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How do you stop a killer when the victims are asking to die?

After witnessing a brutal event he was never meant to see, Captain Ozzy Stone served four years in prison for a made-up crime he didn't commit. Now released to pick up the broken pieces of his life, the ex-soldier turned convict finds a nasty surprise waiting in his hometown: his former cellmate, Roman Blade.

A disgraced hacker with a complicated past, Blade is working security at a BDSM fantasy club when Stone turns up to ruin his life -- again. His employer hires Stone as a bouncer, and Blade makes it his personal mission to put the soldier through hell until he can take his revenge permanently.

But when a killer targets a mutual acquaintance -- and someone's playing pin-the-blame on the ex-cons -- Stone and Blade are forced to work together to clear their names. They soon stumble onto an organized network of voluntary death by torture that stretches back years, inside a conspiracy that penetrates the top levels of the military.

And time is running out as they race to rescue a woman who doesn't want to be saved.

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## From Reader Review Terminal Consent (Stone and Blade Thrillers, #1) for online ebook

### Paul Franco says

An interesting and original premise to this dark mystery: why would a woman let herself be used over and over, despite pain and humiliation?

The protagonist is a former Special Forces operator who was falsely convicted of a crime and just released from jail. Heading to his old hometown, where he tries to drink himself to death, he gets a job as a bouncer at a sex club, where he surprisingly runs into his former cellmate, an elite hacker who wants revenge for a beating he assumed the main character ordered. Instead they team up to help one of the club's female workers, which leads them to places they could have never imagined.

Despite the setting being an S&M club—which could have led to some hilarious moments—there's hardly anything there, though in fairness there's a few plot points that hinge on it. The plot gets a little convoluted, but never so bad you can't follow along. It's the writing that's the best part, the way the characters are drawn, mostly through their interactions. Everyone develops quite nicely once the erroneous conclusions are corrected. I was hoping for more from the club owner, but it's very possible she'll get further screen time—so to speak—if there's any sequels, which I figure there will be. The legacy of O Henry makes an appearance to resolve the plot, a well-crafted turn that brings everything, especially my question at the beginning, into perfect relief.

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### Jessica says

This is a mystery novel with a gritty feeling. You have ex-cons, an S&M club, and detailed descriptions of violence, abuse, and death. The characters are complex and stay true to character. There are no major plot holes and the grammar is fine.

This story starts out slow, but picks up speed after about a quarter of the way into it. The story is easy to understand. The plot is unique, I have never read anything similar to this.

I enjoyed this story, and the author had me guessing the outcome until the very end. Ozzy Stone is now one of my favorite book boyfriends. He is polite, tough, sure of himself, and wise. There were a couple of times that I had to reread a chapter to make sure I had read it right. I think some of the rereads were wishful thinking. This story toes the line between darkly descriptive and darkly disturbing style.

This is not for everyone. If you enjoy mystery novels and mind a story that delves into riskier topics, you will enjoy this. I look forward to more Stone and Blade thrillers in the future.

I won this in a giveaway.

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### Sarah says

I read this in one sitting, I couldn't sleep so I decided to finish the book!

I have every S.W. Vaughn, and I really enjoy her style and how she portrays love, also like how she does not shy away from gritty and the ugly side of 'love.' I loved her House Phoenix the best, but the Fae series also has a place in my heart!

Terminal Consent did not have quite the same power of these books, but I feel that as this series goes on, it will show it self. It is quite a short book, but it is a complete story, wraps things up but also leaves you knowing there will be more.

I liked the setting, a BDSM club, the description of what goes on there is not really mentioned(as it is not the focus of the plot), but it rather gives vague detail. This book does describe some quite horrible stuff, which some people may find upsetting, but it is not glamorised and so I found it ok.

I loved Blade and Stone, they were different from each other, so it wasn't boring to read about. Stone was my favourite, I cannot wait to hear more about his time in the army, plus he sounds so hot!! Blade was great as well, I really liked how clever he is and the rivalry between him and Tom (or Jerry, cannot remember which now) was quite funny! I am also intrigued by the owner of the club, Kat, I think she will play more of a bigger part in the next books. I want to see how things play out in the romance that could be there! Though, I did find some of her interaction between Stone and her a bit cringey - do people talk like that? But this was easy to ignore, and it didn't stop me enjoying them together!

I shall look forward to reading the next book, when it comes out!

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## **Donna says**

### **Stone and Blade**

Stone and Blade would be the most unlikely guys one would expect to team up and become partners trying to bring an end to some horrific occurrences without getting themselves or their boss's killed. This book sets the stage as to what these gents will face in the sequels.

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## **DeWanda says**

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## **jeannie says**

### **Different**

A very good read that keeps your interest .it is fast paced and doesn't have offensive language every other word.

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## **alice Tileston says**

another fast paced read.  
when I don't get bored in the first few pages, you know it's good!  
going to read more by this author!

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## **George says**

Rather violent story, but does a good job of showing how friendship can develop in the strangest ways.

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