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Shocked by an act of bravery, and intrigued by a stranger's good looks and demanding demeanor, Emily Stewart agrees to let a man walk her to her car. She had no idea at the time that this was exactly what Jackson Shephard had hoped for.

Jackson "Big Jack" Shephard rides with the Hell's Fury MC. He's big, not afraid of any man, and goes to great lengths to provide protection to his club brothers and those he loves. He lives by a code most men couldn't begin to understand. He's faithful in life and love, and he never breaks a promise.

Emily "Em" Stewart knows Jack is inherently different in all regards. Em has never had a man provide her with enough excitement, praise, or variety to keep her attention for long.

As a result, she's never had a relationship. Until that night when a muscular tattooed biker steps in to her life and 'takes care of' the abuser.

Jack can only be with one type of woman; the type who lets him call the shots in the bedroom. Emily agrees to an exclusive relationship, because her heart and being know no other way and because Jack isn't one to cheat, lie, or do anything but love completely and love **HARD**.

There's one **BIG** problem. An undercover ATF agent.

Will this shatter what they've built, will the walls crumble, and will Jack go to prison?

If he does will their bond survive?

**EX-CON** is a stand-alone, no cheating, no sex outside the relationship, **HEA** story of love, loss, second chances, and living life outside of the boundaries most citizens live in. **EX-CON** depicts life of in Outlaw Motorcycle Club and life in prison with accuracy. It is Book V in the **Selected Sinners** series of **MC Erotic Romance** novels, and is able to be enjoyed fully as a stand-alone. This series of MC Romance novels has no club whores, no cheating, and no typical MC Romance drama. To experience the series in full, **Making the Cut, Taking the Heat, Otis, Hung, and EX-CON** may, however, all be read (in that order).

## **Ex-Con Details**

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### Mercedes says

Ex-con was my first full length novel by Scott Hildreth and unfortunately, this one fell a little short for me. The heroine didn't mesh with me and considering this is a romance, I usually make an effort to like both halves of the couple. Considering they have an extended separation, I was surprised by how abruptly the story ended. There wasn't any time to appreciate or savor their reunion before the book ended.

Em was kind of a meek heroine. She didn't have a lot of action in the book. She seemed like more of a fixture in the story. She was there for Jackson and she was perfectly molded to the type of woman he wanted, the couple had virtually no conflict. She didn't really want anything in life except to keep Jackson. She's a woman who's entire existence was centered around a man. I prefer my heroines to have more fire, and to be more individualistic.

*Each new day in my life was always better than the one which preceded it. Always.*

This was definitely more Jackson's story. His life was centered around his devotion to his MC and the few old ladies he's had. He'll do anything for his brothers which is just another example of how fiercely he loves. Unfortunately Jackson winds up being the most devoted brother and his MC leaves him in the lurch when he needs them most. Jackson gets a sore deal, he's singled out and becomes a victim of an imperfect justice system. Jackson goes through a lot that he shouldn't have had to endure however he's not totally blameless. I was a bit disappointed in his sense of self-preservation, he seemed wholly unconcerned with his own well-being.

*Fear the act of no man...For the fury of hell is yours.*

So many people loved this story and I was a bit bummed not to be joining the slew of ridiculously positive reviews. I'm sure this won't put an end to me exploring more titles from Mr. Hildreth however I may try a different series next.

**\*\*I read this as part of my Kindle Unlimited Subscription\*\***

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### Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

I wanted to like this more than I did. :( I just couldn't connect with either character, the BDSM seemed a bit forced, I didn't like the long separation, and it ended really abruptly in my opinion.

I've heard a lot of great things about this author though, so I'm sure I'll give him another go, maybe it was just this one that wasn't my cup of tea!

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## **Tina says**

I finished this book at 3:30am, I couldn't put it down. It's now 8am and I have thought about it since I finished. I tried to sleep but my sleep never came. I thought about this review, how can I do this book justice? How can I write my words so people will understand how much I loved this book? How important I think it is for people to read this and every book of Scott Hildreth's they can get their hands on? Then I realized, I won't. No review can ever ever ever do this or any other book by SH justice...I don't care how good it is.

So let me tell you what I got from this book, because with every SH book I ALWAYS get a message!

This book has taught me this: Never Give Up, Fight For What You Believe In.

This book is Jack's book, his story. We met him in the previous Selected Sinners books. I wanted Jack to have his own book so badly. I knew there was more to him. He intrigued me. I wanted to know where he came from and who he is. Jack is a very deep man, a thoughtful man, a man who takes care of his own. He's a man that if he loves you, he loves you with all that he is. He's a respectful man. A faithful man. What Jack isn't is a slut. I loved this about Jack. He is unlike your typical biker. He doesn't sleep around. If he finds you and you are right for him, he keeps you, loves you, takes care of you. This is exactly what he did with Emily. Emily is funny, fun loving and submissive. Even though Emily never knew she was a submissive, Jack made her see what she was missing in the world. He filled her life with more than just sex, he filled her life completely. Emily was the right girl for Jack. Jack doesn't just have sex with any biker slut. Sex to Jack is more, it's meaningful. But not everyone likes Jack's kind of sex. Not everyone is willing. Not everyone can handle Jack's dominant way. But one touch from Jack and Emily was lost to him.

But with every great love comes trials and tribulations. This is where I learned my lesson. Fight for what you believe in. Jack as we know from the previous books in this series was wrongly accused of a crime. He ends up being sentenced to life in prison. Being the unselfish man that Jack is, he tells Emily to move on with her life and not wait for him because there is nothing to wait for. Emily struggles with this because to her, Jack is her other 1/2.

This book is old school Scott Hildreth. It's got sex, but it's so much more than that....it's got meaning! This writing style is why I fell in love with this author's writing to begin with all those many books ago! I wanted this and wished for this during the last few books. I waited, because I knew he would come back...and I knew it would be worth the wait! Let me tell you, THIS is the best Hildreth book I have ever read. Now that is really saying something because this author has had MANY brilliant books in the past...but this one...it's....different. Anyone that is a fan of Scott Hildreth's will see the difference right away. He claimed this to be his best work yet and let me just say, that man speaks the truth. I can tell that his heart and soul was poured into this book while he was writing it. To say this book is spectacular is an understatement. The last chapter meant the world to me. This author will never know what this book means to me. The Devil Looks After His Own!

Thank you Mr. Hildreth for sharing Jack with me and all of the other readers that love what you do for us, what you give us every time you put your heart into a book. I appreciate you, your amazing mind and your thoughtful soul. No pressure, but I can't wait to see what's next!!!

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## **Debbie says**

I can always count on Scott Hildreth delivering a story that I love from the minute I start reading until the very end and the very last word. Ex-Con was no different and I was immediately swept into the Selected Sinner's MC world and able to escape and watch Big Jack and Emily fall in love.

We read in the previous book Hung about Jack being sentenced to life in prison for a beefed up charge by a dirty ATF guy. In Ex-Con, we experience Jack's life prior to his time in jail and are shown what a fun, loving, protective and honest man he is. Watching he and Em fall in love was so sweet and their love for each other was powerful. The scenes we see during Jack's time in jail reiterate the fact that he is a great guy, although he isn't a man to sit back and be pushed around.

This was a story about love that is soul deep and never dies. It's about making a family out of the people around you whether they are blood related or not. It's full of fun characters that will have you laughing yet you know they will die for each and every person they love.

I cannot wait to see what's up next in this series. As always, great job and wonderful story! Thanks for the bonus of a little Ripp, Shane and A-Train thrown in too. Love the Un-series boys as well.

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### **Scott Hildreth says**

EX-CON was an absolute fucking pleasure. Hildreth's books typically have a female lead with "issues", or some type of problem in their life which prevent them from being perceived or depicted in the book as being 'typical'.

EX-CON was an exception. The hero as well as the heroine were 'normal' - well, as normal as a Dominant biker his love interest could be.

What a fast-paced refreshing look at life, love, and second chances.

A true must read book for anyone who likes erotic tales of love, this book delivers.

Jack "Big Jack" Shephard meets Emily "Em" Stewart in a bar one night, only to beat the absolute shit out of a stranger who is groping her against her will. She immediately feels 'something' for him (partially because of him saving her, and maybe a little more because she finds his squeezing her throat in a demonstration intriguing). He goes on to explain a few things: although he may look (and be) tough, a biker, and a dominant alpha, he doesn't fuck around sexually and he's quite a gentleman. He is single, cherishes the life he's lived in the past with women, and plans on one day proceeding to do the same, but he's in recovery from two deceased girlfriends he's had in the last 6 years. And he doesn't proceed with anyone who isn't able to completely 'let go' of all control in the bedroom.

So begins the attempt at relationship between them.

And it is heartwarming.

Holy fucking crap is it ever.

And, as the title suggests, there's more.

An undercover ATF agent infiltrates Jack's MC, and things go awry.

First impressions, second chances, love, true love, and everything in between.

It is covered here, it is covered well, and in the end the best HEA I think I have read in a decade.

The angst in between is edge of your seat stuff, and it never lets up. A fast-paced book of emotion, EX-CON is truly a must read book.

If there were ever a book that should have a "Must read" label, this is it.

Fiery hot, panty melting love scenes, the best relationship I've ever 'read', and finally, a Hero and heroine who are absolutely stunning together.

Toss your panties. Grab a seat, and prepare for one of this years best, and certainly Mr. Hildreth's best work ever.

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### **Elena Cruz (Jazzy World of E's Bookshelf) says**

When you think a MC romance story, you automatically think of it as being raw, gritty, living on the edge of danger as an outlaw, women and sex. What you don't think about is one of the best not only romance but love stories you'll read this year. Scott Hildreth's EX-CON delivers an exceptional story that breaks the mold, and will stay with you for a long time. EX-CON is the story of Jackson Shepard. A man who lives by his own set of rules and his word is worth more than gold. He is one of the most respectful, sincere and genuine characters you'll read. The more you read about Jack, the more you see he has the qualities that essentially makes him the ideal man. He just happens to be in an MC outlaw covered in tattoos.

As the story opens up, it isn't Jackson who we meet first, it's actually Emily Stewart, who I have to say that I absolutely loved as a character. She's a 21 year old out for a good time, but when a guy at the bar she's at won't take the hint and leave her alone, Jackson steps in. While you think this may be the typical rescuing the damsel in distress story, it is not. Jackson is being the standup man you'll continue to see in the story. Emily, knows how to take care of herself and isn't afraid to speak up. She's a strong woman. What you'll see is that Jackson gives Emily a feeling she never truly felt till she was in his presence.

There is definitely a magnetic pull that Emily and Jackson have. The respect Jackson shows Emily in those opening scenes is not something she sees from men and is more than intrigued by him. This is the thing you find out about Jackson throughout the story, he's not typical in how he approaches life. When she finds out he's a dominant she wants to know more and see if she has what it takes to be with Jackson. The relationship is truly one of my favorites of the year. The anticipation in the way it develops has you on the edge of your seat like Emily and has you falling in love too. On top of that it is incredibly sexy. If there were ever two characters who fit perfectly like two puzzle pieces, it is Jackson and Emily.

EX-CON is a book that is different from anything out there in the genre. It has it's fair share of twists and turns. While you may know the outcome of some parts from reading previous books in the series, Jackson's story has so much to it, it shouldn't be missed. The stoic character you get a few glimpses of in the other

books, shines brightly in his own. Believe me, it's some story . What makes it an absolute standout has to do with the wonderfully written characters Jackson and Emily. You will feel everything these characters do. It is also the love, devotion, heartbreak, hope, second chances, and loyalty that Scott Hildreth perfectly writes about in EX-CON. It's all that combined that has no doubt made this the best book of the series but also on my list for one of the Best Books of 2015.

Don't miss out on this fantastic story that will leave wanting just one more page, because you won't be able to get enough of Jackson and Emily.

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## Kat Chadwick says

### \*\*\*\*\*BOOK HANGOVER\*\*\*\*\*

Major Book Hangover with this Selected Sinners MC book. And my favorite of the series. Of all of the books of this series, this one tugged at my emotions the most. A. Major. Emotional. Roller Coaster.

We know no one is perfect, but Jack is close to being perfect and Emily is the perfect woman for him. To go through their relationship with them, then see their life come crumbling down around them and they couldn't do a thing about it, and how both, Jack and Emily, had to deal with it until Sydney and friends stepped in to help, just about broke my heart.

Scott Hildreth ALWAYS, and I do mean ALWAYS, strives to one-up himself with each book. And I didn't know if he could after *HUNG*. But, I will never doubt him again, because with this one, he surpassed himself, yet, AGAIN. And that is saying, A LOT. Because he has MANY AMAZING books already published.

He didn't forget to give us his life lessons:

*Show Respect, Get Respect, Motherfucker!*

And I loved that we still had the humor aspect with Ripp visiting the brothers of the MC:

*Can you fuckin' imagine if they let 'em fight in baseball? Motherfuckin' first base coach kickin' the shit outta the umpire for a bad call..."*

And Scott can always bring the HEAT:

*I'm going to fuck your sexy little ass ragged at Chili's party later. When we're done it'll be the best day ever.*

Scott ALWAYS, gives ALL, and he didn't disappoint in this book. He gave all...and them some.

Now I just need to go recover from a major hangover. I think I'm needing hair-of-the-dog. More Hildreth? :)

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## Jen Campbell says

Strangely enough I need to start this review with an apology, I made an unfair assessment of this book simply by the statement the cover made. Mr. Hildreth, I apologize for judging this book by its cover. I felt that the cover was not the Jack Shepard that I encountered in the previous books written by you. As always when it comes to your writing, you know exactly what you are doing; the cover is explained in the most meaningful way.

Ok, now to some of my thoughts on this book...

I finished this book yesterday afternoon, and I still truly do not know what to say, but I will start off with the fact that everything in my world happens for a reason and it never really has anything to do with me. Ex-con by Scott Hildreth and what I walked away with from this book is one more example of that, which fills me with gratitude.

Ex-Con starts with an amazing dedication that truly warmed the heart of this reader, for second chances or turning points as I like to call them, are what I have been blessed with more than I deserve and will never be able to repay.

When it comes to books that I read, I have always had the ability to take what I wanted and to leave the rest. For this book, I can honestly say that there was no 'leave the rest'. I loved everything about this story and if I had one complaint it was that I did not want it to be over...

I was honestly panicking as the percent I have read number was going up.... I may have cursed the author a couple times proclaiming that he better not make this a cliffhanger. He did not and you will be amazed by the ending as much as I was.

I do not really have all time favorites, for I am constantly changing my mind and encountering new situations that I love but for today Jackson Shepard is my favorite Hildreth character. He would be someone I would want to be friends with, he is someone I would want to hang out at a coffee shop shooting the shit with, even watch a Hockey game with. In short I admired him. There so many places in this story that I wanted to \*fist bump\* Jackson because I shared his outlook on how he chose to live his life. He was a survivor that walked through what was put in front of him and did it with honor and humility. The below quote stopped me cold, and I connect to the human side of Jackson.

An object of Jackson's humility was the beautiful Emily Stewart. She was a perfect compliment to Jackson. LOL- to quote another awesome Hildreth character, Em was the ying to Jack's yang. (thanks for the line Kenton) The below picture bonded me to this character,

I respected everything I read about Em, she handled each hardship that was placed in front of her, with beauty and grace. She had a spirit that was full of faith and a character that never gave up.

To sum up, Ex-Con, this book is why I am a fan of Scott Hildreth. I gravitate to things in my life that help me grow, that teach me something through a new set of eyes and this book was, for me, that in a nutshell. I have no idea if anything I walked away with was the author's intent and frankly it does not matter, because as I have said before reading is a very personal thing and no two people read the same book. This book was wonderful beginning to end, I would recommend it to anyone, and do not make the mistake I did.... You can never judge a book by its cover. Thank you & Well Done Mr. Hildreth. That is it, that is all I got....

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## **Jabberwocky says**

[No (hide spoiler)]

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## **Shadi \*\*\*save your ratings use disclaimers\*\* says**

[Standalone (hide spoiler)]

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## **CC says**

3 stars - listened on audible (free from KU)

Soooo much better than the last couple of books. But....not much of a romance. At least to me.

There was so much repeated when we got to present day and I was so disappointed in the ending. This was all history, and I wanted today. And I got NONE of that! I would argue this is not even a HFN. Just a hope for one.

The backstory was good. But I felt little emotional connection. They were so imbalanced. It took her so long to get comfortable and not fear his rejection. I did not enjoy their sex life. But I enjoyed the other aspects of their relationship.

I also could not forget him talking about needing to fuck someone (anyone) after he got out of prison in Otis' book. It did not fit at all with what was in this book. But he said it and I remember it clearly.

His prison time was interesting for me to read and some of the best of the book.

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## **Elizabeth says**

**★4.5 I need more EX-CON STARS!★**

**"All we needed was a second chance."**

**EX-Con** is the fifth book in the Selected Sinners MC Series. Although the characters are intertwined throughout the series, each book can be read and devoured as a stand alone. This was my first Scott Hildreth read and I assure you it will not be my last!

In the opening scene of **EX-Con**, we are introduced to a vibrant young woman named Emily. After a night of partying, she finds herself in a precarious state with a "handsy" frat boy. Lucky for Ms. Em, Jackson (a member of the Hell's Fury MC) quickly comes to her aid.

**"My savior was tall, extremely muscular, and what portions of his body weren't covered by the seemingly microscopic leather vest he was wearing were decorated with tattoos."-Em**

Emily and Jackson have an instant attraction to one another and yet, it is the emotional connection that is made that draws Jackson to Emily like a moth to a flame.

**"Okay, Jackson the biker, you've got my attention, now what?"-Em**

Although Emily is anxious to jump into bed with the "honorable, tattooed, bad biker", Jackson is not into meaningless sex. If Emily and Jackson were to pursue a relationship it would be only if Emily is able to agree to Jackson's terms for sharing his bed. Additionally, Jackson makes it clear that it must be a mutual decision that they make together! Jackson is hesitant to invest in a relationship because he has already suffered the loss of two lovers.

**"What if my future with anything or anyone is sealed from what I've done in the past."-Jackson**

As Jackson and Emily's friendship blossoms, the sexual tension continues to increase. As trust is built between the two, a beautiful friendship is formed and the foundation of long lasting love is established. Once Em and Jackson enhance their emotional bond by adding the physical connection, the intensity increases as they both begin to feel deeply for one another. Although Emily is no virgin, Jackson's preferences in the bedroom are new and exciting for her. Em feels like a kid on Christmas morning every time they are together. (As the reader, you will too! Thank you for that Mr. Hildreth!)

**"I realized I wasn't only being fucked by Jackson Shephard. I was deeply in love with him."-Em**

Jackson and Emily share an intense bond that only grows stronger throughout the development of the story. At the exact moment you feel that the read is coasting to a HEA 40% too early, everything shifts. Jackson is torn from Em and it is questionable if they will ever find their way back together again.

**"JACKSON XI-XXI-MMVI EMILY"**

**EX-Con** is an expertly crafted story with complex characters, an intense plot, action, and explosive sex scenes. Each moment is depicted with precision in a way that the reader feels transported directly into the scene. Told in dual POV, **EX-Con** is so much more than a biker romance. This is truly the tale of a man overcoming betrayal, abandonment, and loss. This is the tale of a woman who finds trust and unconditional love in the arms of an "unconventional man". What is most remarkable about this read is the many layers that are explored within the characters. Because the story takes place over many years, we experience the

longevity of the "sense of loss" and the tender moments of joy! The writing style of Mr. Hildreth is fluid and natural throughout. The dialogue is witty and heartfelt. The tempo is well paced and each element of the plot was well balanced as the action increases.

**"Jackson wasn't a man I had simply fallen in love with, he had become a part of my inner being. No differently than my lungs, heart, kidneys, and liver were all needed to keep me alive, Jackson was now a necessary part of my existence. Without him, I was certain to wither and die."-Em**

**"He made me a promise that he'd eventually always come home. And Jackson Shephard never breaks a promise."-Em**

**"Yes, sir?"**

Overall, **EX-Con** is so much more than the typical "biker banging romance novel". It is unique because of the well crafted blend of romance, passion, action, and everything in between. I found this read to be utterly delightful because of the two main characters Emily and Jackson. Both independent and strong characters alone and yet, together they are a powerhouse! Due to the extreme sexual desires of this hero, the tender romance between the two main characters, the well developed plot, and the driving action, I'd say there is something for everyone in this read! I simply cannot express the excitement I am feeling in regards to discovering a new author to explore. The playground is open for business and this girl is ready to play! Thankfully, Moneyshot is already locked and loaded on my kindle!

**\*\*\*Selected Sinners MC\*\*\***

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**Donna Ranieri says**

5 stars is no where near enough,

Em and Jackson's story pulling everything and everyone was like an all star cast.

Scott has more than outdone himself this one, this story is definitely one that you can read and reread till all your tears for good finally winning finish falling.

Selected Sinners what an amazing ride from 1-5.

this isn't just a recommendation to one click it's a I'm telling you you need this Book this series this author in your life.

Well done Mr Hildreth. absolutely amazing as always. thanks for Jack and Ems Story

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### **Kim Sowards says**

What can I say about this author? I was a person who does not read MC books. But being that I love Scott writing I went for it. Each book in this series is great and unlike anything you will read. That being said you when you read a series and you pick your favorite book out of that series. Well this book is it for me. The book went live today and the minute I started the book I did not put it down. This is Jack and Emily's story. This is a story about family blood and not blood related. It's a story about love heart break and lies and truth. It also a story about if true love can make it thru anything. It is a story about loss time and what happens to true love. I can't tell you how much I loved this book. This is the best book this author has ever written. You must read this series!

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