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Kink level – Mild to Medium

Kai Chandler has it all. A thriving tech business, movie star friends, and a mansion in the Malibu hills. But he's lonely, nursing a broken heart and reeling from a shocking breach of trust. Then a friend tells him about a secret chateau outside Paris where they train women in the erotic traditions of the Code d'Odalisque. For a million a year, Kai can choose a sexual servant to use at will, a woman thoroughly trained in the pleasuring of men.

Kai makes the trip and, in the course of touring the facility, meets Constance, a shy and strangely quiet odalisque. He decides to acquire the beautiful woman and bring her to his home. Constance and Kai delight in their voyage of erotic exploration as he plays undisputed Master to her slave. But soon they find themselves forming an increasingly emotional connection, with the end of Constance's term of service looming over their heads. Jealousy, fear, regret and longing threaten to tear the lovers apart, and they must choose between the safety of the Code and the risk of true love and trust.

Publisher's Note: This book contains sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: Anal play/intercourse, m/f/m menage, group sex, BDSM scenes, and swinging/partner swapping.

Odalisque Details

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Vivian says

A mess. All around

Excellent job alienating me from every character with juvenile behavior or incredible shortsightedness that bespeaks of nothing more than each one's self-centered egoism. It is the ventures into the absurdity of ridiculousness that reminds me of a nighttime soap opera. The hypocrisy of the MC's attitude about money and how it should be used for charity. The overwhelming vilifying of female characters who are presented as duplicitous, scheming, emasculating, murderous, petty, vindictive and stupid. The only good trait is empathy. There's lip service given to a whole host of things and I honestly don't have the patience to list them all.

And finally, and this is what will take this rating from two stars to one. This book has a hearing impaired MC, tries to show that she is capable and can do anything others can--

I'd make an awful mom. I can't hear. I can't talk.

Do NOT use your disability as an excuse because you don't want to do something. You don't want kids. DON'T fucking have them--but DO NOT state that it is a reason that a deaf person would be an awful mom.

Fuck you and the horse you rode it on.

Melanie Marnell says

Kai is at a standstill in his life. Moving neither forward nor backward since he was betrayed by his ex wife. As a result, he trusts no woman. What he needs is a woman he can use sexually without romantic involvements. When he learns about Odalisque women, he thinks he's found the answer to his problem. As he tours Maison Odalisque he first encounters Constance and is drawn to her. Later, even after learning of her deafness, he decides to pay the one million dollar rental fee for her year's service.

When Constance arrives at Kai's home to begin her service she immediately falling under his spell. He "ticks all her boxes" but she must keep reminding herself to remain emotionally detached. A series of events causes a rift between them that ever widens. As a result he sends her back to France before her contract is up. Never fear, they do get their HEA.

Odalisque is a unique concept and makes for an interesting, compelling and complex storyline. I liked both main characters and how love evolved despite both of their best efforts to avoid it.

Spynonu says

I am one of those people for whom sadist stories make me cringe. I am both repulsed and fascinated. I read between the fingers covering my eyes. I don't want to look but can't help myself.

Comfort Object disgusted me - I could not find love in the relationship between Jeremy and Nell. To me the abuse/beatings/whippings went way over the top. Odalisque walked a more comfortable line in that regard and thus I enjoyed it more. I wasn't mentally calling an ambulance or a mental health professional for Constance while I was reading as I felt that Kai cared about her and her limits. The pain wasn't all about him but it was for her as well. She enjoyed it as much as she endured it. Yes, now that's what I am talking about. :-)

The story is wonderfully predictable. Thankfully, because if it hadn't ended as I was expecting I would have screamed in protest and stomped my feet for quite some time. It was also nice to "visit" with characters from past books in the series and to be surprised by how some of the relationships had developed or failed. Annabel Joseph creates characters that instantly draw you in to the story and make you want to know more.

4.5 stars but I am rounding up because - I can.

LoveRomance says

Far better than Caressa's Knees, Annabel Joseph's third book in the Comfort Series did not pack the punch of Comfort Object (which remains one of my favorites).

I wish there had been more heat. I wish there had been more character development from past books. I wish the ending hadn't been so predictable and abrupt. And mostly I wish that Jessamine, a character who in previous books was fun, flirtatious, and admittedly a bit shallow, hadn't turned out to be such a sour old bitch. It's much more rewarding for me as a reader to have a flawed character who still has redeeming value, and the author sucked all value out of this character who in previous books played a very tertiary role. At least she left Mason with some chance to redeem himself in a future book?

And I always wish we had more back story on what's happened with Nell and Jeremy from the first book . . .

Other than that, this was a nice, typical Annabel Joseph BDSM story.

PirateSteve says

One million dollars gets you one Odalisque for one year.
I'm gonna have to... save up!

Annabel Joseph did an awesome job in writing Odalisque. She gives all the BDSM erotic romance readers what they're looking for in this story. It's has your BDSM hot sex scenes, a few angsty developments and an ending most people will be happy with. One of my favorite things about Ms. Joseph's writings is her attention to detail. I believe she could write in any genre she chooses. We are lucky to have her writing erotica.

Before reading this book I did have an understanding of what an odalisque is but if you do not then Ms. Joseph does a good job of explaining the life style. What I did not know was how much the odalisque is embraced within our society.

There is an Odalisque ballet,
and a painting by J.A.D. Ingres.

Odalisque perfumes and scented candles,
and a painting by Henri Matisse.

An Odalisque magazine
and a painting by Francois Boucher.

Bijoux d' Odalisque Decadent Jewelry
and a painting by Peter Paul Rubens

Odalisque songs and poetry
and a painting by Eugene Delacroix.

Odalisque Furniture
and a painting by Pablo Picasso
(I have a problem seeing an Odalisque in this one)

An Odalisque Cafe
and a painting by Ferdinand Roybet

A 1914 silent movie, The Odalisque
(staring Blanche Sweet)
and a painting by Edouard Manet

Odalisque Larger Than Life Lip Gloss
and a painting by Pierre Auguste Renoir

Now some people may be thinking, Painters are Perverts.
But having an Odalisque pose for you has got to be more exciting than painting another bowl of fruit.

This piece of music received a shout out within Ms. Joseph's book. I like it.
The Engulfed Cathedral written by Debussy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEFuh...>

Alma (aka Mrs. Rhaw) says

A bit sappy at the end, nevertheless a nice read. The concept of an Odalisque very mmmmmm
Read it in 2011 and retread in 2014

Lisa Aiello says

What a fascinating concept an Odalisque is!! This is the story of Kai (a gazillionaire tech nerd) and his

Odalisque, Constance, who just happens to be deaf. With each installment of this series, I love the Hero even more. Kai is a controlling sadist, but he's very kind. The relationship between him and Constance is so unique, because they cannot communicate in the conventional way. He is patient, loving, and kind of swoony (if you can get past the fact that he likes to dole out the corporal punishment)! As always, Ms. Joseph writes this type of kind amazingly well.

Kate says

I read this book in two sittings. Annabel Joseph created wonderfully intriguing characters in Kai & Constance and had me hooked with the Odalisque concept. Loved the secondary characters too - especially Mason. We do see a glimpse of characters from Annabel Joseph's earlier Comfort Series books (which I have not read). And while I am not familiar with the BDSM lifestyle, Ms. Joseph wrote about it in a way that a wide array of readers could get lost in the decadent world she created.

Kai Chandler was very sexy and you just want him to heal when you find out what happened - he had been hurt by his ex-wife and looking for comfort to get him back on track to being his old self. He purposefully finds healing from the elusive Constance, an odalisque he acquired for one year... and inadvertently falls in love with her. Constance falls for him hard as well but keeps the emotion distance, citing the code to both herself and Kai.

The sex is kinky and plentiful but it's the intense connection between Kai and Constance - and their internal struggles to adhere to the code and resist their fledgling love - that had me speeding through the chapters. Not to mention, I definitely enjoyed Kai's mounting jealousy as the end of Constance's contract nears as she is getting better at keeping her distance. I even got teary at the end scene as it gives Kai a change to set a haunting nightmare right.

Overall, a riveting read!

Aly is so frigging bored says

1st year 7 May 2014

2nd read 30 May 2015

Buddy read with Maru

Jacqueline's Reads says

4 Stars

I'll be honest, my original opinion of the Comfort Series, was pretty mild, **BUT** with each book I read, I started to like the series more. I thought *Odalisque* was a great read. I had no idea what the book was about, so I was kind of shocked when I started to figure out the story line, but really intrigued.

Kai is your average romance male; he's good looking, rich, dark, yet lonely. He doesn't want a relationship with all the baggage, so what does he do? He goes to France to "rent" a girl for \$1 Million dollars for a year so she can be basically his sex "slave". Okay, not really sex slave, but kind of really, just consider it a serious Dom/sub relationship with money exchange involved. Constance is not your average romance gal and I **LOVED** her! I really liked Constance's story, she's intriguing, sweet, yet strong and determined.

Kai and Constance's relationship was just different, and I would say nothing like Book 1 or 2 of the Comfort Series, of course there's still the BDSM play and many hot steamy scenes, but putting that aside, it was just a unique read.

I recommend and I'm going to move to book 4.

CC says

Woohoo! I won this book!!!

*** Shh... Holiday GIFT Giveaway 2016! ***

<https://www.goodreads.com/topic/show/...>

Angela Bee Bee says

I liked this better than Caressas Knees. It's a lot like Femme Chattel, in the purchasing of a slave...

Loved the use of nipple chains, but a little too painful for me to enjoy. Didn't like the sharing without jealousy. Even Caleb was furious when she slept with someone else, this guy was like, offering her up, bragging about fucking someone else,... taking a bj from someone he dislikes. All Odd.

And the wife who suddenly got jealous and angry and left...just odd, it's an open marriage, ironic for her to be so hypocritical.

I liked the sign language component of this.

Elle says

3,5 **Fuck the code STARS!!**

This is the third book from Comfort series and the best so far. I enjoyed it from the first moment with some bumpy roads until the end. The hero is totally new and never shown in previous books.

Kai Chandler has broken marriage and trust issue with woman and money. His best friend, Mason Cooke (You know him from Comfort Object) try to cheer him up with some secret. Uhm... Somewhere in France, there is something carnal; Odalisque is what they called. The woman trained and serve only man for pleasure without emotionally involved. Isn't that's what Kai needs right now? Only sex for release without baggage. Based on Mason's information, he flew to the Odalisque place and quite surprised with it. Kai feels

connected with one woman. She's very quickly intrigued at the first meet and Kai decide want her to be his Odalisque.

The odalisque submits?always. But only sexually. She submits her body to her Master's use. Her mind, her self-respect, her personality remain her own.

The story has new world. It's quite different from the previous books. I never know the term of Odalisque before and that's why piqued my interest with this story. Kai is devastating man. He's handsome with half-Indian heritage and kinky lifestyle. Yeah, Kai is really into BDSM and I liked it. He's far different from Jeremy's sadistic nature. He's more loving and affectionate Dominant. I didn't find any negativity around Kai. He's too perfect to be true. Gorgeous, loyal, rich and kinky?

She was a goddess, and he was her god. Her cunt was a portal to the mysteries of life that had so frustrated him lately. Why? It was so simple.

His Odalisque, Constance is a exquisite woman with secrets. She has awful past and wanna move on with her life after become Odalisque. Kai quickly become attracted to her because she's lovely and perfect match with his kinky side. There is not much about Constance except she's smart woman with amazing talent of writing speech. Her disability (view spoiler) sometimes limit her but she's a quick learner. But, it's amazing to know her strong and weak moment. Everybody really has their upside down life.

She was a sexual creature, tied down, held down, and bursting with the feeling of being thoroughly used by her Master.

But there is some codes that prevent them to be together even they want it. **They've struggle with their feeling because that's very obvious that they like each other. I loved their chemistry in and out of bedroom.** Both of them are perfect for each other but has ghost on their back. It was painful memory and become their issues. I also found Odalisque is hard to believe. Despite it's taboo and make it looks like a willing sex slave, the woman is protected by terms and get 'bonus' at the end of contract.

My only issue is the party. Yeah, partner swapping/swinger really didn't work for me. It has some chapters about it but I think it's quite important because what happened in the next. So far Kai and Constance's lifestyle is similar to Jeremy and Nell's. **Overall, Odalisque is an enjoyable and easy read for me. It's predictable with light drama.** Again, Kai and Constance are really an amazing couple until the end.

He wanted her so badly. Out of all the things he had, all the things his money could buy, he just wanted this one thing. This one woman.

Tess says

I really enjoyed Comfort Object and thought this book was very similar. It was great to revisit many of the same characters from the first two books and I loved the direction Ms. Joseph took Kai and Constance's story and I especially liked how she dealt with Constance's hearing impairment. Frankly, I'm hooked on this series because the characters are so well developed and because, well...the sex is really, really, hot. Like all the books in this series, there's emotional conflict that ends in a very satisfying HEA. I'm hoping Mason's story

is on her list to write next.

B.E.L.L.A.Mc says

I enjoyed this story, and may read it again in future. I've now read two books out of 4 in the series, and like the way in which the author entwines other characters to link all the narratives. Miss Joseph is a very skilled and clever writer; her use of humour, fear, pathos, sensuality and passion are very effective. The pace here was not as 'snappy' as my previous read 'Comfort Object' but it only slowed, never quite stopping. The characters are all very well developed; they are each complex and very real. The Alphas are all strong, very masculine and intelligent, and remain so throughout. I particularly found the subject matter fascinating, and eye-opening; I had never heard of Odalisques before. I would not hesitate to recommend it to friends, or fellow lovers of erotic FANTASY. This story does get down and dirty, but if like me, you are not entirely comfortable with some aspects (sharing females leaves me feeling uneasy), it's important to approach it with an open mind; sexual preferences come in all shapes and sizes, just like people. Ultimately it is FANTASY!!
