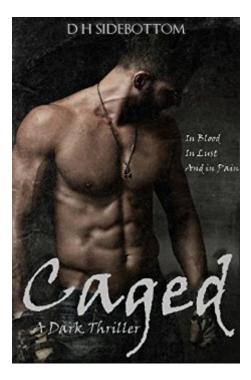
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Synopsis

Judd Asher was taken from his front garden when he was just four years old. After an extensive search he was never found. Twenty-one years after a random call out, Judd is found chained and beaten in the basement of an old rundown farmhouse where he has lived the life of an animal for the last twenty-one years.Kloe Grant is assigned as Juddâ [™]s personal therapist. Itâ [™]s her job to rehabilitate him, to guide him back to normal life. But as Juddâ ™s only emotion is rage, Kloe finds it both heart-breaking and challenging mending a soul thatâ [™]s not only broken but caged inside him by the demons of his past. However, when Kloeâ ™s relationship with her patient raises some evebrows, Kloe canâ [™]t fight against the powers that want to see her fail, and with an arm behind her back, she walks away, leaving behind a man who has come to live life again for her. Four years later Judd, now known as Anderson Cain, the darkest and most formidable cage fighter in a world where violence and crime are the only way to keep breathing, Judd finds thereâ [™]s not a lot in life that can abate the rage that still twists and prowls beneath his skin. Not until a chance encounter brings him to her door. To the woman with the bluest eyes and the most stunning smile, the woman who took his hand in the darkness and led him through the door into the sun.But Kloe Grant left him when he needed her the most. She took the only shred of hope and trust he had left and annihilated it. She starved his belief, and she fed his fury. She owes him. And heâ [™]s going to make sure that this time, she pays. In blood. In lust. In pain. And with her soul.

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Customer Reviews

This was a well written dark story. Not sure yet if it's a romance because it's a CLIFFHANGER! It was just getting really interesting when all of a sudden there was no more book and a "to be concluded" in Chained...coming out in July 2016. If the author had put that in the description, I would have held off reading this until the conclusion was out and if it continued as it has, I would have given it 4 stars. I do not like cliffhangers.

My lord, this woman can weave a story! Ms Sidebottom never fails to present us with unbelievable stories that crawl into your brain and won't leave. Kloe is a messed up social worker who were emotionally abused as a child. She finds comfort in listing and consummation of snacks to the point of vomiting when stressed. Finding her husband having an affair certainly counts! She is assigned to a 25 year old man who was abducted and chained in a basement from the age of 4. Anderson is understandably damaged by physical, emotional, nutrition, and sexual abuse for over 20 years. He has learned to " read" people, and he can see she is as damaged as he is. They bond and suddenly she is sent away to another city to work.... Abandoning Anderson which damaged him more. This entire work is a psychology course in how children are emotionally and psychologically destroyed and the effects on them and others when they grow up. There is some sexual encounters, and a great deal of violence. If you are squeamish, read at your own peril. But none of the sex or violence is gratuitous.... It fits in the story. It advanced the plot and showcases the damaged people. Can't wait for the next book....

DNF @25%I'm sorry. Yes, I know I'm in the minority. This isn't dark. It's depressing. Plus no one over comes 21 years of being chained in a basement that quickly. I don't care what kind of connection he has to her.

When Judd Asher is found twenty-one years after his disappearance at age 4, Kloe is assigned as his Post-Traumatic therapist. Asher, now called "Anderson Cain", has endured years of abuse and is severely mentally affected. Kloe is determined to help and rehabilitate him but Anderson turns out to be her biggest challenge yet. Anderson can see deep within Kloe, her scars and her past. When lines get blurred Kloe must leave her patient, but now will he let her go?After reading the prologue I knew this was going to be a good one. I'm already a huge fan of the author and I was definitely not let down with this one...WOW! What an intense and savage ride!Both characters were well-written and had personalities and attributes that were unique and not overdone in the dark erotica genre. I was truly excited to keep reading about them. Kloe was absolutely lovable yet flawed and Anderson's story was truly heartbreaking. I enjoyed how the book split in two and the second half was just as enticing as the first.At about 66% I was shocked at the scene before me! I was not expecting it and pleasantly disturbed at the carnal description. Each intense scene had just the right recipe of erotica and gore.After the ending, especially with that kind of ending ?! , I will be reading the sequel because I NEED to find out what happens!! 5 stars for sure xx

My gosh!This was just everywhere. There was twisted and turns, there was unexpected and crazy stuff happening through out this book. But i loved it. It was dark let me tell you. It will swallow you up into the darkness that is Judd Asher. It will have you craving for more and then some. If you like her writing then you better drop whatever book you are reading and go get this one. You will not regret it. And by the end of it you will crave for the next book to come. lâ [™]m glad i read this book! It was so good. I do have to say that it was dark, so if that is not your thing then please do not get this book.Judd Asher has had a bad life. He knows nothing other than the hell he has been living in for twenty years. He doesnâ [™]t know anything and he does;t really talk. So when he is found everything freaks him out. Then he meets Kloe Grant. She calms her in a way and he wants to learn everything he can with her. He feels things that he has never felt before and it;s all because of her. He wants help but heâ [™]s hiding the truth from her as well. He will make her pay for leaving him behind, for breaking her promise to him. Kloe Grant helps people. she helps them live again helps them move forward from their horrible past even though she can;t moe forward from hers. She hides behind a mask so no one can see her pain. When she takes Judd Asher as her case she wants nothing more than to make him better to help him live again and to make sure he never has to go through the pain he has been through but when she has no choice but to leave she is crushed. When he turns up at her door four years later he isn;t the same. heâ [™]s dark and mean and yet she still craves him, she still loves him. But she find out secrets he has been hiding and she wants to get back at him. Will they ever heal each other or is all just a game?

Clare's Mad About BooksThis is the first book that I have read by DH Sidebottom but after hearing

so many friends say how good her books were I just had to see for myself and OMG why didn't I listen to them and read her books before now!!This story although dark, eerie and sexually mind blowing it's also heart wrenching and very emotionally charged.The characters of Kloe and Anderson are victims of abuse in it's many different forms and they both play outside the lines of normal to help them survive what they went through by their abusers.Anderson is a harsh nasty and aggressive man because of the life he has led but also has a caring side he doesn't want to come to the surface and often throws back at Kloe everything she tries to give to him. Kloe is a little naive that she can help Anderson come to terms with himself and with what happened to him by just caring for him and giving him support because physically he has healed but mentally the scars are never going to go away and he can't let her in.We find out that there is more going on than you first think as the story progresses with lots of shock moments and revelations about the abuse they have suffered.I have got to read Chained the next book in this series because the end of this story had me screaming for me more!!!Absolutely brilliant story written so well that you can't stop reading this till you have finished it.

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