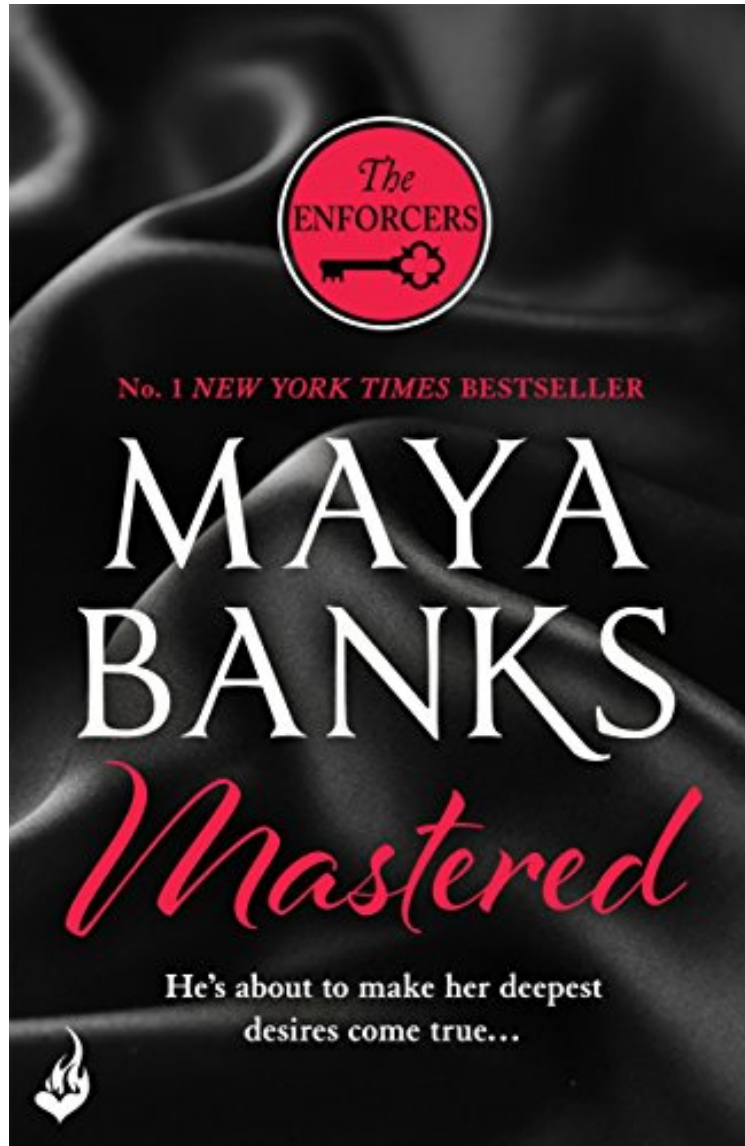


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Von Maya Banks : Mastered: The Enforcers 1 (The Enforcers Series) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mastered: The Enforcers 1 (The Enforcers Series) (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very erotic Cinderella Romance! Great first book! Von Bianca @BJsBB 23-year-old Evangeline is your typical shy, innocent, almost-virgin. Her idiot ex Eddie dumped her cruelly after telling her she totally sucks in bed...and not in a

good way. Her friends/room-mates want her to win back some confidence - to show Eddie what he threw away - so they send her to the in-club in Manhattan IMPULSE --- a club owned by Drake Donovan! Drake. He's your typical dominant, dark, hottie millionaire. He doesn't have time for girlfriends, or love or any other stupid s***. He controls his life 100 percent. In and out of the bedroom. As soon as Evangeline entered his club, his eyes were on her. And once her ex Eddie started making a scene, hurting Evangeline, Drake sent his security team to get rid of him. And to bring this gorgeous girl to him. He's fascinated. She doesn't belong in his world. But he wants to make her his. And even though the night ends very sexy, Evangeline will not just stop her life and be his 'Angel' from now on... or will she?? Can she give up her life, stop working to support her sick parents, and just be this hot guy's plaything? Or does Drake want more than just someone available for sex 24/7??? What will happen to Evangeline Drake? Will there be a HEA? Will there be a horrible Cliffy?? Will everybody survive??? _____ I really enjoyed the story. It was nothing new of course. (And if I remember correctly, Maya wrote kind of the same stories in her Breathless series??) The dominant guy - the poor innocent girl. BUT - those are the stories we love. The Cinderella romances. And even though there were some pretty unbelievable/weird moments in MASTERED for me - I still enjoyed it. I wanted to know if Drake and his Angel would get their HEA at the end... well - the end of the series... we still won't know after this book :/ #Cliffy What's been a problem for me with Maya's books for a few years now.... she just writes too many words. She does horrible redundant repeats. When she lets people talk or think, it can add up to half a page for one thought or argument, that's just too long - it would be ok if it was important stuff they're saying, but most of that is repetition and unnecessary stuff. I don't know why Maya doesn't have an editor who's really good at his job and is willing to cut some of the redundant words??? Please someone DO THAT for the next books. (The last KGI book I read - Hancock's story - I was sooo looking forward to it, but couldn't read it - I only read the conversations so that I knew what was happening - why make a 600 pages book, when you can say the same - and better - in 400 pages??) Also - the way they talk in this book - it felt a bit like they time-traveled from 1800 England. Maya uses very weird and so horribly Webster-ish sentences. I didn't like that at all. I hope you'll know what I mean when you read it. I can't really express what I mean exactly BUT.... to my surprise.... Mastered was a really erotic and moving and funny and adorable book in a series about a very rich, mysterious, dominant millionaire hottie and his innocent Angel. If you love erotic Cinderella Romances - GO AND BUY IT!!!! Now hurry Maya, I need to know what will happen in book #2

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 0 to 180 in two seconds! Von Jean Smith Be forewarned: This one is a two-parter. This is a complete deviation to previous books by Maya Banks but well-warranted considering the scope of Evangeline and Drake's story. Mastered will leave you on the edge of a cliff impatient to bridge the gap and reach the other side where the two find their HEA. That being said there are good and bad elements to this departure from the norm with Ms. Banks. Mastered is presented in third person POV mainly, but not entirely from Evangeline's point of view. The story begins as Evangeline, known to her friends as Vangie is preparing for a night out at a prestigious nightclub. One of her best friends has managed to procure a VIP pass ensuring she'll get in. The whole intent of the evening is to show Evangeline's ex just what he crassly used and passed on basically thumbing her nose at him. From the very get go you learn that Evangeline has absolutely no clue just how beautiful she is, inside and out. Her very ingenu characteristics attract men and make her a challenge to capture even the smallest part of her. At the same time those qualities can cause a spike in spitefulness and jealousy in the women around her and she is totally clueless to it all. It's that very cluelessness that had her blinded to the fact that her ex was only after what he couldn't have and the minute he got it, he dumped her like hot potatoes and squashed her fragile esteem in the process. From the moment she walked into his establishment, Drake Donovan knew she was a disaster waiting to happen. Heads were going to roll for whoever let this innocent pass. He followed her progress to the bar from his observation deck. So, he didn't miss a thing as one of the other patrons accosted her. Immediately, he set his security force in gear and demanded they take the trash out (namely her ex) and deliver her to his office. He didn't miss a thing her bravado or her fear. The die was cast. He would have her. Not for a night, but to have and to hold for as long as he wished to possess her. Mortified, Evangeline is led to the owner's office. She wants nothing but to get away and cause no further problems. When confronted, though, as to why she is even there in the first place, Evangeline is compelled to tell the truth a truth that has Drake seriously pissed and determined to show her that she is very much not a frigid ice princess. Within moments of meeting he has her spread across his desk as he goes down on her. Needless to say, he rocks her world and not just in a sexual manner. He is immediately demanding her obedience. He announces he'll have her picked up the next night. Overwhelmed, she merely nods and leaves. Lest you think I've given away the whole plot, know that this is just their meeting and takes up probably the first couple chapters. What ensues afterward is a bit of defiance, misunderstandings, a lot of self-recriminations, some pretty hot and steamy sex scenes and a bit of BDSM. You come to learn that Evangeline, or as Drake calls her, Angel is selfless, loyal and a total bulldog at defending those she cares about. First and foremost are her parents. She captures the hearts of all of his rough brotherhood and it's clear they'll do almost anything for her right from the start. She's from a small town and moved to NY so that she can make more money to send home to her folks. She's self-sacrificing to the max in her endeavor to support them. Drake, on the other hand, is much more of a mystery. You know he's a millionaire and that the manner in which he became one is very questionable. But, you have no real clue exactly how he made his millions or what exactly all of his business

entails. He views himself as the god of his world. All of his actions reflect that attitude. At the same time, while he claims that he owns Angel and demands her obedience, he very much cossets and cares for her. His manner of showing it though has its set of wrinkles. Loving a very selfless woman who came from nothing has its own set of challenges. She is an enigma. Unlike all the women in his past she has no want or need for all the riches he wishes to shower her with. All she wants is him. The end of *Mastered* leaves you with Drake committing an unthinkable act of cruelty. A very intentional act which he is motivated to do in order to protect not only himself and his empire but Angel herself. Knowing his remorse, though, you can't help but know he'll be moving heaven and earth to get his Angel back. I read a number of the reviews posted for *Mastered*. They run the gamut. There are those that totally love it. There are those that DNF or absolutely hated it. As I said this one is a departure from the typical Banks repertoire. Some of the complaints had to do with the issue of safe, sane and consensual when it comes to the BDSM. The relationship detailed is one of slave and Master rather than submissive and Dominant. There is a subtle distinction. A slave has no safe word. It is expected that the Master will know the limits of the slave and never push them beyond their ability to endure. Also, in BDSM, a true Master may discipline disobedience and they may use painful methods, but they do not harm their slaves, again a subtle difference. Also of note, some of the BDSM and sex scenes presented are hot and steamy but not entirely realistic. One does not typically initiate someone to anal play with no real work up. So, it's a little unrealistic that the hero initiated it the second time they were together and it ended up in such a mind-blowing experience for both. Possible, but not very probable. The same might apply for how rough the oral sex was for someone with absolutely no experience. Another issue a number of people had is in regards to the instant trust. Within twenty-four hours of meeting Drake, you have Angel moving in with him and getting involved in a totally committed BDSM relationship. I'm going to be totally honest here. I've seen it happen. Not everyone has those filters that recognize a predator. Many of Drake's actions are those of a predator. At the same time, his caring negates some of those issues. His high-handedly setting a bodyguard on Angel isn't done so much as a form of control or imprisonment, but rather as a safety measure and to protect. Still even knowing that there is instant chemistry, love or lust at first sight and an overall sense of those you can trust with most people, I can definitely see why some would have an issue with this one. Reality is, sometimes it works and sometimes these people really need to get a clue. Overall, the story works for me. I am able to suspend my belief and get into the meat of the story. I don't expect it to be real. I would have liked a bit more backstory for both characters. I sure hope that the second part, *Dominated* gives us a better clue to their histories. It's obvious that while some of the BDSM is factual it is more what I would call fantasy fodder than reality based. Some of the BDSM terms used interchangeably are in fact totally different things. Specifically, a flogger is an instrument with multiple flails usually made of leather that can be brushed over someone or used for impact. A crop has a flexible length and ends with a single leather slapper at one end. They are typically used when horseback riding. I have seen many authors use the terms interchangeably for the same instrument in a scene. You do not flog with a crop, nor do you crop with a flogger. All of that said, I enjoyed *Mastered* and I am looking forward to its conclusion in *Dominated*. Maya Banks remains one of my favorite authors. Unlike some, I don't expect complete factuality or total believability in the stories I read. I only require them to be believable enough for me to let my imagination soar. They are after all fiction. *****Reviewed for Xtreme-Delusions*****0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ganz gut Von airflow Bei Maya Banks Bchern habe ich persnlich schonmal das Problem, dass ich im Verlauf des Lesens gelangweilt bin, weil mir einfach nicht genug passiert. Ehrlich gesagt war dieses Buch zeitweise auch kurz davor, mich zu langweilen. Nicht so schlimm wie bei anderen Werken der Autorin, aber trotzdem sollte das nicht passieren. Wer auf BDSM und mnliche Dominanz steht, kann dieses Buch getrost kaufen. Es hat allerdings ein offenes Ende; der Folgeteil erscheint Anfang Mai. Die Beziehung zwischen den Protagonisten wrde ich als "Vollzeit BDSM" bezeichnen, das heit die weibliche Hauptperson hat eigentlich keine andere Beschftigung als ihren Mann zufriedenzustellen. Wer's mag. Mein Fall ist das nicht so ganz, vielleicht fand ich das Buch auch deswegen nicht berragend.

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emotionally seductive Surrender trilogy: Letting Go, Giving In, Taking It All. Pressestimmen Praise for the novels of Maya Banks If you haven't read this series yet, you totally should! Incredibly awesome! I love Maya Banks and I love her books. Jaci Burton, New York Times bestselling author A must-read for Christine Feehan and Lora Leigh fans. Fresh Fiction Maya Banks really dragged me through the gamut of emotions. From Is it hot in here? to Oh my GOD! I'm ready for the next ride now! USA Today [A] one-two punch of entertainment that will leave readers eager for the next book. Publishers Weekly For those who like it naughty, dirty, and do-me-on-the-desk HAWT! Examiner.com Kurzbeschreibung For fans of E. L. James, Sylvia Day, J. Kenner and Meredith Wild. Mastered is the first in a sizzling hot erotic romance series, The Enforcers: these men don't play by the rules - they make them. She stood out in his club like a gem, unspoiled and untouched - she clearly didn't belong. Drawn to her innocence he watched as she was surrounded by men who saw what he did - but no one but him could touch her. He summoned her to his private quarters. He sensed her fear. He also recognised the desire in her eyes. And he knew she wouldn't leave before he possessed her. She had no need to know his secrets. Not until he had her under his complete and utter control. The moment he told her what he wanted, she couldn't resist. Instinct told her to run, but her heart said stay and walk the fine line between pleasure and pain. Though she wasn't sure she could ever completely surrender, the primal part of her wanted to try, even knowing this man could break her in ways she never imagined. Because once he possessed her, he owned her and it would be too late to turn back. She can only pray that he doesn't destroy her in the end. For more exciting and steamy romance, read the whole series: Mastered, Dominated, Kept. And don't miss Maya Banks's emotionally seductive Surrender trilogy: Letting Go, Giving In, Taking It All.