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What would you do if your worst fears came true? If everything you loved was stripped away in one indifferent stroke? Who would you become if you blamed yourself? Who would you turn to for absolution?

When **Agnes Bright** loses her infant son and her husband files for divorce, she finds herself drowning in sorrow and bitterness, unable to grieve. She seeks an expert to help her explore the sensual world of masochism and test the boundaries of her quiet rage. What she finds sets her on a path of lies, love, and self-discovery. How far can she bend before she breaks?

Successful entrepreneur and experienced Dominant **David Lake** isn't looking for love. But when he meets an irresistible woman, he doesn't hesitate to show her what it means to be his. When one night with her isn't enough, David grows hungry for more and determined to claim her in every possible way.

The three book Absolution series is meant to be read in order:

Bend Me (Absolution part one)

Break Me (Absolution part two)

Bind Me (Absolution part three)

Be advised that this novel contains BDSM content, dark elements, and mature subject matter. Due to explicit sexual content and adult language this novel is recommend for readers 18 and older.

Bend Me Details

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From Reader Review Bend Me for online ebook

Rodin says

I rated this book 5 stars

Agnes is a natural submissive - Sophia does a great character development through her. She explains her female leads desire to explore her submissive side very thoroughly. Her dominant male is stretched to the limit with his introduction to Agnes - also a great character development.

The orientation of the story and the complication in the plot are terrifically developed.

A great spicey read.

A??ela W. says

I received this book for an honest review

This was a really good book that I liked a lot. When Agnes Bright loses her infant son and her husband files for divorce, she finds herself drowning in sorrow and bitterness, unable to grieve. Agnes is in therapy but she realizes that it is not helping her so she tries boxing as a form of exercise. She goes online to a fetish website and meets a Dom by the name of Marcus Stone although she doesn't use her first name she uses her middle name Eliza. Eliza realizes that she is a masochistic and Marcus is just the Dom to help her so they agree to meet. While waiting for Marcus she meets another Dom David Lake who is rich and sexy and he can't take his eyes off of Eliza and will do anything to make her his. This was a really good book that I wish was longer and that is the only reason that I gave it 4 stars. The first scene with Marcus and David was not a true menage scene because David really didn't want to share her. I also liked how Marcus back up when he saw how much David liked her. This book was well written with no errors in spelling or grammar. This is my first time reading this author and I think this is her first book and I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series and more books by this author.

DW says

This was a quick but good read. I really liked Agnes/Eliza. She has been through a lot of heartaches but I'm hoping she can work through them. As for David, he is yummy and I am pulling for him. I hope that when he learns the whole truth about Agnes/Eliza he will still want her. I cant wait to see how this plays out.

I received Bend Me from the author for an honest review.

Jennifer says

ARC received from author

I'm not liking Agnes/Eliza much right now...She still lives in the house with her soon-to-be ex. Yes, they aren't technically together right now, but she's still married until she opens that envelope and signs the divorce papers.

Yes, Marcus and David are HOT. I'm sorry one of them got the boot. I would have liked more of him. The one left behind pushes limits a little to quickly and with no conversation.

I'll read the rest cause I want to see what happens, and I want to know about the rejected guy.

nd ♥ kitten ♥ says

Writing: ★★★★★

Story: ★★★★★

Characters: ★★★★★

Overall rating: 4.6

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

*****5 "Bend to my will" Stars*****

"The woman I'm looking for will bend to my will and bask in the pain I gift her. In return I will give her everything I have and everything I am."

Agnes has had a rough time of it over the last year. The birth of her son, only to find out that he has terminal cancer, then to lose him at around 6 months old. Her marriage doesn't survive the loss, and without the support of her husband, she may not either.

One thing leads to another and she finds herself seeking out a Dominant. Someone to help her feel... something... anything again.

Enter Master Marcus. They meet online, and for many weeks they talk and get to know each other. Master Marcus is hopeful that the relationship will become something more once they meet.

Agnes, being cautious, uses her middle and maiden name as her online persona, becoming Eliza Stuart, and it's Eliza he's looking for when she agrees to meet him at the upscale BDSM club.

Agnes is excited, and nervous about her first time in a BDSM Club, but she puts on her big girl panties and heads through the door of the club and to the bar where Master Marcus has asked her to wait for him.

But then, there's more.

David sees the beautiful woman standing by the bar taking in all the scenery around her. The minute their eyes meet, he's done. He doesn't believe in love at first sight... until now. He introduces himself, and who should walk up to claim her? But his best friend... Marcus.

Things get really interesting at this point!

Who will have Agnes/Eliza? Who will she want? Will the "therapy" of pain in the club help her to center her life again after such a tragic loss?

The best way to find out is to run as fast as you can and grab this book. If you enjoy a juicy BDSM story

with real feelings, romance, and smexy sex, then look no further for your next book boyfriends!

Willow Brooks says

I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

This book will tug at your heart strings and leave you hurting for Agnes/Eliza.

Imagine having something so precious and dear to you taken away far too soon. That's what happened to poor Eliza. Her loss didn't end there. Jonathan, the man who made vows for better or worse lost his desire for Eliza. I hurt just thinking about it.

In a tragedy like Eliza's most people turn to family, drinking, or fall into a deep depression, however, Eliza turned to a hot Dom she connected with over the internet. She hoped that somehow the pain of his lash could heal the pain in her heart. Marcus made a fine Dom and he knew what Eliza needed and just how to give it to her, but then she met David.

If you like love-at-first-sight types of stories, this book is for you. It's on the lighter side of BDSM to me. The writing was solid, and the characters seemed real. There were secrets revealed in this story, but by the end there are more secrets to be revealed.

Man, David was *Hot* and I really liked the friendship Marcus and David had. I respect Marcus for how he handled the 'other guy' situation.

Wish it was just a bit longer.

Dusti Hanrahan says

This was a super hot read!

Agnes has recently endured a deep loss and divorce, she has emotionally shut herself off. In trying to figure out who she is, she discovers BDSM via internet. Agnes starts chatting w Marcus online (she uses the name Eliza) and they agree to a scene that will have her fully submit to him. Marcus is super dominating and wants to help her deal through pain play.

When she finally decides to meet up w Marcus she runs into David Lake who is dominating in a whole dif way.

There is a sense of 'insta-love' between Agnes (Eliza) and David but she is tied to Marcus and committed to letting him give her the pain she so desperately craves. David was consumed by her from the second he met her and, although Marcus is his friend, he WANTS her to be his. He wants to OWN Eliza and will stop at nothing. *Insert* M/F/M scene and it is HOT HOT HOT.

The aftermath of the release she gets from the pain play plus the connection she feels w David leaves her confused. Agnes has to make a choice....

For the most part I enjoyed this book. It was a quick and hot read but I was left with a desire for more. I did not 'connect' w the characters other than sexually.

I am def interested in where this series will take David and Agnes!

Copy given by author for review for BDSM Goodreads group

Joëlle says

*** I received this ARC for free from the author through The Fifty Shades Support group on Goodreads in exchange for a honest review ***

This short novel brings us the story of Agnes who lost her little baby boy 6 months ago and started to already lose her husband before little Asher was born. After their little boy dies her husband suggests divorce. Now she is ready to move on with her life and after enjoying the pain in a few boxing sessions she thinks pain might help her achieve this. She reacts to an ad from a (sadist) Dom... I won't tell more since this is already a very short book, a little bit too short for me to really get into the story. I liked Agnes and you can really feel her pain. She has been through a lot but she's a strong, determined woman! David was likable too and he knows what he wants but I'm not very fond of insta-need/love in books. I hope they get their HEA in the next books and am looking forward to reading them. Book 1 Bend Me gets 3.5 stars.

?*? Alicia ?*? says

Arc provided for honest review

This was hot, steamy, quick read and I really liked it. There is a good story in it too although it is very short so the story doesn't really get a chance to get going. I rated this a 5 because even though it was short everything in it was great, the writing, the characters, the settings and the steaminess was perfect and it has left me hanging for the next one in the series.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★! Bend Me, book 1 of 3. To cope with tragedy Agnes sets out to explore masochism, but comes across a Dom who's inclined to connect emotionally!

Books in Absolution Series should be read in order:

Book 1: Bend Me

Book 2: Break Me

Book 3: Bind Me

Bend Me (book 1) opens up six months after tragedy struck scholar and University guest lecturer **Agnes Eliza Stuart-Bright aka Eliza Stuart's** life. To cope she wants to **explore her masochistic tendencies** and seeks out Sadist Marcus Stone.

But their initial scene is derailed by entrepreneur and business owner **David Lake** who spots Eliza and wants a chance to top her. An intense scene has the two **men vying for Agnes** and pushing boundaries within

themselves and with Agnes. The aftermath leaves them all at a crossroad.

David wants more; in fact he is set on owning Agnes yet confused by his fierce feelings. What will it take for Marcus to step aside? And... David is a Dom, but not a Sadist. *Can he give Agnes what she needs?*

Agnes is looking for release and an outlet for her feelings of inaptness. *Will she lose focus by allowing herself to connect on an emotional level?*

Seven words to describe **David Lake: Intense, confused, relentless, emotional, immature, nurturing and determined.**

Seven words to describe **Agnes Eliza Stuart-Bright aka Eliza Stuart: Focused, broken, confused, emotional, impressionable, smart and private.**

Bend Me, told from alternating POV's starts off as woman's **journey to cope with loss and rejection**. But once the intense David enters the picture, with insta-lust and a touch of insta-need the sexual exploration takes an **emotional turn** forcing them both to **Bend for their fierce attraction**.

Story **ends abruptly**, to be continued in book 2, **Break Me**.

Intense and scorching sex scene! **Engaging** story-telling! Story-line with message of **growth, hope** and **second chances** at happily after.

Hero rating: 4 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sexual tension rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars

Plot rating: 4 stars

Dialogue rating: 4 stars

Storytelling rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: N/A

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): N/A, ARC

Overall rating: 4 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

ARC provided to me by author Sophia Scarlet in exchange for an honest review.

Carissa says

Bend Me tells the tale of a woman's tragedy - the death of her infant son, a shattering of vows and love, and the grief of losing all she once thought possible.

Agnes Bright had it all, only to lose everything she once wanted and needed in the blink of an eye. Her guilt over the loss of her son lures her towards self-punishment. The need to be punished for her contribution to her son's death. After her devastating loss, and living as a shell of a person, Agnes attempts to fill the void in her life, by entertaining Masochism. Using an alias, Eliza Stuart, via the internet she communicates for weeks with Marcus Stone. Getting comfortable until their first meeting.

While waiting for Marcus, a chance encounter at the Grotto with David Lake, leaves her unsettled and yearning for more. This initial scene was hot and sexy as hell. The pages were steaming up. The divine usage of grammar made this scene's portrayal hit all those wanton spots. Creating marvellous and lustful images in my mind.

David Lake is an entrepreneur, looking for a taste of satisfaction to sate his desires. But, when he meets Eliza Stuart, he wants nothing more than to **OWN** Eliza. The way she owns **HIM**. David now seeks out Eliza in efforts to turn their first night together into something **MORE**, while exploring all their sexual desires and removing all her inhibitions.

Sophia Scarlet gave us two doms in this story, each displaying and exploring differing domination techniques, while still creating erotic scenes. Each Dom ensured and evoked such intense orgasms from Eliza, that is was uniquely pleasing to read their first scene together.

This is Eliza's journey to self discovery and redemption. The books ends abruptly, so let's see what book 2 has install for us.

ARR - Reader's Corner > ARR # 87. - provided on behalf of the author for an honest review

CC says

Agnes Bright suffered a terrible tragedy with the loss of her infant son and her broken marriage. Amidst the heartbreak, she desperately needs an escape and badly wants to feel any emotion besides emptiness. After trying conventional methods to emotionally heal, Agnes starts sparring with a trainer at her gym and she starts respond to physical pain. Her next step to her restoration is a giant leap because she is convinced the lifestyle choice of BDSM is her answer.

Agnes' decision to experiment leads her to the man she's been communicating with for weeks. When they finally meet at the club, Agnes is convinced he is the sadist that can offer her the mind numbing pain she is searching for. However, when Agnes is approached by David, another Dominant in the club, he is not about to let this opportunity go by the wayside.

David Lake is a successful entrepreneur and approaches all things with verve and honesty. When he spots Agnes at the club, he is instantly drawn to her but learns that she is meeting his best friend and fellow Dominant. With Agnes committed to an evening with someone else, David successfully convinces them that

he should also partake in the action. During this one night, there are many powerful factors at play. Agnes is embarking into a world of the unknown and David is fiercely certain that he will be the victor of her affections in the long term.

"I am going to enjoy fucking you in every possible way before I let you leave tonight."

As Agnes learns and tries to comprehend how her body reacts positively to physical pain, David relentlessly pursues her and offers a 24/7 two-month trial as Dominant and submissive. Despite her doubts and current state of instability, she accepts David's offer because for the first time in her life, she feels safe and cherished. However, there are certain elements in Agnes' life that need to be reconciled and the timing of David's offer may be the impetus she needed, but how it will happen remains to be seen.

"There is still so much I need to learn about this woman. Who is she? What brought her here to me? Will I be able to keep her?"

For me, I immediately felt Agnes' sense of hopelessness. In turning to bdsm, her need to be free of her depression and to feel something is a heavy component and I wanted to support her decision. At times, I felt her decision to move forward with David was rash, especially given that so much in her life is unresolved, but Agnes is a grounded character and doesn't just make decisions lightly.

David is like a warm, sexy breeze in Agnes' life. While he is logical in business and a Dominant in the bedroom, he is also prone to letting his emotions guide him in his personal life. There were some parts when I felt that David was too naïve but I did appreciate how he was willing to take a risk on Agnes. As Bend Me ends, we are left with many questions as to how the arrangement between Agnes and David is going to develop.

This is my first book by Sophia Scarlet and I enjoyed her elegant style of writing. For a novella, the character development was appropriately paced with the plot progression. The secondary characters also offer real dimension to the storyline. I will continue reading to see how Agnes and David will achieve their happy ending.

Absolution Series:

*** Note: Thank you to Sophia Scarlet for inviting me to be an Alpha reader and part of her writing process. Additionally, an ARC was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. ***

?? Carmen the Bootyshaker Temptress ?? says

Received this book for an honest review

I really enjoyed this book a lot. Agnes loses so much, her infant son and her husband, which she files for divorce when she needed him. Agnes tries to let her anger and sorrow out by going to therapy and boxing but none of it works to relieve her sorrow and just let her be able to grieve for all she lost until she goes online to a fetish website. That's when she meets Marcus Stone and David Lake. Both are Doms in Grotto. She decides to meet at Marcus under a different name, Eliza, but also meets David. David Lake can't seem to keep his eyes off of Eliza and will do anything to make her his.

This was a good book and wished there was more and can't wait to read more.

J. Kahele says

After losing her baby and her husband, Agnes sinks into a deep depression. She searches desperately for something to ease the pain. She thinks taking her pain out in the gym will be exactly what she needs, but soon finds it's not enough and delves into the world of BDSM. After researching, she meets Marcus. Marcus is everything she thought a BDSM partner should be until she meets David. Although, Marcus gives her the pain she begs for David gives her something entirely more. Now faced with two men who will she choose?

The writing was very smooth and easy to read. I really loved the characters.

Joyce says

This is my first time reading this author.

This book is well written and I don't recall a single spelling or punctuation error. Which was a joy in itself!

This story is about Eliza who is a grieving mother and whose husband blames her for her infant sons illness and files for divorce. I found it odd that they were living in the same house but in separate room and rarely saw each other. This wasn't really addressed in this book which I thought was a bit odd. It seemed they both have come to terms with moving on so why live in the same house. Anyway...lets get to the good stuff. When Eliza looks for alternate methods to help deal with her grief she turns to both exercise and masochism. She finds a Dom who after talking to for several weeks, they agree to meet at the local club. When she arrives at the club she first meets David, who falls in love with her instantly only to find she is there to meet his very good friend and sadist Marcus. He approaches Marcus and agrees to a very hot and steamy first night for Eliza at the club. David vows to make Eliza his.

I loved this book and found it very easy to give it 5 steamy stars!
