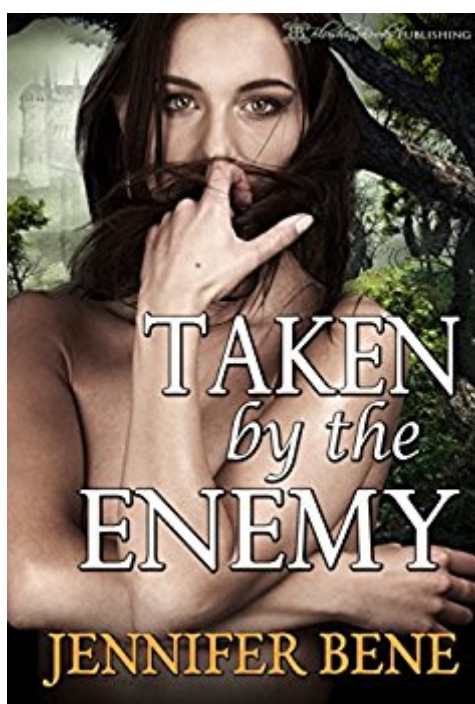


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# Taken By The Enemy



## Synopsis

From bestselling erotica author Jennifer Bene comes another dark tale...Emmie had spent her life pampered, sheltered, and mostly unaware of just how bad things were inside and outside of the city that she called home - but when reality comes knocking, Emmie must choose between staying and suffering, or running and breaking a promise that could break her heart. After fleeing the city in the dead of night, Emmie expected the hazards of the forest, but she never thought she would run into real danger or be brutally taken by one of the raiders who had been banished outside the walls. She never thought she would be tied up and forced to submit to their rules, and she never planned to find herself kneeling before their leader - no matter how gorgeous he was. Lucian had spent most of his adult life figuring out how to protect those banished by the corrupt men inside the city, but when he meets Emmie, he doesn't just want to keep her safe, he wants to claim her - body and soul. But once he does, and she despises him for it, how can he possibly show her what life can be like when she's really and truly free, and how can he show her that a good life might be possible with him? In 'Taken by the Enemy' readers are taken on a dark journey of discovery where the truths that Emmie has held close since she was a child are turned inside out, and she discovers that the enemy she's been raised to fear may just be her salvation. Will she be able to bend to Lucian's demands for obedience, and the harsh ways in which he enforces them, so she can discover a world where real peace is possible? Or will she turn away from the people who can save them all just to protect her heart? Publisher's Note: This book is a dark tale with explicit sexual themes and complete power exchange. If such material offends you, please do not purchase.

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## Customer Reviews

I was drawn into this dark erotic story with a corrupt government system, evil men controlling people, a system that exiled people from the city without a fair trial, leaving them to die. People inside the city were told those that were exiled were no more than wild animals. Emmie is being forced into a marriage to a sadistic man and flees the city to the forest, but dangers lurk with wild animals. Saved from a wild boar and captured by exiled warriors is like jumping from the frying pan into the fire. The plot kept me captivated and the pages turning with the resourcefulness of those in the village that had been rescued after being exiled. There are rules and order in the camp, and everyone is expected to pull their weight. Emmie is in for a rude awakening as she is belligerent, mouthy and has to learn a new way of life. From the village to the city, this story will take the reader on a roller coaster ride that is intense and raw, including rape, dubious consent, coarse language, spankings, anal play, but it offers a dark story that also has loyalty, determinations, survival and love stories too.

This book does contain explicit sexual content and violence and is not for the easily offended. Emmie leaves her sheltered life by escaping into the woods that surround her walled city to avoid a arranged marriage. She quickly finds herself in trouble in the woods only to found by a group of people that have been exiled from the city. People she has been taught her life to fear. Lucian quickly reinforces those fears when his group saves her from a Boar attack and takes her to their remote village. Emmie's pride and stubborn ways soon have her butting heads with nearly everyone, especially Lucian who has decided to make her his own using whatever means he has to in order to get her under control. The book is very well written and although contains explicit sex scenes and violence was a enjoyable read. So much so that I had to read it one day as I was so hooked on what was going to happen next. There are many well developed characters that add to the story. A highly recommended dark erotic book.

This was my first time reading this author and even though it had erotica in it, it wasn't anything heavy. It's a good story of a young woman who becomes involved in a rebellion to overthrow her autocratic, tyrannical fathers' rule. Emeline Daniau escapes from the gated city that has become her prison, only to be captured by exiled people outside the city, living in a forced socialistic state. Where reading and writing is uncommon and community manual labor is mandatory. Exiles come together to form a Village with some semblance of safety and peace. Ms. Bene conveys perfectly how the exiled ones sacrifice for each other, protecting one another unconditionally. I loved Emeline Daniau (Emmie)...loved her strength, wisdom and stubbornness. She's a hurricane! I loved her up until she began excusing Lucien's behavior (the male protagonist)... and his public punishments of her. And even though I understand WHY he must do what he does, I didn't like that Emmie got "turned on" by it. It didn't fit her fiery, spitfire personality. I don't mind erotic stories where spanking takes place...if it's mutual. But when the gal is being publicly punished because she broke a rule...that's a whole 'nother ballgame. Anyway, I liked how Emmie comes to realize how sheltered her life had become before her escape. She learns how complicated people and situations are...or can be. The downside of this story is: What year is it? Is it a futuristic world?? There's no TV or radio, yet color photographs and camera's are mentioned...as well as newspapers. But, hey Ms. Bene...lend us a clue here?

Ms. Bene has done it again! She took me on the most exciting, terrifying and satisfying rollercoaster ride with *Taken by the Enemy*. Just reading the blurb, I knew the book would be full of dark excitement and right out of the gate, I was hooked and I couldn't stop reading until I finished. I lost sleep over this freaking book! This is not a wine and roses romance, so if that is what you are looking for, I'd steer clear. But if you are looking for a well written, emotional rollercoaster full of flawed characters who you are rooting for one minute and ready to kill the next, this is the book for you. The story had a very satisfying ending with the true bad guys getting everything they deserved.

Okay I gave the book a 5 and gave the review a scary name!!! What is going through my head?!? I am a constant read and rarely do I ever have a problem with putting a book down and walking away. With this book I just couldn't walk away. I wanted to know what was going to happen next and if things were going to end up okay. I became extremely invested in the characters within minutes of starting to read. Either way no spoilers, and no dislike from a book that can have me reading through the night when I have to be to work a 7am

This story is set in the future where Emmie the daughter of a rich ruler is escaping her fate of marriage to a sadistic husband. Over the safe city walls she becomes entangled in the machinations of The Exiles from the ruler. Emmie's new fate is to blend in with her new existence, harsh though it is by obedience and submission to the leader Lucian. However, their relationship doesn't go as planned as others see her as an intruder and a negotiating tool to return to the City. This is a fast-paced pager-turner not only about the relationship between Emmie and Lucian but about corruption and the harsh realities of life whether it's privileged or the edge of civilisation.

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