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Zebadiah

The last time I saw her, she was marked with blood.

Excommunicated.

Now she's returned, along with my temptation.

Our touch is blasphemous.

Perverse.

They say she's tainted, but they will not speak against me.

His holy blood is in my veins and my word is truth.

I'm the fucking Prophet.

Laurel Ann

For twelve years, I fought for my soul in this evil world.

Until my God sent him.

My oldest friend. The only boy I ever loved.

What we're doing risks everything, yet we can't stop.

When I sin with him, it's the purest I've ever felt.

I lived half my life with the Philistines and I know what they call us.

Cult. Freaks. Fanatics.

But they're wrong. We aren't any of those things.

For we are the Anointed.

\*\*\*This is a full length, standalone novel containing disturbing scenes and sensitive subject matter that may be triggering to some readers.

## Anointed Details

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## From Reader Review Anointed for online ebook

### Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

I think my expectations for this book got the better of me. After reading the blurb, I thought I was going to get a dark and twisted erotic romance type of read. Which unfortunately wasn't the case. In fact, in my opinion, the blurb is a bit misleading as it really only covers the last 20%ish of the book. That said, it wasn't a bad book by any means. The writing itself was very good, but it was SO slow moving and long that I struggled to stay engaged. I almost gave up several times (the last 20% did kick up in pace). Throw in a bunch of unlikable characters (I legit wanted to throat punch Laurel Ann for her constant judgmental attitude), huge time jumps, things that didn't quite make sense to me, and lord save me, (view spoiler) and it just wasn't a massive hit with me. It happens...

The cover, on the other hand, is ALL kinds of awesome.

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### Michelle says

First book read by Charity B and wow she blew my mind with this book - worth at least 5 stars!!!

Anointed is not a book for the faint hearted, it is a brutal story, full of violence, sexual abuse, brain washing and a harsh reality into how easily people will follow others blindly and protect those inside the cult world they believe to be above anything and everyone outside the cult lifestyle.

This is Laurel Ann and Zebadiah's story mainly but we also follow others fighting for love and happiness, it is not an easy story, but to understand we have to start at the beginning and trust me Charity B will keep you hooked and turning those pages as she takes us deep inside their cult world.

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### Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

4,5-5 stars

I'm new to this author and I'm speechless! I didn't know what to expect I'm telling you this book blew me away!

I like the way the story goes and that we get to know about Zebadiah and Laurel Ann's friendship. These characters were so unique and I was intrigued with the story.

The story is dark and raw, I find the storyline unique and I was hooked till the end!

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### **T.L. Martin says**

I beta read an early copy of this one, and can I just say how lucky I am? ♥? This is not a sweet and fluffy romance, but anyone who's already read Charity's work will be prepared. There are triggers, and this isn't considered "safe." Several scenes had me squirming, and one in particular was so raw and real I had to step away (then ended up in tears once I pushed through it), yet I devoured every second.

This is a story about an innocent and pure form of love between two young people growing up in an extremist cult, and how cruel and unforeseen circumstances constantly force them to places (mentally, physically, emotionally -- you name it) beyond what they would have ever expected. But in the midst of everything are very real characters that are surprisingly easy to relate to, and gah, I was just dying for those two to find their HEA.

If you enjoy original storylines, themes that make you think and/or push your boundaries, great psychological progression, and the kind of romance that's steamy and rough around the edges, but also achingly tender, then this one is for you ♥?

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### **Laura- BookBistroBlog says**

Anointed

By Charity B.

4.5 Stars

Well if there is one thing in a book that will suck me in immediately, it's when a book is centered around a cult. I absolutely love reading about them. When my friend Gizel Alvarez told me, I needed to read this one, my heart fluttered when I saw what it was about. Thank You Gizel for the great recommendation!

It's truly amazing how people in cults truly believe their Prophet. The words, actions, beliefs that the Prophet spews. The innocent who are raised believing there is no other way of living.

This is Laurel Ann and Zebadiah's story. One of their time living in the Anointed Land.

It's not a pretty story. It's a story of how two young children born and raised in this community survive.

I was totally engrossed in this book! Although at times, a bit slow moving, I still couldn't put it down. Great

job Charity B!

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## Wynne Katherine says

We all know I'm a greedy bitch.

And greedy bitches don't like sharing. Which apparently happens in this book.

So it shall be a no from me.

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## warhawke says

**Genre:** Dark Erotic Romance

**Type:** Standalone

**POV:** First Person - Dual

**Rating:**

Zebadiah (Zeb) Fitch and Laurel Ann Henderson grew up under the protection of the Prophet in the Anointed Land. They were raised to served a purpose for their community and their god. But when faith was tested, they had to decide if they value their hearts or their souls.

*I never considered that there were other belief systems when I left home. I assumed they didn't believe in anything, never thinking past the fact that they were all heathens. The truth is, they think they're on the right path, and I can respect them for trying, even if they are misguided.*

I was first attracted to this book by its dark and gritty cover, and I'm happy to say the story delivered exactly that. The book didn't hold any punches. There were heightened emotions throughout the story, predominantly anger and repulsion towards how the characters treated each other and outsiders.

I like how Zeb and Laurel had a different dynamic when it came to their faith compared to other typical cult related books. Sometimes their mentality was frustrating but there were also times when it was amusing. Their bond and situation made the sex scenes blasphemously filthy, which made me very happy lol!

*“The line I walk every day is nearly translucent. The spiritual crown lays heavy upon my head, and you can't comprehend what this is like for me...constantly being torn between righteousness and my own feelings.”*

Anointed is a story of faith and desires. It would appeal to fans of cult based dark romance.

**Note:**

*If you plan to read this book I suggest avoid reading the blurb because it is spoilery.*

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**Tania Renteria says**

This book is not your normal book, beware this is a book about the cult world. With that said I really loved this story the writing was so good, the way the story is written has me in awe. Loved the way some of the characters are bad and super evil. And how even some of the main characters you want to strangle sometimes for their actions. There will be times you want to cry and just scream at the characters in the book other times you want to laugh and feel their love and pain.

This is a story about a young girl and young boy who are raised in the world of the anointed and are told since birth everyone living outside their land are evil and are heathens. They are raised to get married once the young girls get their first period and they don't get to choose to who they marry or at what age. In this story we learn about Laurel Ann and Zebediah. How they're world will turn upside down. How they handle everything that is thrown their way. There are plenty of other characters in the book you get to meet. Some of them are funny and others you will feel their pain I don't want to give away anything about this story. It's a must read I highly recommend it to anyone who loves dark romances it's so good. 5 star review.

## Betul says

\*\*ARC provided in exchange for an honest review\*\*

4.5 stars

**"The world outside the protection of the Anointed Land is full of evil and sinners."**

I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I decided to read this book. This is my first book by Charity B., and the blurb and cover were just too enticing to pass. I have read books about cults/sects before, and I am just drawn to the whole dark and taboo sides of those type of stories. Because these cults are somewhat unknown to us, the author can pretty much do anything with the story, and go as dark and crazy as she wants. What I love most about these type of stories is the unpredictability and the plot twists. I just love not being able to anticipate what will happen next, it keeps me on the edge of my seat. I am very impressed by Charity's writing/world-building skills. Anointed felt like a complete story, and I just loved how everything progressed, even though there were many messed up dark things happening. This book had me on an emotional roller coaster, and I just couldn't contain my tears a couple of times.

**"When I'm with him this way, I don't feel like myself. I become another person, in another life, one that's free to love. I know this is a sin, but...I want to sin with him."**

Less than half of the book is focusing on the characters when they are in their teens (13/15 years old), and this shows us the friendship between Zebadiah and Laurel Ann. I think this part of the story was important to get a feel of how everything worked in the cult and how the relationships were. It also helps the reader connect with the characters. When Laurel Ann is excommunicated, she feels like her life is over. She doesn't want to live with sinners, however after twelve years she finds a balance between her beliefs and living in the normal world. Zeb goes from a nice boy to a hardened prophet, and Laurel Ann isn't the same girl either. I absolutely loved the organic character development in this book, it felt very real. This is a complex but easy to follow story, and the only reason I didn't give this 5 stars was because I felt like the last part of the story was a bit rushed. Anointed is a great read for my fellow Dark Romance lovers. If you love a story with plot twists and a lot of crazy things happening, then I highly recommend you to read this book. I can't wait to read this author's other books.

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## Mimiorphee says

My love for this book all started with that stunning and oh-so-very intriguing cover, but after a few sentences into it books I was hooked, and that thrill I felt never left me once until the end.

Charity B. is a new author to me, but the level of emotions, the weight of the atmosphere, her skilled characterization I discovered in Anointed, will make of her an author whose work I'll closely follow.

In this story, you'll be plunged into a secluded society, an cult called the Anointed Land. Set in Oklahoma near the little town of Horbet (which I google earthed, that was fun), behind a high fence the time seems to have stopped at the beginning of the last century. Archaic laws, punishments called cleansing, violence

toward those who disobey, barbaric rituals, rhythm the life of their followers. The degree of realism was striking, and strike me, it did! Omg, that book hit me hard. I couldn't put it down, even at the most difficult moments.

It's such a difficult read! I felt for the main characters, Laur, Zeb, Zeke, Benji, Kaila and felt every one of their emotions. Sadness, resignation, love, betrayal, lust, loss, doubt, rage, guilt, you name it. Needless to say it was an emotional rollercoaster, one that left me dizzy. Laur and Zeb's journey broke my heart, many times. Laur's fierceness, resilience, adaptability mixed with her strong faith and her desire to stay virtuous and pure were endearing. Charity Bailey amazingly captured their mixed and contradictory feelings. Torn between his guilt, love, and his sense of duty, Zeb is an intriguing multi layered character. There were moments I wanted to punch him for putting Laur through all this madness, or not doing more to help her. For a long part of the book, I didn't even like him anymore.

The incredible writing style, the tone (dark with sparkles of light), the twisted plot and the building of the storyline until its denouement proved to be well-thought and clever. I loved being in the whirlwind of this gut-wrenching story.

Dark reads lovers, this is definitely not a book you want to miss out on, enjoy!

*I VOLUNTARILY REVIEWED AN ARC COPY OF THIS BOOK. THANK YOU!!!*

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### **Kim BookJunkie says**

Many/most of us have read stories about cult members but those books weren't written by Charity B!!!! If you've read her books, you know that she steps way, way, way outside the box, her books requiring every trigger warning imaginable! Fortunately for us readers, she doesn't write the way Amazon wants her to write but she writes from her heart, and holy hell, can you feel it through her words!! I was fortunately able to read a Beta copy and later, I proofread the final draft. With over 9200 books on my TBR, I usually avoid rereads but not when it comes to Charity's books! I devoured and loved ANOINTED both times, riding a roller coaster of emotions each time I read it even after already knowing how things would turn out. This is a story that hit me hard and will stay with me forever. I am not an author so I don't have the words to adequately describe how creative this book is or how talented Charity is... If you are not afraid of boundaries being crossed and want to read a truly innovative, powerful, moving, sometimes sad yet sometimes smoking hot book, this is an absolute must read!!!!

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### **Kahea says**

**\*\*\*4 Stars\*\*\***

Dark.

Disturbing.

An utterly fascinating.

Yeah, I know. Fascinating probably wasn't one of the words you'd've thought I would use to describe

Anointed, but it was fascinating. Even when it made even me fidget uncomfortably. Even when I got frustrated with the characters, though I knew they were only reacting to things based on how they were raised. I couldn't stop turning the pages.

Zebadian and Laurel Ann were characters that made my eyes hurt, but at the same time I honestly liked. They held their beliefs close to their hearts and stuck to them as closely as possible and I admired their loyalty even when I saw the pitfalls in what they had been raised with. But what got me the most was how inherently good they truly were even after all they experienced. They had a sort of naivete that they came by honestly and I found it quite interesting as they dealt with the differences of their reality and that of the outside world.

As for their journey to their HEA. To say it was a rocky road is an absolute understatement. Dark, disturbing, soul shattering. That is the way I'd describe their journey and yet through all of it, they were always linked. They were always each others in a way that was unbreakable even when breaking was something they couldn't avoid. In the end, I really liked where they ended up and wouldn't have minded being privy to what their future held because it was sure to be an interesting adventure.

This is a dark read. Hands down. The triggers are real and even I winced at certain situations that appear in this book, but at the same time it is a commentary on how power can corrupt and how twisted some souls truly are. But that was the draw. To see just how far down the depravity hole one could fall, and let me tell you ~ there are those that never hit bottom. This is my first read by the author and I must give her credit for not pulling any punches here. The writing was engaging and I enjoyed all the feels she pulled out of me with this one. As for the secondary characters, Kaila, Zeke and Benji were my favs of them all. I do have one thing that I wish there had been more of in the end, but I understand why it was done in summary since it would have added many, many more pages to the story that may or may not have been necessary.

I rarely, if ever, give comparisons to other reads I've done, but here I think it's needed to give those an idea of the craycray they will stumbling into should they be considering taking this one on ~ So, this one is on par (and at times even more dark) with Sick Fux by Tillie Cole and The Pretty Little Doll series by Ker Dukey and K Webster. ~ if that is your cup of tea, then have it. If, not, then you take your chances, but you have been warned.

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## CC says

### 4.5 Stars

As the oldest son of the Prophet, Zebadiah Fitch is destined to succeed his father and rule the Anointed Land. Zebadiah has been known to be a loyal friend but situations arise causing him to doubt what he believes to be moral. Rising to the top, Zebadiah has a rare opportunity to regain what he has lost and isn't about to lose her again.

“You will always be my friend, Laurel Ann. You think getting away with things is difficult in your family? It's twice as hard in mine. It won't happen often, but I promise I'll make sure we

get time together without anyone knowing, okay?"

Laurel Ann Henderson is a righteous woman and devout in her beliefs despite being put in a position where she's tested. Upon living nine years outside of her family home, she learns to adapt to the Philistine style of life, though she remains true to religious teachings. Wanting to be reunited with those she loves seems like impossibility until she is given the ultimate choice.

"I've lived each half of my life in opposing worlds. I'm scared for my soul, and honestly, I'm a little scared to go back."

Told in dual POV and over a time span, Zebadiah and Laurel Ann share a longstanding bond that neither believe could be broken. Though they try to protect each other while leading a moral life, they also feel deep love toward each other and want to be together. Additionally, the chemistry between them is palpable. Knowing what is at stake for each, their decisions lead them down a road where they won't be able to turn back.

"The line I walk every day is nearly translucent. The spiritual crown lays heavy upon my head, and you can't comprehend what this is like for me...constantly being torn between righteousness and my own feelings."

In starting this book, I wasn't sure what to expect and hadn't read the blurb but knew it was dark subject matter. So, when it became apparent the setting was a cult compound, I started to have some doubts until they were blown away. What I loved about these characters were the differing dynamics in their family lives and how they equalized such actions with their faith. I had so many warring emotions while reading this story and the theme definitely made me think about the varied dimension these characters offered. I also appreciate the blasphemous boundaries that were pushed by the author, without such, these characters would have felt stagnate in their pursuits and struggles. Of course, those scenes were incredibly erotic as well.

Overall, this story exceeded my expectations in terms of character development and layers of complexity in the plot. With differing perspectives and an engaging narrative, I was completely intrigued and hooked.

*Anointed* is about faith, obligation and sacrifice. This book will appeal to those who like to push limits in their reading content.

*\*This was a (F)BR with Twinsie Hawkey!\**

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## **Gizel Alvarez says**

This book bring to life a cult and it's interference in the happiness of our heroine and a not so typical hero. While the author gave us their story there where secondary characters whose strong voices held me captive, so this will be my not so subtle way of asking the author for their story. This book is definitely one that had me entrallled in it's pages, one I would recommend.

I know most people won't read a dark romance because of the uncertainty of the HEA rest assure it does have one however it is definitely not something they easiely attain.

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## **Stephanie N says**

Oh my goodness, Charity Bailey has done it again.

In Anointed, Ms. Bailey writes a complex novel about a Cult. She thoroughly researched Cult life, an in return, has written a masterpiece.

In this book, Ms. Bailey takes a disturbing, and critical look at Cults. The despair and sheer terror of cult life, made my blood boil. Ms. Bailey's novel is as timely as it is disturbing. She combines a true love story and adds suspense that can make your skin crawl. Through a sharp eye Ms. Bailey has her readers taking a critical look into a life of fear, terror, and all forms of abuse, that is most commonly found in Cults.

Her characters are well developed and CLEARLY defined. Her imagery is spot. Furthermore, this book will leave you with the biggest book hangover you have ever experienced. I literately could not put this book down.

Way to knock it out of the ballpark Charity Bailey.

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