he wanted and didn't hesitate to fight it. An immediate need and connection transpired between Luke and another character he was bound to make it his.

James Cooper was strong and yet he had a weak side to him that attracted Luke to him. James found himself conflicted with new feeling he didn't think were even possible. However; I liked how he didn't backed down and decided to let it happen consequences be bound.

"I was delirious with need for this man. It was disorientating. It was deadly."

Lily was a broken soul in desperate need of saving. She was very unstable mentally so when something so shocking happened in the book I shouldn't have been shocked and yet I was. I liked the twist to this story.

"In the dark, nothing could hurt me. I felt nothing, I heard nothing, I saw nothing,..."

Faithless was a story I really enjoyed; it had a great combination of dark stuff, and super sexy steamy scenes and with some highly enjoyable humor scenes I felt it was perfection. This story will be appealing to readers who are not afraid of the dark and enjoy some dark suspense books.

Books in the series:

???This was a F(BR) with CC & War???

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Danielle says

This book blew my mind and left me gasping at some of the twists and turns this story took!! If you love dark reads, this book/series is not one to miss!

This is the 3rd and final book in the Red Order series and I think E.S. Carter has saved the best for last!! Luke is the new leader of the Red Order. His violent past has created a Monster that resides within him. Luke likes to keep his Monster fed by taking from others what it needs but things change when he meets James and James is not willing to bend to every whim of Luke. Will this lead to the destruction of the Monster?

I loved every heart stopping moment of this book and hated to see it end. I loved being in the minds of the characters, especially with a story like this, getting each POV is fantastic. This book can be read as a standalone but why not enjoy the whole series and get more of this exciting story!! I highly recommend this series for anyone who enjoys the dark and delicious side of reading!

Sharon Betts says

Another 5 incredible stars for this story from ES Carter! It's a walk in the dark side, with the Red Order once more in search of the sick and twisted that abuse.

But this time it's Luke's story. And Luke himself has his own beast, clawing to release it's power, demanding compliance. But there's one that challenges, and pokes at Luke's beast. James provokes and tempts Luke. There's a wonderful dynamic between Luke and James, an energy and strong chemistry. And then there's Lily - what will her role be? And of course there's plenty to satisfy the bloodlust.

Some hot scenes, lots of bloodshed, a twist, and characters we've come to love from Feyness and Parasight. This is a book with plenty of tension. The ending is perfect, remaining true to the characters. I devoured this book!

E.S. Carter says

Faithless is LIVE!

The final book in the Red Order series.

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