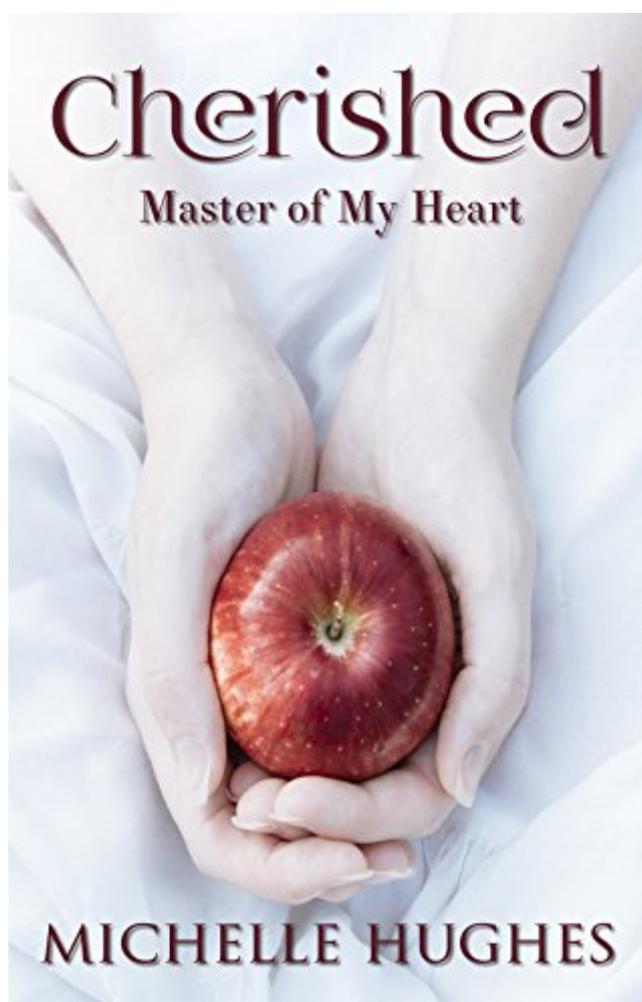


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## Customer Reviews

I have never reviewed a book before but I felt the need to do so today. Cherished has given me an insight to a world I know nothing about. Fifty shades of grey was good but Cherished was real. I felt emotions I never felt with FSOG. I couldn't put it down until I had finished it. I cried with Gina I laughed with her I felt I was part of her story. Sounds corny but I've not felt that before. I'm just sorry there is no more. Well done Michelle you have a best seller as far as I'm concerned.

This book is VERY fast paced. But I have come to learn that is Michelle's style. Very "SLAM, BAM, THANK YOU MA...READER!" I enjoy that Michelle has a knack for fluidly moving from one time line into another (days to days or days to months, etc.) Lots of steamy scenes, S,S,C, as far as the BDSM aspects go, a few wtf moments like "Yeah that wouldn't happen." but then again this is FANTASY so it's allowable. I wished there would have been a little more character development, more background on Luca, and more story. There was definitely enough of a story to tell, so I wish more of it had been told. There are a few grammatical errors and even typo of a random E hanging out. Got my \$ worth, was able to read it in 2 sittings, was entertained, would read this author again if you want a "quick return" on your investment. Lots of fast paced bang for little bucks. Did not enjoy the negative tone regarding a M/s relationship over a D/s relationship because it made it sound like all M/s relationships are bad when in reality it's just another choice in the lifestyle. Obviously the "baddie" of the book is a terrible M but not all 24/7 M/s relationships are that way, I wish that would have been a little better explained.

This story touched me in a deep way. Everyone wants to find a relationship that is important to them. BDSM is a lifestyle that is misunderstood and judged harshly. Michelle has done a wonderful job of weaving a story around truth. Luca is a forever type of man. He understands Gina's (I know what you did there, babe) demons better than she does. Overcoming trauma is never easy and it

takes a lot of strength to give another person something as precious as your trust. Luca earned it. Thank you, Michelle. You have shown us that we can overcome domestic violence and find our own forever types of guys.

Luca is a Dom, a submissive trainer, an owner of a large pharmaceutical company in Chicago and a chairman on the board and has a medical degree. Gina is a twenty-two year old woman that has been sexually assaulted over a long period of time by her Step-father, she never left the small town in Alabama where she lived her entire life. Luca met Gina online and over a year of web chats, phone calls and emails they decided it was time for Gina to fly out to Chicago and spend a weekend with Luca. Do I really need to tell you that things went well? nope don't think I do. Luca opened Gina's eyes to a whole new world and she loved it. Gina had a lot of issues when it came to sex but that is to be expected since she was abused by someone that she thought of as a father, Luca wouldn't allow her to rush into anything and was so sweet and caring as well as dominating it was a heady mix that Gina needed to find herself accepting of a male lover. This was very close to a five star read for me but there were just a few things that didn't make it so and to be honest it's not something that I can pinpoint. This was an enjoyable read that grabbed me from the beginning and kept me interested. I would have liked a little more of a character build on Luca, we know what he does for a living and that he is brilliant but there was mention of a former sub of his and that's it we never hear about her again, I would have liked to know what happened to her and why they weren't still together. Like I said it was very close to a five star read and I know I will be reading many more books by Michelle Hughes.

The world would be a better place if we all had a Luca in our lives to be cherished and loved. Watching Luca being the dominant master and Gina the girl who was abused ,lost, and had a hard life become a confident woman , who could conquer anything under the care and love of master Luca . This was a great book and a must read . â•••••

this book by Michelle Hughes is definitely a good and extremely erotic... yet, it also tells a story of an abused girl, Gina. She is so low and has absolutely no self esteem.. she feels worthless and believes sex is 'dirty' and begins to talk to luca for sometime ( I believe a year, before she chooses to agree to his teachings. He is a 'dominant' who teaches submissive behavior to woman. He believes in cherishing them and showing the woman how special and worthy they really are....Luca goes through a lot of trust issues with Gina and visa versa.....Michelle Hughes does a great job

touching on sexual abuse, yet also bringing a steamy erotic book that will have you fanning yourself and rooting for the two of them to form a relationship instead of Luca just teaching and finding her a 'dom'

I have read many books about the BDSM lifestyle and I have to say this book does the best job showing that the couple are not always living the life. They are capable of living the same as everyone else. I fell for Luca immediately and was pleasantly surprised that his feelings for Gina were deep as were her's. There was always mutual respect and desire.

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