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When Colton Bishop enters a bar in New York City, he has a plan. His job is to find an easy target and take her back to his place for a few days. He is working his way up the crime ladder doing a job he never wanted.

Lily Hilton has it all but is hiding from a troublesome past. When she enters a bar downtown and runs into her old high school crush, her entire world is turned upside down. She is determined to make him notice her, but that plan may work better than she expects.

Colton does not hesitate to take Lily home and use her as his new pawn, but their past begins to catch up with them as their secrets unravel and he must decide what is more important to him, protecting Lily or himself.

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Blacky *Romance Addict* says

**A three star review. Is there anything worse to write?
I'll just try to explain everything.**

Ok, this book is pretty short, so whatever I say will pretty much be a spoiler so I'll just stick to the basics.

1. The story

is about a guy who kidnaps a girl for ransom for two weeks.
That's it, if you know more, you'll spoiler yourself ;)

2. The characters

Colt is ruthless and doesn't care about the girls he's kidnapping.
Lily is a nice girl that doesn't deserve it.

3. The romance

Not insta-love in this case, (view spoiler)

4. Flashbacks

There are flashbacks to both MC's pasts and it explains a lot and makes you feel sorry for them/love them.

5. Overall feel of the book

Well it's pretty darkish considering he keeps her locked and is pretty much terrible to her.
BUT!
The last 30% totally change with the feel of the book and it's my reason for lowering the rating.

6. The sex

Uber-hot. Seriously. Loved it, even though they are just TOO SHORT!
So please author, please, write longer sex scenes!!!!

7. What I liked in the book

Well I am not a big fan of dark reads and this is a bit darkish, not much though, but I was surprised that I really liked that part :)

I loved that the main guy was a jerk and the way he behaved toward the girl and everything!

The sex between them was uber hot, especially because he's so damn dominating and bossing her around and
sigh

8. What I didn't like in the book

Well for starters, the sex, even though very hot, was extremely short, I blinked and the scene was over :((((I am shallow enough to admit that this would get a bigger rating if only there were more/longer sex scenes between them ((view spoiler))

Anyway, this was a 4 star read for me until I got to the last 30%.

Why did I drop a star?

The feel of the book totally changed. It got too (view spoiler) for me.

Now, I know this sounds strange coming from someone who loves (view spoiler), but in here I didn't, because I liked the dark feel of it and I wanted more if it I guess.

I guess the best was to explain it would be this:

(view spoiler)

I hope you got what I meant :S

9. Overall

The book is good and the writing is very good too, the characters were great, and the flashbacks helped to get into their heads and all.

The story/plot is very interesting too, plus the little sex scenes were hot, so with all of this I would've given it a 4 star rating :)

I explained why it's going to be a three, but that is just my personal mood that got off while reading it and I don't know how it would be for anyone else :((((

10. Hmmmm

I don't know what else to say, but I just had to make one more point because it would just be weird to stop at 9!!! :DDDDD

That's it from me

Farah *Professor Dean's Beauty* says

So...

Another kidnapping book?!
Was I intruded?

Hell yeah...

Colt Bishop is in a bar, looking for his next target- what does he do?
He kidnaps girls and holds them for ransome..
Once a cop now a criminal... His life has changed.

He sees a girl in a bar, and immediately he notices her..
But he doesn't know her...?

But wait!!!
He does!

She's Lily formally known as Rose. His Rose, apparently she was the love of his life!
They went through things in their past together.

HOW THE FCUK DO YOU NOT RECOGNISE HER?

He doesn't hesitate to take her and use her, because he claims he doesn't feel for her.

Blah blah blah...

I'm sorry, maybe its just be but however long time that passes, I don't think one forgets the love of their lives.

Ok now to the kidnapping, he locks her in a room.. Then as days go she gets under his skin.

Totally predictable...
First she hates him then loves him then hates him.
Oh please- the mood swing thing did nothing for me.

Then fcuks her...

Wow I'm so shocked! Blah!

Blah blah blah blah...

Yawn...

A few pages skimmed along the way..

More blah blah blah...

Boring sex...

Then suddenly will risk it all to save her from her step father whose a criminal and killer.
Only to get caught and gets a deal to be in jail and fake his death and live undercover.

4years later he tracks her down to re-kindle his love and she drops it all and leaves.
I don't mean to be funny, 4years later and she sees his alive and drops everything?
Yeah. Sure. If you say so.

Man I'm so bad at choosing books!

Vishous says

1. no connection to the story - check

2. no connection to the characters - check

3. no connection to the sex part - check

(it's hard to connect to it if i haven't connected to the characters at all)

4. no connection to the writing style - check

5. mood changing hero - check

(i don't know have i ever read something so weird when it comes to hero, his mood changes literally every other sentence)

6. giving me hours of frustration - check

7. i kinda liked it in the beginning but boy did all went down very soon

8. safe word --> "bdsm" --> where?

9. predictable - check

10. the only reason i am giving it 2 stars is that i read worse :(

11. just to rile Blacky up because she hates when numbers aren't even :*

destini mia says

“Do you love me?”

“My love for you is the only thing I’ve ever been sure of.”

This was one **hell** of a read.

“Colt. Like a horse?”

“Like the gun, sweetheart.”

Colt

Lily

Colt Bishop’s life has been on a downwards spiral for as long as he can remember. There was once hope for a better life, but she quickly left him like the rest did. Now, he kidnaps rich woman in hopes for a nice payday. Those, however, are minor details when he has the big picture in mind. That all gets blown to pieces when he comes face to face with his past at a bar.

As much as I liked this story– and I really did– I really had **no idea** what *Safe Word* was about when I started it. Emphasis on the **NO IDEA**. So when all the kidnapping and twisted stuff started happening, it was all like a slap in the face.

... I’ve been straddling the line of good and evil for too long.

I was a little lost on what to feel about Cole. Sometimes I felt for him, other times he needed a good kick to the balls. My emotions were all over the place. **Beneath all his armor, I really felt that there was a good guy buried deep in him.** Even when he going through one of his rages, it stemmed from hurt rather than anger.

I didn’t want to deal with the pain; I wanted to fucking drown in it– kill off any part of my heart that still beat for her.

I loved how the story was told completely in Colt’s POV. It went **a long way** in helping me better understand him. I don’t think the story would have had as much effect if it was in Lily’s POV. *Safe Word* is like a water down version of *Captive in the Dark*. It was still very raw, but didn’t over do it.

Lily was likeable but there were times when I was a little irritated with her. I never really felt that she had the same unconditional, undying love that Colt felt towards her.

They way she looked at me it was just... different. She didn't see the worthless criminal everyone else saw, even though that was exactly who I was.

Their relationship could be raw and ugly, but beneath all that they had something beautiful and powerful.

They really struggled and their love was put to the test on more than one occasion. They came out strong and that solidified them even more.

In the end, this was powerful, second chance love story that'll have you captivated.

We rode toward the unknown, not caring what the future held for us as long as we faced it together. If another storm approached us, we would be each other's shelter.

DKristin says

****SPOILER ALERT****

I don't like to write reviews with spoilers if I can help it; but I don't see anyway to give this it's due without something potentially being remarked on that could spoil parts of it for some...

I absolutely L-O-V-E-D Safe Word. It was raw and gritty but I think those who are bit squeamish to the harder books like Captive in The Dark will be able to digest this one much easier. At the heart of it - is a true romance, a life long one. One that drives Colt/Cole to base his entire life on doing right by the girl that he loved so deeply and felt as though he let down in a way that he would never be able to redeem himself for. The crazy part of it was that Cole was only a teenager when he lost Rose and he in no way could have done anything to help her situation anymore than what he did. At least not in a way that would have been safe for the both of them. Cole goes into a line of work that he feels will help him to save those that he could not in his life and when that all crumbles he takes on another life entirely. While he may think that he will never be that teenager again as the story progresses he learns that he never stopped being him.

My heart ached for Lily/Rose. To have gone through as much as she did in her young life. Always looking over her shoulder and trying to stay one foot ahead of her step-father makes it hard to believe she ever really could find happiness in her life. We go through a good section of the book wondering if she is in fact still Cole's Rose or if this new person Lily is someone entirely different. As is the case with Cole, we find that Rose is alive and fighting as always.

I would give this one 4.5 stars I think the epilogue could have been a little more detailed and there was room for improvement in some of the story line. The heat in this book gave it that extra .5 of a star for me. Cole was on fire hot. He was dominant and aggressive. He did what he wanted when he wanted to and he also made sure that Rose was taken care of. He had no shame in the bedroom and it was FANTASTIC! Prepare your ovaries now!

My Casting:

Cole/Colt

Rose/Lily

Images that felt like this book to me:

Pam says

2 stars

"Rose-colored glasses"

I think I had a pair on when I bought the book, because I totally thought it was gonna be another hot kidnapping story. I was literally lost while reading this because I didn't know what the heck was going on, so different than what I was expecting and was really not the book for me. I have to say though the book did keep me confused enough to finish it trying to figure out where the story was heading and there were *some* hot scene's that kinda made up for it.

Christy says

4-4.5 Stars

Safe Word was a quick read, and an interesting story with a pretty different twist!

Colton Bishop is not a good guy. At least not anymore.

'Colt. Like a horse?'

'Like the gun, sweetheart.'

Colt's job is unusual to say the least. He picks up women. Rich women. He is involved in an operation . He

keeps the women hostage and collects ransom- He is an attractive guy, blonde hair, blue eyes. He has no trouble finding willing victims. Colt doesn't hurt them, just keeps them locked away until the time is right. One night, while on the prowl, he sees a woman. Lily. She seems to know him, but he doesn't recognize her.

Rose, or 'Lily Hilton' is the only woman Colt has ever loved.

But she disappeared years ago. Now she's back, and she gets caught up in the game. Colt has no choice but to hold her- it's his job. These are the rules. But he has trouble following the rules when it comes to her.

I needed to separate the Rose I remembered from the Lily sitting in front of me now. I had already broken all of my rules.

Even with all the crazy going on, Lily trusted Cole, even though she hated him at times, they still had that connection from their past.

"Even with everything... I'm glad I found you."

Colt has a hard time drawing the line with Lily. He is finding it hard to treat her like the other captives. He can't resist her. Even though it's against all the rules and could jeopardize everything, he has to have her.

What I loved about this book: Colt and Lily together.... HOT. Seriously hot. The sexual tension was hot, when they got together it was even hotter! But not just that. Their connection is still there. I loved the back and forth between past and present. One of the biggest pluses of this book was that the entire thing was from Colt's pov. That made me one happy lady! I found myself wondering what was going on a lot in the first half. I had some theories... some were correct, some weren't. The twist was interesting. I enjoy this author's writing. And Colt- I know he was a 'bad guy', but I loved him from the get go! He was sexy, protective, a little rough around the edges, and all kinds of sexy.

I enjoyed the story as a whole, it wasn't quite as dark and sinister as I expected. I wasn't sure how I felt about the ending. Once I started this one, I couldn't put it down. If I wasn't conflicted about the ending, I would have for sure given it 5 stars, but even so- it is still a 4-4.5 star read for me!

Rach says

I really loved this book :) Especially Colt's commanding nature in bed :) He can talk dirty to me any day

Thanks Blacky for getting me to read it and Vishous and Shelly for reading it with me :)

Summer says

I am going to try to do a just review for this book! I loved it so much. I thought it was very well-written. The story line was paced nicely and I loved the plot. It had a nice dose of humor, a huge shock factor, and it was so very intriguing. I couldn't put it down!

"You belong to me."

"If it's you or me, I'd make yourself right with God, motherfucker."

"Do you still think I'm the good guy?"

My Reaction:

Oh My Gosh! Did that just happen? Did I read that right?! Can't. Process. Correctly.

AHHHHHHHHHHH! I never saw that comingggg! OMGOMGOMG!

What you haven't read this yet?

You have to read this book!

I'm okay. I'm okay. It's all good. I'm okay.

Seriously guys, It's a really great book that has a really sexy alpha-male. You'll only fall more in love with the story as it all unfolds. I swear I never saw some of those twists and turns coming. This book kept me on my toes non-stop and I loved every minute of it.

I had to read some parts twice because I just couldn't believe my eyes! I don't want to say too much more

because I don't want to give anything away. However, you should definitely prepare yourselves because if there was ever a book where afterwards you say, "I never saw that coming.", tis will be it. You guys should definitely go into it with fresh eyes. I hope you all enjoy!

Even though I may have just made a fool of myself, this review was really fun!

Just kidding!

Debra says

"I wasn't the boy who was going to swoop in and save her when she needed me. I was the monster."

Safe Word is a fast-paced, intriguing and captivating story that kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time I was reading it. I had no idea what to expect when I started reading this story but it turned out to be a pleasant surprise and it definitely kept me intrigued and interested enough to finish it in less than a day. But, because of the lack of character development and the fact that the story felt a little "rushed" at times it turned out to be more of an "okay" read for me instead of a really great one.

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**Colton "Colt" --**

**Lily --**

**Colton Bishop** isn't exactly a good guy. At least on the outside he isn't. He kidnaps rich women for a living and keeps them hostage until their family or loved ones come up with a ransom. For months he's been doing his job without a glitch. He never physically hurts the women he holds locked in his apartment, but he never treats them very nicely either, but that's just to make sure they don't forget who's in charge. He's always been able to find easy victims, but then, on night, he meets **Lily Hilton**.

Lily is an attractive, young, wealthy looking woman and she soon becomes the next women being held captive inside Colt's apartment...

***"Why are you treating me this way?"***

***"I tried to be the good guy once; it didn't take."***

What Colt doesn't expect though, is that he and Lily seem to have a shared past. The more time they spend together, the more their past begins to unravel itself. And the more they get to know each other, the more they get attracted to each other to the point where the sexual tension between the two of them is palpable. And well, the actual sex scenes were more than HOT, with Colt being the dominant one between the two of them; he could be sweet one moment and rough and demanding the next.

***"This is not a negotiation. I want to make you come, Lily. I am being very nice to you. It would be in your best interest to take my gift as it is and not be greedy."***

***"I was thinking with something other than my brain; I just wasn't sure it was my dick or my heart."***

To say much more about the story, would spoil too much, so I'll let you find out what happens next by reading the story for yourselves. All I can say is that there were many twists and turns and that nothing was what it seemed...

The entire story was written from Colt's POV and since I love reading the male point of view, that was a big plus for me. Although, in this case, I might have preferred it even more if the story would have been written in a dual POV. Being able to follow the story through Colt's eyes and getting flashbacks from the important moments of his life, did give me a much better understanding of how he became the person he is now. It showed that underneath all the layers of indifference, he's actually a good person who will do whatever it takes to protect the ones he loves.

***"Don't be sorry. I'm yours and I wasn't you to fight for us. I will fight for you every day for the rest of my life if I have to."***

Although this is essentially a kidnap story, I didn't find it to be a very dark or twisted story at all (definitely not as dark as Captive in the Dark for example). Despite the sometimes "harsher" scenes where Colt tried to convince both himself and Lily that he wasn't the good guy, everything that happened between him and Lily was consensual.

So, if you're looking for something different that will keep you on your toes and that can be read as a

standalone, (view spoiler) then Safe Word is definitely worth giving a try!

### 3.5 STARS.

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#### **Lauren says**

I was so excited to read this book. The plot seemed really good. But sadly, it was a let down. The story, characters, and romance were not developed well. The beginning was really confusing. It was like there was just a bunch of "puzzle pieces" thrown at you and then they didn't come together until the end; and even then, I still didn't feel like the "puzzle" was put together well. The story is told from Colt's POV. I wish that somewhere in there we could of seen Lily's POV because some of her actions I just didn't get; I would've liked to see what she was thinking. Also, I never really felt connected to the characters. They weren't developed that well and parts their backgrounds were just kind of thrown at you. There are flashbacks laced throughout the story, but I just felt like they did very little to compliment the present storyline. Colt and Lily had history. I wish that there were more flashbacks of their relationship to help the reader connect, feel, and understand their romance in the present story line. That's always a problem with second chance romances, the romance just doesn't seem believable because you don't get to see the development and foundation of the relationship. Over all, this book was OK, but it didn't leave an impression on me.

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#### **Jamie says**

*I Really liked this and I have no idea what the fuck I just read...*

#### ***Spoilers ahead...!!***

I am the most confused I have ever been at the end of the book..I'm typing this review and I am still thinking... WHATTHEFUCK. There was a true love story, I know this for sure..... 2 damaged souls... Cole and Rose/ aka Colt and Lilly. They were in love as teens then seperated and Cole went totally downhill from there and well.. things just went pretty freaky ass crazy from that point on. They get reconnected.. this mostly happens since Colt kidnapps her. They have some really hot welcome back sex..really HOT.. and all this time there is this crazy ass kidnapping scheme going on around them, mobster bad guys, a crazy daddy getting out of jail, people getting beat up, people getting whacked, identities changing.. I could barely keep up.... shit, who am I kidding.. I was never able to catch up. This was one crazy ride. I'm still confused as all hell about a lot of things that happened, how they happend, why they happend..... And as crazy as all this stuff was.. it still managed to be good.. like really really good. I think the really hot sex helped a lot.

It was a quick read, it was very fast paced and nothing was boring for sure... I was confused the entire time but still really enjoyed it. I really don't know why I enjoyed it so much since I can't really do decent summary of it at all.. it was fucked up. Good fucked up.. but fucked up.

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## Jamie \*Gypsy Smut-a-teer\* says

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**xrysa says**

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**Fathima says**

***“You like it when I fuck you like this?” I asked as she cried out again.***

***“Yes,” she replied, her back bowed toward me.***

***“You can’t ever give this to anyone else, Rose. This is mine. It’s always been mine.” I ran my fingers from her collar bone, over her chest and found her swollen clit between us.***

***“It’s yours, Colt. I’m yours,” she moaned.***

Holy hotness !!! Teresa Mummert's head is a dark and twisted place ! I swear that lady is serious trouble ... She's been creeping me up ever since I read her first book and I love it ! She is awesome sauce !

Ahem , moving on ... Its kinda difficult to review this book , mainly because the plot is sooo seemingly inter-connected that giving any thing away would be risking blatantly giving the entire plot and story line . But lets try a little , shall we ...

Colt Bishop is a bad guy ... He kidnaps young women from wealthy households , and asks for Ransom money from their families . That said , he doesn't torture or misbehaves with them .. Just a little rude treatment to scare them off , nothing much . That's the way he has been living for quite a while now . Enters , Lily Hilton . Lily Hilton isn't really Lily Hilton . She is someone from Colt's past . At a time when Colt was Cole and not Colt . But Colt doesn't know that . By the time he has it figured out , its too late . Lily has become a part of his shenanigans . And its just not him , he works that entire ordeal with a bunch of bad guys . Guys you don't wanna mess with . What's Colt gonna do now ? What does Lily want ? Why is she here with him .. ???

Colt is one seriously fucked up mofo ! He scares me but then makes me all hot and bothered ... Fuck , sooo unhealthy I tell ya ! And Lily is no better . She confused me all the way to the end . One moment she is all

sobbing and crying , the next she acting all smart and playing with fire !! Trust me honey you dont wanna mess with Colt . Like I said , he is totally dark in the head !

Will it be weird if I told you I cried a little whilst reading this story ??? Because I honestly did . Teresa alternates the story telling technique from present to past . That way , you get a little background story and see where Colt and Lily come from . Those little bits + what was happening in the present time = Me getting all teary !!

Plus , not sure if there are a lot of people here who listen to Bollywood songs , but there is this one song that was playing on my ipod and I was like , ' Christ ! This song is sooo perfect for Colt and Lily !! ' .. Luckily , I found a translated version of the song ... Here it is ..

My only complain , the book could've been a little longer !

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