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About Sylvia Day's Bared to You by Nite Lindell created 4 January 2015

Erotic novels in prison are as banal as... tattoos in prison. So, when I picked up Sylvia Day's Bared to You, I was expecting ^{no} more than a break from studying Brian Greene's The Hidden Reality.

I found her dedication to the book curious, a thank you to a doctor for saving her life. There was no mention in the "About the Author" section of some grave physical ailment.

The book began with extremely wealthy characters living their luxurious lives, "struggling" to survive in the business world, nothing I could relate to. I assumed the book'd be superficial trash, a waste of my brain cells - but I had nothing else to read, wanted a break anyway.

Writing can be therapeutic, I know.

Eva, the main character, who, superficially, seemed to have everything going for her: millionaire, rich mother, good health, good job, friends, peace, beautiful & sexy. But she'd been raped repeatedly as a child by someone close to her, & that damaged her self-esteem and tainted her love life.

Enter Gideon, it was love at first sight for them both.

Passionate sex, turmoil caused by - it turned out - both their tragic pasts, and suggestions of yet more twisted darkness kept me turning the pages, wanting to know how the drama would be resolved, and laughing at too-good-to-be-true erotic descriptions like,

"His cock lay heavily on his belly, brutal-looking with its broad purpled head and thick roping of veins"
Sylvia, I haven't seen such a beastly penis as you gave Gideon in any porn & I've seen a lot of porn! :D

Reading this book could be therapeutic for victims of sexual abuse, people who have come to associate sex with something bad or dirty. The sex in the novel is shameless, free, total, as good sex should be! Sylvia's novel walks readers through her vivid characters' struggles to overcome their abusive pasts & have healthy sex lives, making the story far more than mere entertainment.

I recommend the book to everyone, as everyone will know someone who's been sexually abused, if they haven't been sexually abused themselves. Great work Sylvia!