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At a small, struggling circus in Ulaanbaatar, a fearless trapezist fascinates Cirque du Monde talent scout Jason Beck, until he realizes, halfway through the act, that he already knows this exotic, blue-eyed beauty. Intimately. If he'd known she was part of the act he was here to recruit, he never would have done such basely carnal things to her the night before!

Torn by professional and personal desires, Jason invites Sara to Paris. She's thrilled to join Cirque du Monde, but her trapeze partner, Baat, is less cooperative. When tensions threaten the future of Sara and Baat's act, she finds solace in a sexy, consuming Master/slave relationship with Jason. Jason's strict requirements match perfectly with Sara's desires to submit, to do whatever it takes to please her Master. Soon they're barreling toward deeper commitments, even love.

But circus life can be chaotic. Perilous. Cirque CEO—and brutal Master—Michel Lemaitre develops an uncomfortable interest in the submissive trapezist, and Baat becomes increasingly difficult to control. Fears and secrets, jealousy and uncertainties threaten to undo everything Sara and Jason have built in their intimate BDSM sessions. Hurt by lies, rocked by shocking revelations, the two must battle to remain bound together in love.

Publisher's Note: This erotic romance novel is approximately 75K words and contains sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: Anal play/intercourse, m/f/m menage, BDSM scenes, power exchange themes, and swinging/partner sharing.

## **Bound in Blue Details**

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## From Reader Review Bound in Blue for online ebook

### Amber Rose says

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### Agnieszka says

The descriptions of kinky sex are nice, I guess. But the complete lack of interpersonal tension makes it feel like I was reading a recipe book. Also maybe it's kind of racist that an Asian woman is just so naturally submissive? I mean the book has other people being submissive, too, but she's just such an automatically immediately perfect submissive that upon reflection I feel kind of uneasy about it.

There is no plot to speak of. Not quite what we'd call PWP in the world of fanfiction but damn near it. So, meh. The first book was so much better.

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### Nina ~ Social Butterfly PR says

5 stars

**"I like it intense, Master. I like it to hurt." His fingers tightened against her pulse, prompting deeper confessions. "I like it to feel real."**

Can I ever not gush about an Annabel Joseph book? Hopefully not, but she just continues to put out amazing books that sooo touch me on a level that leaves me amazed at her writing and Bound in Blue was just as good as the rest.

Bound in Blue was the second book in the Cirque Masters series. It is the story of Jason and Sara and it is hot and Jason is an intense yet incredibly loving Master. This book for me was bit different than some of her other....the was a bit of mystery going on in this one and there was a lot of humor thrown in that had me laughing at times.

I also go more of Theo, whom I absolutely fell in love with in book one. I am so excited where book 3 is going....this series is just really amazing!

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### Robin says

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Annabel Joseph is one of my favorite go to authors when I'm looking for something a little more severe. I've become a fan so that when I saw that she had a new release, Bound in Blue. I jumped for joy.

Bound in Blue is the second installment in the Cirque Masters series. It tells the story of the growing love between Sara, a young trapeze artist, and Jason, a talent scout for Cirque du Monde. Jason is sent to Mongolia to recruit a fearless trapezist. He meets Sara and has a night of lust-filled, erotic lovemaking before learning that she is the act he's been seeking. Sara and Jason can't resist each other and amid the dramatic backdrop of the Cirque de Monde, they begin a passionate romance.

Sara and Jason have an instant chemistry with each other. As a reader, I had instant chemistry with them. Each time they were together, their love and passion was real and enviable. And the sex was so hot that I was worried my e-reader was going to overheat.

The level of submission that Sara feels and apparently needs is something I personally do not feel. Yet, because of Ms. Joseph's writing, I am able to see the beauty in it and not only understand and accept, but believe in. I love that while a complete hard ass in the bedroom, Jason has a soft side that Sara brought out. This was a real couple to me and I cheered for them to have their happy ending.

Now there's something you need to be aware of before reading this terrific book. Annabel Joseph doesn't write "pretty" BDSM. She writes about relationships that are raw; where pain is pleasure and complete submission is expected. But Ms. Joseph's relationships are written so beautifully that you see all the different layers of the relationship from the Master/slave through the caning and whipping straight down to the love that is the foundation of it all.

Bound in Blue is the second book in the series. And while you could read it as a standalone, I think your enjoyment will grow if you have read the first book. Theo and Kelsey, the couple from Cirque de Minuit, feature prominently in Bound in Blue. You will also learn more about Cirque's masterful owner, Michel Lemaitre who is very important to the storyline in Bound in Blue.

Michel's story will be told in book three and at the end of the book there is a teaser chapter for Master's Flame, his story. After reading it I can only say "Wow!" Hopefully we won't have to wait too long.

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## Elle says

### ***3.5\* you liked me 'cause I was blue STARS!!***

Another circus book from Annabel Joseph. Still happened in Cirque du Monde but with different main characters. Remember Kelsey's American coach? Yeah, Jason Beck. I never thought he will have his own book. I doubted him at first, but the story opened my heart. Not bad.

In pursue to recruit new performer for Cirque du Monde, Jason Beck went to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He met a local girl with mesmerizing blue eyes. Their one-night-stand was really intense BDSM scene. Sara never dared to dream to meet Jason again, but this time they must work together in cirque. But they agreed to keep their BDSM relationship for bedroom only without everyone knows. It isn't easy as they thought when Michel Lemaitre finally know.

***"When I'm near you, I want to be yours," she said. "When I see you, I'm overcome with...with this feeling of need, of desire. I've never felt that with anyone else."***

Jason... Very hard to like. He's not 'fun' enough like Theo. I've never felt he's into more hardcore relationship like Master/slave. Theo is more relaxing as a Dominant and less intense than Jason. He doesn't reveal much outside work so I know nothing about him. But he's very patient and good man.

Sara... Very submissive AF. She's very trusting since first time. Jason is basically like a God for her because there is no other man before. Sara has sweet personality also talented. She likes to daydreaming her further relationship with Jason. Oh, she's really hardcore girl and well-matched with Jason. Maybe that's why they connected easily. Sara's obedience felt so real.

***“Because your body was made for me. Because your pussy is mine, and that beautiful little mouth. Every part of you, all made for Master’s cock. Lie down and close your eyes, and be mine, little girl.”***

***“Yes, Master, I’m yours. I want to be yours.”***

It has more complex story inside the cirque. Too bad their relationship mostly in bedroom. They have sex a lot. Scene a lot. He's really good Master for Sara. Punish when she bad and do not forget for aftercare. I just couldn't connect with their insta-love afterwards. I mostly like their pervert side. Pft. Also there was a scene that made me uncomfortable me because I don't swing that way. Sorry.

The conflicts was predictable but heart-wrenching in the end. But I'm totally agree with Sara's action. She just met him not for a long time but appears so clingy with Jason. I liked when she stood up for herself. I hate when a sub/slave is starting to lose her identity. Overall, it was a great read with a few issues. I just wanna know more their chemistry outside kinky relationship. But they were the most sweetest couple ever.

***“I didn’t have a life before you. So even if it twists and turns, I want you to be part of it.”***

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***Jason, her Master, her tyrant, her wonderful lover, he could control her forever. He could give her hurt, or orgasms, or even both at the same time.***

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***“I’m glad you had crazy dreams. They brought you to me. To this. You’re exactly who you should be.” He waited for that to sink in. “And you’re exactly where you should be, here in my arms.”***

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## **Marulett says**

Buddy read with Aly :))

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## **Kat Desi says**

*Bound In Blue* is the second installment of the Cirque Masters series featuring Kelsey's former coach, Jason,

and a new Cirque recruit, young, exotic, beautiful and submissive Sara.

I was very surprised to find that Jason is one of the most thrilling but also one of the scariest Sadists I have ever come across (in the literature sense at least). This book's BDSM scenes totally pushed me out of my comfort zone, much like in *Club Mephisto*. Annabel Joseph sure knows how to push me to my limits (which is why I love her so).

In *Cirque de Minuit*, I knew Jason was a Dom. JUST a Dom. Reading this novel, boy, was I wrong. I thought Theo was already bad, but Jason is worst (and I mean that in the best possible way).

I always, always love Annabel's subs and slaves. Really, the bratty sub which seems to be popular these days is getting old real fast. I want to read about SUBMISSION and this author delivers.

I would recommend this book if you want a glimpse of the darker side, the more intense side of romance.

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### **Danielle Thomas says**

Very good 2nd book in the circus series. Hot BdsM, emotionally charged.

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### **~ Becc ~ says**

Is this Annabel Joseph's most romantic novel to date? I think it may well be! Bound in Blue is the second book in the Cirque Masters series. It's not necessary to have read the first book in the series, Cirque de Minuit, to enjoy this one but it does contain mild spoilers.

I so very much enjoyed this one. Annabel Joseph seems to have single-handedly rejuvenated my interest in BDSM romance. I'd forgotten just how much I used to enjoy these books and she really is one of the top authors in the genre. For me a BDSM romance has to contain some serious, delicious kink but it needs to be combined with believable characters you can root for, a realistic love story and a good plotline and that's exactly what I got in Bound in Blue – BDSM Romance at it's finest!

So Michel Lemaitre, wickedly devious French man that he is, has sent his talent scout Jason Beck to check out a trapeze act in Mongolia that he has heard of. Jason spends the night before seeing the show in a daze of stunning D/s, having found the perfect submissive for him working at a fetish club as a waitress. I was kind of reminded of the words of Simon le Bon as Jason and his little submissive enjoy their one night together.

Some people call it a one-night stand but we can call it paradise

Imagine his shock when the trapeze artiste he's been sent to scout turns out to be none other than the beautiful submissive he caned and drove to unspeakable pleasure the night before. Not quickly was he likely to forget those stunning blue eyes in an Asian face. He takes her back to Paris and their relationship develops

from this point.

Jason, for me, was just the perfect Dom. It's so nice to read a dom who's fully got his shit together and who isn't fucked up seven ways to Sunday. Jason, at least by day, is an upstanding guy, very alpha, very protective, loyal and very noble. Ok, so he has a pretty serious kink going on in private and just how pervilicious is that kink??? He's very much the sadist, very controlling and rigid and not about to let his submissive to get away with the slightest misdemeanour without feeling the sharp end of a cane!

I just adored Jason – he had no hang-ups, no reason to not be able to become emotionally attached to his subs. he's a pretty together guy and perfectly able to fall in love and he sure does fall hard for Sara, his Mongolian little one. Their romance was just a pleasure to read and their D/s scenes were seriously delicious – very detailed and very arousing. Just exactly what we need!

I like it intense, Master. I like it to hurt.” His fingers tightened against her pulse, prompting deeper confessions. “I like it to feel real.

Sara has had a tough life – everyone is living in poverty in Ulaanbaatar and she's been working for a struggling circus with bad props and even worse support. Moving to Paris, to be part of Mr Lemaitre's Cirque du Monde is like a dream come true for her – it's a pivotal moment that will change her life and nothing will ever be the same again. Sara was just a sweetheart – she's fairly overwhelmed by how drastically her life has changed and as a submissive she was pretty wide-eyed and pliant and Jason is her perfect dom. She's falling in love with him pretty quickly.

But, of course, nothing could ever be that easy and there's a couple of big shocks in store for Sara and Jason and they end up struggling but it's a wonderful angsty and oh so sexy journey as Sara submits to Jason's intensely dominant ways as his willing slave. This is just such a fantastic addition to the Cirque Masters series as Annabel Joseph so sublimely combines the pulsating, sexually charged world of the cirque with the sensual, erotic world of BDSM. It's just wonderful!!

5 stars – pretty perfect BDSM romance

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### **Natalie M says**

3.5 stars. I liked this second book in the series, but not as much as the first one. Although Theo and Kelsey were in this book too! I enjoyed reading about Jason's story with Sara, I just didn't love Sara like I did Kelsey.

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### **Dar says**

Not at all what I expected, just much, much better!!!!

I love this authour, I can't lie, she makes me squirm more than anyone, but she also delivers some of the most amazing stories ever, and this is one of them - loved the twist, I have to say that was the unexpected, but it was so awesome

Jason has been sent off to sign a new act, and he finds someone he completely connects with instead, then realizes he has found not someone but THE someone for him. There are some obstacles to making that happen, but she is too perfect for him, so he can't resist

They encounter lots of road blocks, but Jason handles them all as an adult, not a whiny fella at all, more of a take charge and lets get this done kinda fellow. That in itself made the story fly by, so while I devoured it in one day, two sittings, it seemed like I just started and I was done, it was that good a story.

When you finish and time has ceased to have meaning, that proves how engrossed you were in your characters and their story, to me at least, and this book was all that and more! This was a little tamer than some of the stories by this authour, but was still extremely hot and sexy, just not as hardcore, more medium core, and that was a-okay by me

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### **Michelle Robbins says**

I absolutely...head over heels....fell in love with this book! I laughed....I cried....several times. Annabel Joseph is brilliant. She made me fall in love with Jason. It came out of no where. I didn't even like him that much from the previous book. And Sara....I love her too. Sara and Jason have this chemistry that only the lucky ones seem to have. Their relationship is fast and furious! The scenes in this book are so hot and sexy that readers are left breathless. Kelsey and Theo are prominent in this book too which I love. There is a scene with the 4 of them that I will think about for many nights to come! There are shocking facts that come to the surface and the book paves the way for a 3rd book in this series that I can't wait to read. BRAVO Annabel Joseph! You keep proving to readers why you are the top of your field! You are absolutely one of my all time favorite authors!

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### **Alma (aka Mrs. Rhaw) says**

Favorite chapter: nine :)

I really liked Cirque de Minuit and wish I could give more stars to Jason and Sara's story, but I have hard times with Master and slave dynamics. (However, don't judge those who follow protocols)

I could never accept to be punished in the bedroom for something that happens outside. And Sara got punished for keeping secrets. And like a good slave she didn't doubt for a second Jason's decision. Master is always right? Hmmm I don't see it that way...

I prefer female characters to be stronger even if submissive while playing. I know, I know it's about them not me! Hihihih

Contemplating now if I'm gonna stay in the circus world or time travel and meet Lady Amelia and Marquise Townsend Training Lady Townsend

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## **Midwest Galley Girl says**

Annabel Joseph never disappoints me and BOUND IN BLUE is no exception. Always centered around artistic, passionate, kinky folks, Joseph's novels take you into worlds unknown and keeps you reading until the last page. BOUND IN BLUE is the second offering in the Cirque Masters series and could be considered a standalone. That said, don't skip CIRQUE DU MINUIT. Kelsey and Theo (who play prominently in BOUND IN BLUE) are not to be missed. In fact, many of the characters established in CIRQUE DU MINUIT are back and up to all sorts of new things. Cirque owner Michel Lemaitre is no less kinky, but far more conflicted. It's great fun to see him not quite together here, especially after all of his exacting Kelsey-related debauchery in the first installment. I love it when strong characters have their moment of doubt...nobody has it all together all the time.

Sara and Jason are delightfully flawed. They both have their secrets, which are big no-nos in M/s relationships, so it's just a matter of time before everyone is confronted. The lead up isn't linear and I didn't see several of the plot twists coming until RIGHT before they shifted. I love, love, love, "love at first sight" stories and there's no doubt about Sara and Jason right from the start. Are there going to be potholes on the love to Happily Ever After? Of course. Joseph will get you there in style, with bated breath and curled toes.

**5 stars**

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## **Lola says**

Not having particularly liked Jason in the first book, I had thought that this was just the one I had to get through to get to Lemaitre's book. However I actually really enjoyed it, mostly because of the characters.

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