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Yanni's Story (The Spencer Cohen Series Book 4)



Synopsis

When Yanni Tomaras is kicked out of his family home, his parents' final words are religious insults and an order to never return. Homeless and desperate, he's lured in by Lance – charming on the outside, an evil predator underneath – who abuses Yanni until he finds the courage to leave. Yanni should feel free. But by the time Spencer Cohen finds him, he's resigned to being handed back to Lance and once again being caged by fear. Starting school and a part-time job, Yanni begins to reclaim his life. But a love for silent films leads him to Peter Hannikov, a man with a kind heart but who's twice his age. An unlikely friendship between them blooms into so much more. Neither man knows what he wants, at first. Finding out exactly what he needs is Yanni's story. "I'd spent years as a bird, caged with my wings clipped, tormented and beaten. I thought I'd escaped when I'd left my abuser, but in hindsight, I could see that I was still caged, this time by fear and self-doubt. Spencer and Andrew, and Andrew's parents, opened the door to the cage that confined me. But it was Peter who taught me how to fly."

120,000 words. Trigger Warning: Descriptions of violence, suicide, and sexual assault. Reader discretion advised.

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Customer Reviews

I f'love the Spencer Cohen series. This book is a 'spin-off' of Spencer's story with Yanni and Peter as the MCs. Yanni's story takes place during the SC timeline. We get an in-depth look at how Yanni overcame what his ex did to him with the help of Peter, Andrew's parents, and the Acacia Foundation. ****WARNING**** This is a slow paced story about how one man put his life back together with the help of a new friend and then fell in love with that friend *******POV... first person (Yanni)** Standalone or series ... book 4 in a series but can be read as standalone Did it give me a hangover... slight Would I recommend it... yes Would I read it again... yes

Yanni's Story is one of the strongest examples of N.R. Walker's work. In fact, I found myself wishing that she wrote more books with the depth this book provided. I thought the story was beautifully crafted. I didn't find the pace slow because I found the story so engrossing. There is no doubt that there are some distressing passages in the book but those are the moments that help you feel all the emotions in this book. While this book can be read as a stand-alone, reading the other three books will increase your enjoyment. I can't wait to see what Ms. Walker has for us next.

"The power of love is a curious thing; makes one man weep, makes another man sing--" Sometimes the same man. This was a beautiful story, just the story Yanni deserved. I didn't want it to end, I must admit; I was being selfish. When I read the first three books, I was wondering where Yanni and Peter would go, and I'm so glad it went this way. Beautiful, in depth crafting of characters, seamless joining with the other books, everything just came together. Thank you, Ms. Walker. You're all there :)

All I can say is WOW! I absolutely LOVED this book. This is a beautiful story of healing and finding yourself again. It's hard to read at times because Yanni is so broken in the beginning. You wonder how will he ever make it thru. His internal dialog of his struggles and how frustrated he'd get with himself and his progress seem so spot on. He wants to be better right away but as in real life there is no fast and easy fix. It breaks your heart. Peter is so perfect for Yanni! He has his own struggles just getting out of a relationship and he's also coming to terms with what he desires in a relationship may not be attainable. The patience, kindness, companionship and love (even before it was "love") he showed Yanni was perfect and just what Yanni needed to help heal. You add in the Landons and a few other supporting characters and you have one of the best stories I've ever read. ******MINOR SPOILERS****** (Ms Walker posted these "warnings" on her FB page so I figured they're ok to talk

about even though they aren't mentioned in the books description) I was gifted an advanced copy from a FB contest and am so glad that I was as I might not have purchased on my own. Let me explain... First, this is a slow burn story. Not usually my favorite but it was necessary for these characters to make their story believable and could not have been done better. Second, there is a daddy kink. This usually turns me off since, in my few experiences, it treads too far into bad/cheesy porn for my liking. In this book it was a pleasant surprise. Not overdone and done tastefully while being extremely hot! Lastly, the price point. I'm on a budget and read A LOT, so \$6 for a book is a bit high for me. That, combined with the other items I mentioned, most likely would have had me passing on this book. Do NOT make that mistake! If you are on the fence for any of these reasons, have no fear! You will not be disappointed purchasing this book, it is worth every penny. One final thing. This can be read as a standalone. I did not read the previous books in the series and didn't feel lost or like I was missing something. However, since I loved this book so much, I will be going back and reading those ASAP!

A Scattered Thoughts and Rogue Words Review (A Kai Review) Rating: 4 stars out of 5 When Yanni Tomaras is kicked out of his family home, his parents' final words are religious insults and an order to never return. Homeless and desperate, he's lured in by Lance, charming on the outside, an evil predator underneath, who abuses him until he finds the courage to leave. After years of being trapped, Yanni should feel free, but by the time Spencer Cohen finds him, he's resigned to being handed back to Lance, and once again being caged by fear. Starting school and a part-time job, Yanni starts to reclaim his life. But a love for silent films leads him to Peter Hannikov, a man twice his age with a kind heart, and an unlikely friendship between them blooms into so much more. Neither man knows what he wants, at first. Finding out exactly what he needs is Yanni's story. I liked this story. Although it wasn't as awesome as the previous books, it was a nice addition to the series. It is standalone, but I think it will be more enjoyable if it read in order. I loved Yanni and Peter. Yanni was so terrified at the beginning and the book was mainly about his recovery and psychology heal after a super abusive relationship. Peter helped him in that process and was there for him. First as a friend and then- after much patience and time- as a lover. I loved Peter for how much he was willing to wait for Yanni. I was truly cheering for them. They have an age gap but Peter was 43 and Yanni was 21 but even with that (maybe, because of) they were connected. I didn't feel as the age difference was a big deal in their story. For them, the age didn't matter. Their connection just felt natural. And we have a daddy kink here,

guys. That was really interesting and hot. Yeah yeah. I liked the plot in general, but I missed a big conflict or something like that. The story had some little challenges, that was quickly resolved, so we can see Yanni's evolution along the novel. But didn't have a big conflict. Everything was smooth. Maybe a little too much. And so you know: I don't like much angst or many dramas. So saying I missed a conflict means that really there wasn't any. The story was quite slow paced. I mean, really slow paced. One could say it would be better if it was a little faster, but I understood where it came from. I mean, after everything Yanni went through, he needed time to heal. And I really liked this the process wasn't rushed. I loved the supporting characters and their journey. Jordan was my Yanni's roommate favorite. I was so touched by her story and loved her interaction with Yanni. I also felt in love with the Landons. They were so great. Spencer and Andrew appeared a little bit as well. I was missing them, so it was awesome to revisit the couple. Even if a briefly. In resume, I really liked this book. N.R. Walker sure did a great job in writing here. :) The cover art by Sara York is so amazing and match with the other covers in the series. I love it.

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