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Jared, a guard on one of the many penal space stations, is good at his job, but painfully naive. Getting convicted for a crime he didn't commit and being sentenced to a life in prison did not feature in his vision of the future. When he gets rescued, then promptly claimed as property by Sar, the most dangerous and biggest man on the penal station, he's just about ready to gracefully faint.

But Sar is apparently a genius with a hidden face and big expectations. Sar wants Jared to learn to fight, he expects Jared to serve his sexual needs, and to socialize with Sar's friends. So while Jared works on his stances and apparently can't get enough of sex, he still has trouble cheerfully conversing with the same men who would rather kill him or claim him for their own.

All of that changes with new arrivals, a kidnapping, and secret agendas. Will Jared survive torture and is Sar bad and mad enough to rescue him, or are they more likely to perish when the clock ticks off and the station blinks out with the sound of an explosion?

### **Penal Station 05 Details**

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## From Reader Review Penal Station 05 for online ebook

### Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

4 Stars

Penal Station 05 gripped me from the opener where Sar described the new arrivals, Jared being one of them, setting up the dark, depressive, oppressive feel of the dystopian/futuristic space station prison.

A bit of a warning for those who love a sweet, fluffy, MM romance, expecting something you've previously read from the prison or science fiction genre: Penal Station 05 is dark, showing baser human reactions and the lengths they had to go in order to survive. But there is a strong romance thread underlying the darkness that develops as the story does. As well as a slight BDSM D/s bent that was hot to read but seems to get forgotten as the story evolves.

Sar was a formidable character, proving that education doesn't happen in the classroom. Not a criminal, but born in the system to a very unfortunate mother, Sar learned every language spoken on the station. He has a highly mature philosophy on life- explaining why his fellow inmates did as they do, stating boredom for the worst of it. There were a few points in his backstory that lent to the notion that perhaps the powers that be were trying their best to take care of him (the influx of new arrivals, as well as delivering him books) Lonely, never knowing kindness since his father's death, Sar has an odd ethical code, but he's ethical nonetheless.

Jared was the perfect counterbalance to Sar. A new arrival being fought over as if he were a food source. Ex-prison guard from another station, Jared is dropped into the forgotten wasteland known as 05. He's compassionate and a sponge for the emotions Sar has never been able to express.

I enjoyed the quick-pacing and the easy flow of the author's writing voice. My only complaint are two misplaced lusty scenes in the end of the longer novella. I experienced a *now? You're going to do this right now?* feeling, and rolled my eyes. It lessened the impact of what was going on around them, in my honest opinion, especially after being tortured.

Other than that minor issue, I truly enjoyed this futuristic story, Sar especially, and I look forward to reading more books in this series.

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### Neko says

NEXT, NEXT!!

OMFG I loved this book so much!! I can hardly wait for the next! SAR! OMG! I LOVE YOU! <3 <3 and of course Jared! kufufu~ So cute. GAWD I want the next so bad! <3

What's gonna happen next!?

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### Jo \* Smut-Dicked \* says

OK just so it is clear this book is amazing. I had no idea what I was in for put it was a Mad Max experience

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all the way. Sar and Jared were completely enthralling to me - the danger they lived in kept me glued to the pages, and the romance was blisteringly hot. D/s tones abound but nothing formal - and it's got a Survivor feel to it strongly. It's harsh and unrepentant but there is a softer side - it's no Flesh Cartel. I REALLY hope we get more set in this world!

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### **Lorraine Lesar says**

This was soooooo out of my normal fluffy zone that I was shocked that I wanted more.....and I do! Anyone know if there is going to be a book 2?

Thank you James Cox for the recommendation, I loved it.

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### **Myriam says**

This Romance with a capital R kind of felt like Beauty and the Beast on a prison space station. The author pays some lip-service to the inherent dub-con nature of the situation but is very quick to have Jared and Sar fall in love. So if you're looking for something dark this is not the story for you.

The characterization is all kinds of fairy tale too. Sar, despite growing up in a prison with the baddest of the bad, naturally still has a core of decency and uses his brute strength and position in the pecking order to protect Jared. Jared, who ended up in prison through no fault of his own, is naturally impressed by all the big muscles his protector flexes and adjusts to his new situation with lightning speed.

If you're ok with that this is can be an entertaining read. I would have given three stars but unfortunately the smut wasn't up to my standards at all and did nothing for me.

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### **James Cox says**

You have to read this book. Fantastic plot, sexy characters and really damn hot!

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### **The TBR Pile \*Book review site\* says**

The author did a great job of creating this fascinating, dark, vicious world of penal station 5. I really like how Sar and Jared got to know each other. It is believable as is the violent state of a prison without guards. Sar's history is sad and yet there is so much hope now that Jared is in his world.

<http://thetbrpile.weebly.com/reviews/...>

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### **Lyn says**

4.5 stars for the HFN ending but round up to 5 stars because Sar and Jared deserve 5+++ stars!

In the words of my friend Barbara, this was a fluffin' wonderful read.

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Sar is the product of a prison birth and has lived all his life in prison. While physically he is a big brute alpha, he's also incredibly book smart. What I found most interesting about Sar was that even though he has a tough matter of fact attitude, there was something innocent about him. Having lived his entire life in a prison environment, means he lacks experience when it comes to relationships.

Jared is an ex prison guard sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. He is saved by Sar, He soon accepts that to be protected by Sar, he has to be branded as his property.

Jared opens a new world of emotions for Sar. Sar isn't used to anyone showing him affection, or worrying and caring about him, or accepting and loving him regardless of his physical scars and rough behavior. In Jared's words, Sar is "a harsh but inexplicably gentle man".

The story isn't just Sar and Jared living in a bubble. There's also plenty of cringe worthy action and angst. This was probably one of the best prison romance books I've read.

I can't thank my bestie, Lorraine, enough for recommending...scratch that...commanding (she's bossy like that...lol) that I read this book.

I desperately want another book, but I'm not feeling confident that there will be a book 2. ?

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## **Tess says**

WHERE'S THE SEQUEL?!????!

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## **Joyfully Jay says**

*A Joyfully Jay review.*

### **3.5 stars**

Imagine living in a perpetual Thunderdome, where instead of escaping after you've killed your opponent, you just step over him and wait for the next enemy to attack. That's going to be pretty compelling reading and it's what you get with Penal Station 05. Now I have to admit, I picked this book to review because the plot sounded absolutely bonkers, like something out of a bad porn movie. And bonkers it is, but the characters were so engaging that I was able to put aside most of the negative and enjoy the book quite a bit.

Sar has never lived outside of Penal Station 05 and, as a result, he is a bit sterile in his interactions and his emotions are somewhat stilted. But that works for this character and most of the time he comes off as absolutely believable. Jared is a bit weaker, but we kind of end up loving him because Sar does. Jared adapts far too readily to life under Sar's thumb for plausibility, but because these two characters bring out the best in one another, you sort of just roll with it. Their relationship can be overly dramatic at times and they feel more relaxed and at ease with one another when they aren't proclaiming their undying love. Yet they are an oddly balanced couple and you want them to succeed, which makes cheering for them easy.

**Read Sue's review in its entirety here.**

## Elena says

I don't know what is it that draws me to prison stories (actually, I know, but explaining would be tedious, of no interest to anyone and beside the point of this review), but give me a romance set in prison and most of the time you'll make me a happy reader. Give me a prison set in space with a pretty decent world building and you'll make me even happier.

I think the world building and plot in this book were pretty good and I enjoyed reading this story, I guess my problem was mostly with some aspects of the writing and pacing.

I liked both characters and the connection between them was obviously there, but the progression felt slightly off and confusing somehow and they were in love with each other well before I could get on board with it. Prison romances are by their nature unrealistic and require a certain degree of suspension of disbelief to be enjoyed; I know that and I'm perfectly okay with it, but in this case I wasn't completely convinced by the timing of Jared becoming comfortable with Sar and the building of their connection and that's partly because some of it happened off page, with time jumps of days or maybe weeks, I'm not sure which because it was never said how much time had passed.

Despite this, it goes to the author's credit that I never doubted Sar and Jared's rightness or devotion for each other, I would've just liked to experience more of their relationship development with them.

The same confusion translated in the sex scenes, more than once I had to go back and reread some parts to understand what they were exactly doing at any given moment and if they'd actually had sex in the end or not. Which was less of a problem, because if the romance isn't working I don't care about how good the sex scenes are and if the romance works I can close an eye on a disappointing sex scene, but it still added to my issues with the writing.

Penal Station 05 ends with a HFN and if I never get to know what happens next I'll still be happy with this open ending, but the last part of the story and the ending made it pretty clear the author intended this to be the first in a series, setting up a perfect premise for at least a second book. Despite its flaws and what might appear a less-than-enthusiastic review, this book was an oddly entertaining read and if the sequel had been available I would've jumped right into it.

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## Theresa says

Just Wow! What a beautiful couple. What a great story. Thanks to James Cox for his recommendation.

I'll overlook the mistake that the man on the cover does not match either Jared or Seb's physical description.

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## ???:Michaelle ♡?? says

4.5 Stars

You know, maybe this just hit all the right buttons for me because I loved everything about it. And I'm hella fucking pissed that there's no sequel because that ending? OMG. I can, of course, imagine it as a HFN but the way it was left is just making me pant for more. I really hope the author is writing a follow-up because

it's perfectly positioned to have one...and if it's written I'm gonna get it!

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## **Lisa The Novel Approach says**

Writers shouldn't be able to make you fall in love with convicted criminals as much as Valentina Heart does in Penal Station 05. Though it's clear Jared and Sar are on the prison station for a reason, you're immediately drawn into their world and you want to cheer for them even though it seems utterly hopeless.

In this future, prison is in space, and the worst of them all is Penal Station 05. After a riot decades ago, it has been locked off from the rest of the society. There are no guards since the riot caused half to flee and the other half to stay behind, doomed. Instead, supply drops and new prisoners are sent down every so often and the inmates regulate themselves. It's a difficult life—if it can even be called that—but those on the station are the worst criminals out there.

At least, that's what it seems.

Sar has been on the station his entire life. He's one of the biggest, and one of the baddest, and not many want to cross paths with him. He conceals his face behind a bandana and keeps to his cell, reading whenever possible.

Jared is new to the prison. He's been convicted of something and given an unfair trial, which lands him on Penal Station 05. He is immediately taken under the wing of Sar, who keeps him safe from the other inmates who would rape, beat, and possibly kill him. Jared has little choice but to go along with whatever Sar plans for him because, while being one man's property is not an option he wants, the alternatives seem far worse. At least Sar seems kind and promises to ensure his safety.

Not all is as it seems with this book, however. There are interesting revelations about the main characters, and so many lovely twists that keep the reader engaged. Despite the odds, I really rooted for Sar and Jared. Their relationship might not be conventional, but they seem to truly care for each other.

That said, there are some major trigger warnings for this book, so if you cannot handle violence—both physical and sexual—then this book is not for you. If you can handle it, I highly recommend it. There is rape that happens in the background, near rape, violence, murder, disfigurement. It's really brutal. But rather than being used gratuitously, I felt Valentina Heart truly depicted life on the station in the best way possible and revealed just what was at stake for Sar and Jared.

I loved the ending and I hope the next book in the series continues to follow Sar and Jared. Will I read it? Absolutely! I want to know what happens to them in their new situation. I can think of several characters who will be recurring, and I can only imagine what difficulties are in store for them now.

Reviewed by Jennifer for The Novel Approach Reviews  
<http://www.thenovelapproachreviews.co...>

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## **Shin Mon Thway says**

I bow down to the wisdom of our Queens Lorraine and Lyn for **literally** commanding and nagging me to death to read this book. ?? Because this was such a unique, different and fantastic book and I really enjoyed

reading it. ?

Sar is a very unique and interesting person. He was born and raised in penal station 05 and has been living there for his whole life. Despite being born in prison and never receiving a proper education, Sar is far from being stupid. In fact, the guy could have become a great scientist or someone genius if he were born in a normal condition. He could speak various languages and always eager to observe, investigate and learn new things. Life in penal station 05 is never changing. New meat (literally food and men ?) every other month and inmates following a hierarchy within the prison since there's no real authority figure there. And everything changed one day when there's a new inmate who claimed to be a former prison guard arrived to the penal station 05.

Jared, a former prison guard, a fresh scapegoat in the grand scheme of politics and economics, and recently get his ass incarcerated in the worst station in the universe, the penal station 05. Just after he was abandoned there, there are inmates everywhere fighting to get a chance at his ass **literally**. ? What can he hope in this situation where everyone there is the most ruthless, notorious and vile creatures of mankind? And there comes a giant whose face is covered with a bandana rescued his ass and carried him back to his cell. What does he need to exchange in order to get the protection of this man who rescued his ass?

**Soon, Jared learned that despite being the top in the food chain and his face mysteriously covered by a bandana, under the stern, crude façade, there's a man who's kind, loving, understanding and starving for human connection. Sar found Jared truly fascinating and beautiful. Despite being born in the world full of privileges, he also soon learnt that Jared is more sheltered and naïve than most people. And boy, how that urged and stimulated Sar's inner alpha to protect and cherish his omega. ? Their love is definitely not insta. It's slow-burning, self-searching and cherished love. ? Their love reminds me of a symbiosis relationship between living things. Beautiful, necessary and heart-melting. ?? But are they going to spend the rest of their lives just being in each other's arms in the prison? Or will there be something interesting and intimidating waiting for them in a not very distant future? ?**

**This book is truly special when it comes to prison romance. I'm really surprised by how well-constructed the world building and the characteristics of MCs. ? Sar's character is the epitome of portraying a victim of the atrocities and the ruthlessness of human beings. Just for the fact that because he was born of a prison guard who was abandoned on the penal station 05 due to a riot, he had to grow up there and spend the rest of his life on the space prison. And to add to his misery, he was disfigured by other inmates when he was young just because they wanted a fresh meat to play.? It broke my heart to read about Sar's life story. ? Jared story is not much better too. Because of a crime he never committed and because he's too convenient of a scapegoat to sacrifice, he was sentenced to life in prison and stripped away from his life, his dreams and his hopes. ? I feel like Jared is the light of Sar's life since he has never seen light in his life. It is truly astonishing to see what human beings will do for love. ? I love how Sar took care of Jared's every needs and how Jared return his love by the abundance of caring, patience and tender love. Especially about 30% at the end of the book kept me on the edge all the time. ♥? It was like watching a blockbuster thriller movie. ? And the romance between Sar and Jared is heavenly to read. So tender, heart-melting and swoon-worthy! ? Loved every second reading it. ? While the story ended with a very likely HEA and a definite HFN, I wouldn't mind reading more of these two lovers' adventures on the new planet. So please write a sequel of this novel, Valentina Heart. ? While you scratched your itch by writing about Sar and Jared, you definitely gave your readers an itch of wanting more of these two lovers. ? I think the ending is perfect for this novel. ? But I still want more. ?**

**Favorite excerpts from the novel: ???**

*“I do not share. No one will touch you, and no one will see you bare without me allowing it. If you give yourself to someone else while carrying my mark, I will kill you,” Sar snarled.*

*“We will dream together, then. I’ll tell you about the moon and the stars, about the taste of strawberries and the feel of rain on your skin, and you can share the stories of others, and we will steal their favorite ones, combining them into our own perfect world where we would be free.” Jared pushed his head into the touch.*

*“What do I smell like?” Sar asked curiously, pressing his fingers in tiny circles against Jared’s spine. “Sweat, a bit like your vest, but mostly like a man.” Jared burrowed deeper, touching the skin beneath the edges of Sar’s bandanna with his lips when he whispered, “You smell mine.”*

*“I’m here because I care for you, and I’m more likely to die protecting you than running away from you.”*

*Jared loved each part of him, wore his mark proudly, and knew that when he died, he would die happy for having experienced something so fulfilling. Sar was more than Jared could have ever asked for.*

*“And I love you, my little rose. My perfect pet, my lover. You are everything, and with each day you become more. You give me purpose,”*

**4.5 genius, loving, symbiotic inmate lovers stars**

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