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Calen is a good man from a bad family. He's worked hard for success, but something's missing...or rather, someone.

Calen is the son of an Irish mobster, but he's rejected his legacy and has made a name for himself as a club owner. After years of hard work, he has the life he's always wanted. Almost.

Then his father asks him to take a meeting with a rival crew. It's too important to say no. Reluctantly, he drives out to the middle of nowhere to meet them. There to negotiate for reparations, he sees an innocent girl being held against her will—someone who looks very familiar.

Unwilling to leave the girl to a fate worse than death, he demands she be included as part of the deal. Maia is forced to stay with Calen for her safety, but she soon finds out he has ulterior motives for protecting her.

*****Calen's Captive is the second book in the Singular Obsession Series. No cliffhangers and no serials. Each novel stands alone. Though it flirts with some bondage, Calen's Captive is not a BDSM title. Not suitable for readers under 18.*****

Calen's Captive Details

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Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

I actually loved this book! I loved calen. I can't wait to read about Sergei

Naksed says

Book 2 in a series but can be read as a stand-alone. I am reading these out of order and I have no problem jumping back and forth between the volumes. Each book follows the same format of having an extremely dominant Alpha male falling for a diamond in the rough nerd girl, with uneven results. While volume 1 was DNF, and volume 3 was an awesome read, this book, Calen's captive was preposterous and flat. Yeah, I know what I am getting into. This is kind of like pulp fiction except not as OTT but still, I couldn't get over the ridiculousness. Spoilers ahead for those readers who like to discover the story on their own.

(view spoiler)

Despite my low rating of this book, I think this author has potential and with more experience, she can deliver a solid caper with steamy romance thrown in. Her next volume in the series, Stolen Angel, despite following the same trope of the nerd girl who gets the bad boy, was worlds away from her preceding efforts. In that book, she created a truly smart and sexy heroine, and tampered down the Alpha in her hero with some sensitivity and emotion. The writing itself was full of humor, intentional this time, as well as hot as hell connection between the protags. Since you can read the volumes out of order, I suggest you start with Stolen Angel lest you write off the series entirely due to the ridiculousness of volume 1 and 2.

Nicla says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Ambrosia says

2.5. Too much meek young-looking submissive virgin with the masterful rich overprotective alpha. I usually enjoy those plots somewhat. But there just wasn't anything else here. And there was a creepy amount of the H enjoying the youthful appearance and attitude of the h.

MelissaB says

I liked this contemporary romance, if you like innocent, sweet heroines paired with a possessive hero then you might like this. My only real issue was that the heroine was said to look like a fairy way too much. I was starting to picture her with wings :)

Jacqueline says

I liked this second in the series. The guy just knew what he wanted and went after it. It's fun occasionally to read about OTT alpha heroes. The heroine was sweet and sort of naïve. The plot was interesting and held together a couple of different mob organizations clashing and the main couple, who were not mobsters, just trying to get through it. Well written and without editing problems.

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

OK, can I be Calen's Captive? If I could jump into the pages of this story, I would gladly take Maia's place. Lucy Leroux's Alpha's are delicious! She writes the perfect balance of dominant, possessive, charming men who know how to take care of their woman.

Calen, being the son of an Irish mob boss is just bad enough, but keeps himself out of the family business to stay legal. The one time he has to step in and help his father, he is in time to rescue Maia from the Russian mob. It just so happens that he was already looking for his woodland fairy after briefly seeing her in his night club and lost her before he could approach. The only way to protect Maia is to marry her and fill her up with babies as soon as possible.

I loved it and let me tell you, there were a few role playing scenes that were smokin hot!!! I'm very curious about Maia's friend Thalia since there were hints in the story that makes me think she will get her own story and hints of another couple as well.

ARC provided by author, however, I did also purchase this book in the Singular Obsession book bundle.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

This is book two in the "A Singular Obsession series by Lucy Leroux.

I must say as soon as I got through book one 'Making Her His' I was hunting down the series.

This was a new author for me (but now one of my favorites) and I find that her writing is what some fantasy are about. They are the strong male types that only want to protect, take care of you while spoiling you and not to mention jealous of anyone that looks at you. Also they are some really hot love scene.

Calen is our hero, he owns night clubs and his father is a Irish mobster. Calen tries to stay away from any think to do with his fathers business. But one day his father talks him into meet some men about a deal that he wants to go through and everyone who can make the deal is unable too. Calen gives in and goes to meet the men but he finds that they are hold a women hostage. Calen knows that it won't end well for her so he

talks them in to given him the women and will the deal agreement.

Maia is our heroine and the lady that is being held against her will. Maia was just out trying to get samples in an area where she see some men who seem to be doing something bad. So they think she has seen to much and take her. Calen is brought to Maia where he fully see her and knows it is the women he has been looking for for several weeks. It seems Maia had been in his club and Calen caught site of her and instantly fell into attraction if not love. So Calen plans on keep her and never letting her go.

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EliseSReads says

4 STARS.

Awesome book, love the series.

Side note- I just finished book 4 of the series and I'm coming back here because I remember Peyton and Liam being mentioned here, I talked to the author and she said their book will probably be out by next year, so I can't wait, hopefully that book's H does not have a repeat of Alex and is celibate after he has feelings for the h, I have a feeling it's unlikely but please, I need the celibate hero!

Anya says

5 Glorious Stars!

This series was a pleasant surprise. When reading self publish works you never know what you'll gonna get, most likely you'll be disappointed but sometimes you'll stumble upon a gem of a book, like this one.

It is an exquisite story with an engaging central couple and a steamy romance that is based around one of my favorite tropes - a strong, smart and kind heroine meets driven, assertive, and in control of the world alpha.

This book is just perfect. It hits the right notes and pushes the right buttons. It is well written, the characters are endearing, it is well-paced and there is never a dull moment in the book. Calen and Maia are one of my favorite book couple EVER. And that is saying something since being a voracious reader I have read thousands.

Lucy Leroux is defintely become one of my favorite series writers.

I strongly recommend it to anyone who enjoys contemporary romance novels.

Chantal ♥? says

That was not what I was expecting. Firstly, the hero is not a bad guy and the heroine is a really sweet girl. With a name like Colens captive I was expecting a little bit more overtones of BDSM, but it had very little. It was a sweet "fairy" type story instead. I loved every crazy minute of it. Somehow, the fact that they didn't sleep together right away and he had actual conversations with the heroine, made the story much more believable for me at least. She also doesn't get pregnant right away that made it more realistic. This story was hot but sweet (not like and artificial sweetener more like honey sweet). Let me explain, they have an adult relationship, which is for the most part on equal footing, they make decision together mostly, they have an active role playing sex life but thankfully that's not all they are about. I just thought they are more of a couple than most books I have read lately.
5 fairy sweet stars for me.

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

I remember (vaguely) reading book two about Alex and having some issues with his past when it came to his OW stuff. I'm happy to say that Calen doesn't have that problem. When he catches just a glimpse of his h, that instant pull he feels for her becomes his obsession, and he is all about her. He doesn't look, think or even acknowledge anyone else. I love an H who has tunnel vision when it comes to his woman and Calen was definitely suffering from it.

If you want an easy read with no angst, low drama and steamy kink **Calen's Captive** is a good pick. Calen is definitely an OTT protective caveman when it comes to protecting and loving Maia. Although Mia herself wasn't a very memorable h, she was definitely a perfect match for Calen. (Not anyone would be as willing or open minded about Calen's particular fetishes like she was!) Ms. Leroux definitely knows how to write panty melting bedroom scenes! Overall this was a pleasant and quick read. Although at times I did catch myself questioning Maia's easy acceptance of all Calen's demands, and the time jumps slowed the pace down a bit, ultimately I was kept entertained till the end.

This is a read where you have to suspend disbelief - Calen's obsession with fairies through me for a loop - and the villain/mobster business was handled unexpectedly.

Safety: (view spoiler)

SB*needs low angst books* says

Sweet, low angst, some heat and just so cute. I really enjoyed the couple in this. I would definitely re-read in future.

Linda says

Young and single, Maia moved to Boston from the northwest after her mom died of cancer. She was in the

woods to collect specimens for her professor's class when she saw a rare butterfly that wasn't known to be this far north. She chased him for a while and tried to catch him, but she unexpectedly surprised two men burying what looked like a body. She tuned to run as she didn't like the lust and sneer on the fat one and they both gave chase. The huge and tall man's log legs ate up more ground and he grabbed her leg when she tripped over a large root. He yanked her up and returned to the fat man and threw her into a car after they tied her up.....

Calen McLachlan grew up and searched for faires, he was obsessed with them and believed they existed the teasing delight of his college friends when he went abroad to school. He chose not to follow his dad in the family mafia business, but instead built his fortune by owning twelve night clubs that were all legit. He distanced himself for his dad's shady business until he was asked to fill in and negotiate restitution for a child's death caused by the Russian mafia. With his bodyguards that he trusted with his life, the entered an old warehouse where he heard two men speak in Russian, using his skills, he asked for money and the girl they planned to kill and even though they spoke Russian he understood every word thanks to his Russian college friend. He was shocked when they brought the woman out all bruised and limping, but what amaze him was she was the woman he had been looking for, his own orange/gold hair and big teal eyes.....

Lucy Leroux spins a wonderful story of two totally people that were worlds apart. Maia was twenty-two year old shy virgin that was often taunted about her hair and the more the kids teased the more she withdrew and turned to her books. He friend wanted to go to a nightclub for drinks, but she was uncomfortable and they went for ice cream instead passing by Calen on the way out of the dimly lit club.

Vintage says

Hoo boy. Reading out of order in the series this was not as worthy as our Ruskie or Italian hero.

Calen, reluctant son of the Irish mob, takes a meeting with some Russian bad guys and rescues his dream girl, an elfish little creature.

Calen protects his little fairy from himself and the bad guys. There is some creepiness in that he's sold on the relationship, but even after they consummate it she's still uncertain about her feelings. Unworthy or uncertain, I don't know but it sabotaged the romance. Part of the problem is that the bad guy minions were a fluid bunch, and I never got a handle on them.

QUESTION: One of the secondary characters, Tahlia a lab friend for the heroine, is set up as a potential bad guy and disappears at the end of the book. Does anyone know what the deal is with her character?
