



# Quintessentially Q

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*"All my life, I battled with the knowledge I was twisted... screwed up to want something so deliciously dark—wrong on so many levels. But then slave fifty-eight entered my world. Hissing, fighting, with a core of iron, she showed me an existence where two wrongs do make a right."*

Tess is Q's completely. Q is Tess's irrevocably. But now, they must learn the boundaries of their unconventional relationship, while Tess seeks vengeance on the men who sold her. Q made a blood-oath to deliver their corpses at Tess's feet, and that's just what he'll do.

He may be a monster, but he's Tess's monster.

*This is a story of eroticism, horror, and sweet tragedy. It contains graphic scenes, but there's always light in the darkness.*

### Quintessentially Q Details

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## From Reader Review Quintessentially Q for online ebook

Rag says

reread:6/13/17

5 Dark stars!

This book was **Dark,Sexy,Dark,Amazing, and keeps you on the edge of your seat.**

Tess is back. Her and Q are back together she's his *esclave* and he's her *maîtriser*.

**"You're my esclave,  
my soul mate,  
Each other we own,  
you're mine forever,  
my bird flew home."**

It's more than that though, they now belong to each other. They are each others equal. She's no longer sold to Q she is a free women. She's only his *esclave* in the bedroom.

**" You have me, I'm your slave while we're in the bedroom, and I want to be used, I crave it."**

Q is scared, frighten that one day his monsters and demons will kill Tess. That he'll go to far with his desires and needs.

Then "something" happened and *hell* broke loss.

**Oh.My.God.** I loved this book. I think I fell more inlove with Q here. I couldn't help it, I loved the thriller, fucked up, the some-what action and every little piece of it. I loved the quotes in the beginning of every chapter. Overall, **I Loved It.**

**You're my monster in the dark, and I'm yours.**

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## Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

### 6 SPELLBINDING ~ TITILLATING ~ SENSUAL STARS!!!

Signs you're reading a phenomenal book:

1. You highlight the shit out of everything. Like on every page. With rainbow colors.
2. You bite off your nails without realizing it.
3. You hang up on your concerned mother who is asking after your welfare.
4. You feel the urge to fangirl all over the author and spam her with your afterthoughts.
5. You go back and re-read some of the EPIC quotes and scenes.

**Never in a billion years would I have imagined the things Pepper reveals in QQ. As a reader whose tastes run along the dark side, I can 200% say that this story will satisfy both fans of ToT and lovers of twisted romances. Unanswered questions in ToT are all answered here.**

The story picks up just days after the ending of ToT. Tess and Q are finally reunited, but not in their most primal sense. Tess yearns for the beastly urges Q desperately tries to hide; Q's afraid his inner self will destroy her.

I absolutely loved reading this book with Q's POV. This is a monster-man who has his shades of grey, not fully possessing a black, soul-less heart, but still a ruthless man who does what he wants, when he wants. He's not afraid to admit to himself that yes, he does have his faults and fears. I saw the struggle. I saw and felt the constant battle between 'take her, destroy her, bleed her' and 'leave her, save her, protect her' warring within him.

For the first 25%, I followed along with the book, read and saw Tess and Q's struggles, but not really knowing where the *story plot* would go. But then I got to the most pivotal and climatic twist, and my body went into full alert mode. My heart began to race. I knew then things were gonna change, Tess knew things were gonna change, and let me tell you, my wicked, kinky self was right there with welcoming arms, just waiting for this moment.

***"His passion, his rage, chased the rest of my panic away. But no matter how touched and honored I was about his vow to protect me, he couldn't stop the residual instinct that something wasn't right."*** - Tess

I'm *not* going to go in full details about what this twist is, what happens as a result, but just know Pepper **blew.my.mind**. You asked for dark? You got it here. You wanted a true mindfuck? You got it here too. Though my heart cracked to see how far these characters have fallen, I couldn't stop myself from feeling

impressed. Impressed that their brokenness rose from the page. I *felt* it happen. I *heard* the exact moment when they snapped. And most of all, impressed that Pepper explicitly and expertly made sure her characters know they hit their rock bottom too. And oh, how deliciously low they have fallen...

Remember earlier when I said I wasn't really sure where the first 25% of the book was going? Well HOLY HELL. The last 25% basically smacked me on the face with an epiphany. I *finally* understood. Pepper has shown me the stark contrast between then and now. Pleasure and pain. Captive and captor. Love and hatred. Tess and Q. She's shown me just *how far* they are willing to go to save each other.

As an author, Pepper has really gained my trust, and is now an auto-buy for me. I love the direction her stories have taken and so I can always count on her to gobsmack and shock me (every dark reader's dream). I cannot wait to see what she has up her sleeve with Last Shadow.

P.S. There's something super sweet in store for you at the very end of QQ :)

P.P.S. Music always enhances my feels towards a book, and so true in this case. Here's a few songs I listened to that multiplied the emotional effect by 10.

Moondust by Jaymes Young  
Endorphins by Sub Focus  
I Wanna Be Yours by Arctic Monkeys  
Fireside by Arctic Monkeys  
Skyscraper by Demi Lovato

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Review of the emotions:

I did a lot of

and holy flying cow those real horrifying scenes?

and the last 25%?! **THE** definition of a dark romance ending! Did plenty of

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## Hulya Kara Yuksel says

OMFG!!! My mind is spinning. For me, reading this book was totally mind blowing. I freaking loved it. Mark my words, this is the best book I ever read. BEST!!! Yeaaaah!!! I absolutely loved that sick bastard and his dark soul too. Q's mind was full of surprises... If you curious about him, if you have a courage to get to know him then you must read it.

**WARNING: Some parts of the book was really, really disturbing and not easy to read it. If you're under age 18, pls think twice and then read it. :)**

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*"You're my obsession, I'm your possession. You own the deepest part of me. You crawled into the darkness, set my monster free. So scream, bleed, call out to me. But never say stop, never flee."*

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***QUOTES from the book. All of them are my favorites. And If you haven't read the book yet, I wouldn't recommend to you read them. ;)***

"Save me, enslave me, you will never cave me. Taunt me, flaunt me, kill whatever haunts me..." Tess

"I wanted to own her past, her present, her future. I wanted to be her first and last and fucking forever. I wanted to wipe everything from her life where I wasn't the center point of her evolution."

"Tie me, tease me, let your pleasure please me. Hurt me, love me, but please don't ever leave me..."

"I thought I would be her nightmare - her terror and darkness. I wanted to be. I needed her more than food or sunlight. Only when she came into my life did I start to live - intoxicated by her taste, screams and joy."

"You're my obsession, I'm your possession. You own the deepest part of me. You crawled into the darkness, set my monster free So scream, bleed, call out to me. But never say stop, never flee."

"You stole my loneliness. I may have given you wings, but you've become my gravity. I'll never be free of your force."

"I wanted to highlight her bruises, mark her skin, so everyone knew she belonged to me. I wanted to brand her, to scar her, to wear her blood as a blatant warning to any man who ever looked in her direction."

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## Maddie says

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*According to me a Prologue or the 1st Chapter of a book is THE reflection - SO it must capture my attention from page 1 I will continue a few more chapters to give the Book a fair chance to change my mind!  
My review!*

“Let yourself feel. Let yourself accept. You’re more human than you want to believe.”

This book was written in a dual POVs, so we get the indulgence in both Q's and Tess heads their thoughts and reason behind their actions.

My reality was something I could no longer endure as I'd dirtied it, torn it to smithereens, and filled my soul with corruption.

### **How I felt**

Although I loved book 1! Book 2 just irritated the living shit out of me, in some parts – my reason for 3 stars – well according to me that strong fighter Tess was gone – and so was my love for her – NOW Q on the other hand stole my heart!

### **Type of Characters and my choices according to pictures :**

Q MERCER is a sadist, and a mean bastard – but Alas I fell in love with this character – well just look at him LOL who WILL NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM :D

Tess annoying as hell!

### **Relationship development**

**Q MERCER →**

Q gives up in order to support Tess and I wished she f\_cking she opened her eyes earlier

(I really got mad at her in this book – must say she was a bit of a pain)

BUT alas get your Kleenex ready. There is a gut wrenching scenes that broke my heart. Q may be dark and damaged, but he has a heart that outshines many others. And once he realized that his feelings for Tess were love, he embraces those feelings.

"I may be a controlling bas\*\*\*\*, but the moment Tess stalked into my life I lost my balls to her."

"Tess was my phenomenon. The once in a lifetime dream that I never thought I'd get."

"Tess had changed. And I feared I'd never get her back."

"I had no effing life before you. You are my life. Without you, I might as well take a shotgun to my head and join you in the dirt because, Tess, if you leave me—if you're so fling weak not to fight, then that is what will happen to me. You'll crucify me."

### **Tess**

Tess is resolute to get Q to sweeping up all his past secrets and sharing his life and riddles with her!

**BUT alas I WANTED TO SHOUT AT HER AND SAY LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND – BUT OH NO – let's just block out the past and puss him past his breaking point TESS!**

Q has asked for time since he is struggling with his shadowy needs and desires to keep Tess innocent. But Tess is annoyed and pushes him too hard causing Q to lose control.

"Let yourself feel. Let yourself accept. You're more human than you want to believe."

### **Chapter Development**

As much as I loved Tess in book 1 I was so damn angry at her attitude and her readiness to give up without a fight shame on you Tess!!!

### **A few paragraphs / quotes → I loved**

"My needs transcended middle-class kink and verged on life threatening. I didn't want fake fear or tears. No. I wanted the whole damn truth. I wanted to possess and obsess and consume. I wanted to be the air that Tess breathed. I wanted to be the water she drank. Keeping her alive all the while wanting to kill her."

"The knowledge she let me bring her to the point of such weakness made my heart swell until it no longer fit in my rib-cage. I didn't think I'd find anything as satisfying as causing pain, but the complete submission and trust was the ultimate aphrodisiac"

And then there is Tess. Who is starting to discover what she likes? What she needs. "I liked pain. I loved the taboo line of pleasure in accepting a whip's kiss or a flogger's smack-subservient entirely to my master's whim."

"You stole my loneliness. I may have given you wings, but you've become my gravity. I'll never be free of your force."

"You returned to me. This isn't a vacation, enclave. You don't get to come and go as you please. You belong to me and I can do what I want to you."

### **Epilogue! →**

The end, when you turn the last page, you are left wanting more..... or maybe - read the book for yourself to find out!

"You'll never be free of me. I'll never be free of you. It's fate who decides, and fate gave us each other."

### **Recommend to the following type of readers: →**

Over 18 etc

### **Why my rating? →**

I liked the book but Tess irritated me just straight thoughts that!

So I am not so sure if I can give higher than a 3 star rating!

Queen - I Want To Break Free

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM8Ss...>

### **Will I read it again? →**

NOPE!

### **My feelings while reading this: →**

Ugh I said it all above

### **To the Author**

The book was well written! No fault with the writing so THIS IS ALL ME NOT YOU type of review!

PW writing was superb and therefore I will most certainly read more of your books OH YES AND HOT AS HELL!

**Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

**4 BRILLIANT STARS!!**

**“Because you’re my monster in the dark, and I’m yours.”**

Wow this book was amazing!!Dark,emotional,crazy,heartbreaking!My heart ached for Tess and Q in this crazy journey!!This book is much better than the first book!!It was completely unpredictable and this is what make me loved it so much!!And also the difference with first book is that finally I connected with the characters!!!

You’d think that Tess and Q would live a happy life after all they have been through but no...their lives kept getting more crazier.In this book the characters struggle to find a place for each other in their lives.Their relationship is tested.

Many parts of this book are dark. So be prepared before you read this book!!

I liked Tess from the beginning!!!She is strong ,fighter and a lover!!In this book her limits will be tested and she has to give a battle!!Q was really interesting as character!!!He isn't perfect and he know it!! Q has a dark side but he cares so much for Tess and he tries a lot!!He changed a lot! He is done fighting his darkness and he isn't putting limits on what he is capable of. I can say that I fell in love with him in this book!!

**"I'm sure to break other parts of you,  
but I don't want the curse of breaking  
your heart."**

Tess and Q are perfect for each other.Their need for each other is so powerful!And believe me when they are together in their room they are so hot!!They are so passionate!!

**"You're worth every fight.  
Every argument and bump in the road.  
I'll fight because I'm falling for you Q."**

Quintessentially Q will make you feel!!  
Be brave and read it now!!!

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**Katy Loves Romance ♥? says**

**6 Dark stars\*\*\*\*\***

Quick review as I'm running behind on my reads atm soooo I loved, I adored this one. I'm very much all in with both Q and Tess this one picks up a notch on the dark. I devoured it sat up at night read in the day read, read, read was hooked and felt every pain with them... OMG pick this series up just be warned you won't want to put it down..

And the writing oh the writing, intense, exquisite, beautiful.. enjoy <3

*AND A SMALL WARNING BUT THERE IS SOME DIFFICULT READING AT PARTS I LOVED IT, BUT I'M JUST WARNING YOU WHEN YOU READ THIS BE AWARE YOU MAY HAVE NO NAILS AT THE END..*

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## Debra says

★★★★★ 5+ stars!

**"You're my monster in the dark, and I'm yours."**

What. A. Roller coaster ride.

This book was dark, gritty, emotional, heartbreaking, amazingly written and I could not put it down!

**Well done, Pepper Winters, well done.**

Full review to come.

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## Brendy says

When I read *Tears of Tess* I can frankly say that it wasn't quite shocking for me...I mean it was one more dark romance novel...a couple that gets to meet each other in the most unwelcomed circumstances and they both find strength in each other...so much they found love. *Nothing new there*

But this one... this book... shows different aspects of their relationship just as the weaknesses and strengths, and fears from each other as individuals...all surrounded by a preposterous scenario.

So **Q?** the great Q Mercer has finally found his Achilles heel...Tess, and he no longer knew what to do about her...how to *behave* around her...how to even exist around her.

He was more than afraid about how to deal with his new feelings.

Putting on doubt every single thing that until that day made him Q

But even though he was doubting them, he still couldn't get rid of his fear and anguish of the new beating of his heart.

While sweet Tess embraced fondly her new self, embracing her feelings... the ones she had toward Q...but at the same time, without an anchor to keep her settled...she couldn't stop herself from... fearing...

Even though she still was trying, trying to get through everything...

And embracing each other completely...That was Tess's gift

But unfortunately, the world wasn't ready to give them the time to make those feelings work out; because suddenly, when they weren't least expecting it...the monsters strike back once again...

Making them face new fears and threats

Now trying to find themselves one more time again.

Making even the impossible and the greatest of sacrifices, pushing their own fears aside in order to be together one more time...

So have you ever wonder what if there's no HEA at the end of a tale?, or if that tale wasn't a beautiful one...but you'd still finding yourself leaning into the book wanting to get into it and hold the hand of the characters... have you ever wonder what is to read a book like that and feel your heart break? Well if that's what you've felt...then ....you should totally hear this advice:

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I'm too stunned like to try to write something beyond this right now.  
Til this day there's only been 2 books that made me cry of an unbearable sadness and made going into murderer mode:

- \* Bang by E.k. Blair
- \* Beast by Jaden Wilkes

But Oh my God!! these chapter made me cry from bloody rage as I haven't done in while and that pure love that Q was capable of offering to her....oh my! who the fuck needs Romeo & Juliet? ...no offense to Shakespeare, but shit!! if a couple can go trough all of that and came back to mend each other wounds, refuse to die and stand once more on their own feet....seriously I think we should rethink that last part of the play where it said that R&J was the MOST tragic love story never told.

*Seriously no offense to Shakespeare, he was the reason I started to read. XD*

This book is now sharing a piece of my hear together with the 2 before mentioned...*so much that I'm considering making me a tattoo about them...*

Ican say no more, seriously or I'll end up rattling a lot of things, just so you know...I went to bed at 4 am and woku up at 8am to keep reading this!

**FULL REVIEW 2 come!**

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**\* Meli Mel \* says**

♥♥♥ 5 'Dark' Stars ♥♥♥



**We broke each other, and the only way to stay whole was to entwine ourselves, gluing the jagged parts, stitching our souls into one.**



Oh, dear. This book was WAY darker than the first one. It gutted me. Completely. I've read some pretty dark stuff, but this one...there was a point where I thought I wouldn't be able to finish it because my emotions were everywhere. But it was so good in a very dark way.



**"You're worth every fight. Every argument and bump in the road. I'll fight because I'm falling for you Q."**



The book begins pretty much where the last one ended. I was eager to get going with this book. I became so addicted to Q and Tess's relationship. I wanted them to find happiness together. Yeah...that totally wasn't what happened in this book. Well, maybe until the VERY end. I was so happy because we got Q's POV this time around, and because of that I was able to really connect with him more than I had in the first.



**You're my obsession, I'm your possession. You own the deepest part of me.**



Here, Tess and are working with making a relationship work. They need to find a balance now that they will be a part of each other's lives. I loved seeing them in love, learning new things about one another. I loved they accepted, supported, and protected each other. It really warmed my heart. Just when everything is going great, something horrible happens. I. Was. Stunned. I wasn't sure that what as happening was real or if it was just a dream, and I really hoped it was the latter. But alas, it was not. This is where the story had a choke hold on me, I mean that quite literally. The stuff that occur in this book had me wanting to keep reading while trying to stay as far away as I possibly could.



**I wanted to possess and obsess and consume. I wanted to be the air that Tess breathed. I wanted to be the water she drank. Keeping her alive all while wanting to kill her.**



This was dark people, I mean, REALLY FREAKING DARK!! I cried my eyes out, I felt such revulsion, hate, desperation, love, and hope. This had my emotions in a whirlwind. There was a moment I thought *I* was going to break. There so many moments that I felt frustrated too. I felt that frustration mostly with Tess. I can understand how she felt and how she thought as a result of all the things that happened to her. But, I really wanted her to snap out of it. I struggled reading this, but like I mentioned before, I just couldn't put it down because I needed to know the outcome. I needed to see my poor Q and Tess to find that happiness I was wanting for them since the start. I really hurt me seeing how Q hurt, but it also hurt me seeing Tess change into a stranger.



**'You're my esclave, my soul mate, each other we own, you're mind forever, my bird flew home...'**



The steam in this book was done very well. It was a dark BDSM but it was still quite sexy because of Q and Tess's chemistry. In fact, almost every scene with Q and Tess had me captivated, no matter how painful it was to read. The writing was just fantastic. The story consumed me. I loved it. It really made me feel every crazy thing going on and as well as the feelings the characters were feeling. It was brilliant. I loved the ending. I was so freaking happy for them to have this little bit of light. I was left reading this book with a big smile on my face. This book would most definitely not be for every one. So, proceed with caution when getting into this story. I can't wait to read the final book to see how their lives pan out after such torturous events.

***\*WARNING\* Contains extreme violence, blood play, and rape.***

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## **Sarah's Book Blog says**

**I can't wait for this! Tears of Tess is such a dark, emotional, hot read, I NEED more!!**

**\*Prologue\***

I thought I would be her nightmare—her terror and darkness. I wanted to be. I needed her more than food or sunlight. Only when she came into my life did I start to live—intoxicated by her taste, screams, and joy.

But our fucked up fairytale didn't exactly have a happy ending.

Tess.

My Tess.

My esclave—so strong and fierce and sexually feral—wasn't strong enough for what happened.

Her cage wasn't me anymore.

It was them.

**\*Chapter One\***

All I could think was—she’s dead. She had to be. All that blood, so bright with a coppery tang, almost sweet.

Her snowy skin was extra frosty, grey-blue eyes closed to me.

Rage and terror strangled as I fell to my knees in the warm puddle of crimson. The whip in my hands was slippery with sweat, and I hurled it away in disgust. I did this. I let myself go and showed my true self. The monster inside ruined the only brightness in my life.

“Tess?” I pulled her into my arms, dragging her cold, lifeless form closer. Blood smeared over us, and her red-welted body oozed with damnation.

“Wake up, esclave,” I growled, hoping an order would force those dove-blue eyes open. No response.

I bent, pressing my cheek against her mouth, waiting endlessly for a small puff of breath, a signal I hadn’t gone too far.

Nothing.

Fear stopped my heart, and all I wanted to do was rewind time. Rewind to a simpler place where I lived with needs and urges, but never let myself believe I could be free. Rewind to the day when Tess arrived, and I promptly sent her back to her silly boyfriend Brax. At least if I did, she would be safe and my life wouldn’t have ended.

At least then, Tess would be alive.

My demons killed her.

I killed her.

I threw my head back and howled.

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“Q. Q!”

Something sharp bit my shoulder and I flinched. Rolling away, I tried to ignore the call. I deserved to stay in this endless hell. The hell I created for killing the one woman who stole my life and showed me an emotion I never dared dream for: love.

My cheek smarted as if someone slapped me, blazing through the darkness with a bite of pain.

Eyes snapped open to a wild-eyed, blonde goddess on top of me. The debilitating terror wouldn’t leave, even though she was alive, and glaring at me with passion I grew to know so well.

“What the hell, Q. That’s the third time this week. You going to tell me what you’re dreaming about to warrant howling like a werewolf?” Tess pinned my shoulders to the mattress and I couldn’t stop muscles from tensing. I liked her on top, but didn’t like her holding me as if she was in control. It wasn’t how I worked.

“None of your business.” I rolled, grabbing her hips to pin her beneath me. I risked a small smile. With her under me, my world righted again. I ran hands over her waist, up her throat, to her lips. Her breath fluttered, coming faster and the rest of my panic receded.

She was still breathing.

I hadn't killed her.

Yet.

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## **Rachel Reads Ravenously says**

### **5 sparrow stars**

*"Fly away, esclave, if that is what you want. I won't stop you."*

^^Me while reading this book.

Well, it's clear that Pepper Winters is a fan of ripping hearts out and stomping all over them. There were so many goddamn feels packed into this book I may need a Xanax.

**Quintessentially Q** takes place four days after Tess has returned to Quincy in France. The two of them are learning to trust each other and navigating their way through a new relationship for them both. I, as sick minded as I am, found it hilarious that Q's biggest fear was literally fucking Tess to death. He had nightmares about it! And here I am giggling to myself, thinking that he's the real life version of Edward Cullen (the only resemblance being that sparkle boy was also afraid of fucking his girl to death). But this is where the funny part ends because Pepper Winters certainly threw me for a loop with this book.

*"You're my obsession, I'm your possession You own the deepest part of me You crawled into the darkness, set my monster free So scream, bleed, call out to me But never say stop, never flee."*

The beginning of the book started off slow with a lot of steam but not a lot of tangible plot. This all changed very quickly with one incident so unreal I actually thought I was reading a nightmare dream sequence... except for the fact that the character never woke up. I cannot say any more, you just have to read it, but I am eating my words when I said in my review of book 1 that it wasn't as dark as I expected. Because Pepper Winters brought on the fucking dark in this book.

*"I'd kill for you, Tess. I have killed for you. Don't undermine me by fearing others. Fear me. Let me rule you!"*

Once the plot got moving I loved every second of the story. Tess for being as strong as she could be, and Q for doing anything in the world for the woman he loved. These two are a couple made for each other and while it made me a bit squeamish at times, while it broke my heart at times, ultimately I loved watching their journey and love for each other unfold.

After reading this book, I needed to go to a happy place. I literally wished I didn't have feelings while reading this book. So I put the kindle down and went and hugged my dogs. That's how dark this book is, you will literally need to go and hold a form of happiness after reading it!! Enjoy :)

## Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

### 6+ Utterly Gut-Wrenching Stars

No real review here. Nothing I can even remotely articulate into words will ever do this book justice.  
**NOTHING**

What I can tell you is that if you liked Tears of Tess, this book completely blows it out of the water! This book will gut you. It will break your heart into a million tortured little pieces, and then weave it together peace by painful peace. This is a book that I will not be forgetting any time soon.

If you're a fan of dark romance...and I mean TRULY dark romance, this is a must read. Amazingly written, Pepper Winters has a true gift. Q will make you fall for him and break your heart all in one breath. The author spares no gory detail, no dark and bloody stone unturned. You will not find any fade to black scenes here. Nope!

Note of advise? Prepare to read this in one sitting. Once you hit the 30% mark you will be unable to set it down. And prepare yourself for the mother of all book hangovers after. One other thing you may want to keep handy while reading?

This book is exactly why Miss Winters is and continues to be on my auto buy list.

Huge HUGE rec for any lovers of dark romance!

*Buddy read with my some of my favorite bitches! Thanks Mirjana and Crystal for holding my hand. Oh and to Allison for popping her sadistic little head in every now and then for moral support LOL! <3*

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## Christy says

### 5 Stars!!!

You're my obsession, I'm your possession. You own the deepest part of me.

If you are in the mood for a deliciously dark book thats passionate, sexy, gripping and emotional, this is the one for you!

Tess is back. She has come back to Q, the man she is falling for. The man she can't see her life without.

Q is so happy, yet very conflicted with Tess's return. He's afraid. She makes him feel different than anyone else. One thing he isn't used to is loss of control. She is the only person that's ever made him lose control. He tries to control the monster in him, but she only seems to bring it out more. I love Q. I get his struggle, and I love him for it, but I loved the moments he brought out the monster even more.

I ache to see your flesh bleed, scream for me, give me what I need, let the rivers run, the monster inside has won...

?What Q fails to see is how much he really means to Tess. How much she loves the way they are, craves him sexually, and most importantly, sees the good in him. ?

"Let yourself feel. Let yourself accept. You're more human than you want to believe."

Things are starting to get there with Q and Tess, they are starting to work out how they fit with one another... Just when you start getting into what is happening, the plot takes a huge turn. The beginning was great, I loved the direction it was going. Then, all of a sudden, BAM! I was shocked! There were some things that happened, well, I can't even talk about them. I was biting my nails, nervous as hell waiting to see how this would turn out. I love twists like that. They make a book for me. Just know your emotions will be ALL OVER THE PLACE. I don't want to spoil any element of the plot from here on out, it's really worth reading for yourself. Just be prepared. It's insane. Q is a mess, Tess is a bigger mess, it's an uphill battle.

One thing was for sure. Tess had changed. And I feared I'd never get her back.

Healing. Coming to terms with you you are and what you are capable of. Both Tess and Q have to do this. Q is strong, destructive, devoted to Tess and there are so many scenes (that probably should have made me cringe) that just made me fall even more in love with him. Tess had incredible strength and courage. Though some would disagree, I think being in that situation would destroy the normal person. She only did what she had to do to protect herself. I loved Q and Tess together. Their relationship is beautiful. Q will stop at nothing to help Tess, to bring her back. Things he never thought possible happen. And he accepts it. All for her.

**Dark. Intense. Sexy. Thrilling.** Those are just a few words best used to describe this incredible book! I thought Tears of Tess was a wonderful debut novel, but I have to say, this was much better for me. It was darker than the first. It made me feel, made me think, and kept me on the edge the entire time I was reading. It was amazing to get both Tess and Q's perspective. I loved the writing, the dark and gritty story line, and the deliciousness and sexiness of Q and Tess together. The internal struggle facing both of the main characters. This is really a great read that captivated me from the start! I highly recommend this series.

"You'll never be free of me. I'll never be free of you. It's fate who decides, and fate gave us each other."

*\*ARC kindly provided by author in exchange for an honest review\**

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## **Eda\*\* # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says**

**\*\* 5+++ ^sparrow^ STARS \*\***

*No words...*

*The Evolution of Eda's Feelings While Reading Quintessentially Q in 25 Steps:*

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Thank you Pepper Winters. Just...*thank you.*

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**Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says**

**5 Darkness-doesn't-cover-it Stars**

*We broke each other, and the only way to stay whole was to entwine ourselves, gluing the jagged parts, stitching our souls into one.*

I was one of the few that I wasn't swept away by the first book...

I am one of the many that I am blown away by this sequel...

**Q** and his *Enslave* are trying to build a life together and test the limits of their relationship. Cautious but ravenous for each other's touch they dabble in all their dark fantasies, free of any guilt. Until...

Unimaginable horror. Tess is once again an unwilling victim. Q will bathe himself in the blood of his enemies to save her but what he retrieves isn't his spirited other half. It's an empty shell, broken, no... SHATTERED, beyond any hope of repair, haunted and scarred forever. Together they will have to fight for their love and delve into the abyss, facing the monsters they hide in their souls for a chance to reclaim what it was stolen from them. A hope for a future.

HOLY FREAKING HELL!!!

I can't believe what I just read....

Erotic, intense, all-consuming, horrifying and unimaginable heartbreaking this story kept me glued to my

Kindle. The sheer amount of terror and emotions I went through left me numb and a little bit broken, like Tess trying to compartmentalize things I never thought I could handle. I had to stop several times and draw some much needed breaths but I kept going, mesmerized and heartsick.

Two individuals perfect to each other, connected by the shadows that sometimes threaten to consume them.

I complained and I nagged after reading the first book. I have to say that I am sorry Pepper Winters. I thought you oversold the first book. But no... You went all in with this sequel and you showed guts! Kudos for a mindblowing story and kudos to anyone who will dare delve into the darkest pits of a human soul and read it...

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## **Jacqueline's Reads says**

### **6 Stars**

#### **Spoiler Free Review**

Pepper Winters has accomplished what a lot of writers fail to do...meaning she wrote a sequel that is not only just as good as the first book, but maybe better. **\*\*GASP\*\***

I loved QQ from start to finish, to the cover, to the characters, EVERYTHING.

**It was the PERFECT READ TO ME.**

The thing with me, I don't read blurbs to sequels, if I like the first book, I just go with the next one, so I will give you water down version of what happens.

**A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENS**

**A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENS TO TESS**

**A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENS TO Q**

**A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENS ALL AROUND**

Vague? I know, but you don't want me to give everything away. So we know from Tears of Tess, that both Tess and Q are working on their relationship, more on Q's side. So this moves forward to book 2. Oh my god, how can I even describe how Winters wrote this.

Let me break it down again.

The first part of the book is pretty steamy and light. Tess and Q are getting to know each other again and I enjoyed this part a lot! I love my kinky scenes and Winters did not disappoint. Then the book shifts! I do not want to say what happens but you are like **“OH MY GOD, DID THAT HAPPENED?!?”**.

It's just plain good. After you get over that shock, you go with it and there comes the power struggle. Oh how I love it. People, I do not like angst or tension, but this... yes **THIS IS THE STUFF I LOVE**. It's like watching a train wreck almost about to happen and you are just glued, **WAITING, STARING** and hating yourself b/c you love every minute of it.

It's yummy good and .... Wait for it... it keeps on getting better.

Throughout this, I would say Tess really finds herself. You see her shift as a character and grow, in my opinion for the better. I loved her even more than before. Now, when you finally go through all of this, the read **SHIFTS AGAIN!**

**And yet again, it's just so good!**

The later stuff in the book isn't an easy read, there are some pushing the boundaries parts, but I wouldn't have it any other way. The one word I would describe QQ is just beautiful. It's a beautiful story, with beautiful characters and I was so glad I could be a part of it. It's an epic love story I dream of reading. The can't-live-without-each-other-kind-of-love story!

So much happens, boundaries are pushed, tears and blood are shed, you will be griping your tablet and will not stop reading until you finish.

If you were a Tears of Tess fan, you will not only be a QQ fan, but a Winters fan for life. She's, as I have said before, is no one trick pony. She's the real deal and talent oozes through her veins. A must read!

*An ARC was provided in exchange for an honest review*

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**~ Becs ~ says**

Oh my **GOD!!**

What an incredible ride - I think this book just about ripped my heart out. I know it's a well worn reviewer's cliché to claim that a 'book owned me' but never was it truer than when i was reading Quintessentially Q. It's heart-breaking.

Let me tell you, if you thought Tears of Tess was darkly compelling and you couldn't put it down.....

## YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!!

This book consumed me - it unleashed a maelstrom of conflicting emotions as we move from super-nova hot D/s sex to absolute and appalling horror to abject despair and a crippling sense of loss and I was powerless to do anything but just go with it and let the whole experience wash over me. I neglected housework, paid work, sleep, everything just to get back to this book to find out what on earth would happen next. It's full of angst and pain and it's one of the best books I've ever read.

Q wasn't just my master in the bedroom. He was the master of my heart.

Finally, he whispered in his deep, accented voice, "You stole my loneliness. I may have given you wings, but you've become my gravity. I'll never be free of your force."

We begin days after the end of Tears of Tess with a scene between Tess and Q that was so freakin hot I'm surprised my Kindle didn't melt. I'm talking super-nova HOT! They may have decided to be together but there's a lot of conflicting emotions here as Q is afraid to unleash the sadist within, scared at just how far the monster inside will go, scared he could actually kill Tess. She, for her part, is in no way a submissive and it is her fight and her incredible strength of will that Q loves but she allows herself to submit to the pain that Q wants to inflict but she still needs to maintain some control and this leads to a conflicted but possibly one of the hottest sex scenes I have ever read.

And, just when I thought that this book would mostly centre on the evolving relationship between Q and Tess and how conflicted and unsure they were about their roles and I think I was lulled into a false sense of security, the story EXPLODED into life. There was one tiny loose end left untied at the end of Tears of Tess that plays a hugely significant part here and I could never have foreseen the direction that this was going to take and I read in fascinated horror.

Tears of Tess was dark and and compelling but just wait until you get your hands on Quintessentially Q – nothing could have prepared me for the absolute horror and the abject despair that was unleashed here. The story turns on a knife-edge and I was immediately glued to my Kindle, totally couldn't put this down. It's just one of those books that consume your every waking thought – you've just got to get back to it. Nothing else matters. I had to know what was going to happen next – it was darkly fascinating and this book had an almost gravitational pull on me.

Tess is strong and a real fighter. It was these qualities, her spark, her refusal to be broken that spoke to Q on such a soul-deep level that he fell hard for her but everyone has their limits and things are about to get a whole heck of a lot worse for Tess than she could have ever imagined. The direction that this story took, what it might take to actually break the feisty and sassy Tess really shocked me – Pepper Winters has a deliciously evil and quite possibly wicked imagination to think these things up. But poor Tess – what she has to endure! My heart broke for her.

"I'm sure to break other parts of you, but I don't want the curse of breaking your heart."

“You can’t break something that is freely given.”

Q – what a gorgeous, delicious and wicked Frenchman and sadist he is. I can just hear that sexy French accent as he calls Tess ‘esclave’ and see that Gallic shrug. Q is a fictional creation par excellence and one that is not easily bettered. I adored him so much – his incredible strength, his integrity, the battle royale he does with the sadistic monster he keeps buried within, his beautiful tattoo. I could easily melt into a submissive puddle at his feet and call him Maître. I, quite simply, adored him and he is such a tortured soul in QQ – he, like Tess, has so much to endure and ultimately what he gives to make things right is mind blowing and shows just how much he loves her. It’s so moving and my heart was in my mouth as I read this scene. He almost pays the ultimate price for her and I was an emotional wreck after reading this one.

Tess kissed me back, whispering into my mouth.

“Because you’re my monster in the dark, and I’m yours.”

So this is a gut-wrenching, agonising, rip your heart right out of your chest, deeply emotional and devastating continuation to Q and Tess’s story and if you enjoyed the first book you are going to LOVE this one. A sequel often doesn’t really do justice to the first book but this one blew it out the water – it’s more than worthy and completely exceeds all expectations. I can’t remember the last time a series like this grabbed hold of my attention and didn’t let go – I’ve been totally spellbound. I’ve fallen hard in love with Q and adored and admired Tess. I actually can’t think of a couple who have had to suffer quite so much in romantic fiction and how far over the brink and into the chasm of despair they actually fell. What an incredible rollercoaster of a ride.

This is dark erotica at it’s finest – absolutely top-notch. It’s a story of eroticism, horror, tragedy and ultimately undying and unwavering love and it blew me away. Pepper Winters is without doubt now one of my most favourite authors and I can’t see what her deliciously wicked mind comes up with next.

5 devastating stars

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## **Khadidja says**

### **5 Beautiful brutally tortured stars**

**“All my life, I battled with the knowledge I was twisted... screwed up to want something so deliciously dark—wrong on so many levels. But then slave fifty-eight entered my world. Hissing, fighting, with a core of iron, she showed me an existence where two wrongs do make a right.”**

i loved this book so much i gotta admit it's so much better than the 1st one , This is a dark/hard/broken/love story and it was really, really good. I could not put it down. I loved the characters, love the sex, loved the maturity of the story, I loved it all, I was sobbing by the end, but I have no regrets

(view spoiler)

**“The moment Tess walked into my life she owned me. I would never be free again. I never wanted to be free again. If Tess thought she'd leave me by killing herself, she'd hate me for eternity when I kept her alive.”**

**“I can't stop you leaving, but I won't stay to see you go.”**

**Q pulled me into his arms. “Already I can feel the darkness coming back to life. Knowing you're mine. That you willingly gave me your pain once again.” He buried his nose in my hair, inhaling deep. “I thought I'd lost that urge. Lost that part of myself.”**

If you're a fan of dark romance stories you must read this book asap!

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**++ ?aisy ♥ ++ says**

How I can start to a review for this book? Their story is perfect! Q <3

You can say my mind is twisted well, of course .... I am in love with Q!

The story picks up from Tears of Tess, the couple adjust themselves and Q is trying to control his need while Tess is wants him to give her what he wants.

What they foresee was his enemies.

**AND EVERYTHING CHANCES**

Q is on a hunt and Tess is broken.... How will they survive this trauma?

There were few moments that I wanted kick Tess myself - but she did kinda redeem herself!

Those final moments were

I really love love Q and definitely gonna find myself in withdrawal stage after Twisted Together!

This journey is beautiful because of my darling mate-KATY! <3 <3  
Thanks sweetie!

IF YOU LOVE DARK TWISTED LOVE - A MUST READ!!!!

AND Q

Happy reading

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### **Aleatha Romig says**

Very dark...I almost didn't finish this...not because it isn't FANTASTIC. I almost didn't finish because I was so invested in Tess and so emotionally wrecked by a turn in the story. Of course, that lasted about twelve hours. I couldn't take it, I HAD to know what happened. And OMG...I'm SO glad I did.

I love the characters that Pepper Winters created. I love the growth and change we see in them as they progress from Tears of Tess into Quintessentially Q. This book is NOT for the faint of heart. But, if you can handle an AMAZING story, FANTASTIC writing, well developed fiction, and the urge to throw your kindle...this book is for you!!!

You must start with Tears of Tess...another 10+ Star read and then on to QQ! I promise, you won't regret it!

BTW...Pepper Winters told me that I'm the queen of dark reads. After reading this, if that WERE true, I believe I've been dethroned! Great job!!!

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