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Blaire Dark Romance (Part 1): BLAIRE (Dark Romance Series)



Synopsis

BLAIRE: part 1 in the Dark Romance Series Bought. Conditioned. My name is Blaire. I'm head of security to a man who controls the Russian underworld in Europe. His name is Maksim and he's my master. He bought me ten years ago and conditioned me with brutality to worship and protect him. And I have protected him. I've slain everyone who has tried to do him harm. Everyone but a man he loans me to; a man who threatens to break me and everything I believe in. You're going to need a strong stomach and a strong heart to follow my story, because take my word for it, it's no fairy tale. ***** 5 STAR ***** A Woman & Her Books Unbound Book Reviews Lip Smackin' Goodbooks Kitty Kats Crazy About books Just One More Page Reviews Bookalicious Babes blog, Vicki Hot Books & Sassy Girls Book Blog Anna Zaires, New York Times Bestselling Author And more "If you like your romance dark and twisted with a side of mind fuc\$ery than this is for you!!!" reviewer * * * * BLAIRE, part 2, will be out 30th September 2017

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Customer Reviews

Blaire by Anita Gray: 4 stars From the beautiful cover alone I immediately one-clicked knowing Blaire was going to fulfill my dark needs. At least I'd hoped. While content was indeed dark, I got the feeling Blaire was leaning more on the edgier romance side. I won't say it was insta-love, but the attraction between the 2 main characters right away had me worried that I knew the path it was going down. Man was I wrong. It did take quite awhile for Blaire to gain speed but once it did it didn't let loose. Anita did a great job creating characters that I could feel and connect with. The story kept me enthralled and on edge knowing a ball was going to drop. The last 25% of the book was intense and gloriously violent with plot twists and revelations that were unexpected. Damn good book! Side note: Charlie's use of the word "wannier" almost killed me. I'm racking my brain trying to remember his ethnicity in the book (Hispanic & European?) but am pretty sure it wasn't backwoods hillbilly. He still remained a total badass character regardless.

I was looking for something a bit different than what I normally read. I have been drowning in Kirsten Ashley novels for quite some time, but now I'm looking for a different type of thrill. I love Kristen Ashley (especially the Motorcycle Club series) books, Jasinda Wilder books, don't get me wrong, but I happened upon an author by the name of Nashoda Rose, and found her books to be dark, intriguing, loving, sadistic, erotic and whimsical all wrapped into one story. So I read all of her 'Tear Asunder' novels. After I read those, I found myself delving into more of the human trafficking and the men who seek to prevent and punish these deplorable human who exploit men, women, and children for their own gain. After Nashoda Rose, as most of you who are avid readers know that after you finish a novel, there are recommendations of other similar books or authors, which brings me to Anita Gray. Wow, I never heard of her, and even looked for other books by her, and I so hope she reads these reviews, and know that she has a faithful and true audience already. The relationship between Blaire and James...so beautiful, yet so haunted and fragile. The same can be said with her feelings, and uncomfortable emotions she has for Charlie. Maksim...although this character is horrific, Anita Gray does an excellent job in having the reader delve into his character, the subtle nuances of his 'faithfulness' to Blaire and vice versa. I don't want this book to end...in fact, since I am reading it on my Kindle, I am at 98%, which is the start of the Epilogue, and I...CAN...NOT...BRING...MYSELF...TO...FINISH....! I don't want this love story to end, and YES, it is a love story, in spite of! So, before I commence the Epilogue, I've purchased Charlie's POV, which

I believe is about 26 pages, and probably dedicated to his idea of Blaire and what he feels for her, and then I will read the Epilogue, and anxiously await Anita Gray's next novel!

This book took my emotions by storm. It made my spine tingle. There is so much mystery, suspense, intrigue, and darkness surrounding Blaire that it will scare you. I found myself in the beginning often wondering if she was even human. However, her robotic non-emotions were not surprising considering she was being controlled by a sadistic monster. "She is a beauty in battle. Trained to defend me on instinct unless I say otherwise. Could this be Blaire he speaks of?...Certainly not another human being?! Charlie is a game changer to the story. Is he a hero? A white knight? I think a dark night is more appropriate. You will have to read to find out how Charlie fits into Blaire's life. I highly recommend this to all readers of dark romance. Thank you, Anita Gray. Bravo on your debut novel. I can't wait for more.

First person is such an impossibly challenging POV to tackle, especially in dark romance, but I am completely impressed by how the author has done it. Blaire is immediately a complete person to you, the power of this character leaps off the page and grabs you by the throat and doesn't let you go until the very last page... and then you still want more. The mixture of violence and horror and dark sexual encounters are so well done, an excellent example of the dark romance genre, and the reprieve in the middle of the book is almost stunningly warm and perfect. Letting you catch your breath, but still maintaining that tension that carries the story through. The entire novel is practically a reflection of Blaire herself, cold and sterile, and hot and yearning. There were so many opportunities where the author could have pulled the punch on something, but instead she went for it and nailed it every time. If it weren't for an excessive number of grammar and sentence errors, it would have been an EASY 5 stars. Toss this through an editor and it will be perfect. This book is an excellent example of dark romance done right, and the connection you feel with Blaire from page one will leave you sleepless and starving for your next opportunity to dive back in. I can only count my lucky stars that the next book has come out and I don't have to leave this brilliant character for long!

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