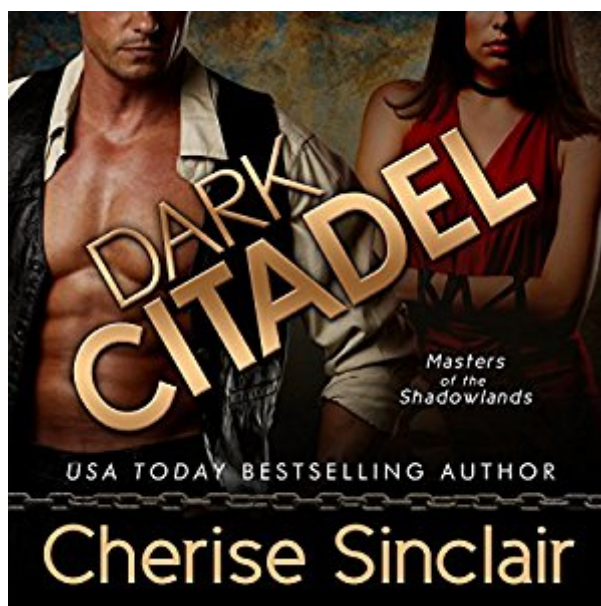


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Dark Citadel: Masters Of The Shadowlands, Book 2



Synopsis

BDSM Erotic Romance After Kari breaks up with her date during Beginner's Night at Club Shadowlands, she's given the option to continue with an experienced dominant. Despite her steamy fantasies about BDSM, the inexperienced schoolteacher plans to simply observe. Yet under the unyielding hands of Master Dan, she not only participates, but gives him everything he asks for. There is nothing she can hide from him. Not her passion - or her love. Still mourning the death of his wife, Master Dan avoids getting involved with women and he never takes a sub twice. But this modest little beginner is such a sweetie, one night is far from enough. As he plumbs her responses, taking her ever deeper into the world of BDSM, the gentle submissive begins to show him how barren his life has become and what a dark citadel he's made of his heart. During their three nights together, the teacher will learn to submit - can she teach the master to love?

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Customer Reviews

First off, I really enjoyed the first book in this series and I was looking forward to Dan's story, mainly because I wanted to find out more about why this guy was so damaged that he wouldn't work with the same sub twice. Plus, I really enjoyed the author's writing style. Kari is a very reserved school teacher with a strong religious background who always follows the rules. However, when her boyfriend, Buck, suggests they try taking beginner's classes at the Shadowlands, she is intrigued. Unfortunately, Buck's true colors come out as soon as they walk through the door, and Kari isn't the type of woman to let herself get walked over. She kicks him to the curb and is ready to leave when Master Z suggests that she stay under the guidance of Master Dan. She agrees, and under Master

Dan's experienced hands, she discovers how good it feels to let her passion free. Honestly, I thought this would be better. If I hadn't read the first, maybe I would have thought more highly of it. As it was, I found the storyline to be repetitive. It was like the author took a carbon copy of her first Shadowlands and reworked it with different characters and situations. The writing was solid, the characters were strong and enjoyable, even Dan, although he was hot and cold to an almost infuriating degree. Kari was nauseatingly patient, though I could see why she wanted him. The problem for me was that she was practically a doormat. She just kept coming back for more, when it would have been just as easy to tell him to eff off. She even kept mild contact with her ex, Butch, because she didn't want to hurt his feelings when, clearly, he was bad news. I am happy with the way that she and Dan ended up in the end, but, really, it was a given, so no surprise there. What I would have liked to see more of was a bigger conflict between Butch, Dan, and Kari. It almost seemed like the plot was thickening around some big to-do, like stalker Butch, or home invasion (you get my drift) scenario, that would have forced Dan to rush in and save the day. Unfortunately, that just didn't happen. It was very anticlimactic for me. In the end, I may continue reading this series to see if it picks up, but at best, I will give it one more chance. I would like to see something different other than just sex, mild turmoil, and connection. Give me something juicy to sink my teeth into!

The second in this series introduces us to Master Dan and Kari, the "newbie" he's been asked to show around. Kari is incredibly independent and selfless while also being very naive, especially for a high school biology teacher. Master Dan is so hot & cold that it's a wonder Kari was interested in him for anything more than educational purposes but their relationship deepens with the help of their friends. What's really wonderful about this story is that the relationship gains its main strength from the quiet times in between the phenomenal sex. The comfort they provide each other is warm and tender and leads the reader to cheer for their HEA.

This is the second book in the Shadowlands Series and it's just as good as the first. Once again Cherise Sinclair has taken her reader into the world of Dom and his sub, with such openness and honesty, that they can't help falling in love with the characters. Dan is a cop and a Master Dom who is still suffering from the death of his wife and sub three years earlier. Now he only has one night stands and trains new subs at the Club. That is about to change when Kari walks through the front doors. Kari is a teacher. She is prim and proper and not quite sure what she has got herself into. She attends the Club out of sheer curiosity with her boyfriend Buck. On her first night there she is paired with Master Dan and the sparks fly. Is Kari able to let go of her conservative upbringing and bring out

a side of herself that is just waiting to emerge? Can Master Dan finally lay to rest the memories of his dead wife and move on with his life? Once again a superb story by Cherise. We also get to catch up with characters from her first novel and meet new ones. Again another 5***** rating

This is about the sixth book I've read in succession from this author and now I feel like I need a break from her. For some reason every main male and female character in her novels sound like the same person. The male is always tall with dark eyes and tanned skin and calloused hands, and the female is always short and slightly overweight and self conscious. It's doing my head in now, as I feel like I've read the same novel a few times over. This was the least favourite of her novels so far. I thought Dan was an a\$\$hole and should've treated Kari with more respect seeing as she was a complete novice straight out of church! He sounded like an amazing Dom in the bedroom, don't get me wrong, but he didn't have to use her the way he did when his head wasn't in the right space. The author always delivers on the sex scenes and I enjoy reading those a lot, and she's a very good writer. But I just wish she'd mix it up a bit more with the characters. Master Z could easily have been Xavier or Jake or Logan or Simon - it was hard to tell the difference between any of them. But in saying that, I'll continue to read her books once I have a break from them as they are always a great read and entertaining.

When sex becomes boring and your dreams haunt you at night with bindings, leather and lace, what's a girl to do? Surely not suffer from eternal sexual boredom, right? Right! Kari finds herself at a Beginner's Night at Club Shadowlands with a date she decides to dump shortly after their arrival. Given the opportunity to stay and explore some, she becomes apprehensive about the prospect. Tired of the same old, same old, she decides to stay under Master Dan's tutelage. If only she'd known that more than her pleasure would be at risk--her heart would lay in the balance too. Dark Citadel is the second in Cherise Sinclair's Master of the Shadowlands series. Impeccably written, the combination of romance, wide range of emotions, the complexity of the characters kept me captivated from beginning to end. Falling deeper in love with each character, watching them play out, their lives evolving is definitely going to keep me reading on to the next installment.

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