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I never imagined things could get worse, but they do. The men who took us have no mercy. They won't stop until they've destroyed Rafe for something he has no memory of, and I'm their weapon of choice.

Tortured and defiled, they make me wish I was back in that cabin where death was favorable to drawing another breath, but our captors can't break what's already broken.

What scares me is the madness I see festering inside Rafe.

I've taken his freedom, his career, his reputation, yet despite all I've done, he's determined to fight for me, kill for me, give everything he is for me. He'll even die for me.

**NOTE TO READERS:** FERVENT is a dark romance with disturbing themes and explicit content, including sexual scenes and violence that may offend some. Intended for mature audiences. Please begin with *Torrent* and *Rampant* before reading *Fervent*.

## **Fervent Details**

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Author : Gemma James

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## From Reader Review Fervent for online ebook

### Kathy says

Gemma James amps the intensity with Fervent, the rawest and grittiest book in the Condemned Series, and I'm more than ready to see what becomes of Rafe and Alex in the next and final installment.

I rarely read erotica anymore, but Gemma James is an automatic must-read for me, and this series has held me captive from the beginning. Fervent is chilling in its delivery with a magnitude of fury inflicted upon Alex and Rafe. Encapsulated in corruption, and an ending you won't foresee, you will become a stalker of the author for any telling of the final installment, Vagrant.

It's virtually impossible to recap this story and remain spoiler-free for those who haven't read the first two books in the series, so I will not touch on the themes, which could easily give away the answers of what became of Rafe and Alex. Fervent immediately begins where the last book ends with action-packed scenes and a strong curiosity about who is calling the shots or pulling the strings of fate that have attached to Alex and Rafe. I tried my best guess and was wrong on almost all accounts. The heightened momentum doesn't ease for the entire book, making it impossible to put down.

The circumstances for Rafe and Alex are dire, and I was completely shocked at some of the events that took place in this book. I couldn't have possibly predicted what was happening and the tie-ins with the characters who were introduced in the other books. I'm willing to guess that you will be taken by surprise as well. The plot is thick with energy and excitement from beginning to end; the rising action will take hold of you and not let go until you near the end, at which time your heart will scream in denial of the potential direction the author is taking with this story. My advice is to remember to breathe. Of course, Gemma James is known for her trickery in leading the readers in one direction and surprising them with a detour that leads to literary nirvana.

While Fervent could essentially be read as a standalone, you will be lost in the background of the events and character importance without having read the previous books, so I recommend that you begin with Torrent. I truly loved this book and only took one issue with it. One of the introduced themes and the events depicting that theme were similar to another story I had read about a year ago, taking away the shock value and originality, albeit briefly, that Gemma James has always provided for me. If you are looking for a suspenseful thriller laced in erotica with strong writing, characters, and plot; this series is certainly for you.

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### Candace says

#### Darker Than Dark

Kidnapped, violated and abused, Alex and Rafe seem to be in a hopeless situation. Taken by a man that has played a role in each of their pasts, unknowingly or not, revenge is a primary motivator. As the days drag on and the torture increases, the situation only becomes more dire.

With more plot twists and shocking moments than the earlier two books in this series, this was one ride to remember! I can't say much without giving something away. Just trust me. If you're a fan of this series, you'll want to read this book. This one does end with another cliffhanger, so if you haven't started the series, you may want to wait until they're all out.

## DW says

I'm not going to lie, this series is kind of sick and twisted but I'm hooked. I can't stop reading it.

I don't know how Alex hasn't completely shoot down. She has been tortured and raped but all she wants to do is take care of Rafe. Make sure he is ok.

Bad boy Rafe is getting his memory back and I don't know what he is going to do now.

Ready for Vagrant now

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## littleKitten says

### 4 "Make It Hurt" Stars

**Yeah, I definitely need a smoke after reading this one! I love Gemma James's brand of dark romance/erotica. Fervent is an action packed roller coaster of a ride from start to finish. Once I started reading I didn't put it down till I was done. We find out more about the often uncontrollable darkness in Rafe and just what Alex needs to survive. The cliffhanger had me screaming. I'm really hoping our heroine gets a HEA in Vagrant (Condemned #4), the final in the series due out this August. Pre-order available.**

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## Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

**Book** – Fervent (Condemned #3)

**Author** – Gemma James

**Publication Date** – April 30, 2015

**Genre** – Romance/Dark

**Type** – Part of Series

**Cliffhanger** - Yes

**Rating** – 4.25 out of 5 Stars

*Complimentary Copy generously provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.*

### My Thoughts - Story

I have anticipated this book for so long that when I got a hold of it, I couldn't put it down for a minute.

This is definitely one of the darkest books in the series and if you have any sort of triggers, this is definitely not the book for you to read. There were scenes where even I drew a few deep breaths to get my bearings straight. And if you know me...it takes a lot to affect me like that.

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I was so hoping this was going to be the last in the series because I don't know if I can take anymore of Alex and Rafe finding each other just to be torn apart.

These two have been through some really tough times and it just keeps getting worse and worse.

### **Re-Cap**

Rafe and Alex find themselves captured without any clue who may have them or what their future holds. The two of them will be tested on their love for each other – begging their capturers to spare the other.

Between mental and physical abuse, the walls start to break down between these two and the last person you would think will be the one who betrays them.

**Reason for Reading** – Release Blitz/Review

**Story Rating** – 4 out of 5 Stars

**Steam Rating** – 4.5 out of 5 Stars

**Angst Rating** – 5 out of 5 Stars

**Writing Rating** – 4 out of 5 Stars

**Content Flow Rating** – 4 out of 5 Stars

**Told in** – Dual POV

**Hero** – Rafe – still can't remember the past and continuously blames himself for hurting Alex

**Heroine** – Alex – confused about Rafe and her desire to be hurt

**HEA?** – Ends with a Cliffhanger

**Would Read More from Author?** Yes

**Recommend To** – Readers who enjoy total angst and a dark theme

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### **Rachel says**

I was SO lucky to beta read this for Author Gemma James.

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ADJECTIVE

having or displaying a passionate intensity:

synonyms: impassioned · passionate · intense · vehement · ardent

I loved Torrent, book 1, which is currently free! Then along comes Rampant, that was really good, another 5 star read...but now, FERVENT...Oh my! This was fabulous! It was constant. There was ALWAYS something going on. The storyline is a torrential downpour of dark n dangerous and deliciously wicked dialogue and evil deeds running rampantly throughout the ENTIRE book causing a fervent read!

I cannot delve too far..there is only so much I can say without leaving spoilers. So.. can you imagine being strung up by your arms and having to watch someone force your girlfriend? how about being in chains and watching another man trying to fu\*\* your man? Now, I'm not a spoiler kinda girl, I'm just giving you a "for instance" here. I'm not kidding when I say it's dark and devious and wholly awesome.

At the end??? can you say "OH HELL NO" don't you dare go there..ugh.. now I'm impatiently awaiting Vagrant!

If I could give this a gazillion stars I would...but since the scale stops at 5...so be it.

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## **Katie says**

### ***5 dark & delicious stars***

\*\*arc won in a contest!\*\*

Holy shit. Let me just start off by saying that this series just gets better and better! I feel like I have been waiting on baited breathe for this book since finished Rampant, and let me tell you- his book did NOT disappoint me in the least! It's equally, if not more, darker than Rampant- which is ALWAYS a plus for me! Not to mention the many twists and turns in the book that have you wondering which of the many characters you have gotten to know throughout the series are actually who you thought they were!

Reading order:

Torrent

Rampant

Fervent

Vagrant (to be released August 13, 2015)

This book had so many quotable lines, I really couldn't pick just one of favorite quotes. So I compiled a list! Enjoy!

### **Favorite Quotes:**

"But I needed his kiss. No matter what came next, I wanted the taste of him with me, on my tongue, branded in my memory. Maybe I could survive if I had that to hold on to."

"They had everything they needed to tear me apart, all wrapped up in Alex De Luca"

"Some people believe in that old adage, 'an eye for an eye'. I'm underwhelmed with that saying. When someone wrongs me or mine, I don't stop at the eye"

"She trusted me with her life. But was she wise in trusting me with her heart?"

"That's what I love about you. I love you for your strength, because I have none. I love you for the way you make me feel, because I feel nothing when I'm not with you."

***Do yourself a favor and READ THIS BOOK! It will stay with you days after you read it!***

~ Cariad ~ says

**A solid 4.5 brutal stars**

Come see my Sizzling Pages Review!...

PRE-REVIEW:

Whoo who!!!

So happy to receive this ARC!

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**Philomena Callan Cheekypee says**

In two days I've sat and read these three books ending with Fervent. I couldn't resist re-reading book one as this is a fantastic series.

Ok so im not gonna tell you anything about the storyline just in case you haven't read any of these books. Let me just say these are brilliant dark reads. There are so many twists you won't know what way to look.

I read this book in two hours. Yes I inhaled every word of it.

Cliffhangers. Yes I hate them. I thought I was on a roll as each book ended in a cliffhanger I jumped right into the next book, not realising that there is a book four. Face palm!! I need Vagrant now... Pretty please.

Brilliant series. So looking forward to book four.

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**♣? Lynda ♣? says**

This is by far the darkest book so far. Rafe and Alex taken, but by who and what do they want? The first 60% of the book I found really difficult to read.

There are a lot of twists and turns developing in the plot that I didn't see coming. Some answers are given but you are left with more questions.

*How could I fix her if I couldn't fix myself?*

Then the last line of the book? Are we talking literally or figuratively? Either one will bring ruin but one lie will destroy much worse than the other. Is Hope lost?

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## Hazel \*Craves the Angst Reviews\* says

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### 4.5 ‘Fervent’ Stars!

*Dark, Twisted, Intense and Totally Messed Up! And... FAN-FREAKING-TASTIC!*

#### *The Review:*

I knew before going in, this book was going to consume me. It was going to take me down a dark, inescapable path that would totally leave me mind-fucked. I wasn't wrong. It was just as disturbing as I thought it would be... and I loved every minute of it!

#### *Story/Characters...*

This book picks up right where the one before it left off as the author takes us into a sinister, scary world of people trying to survive horrific circumstances at the frightening hands of others. Rafe and Alex have been taken. Bound and drugged, they've been shoved into the back of a vehicle to be taken to a destination unknown. Rafe is still missing vital parts of his memory and Alex is still running from a painful life she can't seem to escape.

When they arrive to their destination, it's worse than anything Rafe could have imagined and the people who have taken them are using Alex against him... including the one ally he thought he had in all this. With his memory missing, he can't recall the events he's being charged with but time is running out for both of them and when the unthinkable happens, their world shifts violently.

In the beginning, Alex pulled Rafe into her uncontrollable life, setting in motion a chain of events that are now rebounding, coming full circle. Her inaction's have landed her where she is, in the clutches of men with no conscience, all in an attempt at retribution from Rafe for something he can't even remember.

The things these two have to endure, the humiliation, the pain, the suffering, it broke my heart. Rafe and Alex love each other and outside forces are always keeping them from being happy.

I love how the author isn't afraid to put her characters in appalling situations or afraid to cause them pain, all the while giving them the strength and fortitude to overcome instead of crumble. Rafe and Alex's love for one another, their heroic strength and their determination kept them going... but that ending? Wow! Totally left my heart pounding and completely speechless.

#### *The Wrap Up:*

I can't wait to see what happens next. Just when I think things can't get any worse for these to, the unbelievable happens, the roller coaster twists and turns and everything is upside down! So I know the next installment of their journey is going to be just as intense but also just as amazing!

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## Kim BookJunkie says

OMG the ending on this book.... kill me now!!!! Gemma James, you are torturing us with these cliffhangers! **PLEASE**, please, please tell me you're spending every waking moment working on the next book!?!? Or even better, tell me you've already FINISHED book #4!?!?!?

Obviously, I was shocked by the ending of this book..... such torture! I thought this book was the final installment but apparently it is not so I never saw that ending coming. Although it is painfully frustrating to once again be left hanging, I am beyond ecstatic to learn that there will be more of Rafe and Alex! Yay!!!! Now for the serious part of my review...

This book was my favorite of the series so far. In the beginning, I thought it was a bit much; In the real world, fortunately for us, it is extremely unlikely that one woman would endure even half of the horrific things Alex goes through. Alex had already suffered through countless amounts of trauma in prior books yet things only get worse for her in this one. Although the amount of bad luck Alex has faced is a bit much, this book was so provocative that it was easy to overlook the unlikelihood of Alex having such bad luck. We learn quite a bit information in this book, finding out who the bad guy(s) really are. Things are not always as they seem to be either; I was blown away by more than one curveball in this book! Basically, I was totally consumed by this book, unable to put it down and sad when it ended (which is obvious from the first part of this review). +5 stars for FERVENT!!!

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### \*kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via Give Me Books in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!!?

The second to the last installment to this series, *Fervent* was one of those reads where you keep thinking to yourself that things can't possibly get worse but they do.

Those of you who already read the first two books, should be well aware that author Gemma James doesn't hold back on the punches, so expect the unexpected!

Rafe and Alex will be tried and tried again in the most pleasurable but insurmountable brutality of quests for love, salvation, redemption, and attempting to survive their most trying of tests.

Sorry, I normally would outline the general plot and character's mindframes and inner-conflicts, but I feel as if I would spoil and ruin what's to come in this read!

Anyway, awesome, awesome read!!

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### Shayna says

~\*~ 4.5 STARS ~\*~

With a first chapter that will have your heart pounding faster than ever, and an ending that will leave you with your jaw to the floor, Gemma James takes us on her darkest journey yet in FERVENT. A brutal beginning and with no happily ever after in sight, we find our main characters in the fight for their life. Fighting against an enemy that asks the question, "What would you be willing to do to save the man/woman you love?"

A man fighting a war with the enemy and himself, trying to hold back the monster that's deep inside. With bits and pieces of a memory returned, cravings sliver to the surface, reminding him of what he really is capable of.

WOW! I was completely consumed by this installment of the *Condemned* series! A thrilling, intriguing, and mysterious dark romance that will have you begging for more. Dark Romance junkies will DEVOUR this book and this series. FERVENT is everything you crave and everything you didn't know you needed in a high anxiety, hard-core, gritty romance.

Alex and Rafe have been through Hell and back. Their love is so strong, so resilient, so intense that you can't help feel the emotions flying off the pages. Since the beginning we have wanted their Happily Ever After. Even with all of the events that have happened between them, I yearn for their love story to be filled with nothing but beauty and happiness. But when the light fades once again on their happy ending, the darkness that once surrounded their love, becomes darker and more vast than ever before. Will their love make it through this darker than dark times? How much longer will they have to fight for what they've worked for? The question is yet again, "What would you be willing to do to save the man/woman you love?" When all is said and done, maybe the right answer to that question is to simply to walk away.

FERVENT immediately brings us back into this dark, intense, and gritty world that the amazing Gemma James has created. The emotions, the feelings, the intensity of it all will blow you away. Every whip jerked me forward, every scream hurt my throat, and every tear tore at my heart. This right here, is a series no dark romance fan can deny. It's an absolute must read, and I can't recommend this book or this series enough.

\*Gifted copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says**

\*\*\*\*\* 5 "Destroy You" Stars \*\*\*\*\*

Book 3 in the *Condemned Series* and this book will NOT disappoint. This one is a true battle of love trying to win out over evil. Again, this series is a must read for anyone who loves dark, gritty, raw love!

Fighting for each other proves to be nearly impossible when the lie keeps growing into a web of truths that neither Rafe and Alex can stand alone and fight against. The amount of regret and sorrow will push down until Rafe and Alex are no longer able to stand alone, no matter how much love flows between the two.

**"I love you for your strength, because I have none. I love you for the way you make me feel, because I feel nothing when I'm not with you."**

Rafe literally ripped my heart out at the end of this one!!

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