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*Can love come from pain?*

Evie always dreamed of seeing the world, but her first night at a motel turns into a nightmare. Hunter is a rugged trucker willing to do anything to keep her—including kidnapping. As they cross the country in his rig, Evie plots her escape, but she may find what she's been looking for right beside her.

## Wanderlust Details

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## Candace says

This is the first book I've read by Ms. Warren and it was great! If dark romance isn't your thing, this book won't be for you. This book's content contains scenes of rape, dubious consent, violence, etc. Be forewarned.

Evie finally leaves her mother's home, setting out for the first time after being imprisoned by her mother's fears of the outside world. One day into her great adventure, and she catches the eye of Hunter, a convicted rapist. Hunter kidnaps Evie and the two embark on a road trip spanning several states. Along the way, Evie begins to fall for Hunter as his own inner demons come to light.

I know, you're rolling your eyes. Give it a shot, though! While the Cliff Notes summary sounds pretty cheesy, the characters had surprising depth and were well developed. The writing was great. Evie and Hunter both were original and intriguing characters. This story was unlike others in this genre that I've read and I couldn't put it down.

Yes, it is unrealistic, but it's fiction. I don't know of too many billionaires with hot bods looking for average girls to be their sex slave/girlfriend either, but I still love the stories! The fact that every male Evie encountered wanted to rape her was a bit much though. I do think the author could have toned it down in that regard. Poor Evie was practically tripping over rapists in this story!

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## Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

There is nothing I love more than finding a book that I didn't have the greatest of expectations and end up DEVOURING IT. This is such a book.....

Wanderlust is a dark tale chocked full of mind fuckery. It parallels The Dark Duet in a lot of ways. It also has an Original Sinners series similar twist you'll find later in the book. This is not a romance in the true sense of the word but it grows to something loving with goodness.

Truck driver/nomad Hunter sets eyes on Evie in a quiet deserted truck stop. She's just left her home she's grown up in- grown up in isolation with a mother with severe mental issues of paranoia. She's spoken to few people in her life, only being allowed to venture out to the library. She's yearning to see the world and setting out on her own is what she needs. She's got a run down car and a little over \$100 to get her where she wants to go.....just a quick stop off at this truck stop for a cheap night's stay and a bite to eat.

Hunter wants Evie and he gets what he wants. He abducts her. He drugs her. He forces her to submit to him sexually.

**"But the truth is, I wanted you. I saw you looking at the sunrise, and I wanted to have that. To have you. So I took you. I knew full well how wrong it was, and I did it anyway. And the most fucked up part about it all is I still don't regret it. No remorse. Really fucking crazy, right?"**

Evie hates him but she see's remorse in his eyes, a sense that he's hurting and lonely and she's his only

chance for peace. Peace from his past, the demons that haunt him. Evie is torn because things change for her where Hunter is concerned. He starts letting her ride in the front of the truck, taking her to places she's only dreamed of seeing, doing things she'd never do if she stayed home with her mother. But she cannot forget what Hunter has done. When they're together, having fun, him bringing her to levels of pleasure she's never experienced sexually, she's torn. But she remembers what he did....and she continues to try to break free. To escape.

**"But that was the path of a butterfly- to fly away from the one who made her."**

My Hunter-

**He was right about me being made just for him. I was an animal bred in captivity, unprepared for the harshness of the wild.**

If you love a book where you hate him, love him, hate yourself for loving such a bad person, here's your book. You feel yourself warming to Hunter and almost want them to be together, then he does something hurtful and you remember the monster he can be. Mind fuckery at its finest. Love it when a book can do that to me. It's a quick read. But chocked full of action, angst, heat, and a tad romance.

Do Not read the spoiler if you haven't read this book yet. (view spoiler)

Super good dark angsty mind fuckery of a book.

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**Lise \*friends don't flag\* says**

**"He was the god of thunder, retreating from the world that had rejected him. I was the maiden he'd caught going over the edge, who he'd secreted away in his lair beneath the falls"**

I could not put this book down... I had delayed reading this one because I thought it would be too painful and dark. Yes, there were things that made me uncomfortable and I was a bit squeaked out around 24%, but I still could not stop reading. The author wove a story of a socially stunted and sexually abused young women and a mysterious male kidnapper into an oddly intriguing and fulfilling love story.

And there were many times when I detested Hunter for what he was doing to Evie, but then I seemed to rationalize his actions as Evie did.

**"It twisted me inside because as sick as it was, I wanted him to like me. I was still desperate for a friend."**

**"Oh God, had I? Had I secretly longed for a cage to replace the one I'd left?"**

Evie did not give in easily; she still fought for her freedom or at least plotted it a few times and made some attempts. But what was Evie really searching for, what did she really want to do?

**"I had traded one prison for another, this one mobile but absolute. Inescapable even as it sliced**

**through the countryside. Neither my mother's home nor this eighteen-wheeler were gilded, but I preferred the view in this cage"**

The story occurs over a time period of a couple of weeks while the two travel cross country, making a few interesting stops and weird twists and turns occur along the way.

All in all, I really enjoyed this quick read and it was not nearly as dark as I had anticipated. It actually made me think of rainbows and waterfalls, at times.

**"Rainbows appear almost every day as sunlight reflects off the mist from the falls"**

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**Jacqueline's Reads says**

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### **5 Dark, but deliciously Twisted Stars**

Wanderlust is a standalone novel written by Skye Warren.

This is my second book by Skye Warren. It's no secret that I love dark books. I have a high threshold in the dark department. I do not cringe during rape scenes. I do not turn my eye away from beatings or the Heroine crying her eyes out. All of that makes it more alluring and it completely consumes me. Does Wanderlust have any of that? Well, you will have to read it to see.

I will have to put this disclaimer out there. This is NOT a light-hearted book. This is for the dark junkies like me. I wouldn't say it's super dark, it's not mild, but you will not cringe too badly. I didn't.

Evie lives a shelter life. Her mom is super paranoid and therefore her mom lives in a bubble. Evie dreams of something more. She wants to explore the world, but with limited funds and no "real" life experience she is kind of stuck. After saving for a bit, she takes a leap and decides to go on a road trip.

**Her destination is to visit Niagara Falls. On her way, Evie runs into Hunter.**

Hunter is just like Evie, passing through. Hunter is a trucker with a huge chip on his shoulder. Evie doesn't want anything to do with Hunter and tries to ignore his attempts.

Hunter is not willing to back down, in fact he doesn't care if Evie wants him or not. He wants Evie, therefore, he will simply take her.

***"You're mine. I caught you, and I'm not giving you back"***

The interaction between Hunter and Evie is dynamic, somewhat explosive. You feel bad for Evie. This poor girl just wants to visit the Falls and all of sudden she is held captive by this dark and mysterious guy. She doesn't understand him and she isn't sure if she wants to.

I love Evie's inner monologue. I needed to understand the girl who doesn't know anything about life. How does she feel towards Hunter? What does she want? Does she even want to escape? Evie's struggles with what she wants and what she thinks she wants. She also has a past that slowly comes to light and it will make your heart break even more for her.

***“He was my ship in a tempestuous sea. I was the talisman he kissed before a storm”***

Hunter is a tricky character. You want to love the dark Hero, but we call them dark for a reason. I will be honest and say I absolutely loved Hunter from the start. I love a damaged and messed up Hero. Hunter presents himself as the bad guy. He's just a strong alpha trucker with sex on the mind, but of course there is something deeper and darker within Hunter. I loved trying to figure out his past.

***“There was a strange but addictive magic to sex. It tied a thin string from his soul to mine with everything joining...”***

It's a crazy story, but I enjoyed it very much. There's a lot that goes on between Hunter and Evie and the book has some angst. There are some pull your hair out moments, but I kind of liked that. It added more drama and it really build-up the characters. The thing that really worked for me was the crazy dark chemistry between Evie and Hunter.

If you are a fan of dark books, you need to take a chance on this one.

Audio Questions

**Would you consider the audio edition of Wanderlust to be better than the print version?**

I haven't read the print version. I do love audio books and this is my first dark audio. Audio books, in my opinion, heighten all reading experiences. By having the narrators read to you, I feel like you FEEL more. The passion, the drama, the intensity of everything is just MORE. After listening to Wanderlust, I don't think I could have experienced it any other way. It just made my experience, like I just described, more, better, intense, consuming.

**What other book might you compare Wanderlust to and why?**

The dark kidnapping books that come to mind are the Duet series by C.J. Roberts and The Monsters in the Dark series by Pepper Winters. Both have kidnapping and both deal with a messed up and damaged Hero.

**Have you listened to any of Lucy James's other performances before? How does this one compare?**

This is my first book with Lucy James as the narrator. She was absolutely perfect for the book. She not only

changed her voices for the Hero, but she also did it for the Heroine. I haven't come across that. She made me believe she was Evie. She made me feel like she was the lost and a lonely girl. Her reading pace is on the slower side, but you do not miss anything. You can also speed the pace in the audio book too. Lucy's voice is soft, sweet and very girly. It's the three qualities I like in listening to a female narrator.

**Was there a moment in the book that particularly moved you?**

I liked the Niagara Falls references. Each chapter has a little quote or snippet of information relating towards Niagara Falls. In some ways those little snippets I read at the beginning of each chapter kind of set up the tone of the read. Sometimes it was hopeful and sometimes it was ominous. I enjoyed that. It really played on my emotions.

*An AUDIO copy was kindly provided*

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**Mo says**

2.5 stars

Nope, you did not redeem yourself, Hunter.

Once an ass, always an ass.

Given his background, he should have been the polar opposite of what he was, don't care what he went through.....

Ah, well!

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**~ Becs ~ says**

**HOLY FUCK!!**

**Wanderlust is a dark erotic novel that explores dubious consent, captivity, and power play. Please do**

**not read this if you're uncomfortable with the subject matter or under 18 years of age.**

Can love come from pain?

I think it's very important that you take the content warning at the top of the post seriously. This is dark erotica and contains scenes of sexual violence, abduction, dubious and non-consent. But, if all of that piques your interest and you're over eighteen, then read on.

I've not read Skye Warren before – I'd always meant to and now I feel that I've been missing out. What a talented author – the writing style is hauntingly atmospheric and wholly compelling. I was engrossed in this book from beginning to end and, even after closing the last chapter, it still remains with me, completely unforgettable. It's darkly fascinating, mesmerising, and achingly beautiful.

Evie has had a very unconventional upbringing with her extremely paranoid mother who warned her constantly against the dangers lurking for a young, single girl in the outside world and tried to keep her locked up and away from the perceived evil beyond. Evie feels caged and, desperate to see a bit more of the world, sets off one day in her battered old Honda, ready for what lies ahead. Turns out, her mother's paranoid ramblings were a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Evie starts her journey naively optimistic with a burning ambition to see Niagara Falls and, as Don Henley started to croon 'On a dark desert highway' gently in my sub-conscious, Evie takes a wrong turn and ends up at a truck stop in the middle of nowhere and catches the eye of Hunter, a brooding trucker, and declines his offer to buy her dinner. Turns out 'no' wasn't an option and Hunter is everything Evie's mother had so obsessively cautioned her against – a beast of the highest order. He wants Evie and he is going to have her – she has no say in the matter. I felt a lurch of fear deep in my heart as Evie stepped out of her crappy motel bathroom to find Hunter lounging in the chair as if he belonged there. He takes her brutally, uses her all night, drugs her and throws her bound into the back of his truck as he decides that he's going to keep her.

"That's a good girl." He leaned down, whispering into my ear. "I'm sorry about this. I really am. You're too good."

Hunter strips Evie of her freedom, her ability to consent and takes her as and when he wants. He's a rapist, a man we should loathe and detest and yet I came to love him. He's a broken man, a victim of circumstance and lies and has suffered deeply in the past. His hopes, his dreams, his whole belief system stripped from him as his worst nightmares came true. To learn his past is to gain an understanding and nothing here is black and white, there are only shades of grey. Hunter, although on the surface, seems to be nothing short of a monster, has hidden depths that Evie slowly starts to see. Despite his role as abductor and abuser, Hunter also takes on the hero role as he rescues Evie more than once and eventually attempts to do the noble thing by her. He's a good man who's been corrupted by his experiences but despite his brutality, there are moments of gentleness and tenderness and he's fiercely protective of Evie.



“Don’t you see how fucked up this is? That you beat up those guys for...for...” Here my courage deserted me. “For what you did,” I finish lamely.

Evie just about broke my heart and I shed many tears for her. Her childhood has been difficult and she’s never had a loving, positive sexual experience. From a background of abuse, she’s got a surprisingly optimistic outlook on life and, rather than being broken by her past, she’s eagerly looking forward to slaking her wanderlust and hitting the road and discovering the world beyond the confines of her Mother’s oppressive paranoia. She endures so much in this novel and I admired her bravery and her courage. She’s managed to escape the cage that her mother kept her in to stumble blindly straight into another form of captivity. The freedom she craves so deeply hovers ever out of her reach.

I cried for having stayed with my mother too long, not knowing what a normal life would have been like. I cried for finally summoning the strength to leave, only to have all her worst fears prove true. Most of all, I cried because I felt relief to have been captured.

She’s no doormat and escape is constantly on her mind and makes several attempts all of which end in violence of some form. She’s not blessed with luck and her bad run with sexual experiences continues as she definitely leaps from the frying pan into the fire. I could almost hear Tess Durbeyfield mournfully berating her mother at this point “*Why didn’t you tell me there was danger in men-folk? Why didn’t you warn me?*” Of course, Tess saw herself of a victim of her own ignorance of men whereas Evie now sees herself as a victim of her own innocent optimism and blind faith in others.

Just when everything seems lost and Evie is losing all hope, a simple gesture of human kindness from a hermit helps restore some of her faith in humanity.

Both Evie and Hunter take an incredible personal journey in this one with forgiveness and absolution taking central roles. Hunter, at the beginning, is darkness personified – he’s been accused and punished for something that he didn’t do and now his moral compass is skewed – he may as well live up to the deeds he’s been falsely accused of. Evie starts off like a frightened rabbit caught in the headlights – she’s terrified and rightly so but she grows immensely throughout the course of the book and she’s virtually unrecognisable by the end of the story. She grows from strength to strength, and is able to take matters into her own hands. Hunter may strip her of her liberty and her right to consent but he can never take her mind and she maintains her integrity from beginning to end.

I think it’s up to the reader to decide whether Evie’s apparent love for Hunter is born out of Stockholm Syndrome or something deeper. Personally, I took it to be that she came to know him so well, she grew to understand him – these are two broken people coming together and healing one another. It’s a dark and twisted journey and morals and principles that I hold deeply were questioned as I found myself able to forgive Hunter and want him to be happy, to find an equilibrium with Evie. It’s mindfuckery of the highest order – I shouldn’t love him but I do. This book consumed me, I just could not put it down as I watched these two tortured souls take on their own and each other’s pain and slowly find common ground and forgiveness and move beyond the horrors of the past to something really quite beautiful and special.

I’d recommend this for anyone who enjoyed C.J. Roberts’ *Dark Duet* or, possibly, *Comfort Food* by Kitty

Thomas. Yes, this is dark erotica but it's a fairly soul-shattering love story too and deeply emotional with unexpected flashes of humour. It's a deep exploration of power, guilt and ultimately forgiveness.

5 dark and twisted stars

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## **Elle says**

### **4\* new horizons STARS!!**

Review @ Midnight Romance

My first read from Skye Warren because many people recommend this book to me. I always fascinated with dark read and it has been the most popular genre. Wanderlust isn't like what I've expected. It was crazy and rough ride; not for everyone.

The story told from Evie's POV; a sheltered girl from outside world. Despite her over-protective mother warnings, Evie hold on her final decision to leave. Her destination is the Niagara Falls, from the only book that she had. But her journey isn't easy like she thought. Evie met a strangely handsome man and something feels wrong.

***Like Alice, I had stepped through the looking glass into a whole new world, foreign and sinister.***

It's not my first captive story but Hunter really scared me. The needs to have something you shouldn't appear unexpectedly; out of nowhere. Their first encounter was disturbing and I felt horrible about what happened to Evie. Her freedom was robbed from her once again. Somehow, they start to have small talks but Evie still formulate escape plan. I liked her because she's not a damsel in distress A fighter and survivor.

***I was a caterpillar, my many limbs held tight to my body, wrapped up in a cocoon. He paved the way, eased me from a small and ugly life to a beautiful one. The transition had been painful at times, but never more than it would be to leave him. But that was the path of a butterfly—to fly away from the one who had made her.***

It was hard to understand Hunter at first because there is not much info about him. Evie was too afraid of being dependable to Hunter and finally free. But it isn't for long because Evie started to feel something for him. I'm surprised with their progress after everything also some secrets discovered about the real him. So much hurts, anger and disappointment.

***“I had a home. For twenty years I was trapped inside one. Now I want to roam. With you.”***  
***“I’ll never be the kind of man who can be gentle with you, Evie. Not like you deserve.”***  
***“I’m not the kind of girl who needs gentle. You aren’t the only fucked-up person here, you***

*know."*

*"You shouldn't talk like that," he said mildly.*

*"And I was broken long before we even met."*

*"You're not broken... I love the way you are. The way you're terrified but do it anyway. The way you stand up to me when you shouldn't."*

Wanderlust is really something else. A 'healing' journey for two broken souls who met in strange way. I really enjoyed the pace because I couldn't put down this book. Beautifully written and really engaging story. I was hoped to know more about their togetherness. Overall, it was a great psychological story with complex feelings. I know it's a bit unreal but I'd really recommend you to read it! Dark and gritty at first but sunshine in the end.

*All I wanted was to be with Hunter wherever his rig should take us. Across the country, around the world.*

*Like chasing rainbows and capturing each one in the smile it gave us.*

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**Debra says**

*"Maybe I'll let you go? Not gonna happen. You're mine. I caught you, and I'm not giving you back."*

*"Like Alice, I had stepped through the looking glass into a whole new world, foreign and sinister."*

**Dark. Twisted. Highly disturbing.** *Wanderlust* was a captivity story that kept me enthralled the entire time I was reading it and I ended up finishing it in one day. Although the story started out as a darkly erotic thriller, along the way it turned into a much meaningful kind of love story with a powerful message. Still, for those who haven't read it yet, I should warn you that there are quite some scenes that involve non-consensual sex and other explicit content. But it certainly wasn't the darkest story I've ever read... (but maybe that's just because I've gotten so used to reading these kind of stories ;-)).

Evie has been sheltered from the outside world pretty much her entire life. With a mother that despises social contact and fears her daughter being "tainted" by all the horrible crimes in the world, Evie has spent almost every day of the past twenty years of her life being locked inside her own house. The only places she was allowed to go to were school (until her mother decided she better be homeschooled), an occasional trip to the

grocery store and the library. That last place is where she found a book called: ***Everything you wanted to know about Niagara Falls*** .

This book would be her inspiration for where she wanted to go once she left the confined surroundings of her own home and decided to see the world. After her twentieth Birthday, Evie finally decides to leave the house and discover the world by herself. But when she pulls up at the first rest stop in her old beat-up Honda, she soon realizes her mother might have been right about the dangers that lurk around every corner once you step outside into the real world.

***"This hadn't been on the calendar. Appease kidnapper with butt sex hadn't been on my life plan, but then I'd never really had a plan. That had been the point. I had wanted to wander, to flit, and I'd flown right into a spider's web."***

She meets a man named **Hunter Bryant**. He tries to buy her dinner, but she kindly refuses what this mysterious and dangerously handsome looking man offers.

**But Evie soon learns *there are some men you don't say no to...***

***"He was my ship in a tempestuous sea. I was the talisman he kissed before a storm. Even distracted and discontent, he always kept me close."***

After her refusal, Hunter forces himself into her motel room and makes her an offer she can't refuse. Well, she could refuse but then he would force her into complying anyway. He would get what he wanted whether she wanted to or not. She decides to comply, thinking it would only be for one night. But when morning comes, Hunter decides he wants more and he kidnaps her in the back of his truck. Her plan was to see the world, travel around before reaching her final destination: Niagara Falls. That's all she ever wanted. Instead she's being forced to travel around with this dangerous and unpredictable stranger...

At first, Evie hates being captivated. She feels like she's traded one prison (the one at home with her mother) for another (the one on the road with Hunter). But true to his word, Hunter does show her the world she's always longed to see. He drives her along the places she was planning to drive through herself and takes her to sites that she never even knew existed. In a way, he changes her life for the better and she starts feeling torn between wanting to escape him the first chance she got and wanting to stay as close to him as possible.

***"I didn't know him at all, but he had touched the deepest part of me and in my own way, I had touched the deepest part of him too."***

*"He was the god of thunder, retreating from the world that had rejected him. I was the maiden he'd caught going over the edge, who he'd secreted away in his lair beneath the falls."*

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*But that was the path of a butterfly - to fly away from the one who made her."*

**Genre:** Dark Erotic Romance  
**Type:** Standalone  
**POV:** First Person - Female  
**Rating:**

Hunter Bryant was a trucker driving around his eighteen-wheeler across the country. At a deserted rest stop, he saw something he wanted, and decided to make it his.

Evie grew up with in a sheltered environment with her mother feeding her with the notion of how bad the world was out there. But as she celebrated her 20th birthday, she was determined to get out of her shell and see the world. Soon enough she discovered that her mother might be right after all.

My first ever dark book was a captive story. Since then, it has been one of my favorite elements in such books because I love the psychological aspect between the two main characters.

***“I knew full well how wrong it was, and I did it anyway. And the most fucked up part about it all is that I still don’t regret it. No remorse. Really fucking crazy, right?”***

I was incredibly attracted to Hunter when he was first introduced in the book. He was dark, mysterious and sinister. But as the story progressed, he evolved into something else. I really like the story of his past, who he was, and how he became the man he was now.

I like how Evie finally decided to take her fate into her own hands after years of being under her mother’s thumb. It took guts to do something drastic and unknown.

***“Well, now you do, sunshine. And you know what else? I think you’re more adventurous than you let on. You’ve been sheltered, that much is clear. Well , you’re going to expand your horizons with me.”***

The concept of this book was very interesting. I like the idea how both of the characters were wanderers, trying to get away from their pasts only to meet in the middle in the most unusual/unexpected circumstances. However, there were a few details that weren’t fully explained/rationalized. I am also not a fan of too “convenient” situations.

Wanderlust is a story of a woman’s self discovery with an engaging, evocative and poetic writing that could make you yearn to break free from your safe, normal life.

***Note:***

***This book involved dubious consent. Do not read if you can’t handle such situations.***

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## Rebecca says

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Not what I expected at all!!

I expected your average non-con "I've been kidnapped but *I like it!!*" And that's about it. But there was soooooo much more to it. In fact it's not like that at all, I loved the writing style too, that poetic beautiful style. It was completely different to what I thought, the blurb made me think it would be a good but y'know expected kidnapping read. NOOOOO so good!!!! It's not 'action' heavy, more mind melting.

Evie is a very sheltered naive girl who after being abused as a child is over-protected by her mother. Her mother feels guilty as the abuser was a boyfriend of hers, so this helps explain her over-bearing behaviour. She taught Evie that all men were monsters and something bad will happen to her if she ever leaves but she eventually does leave and her mothers fears quickly become true, repeatedly actually.

Hunter- huh, I like him! I get him too, I hugely disagree with him but I get the bitterness inside him. Hunter has a story but I won't spoil it for you.

One thing I loved about this book is it's probably the first time I've ever believed someone would react this way, not that it's believable it's just more believable in it's characters reactions and responses.

Evie has no prior knowledge of men and relationships. So I suppose this eagerness to be wanted was believable. If you accept things will move quickly purely because it's not a long book, it is paced brilliantly. So if you keep in mind it's not a full length novel and aren't expecting the gradual developments you would find in a longer book it's great!

I LOVED THAT SHE KEPT TRYING TO ESCAPE!!! Oh my god, **finally!** Someone who feels torn because she doesn't hate the guy but is aware enough to know it's purely self-preservation to accept and find the small graces and realize are not actually a good enough thing to stay with him hoping to find love.

She also doesn't love pain! I loved that too! How annoying is that when you read a book and the woman goes ooooooh this is what was missing from my life! A bossy man who ties me up! Now I'm complete!! Hunter isn't about pain or dominance either which was again refreshing. Now we have a complex guy who has actual reasons for the things he does and has real feelings that make sense. No BDSM here people just pure psychological disturbances. Good stuff!

This book really truly surprised me in that it was all a mind melt, I loved these characters. So much more psychological than expected.

This is about Evie and Hunter. Both broken but fixing each other, I can't believe I'm finding it cute but I am. Hunter is awful in the beginning but he does grow and become a wonderful man. To my twisted brain anyway, haha.

I would say this was dark and disturbing.....and it kind of was but for me, when it counts, it's a seriously

sweet emotional book. I really truly wasn't expecting a book like this. Maybe other people will find it darker than me I may just be the odd one out.

If you're in the mood for a dark romance that has surprising amounts of depth that is written very well, try this one!!!

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## **Nazanin says**

### **3.5 - 3.75 Stars**

*"But the truth was, I just wanted you. I saw you looking at the sunrise, and I wanted to have that. To have you. So I took you. I knew full well how wrong it was, and I did it anyway. And the most f@cked up part about it all is that I still don't regret it. no remorse."*

Well, I had mixed up feelings about this book. at first I hated it. I mean I hated H and h. H for what he did to h and h for her weakness. But after a few chapters I beginning to like it and I'm glad to continue reading it. yeah, I had some difficulties with this book but at the end I liked it. this book is really complicated.

Evie has grown up fast. Her mother is sick and the pills doesn't help her. they make her more fearful and more controlling. Because of her mother's sickness Evie was always at home. Even she was home-schooled. She doesn't know anything about outside or relationships. Now, she wants to leave home and see things for herself (not in TV or in books). She wants to live. In her first night at a cheap motel, Hunter (view spoiler). It was supposed to be one night but because she is too good, he kidnaps her and...

I know both of them were messed up. I really hate Evei's weakness in motel. That she without any argue or fight let him... about Hunter I can't say anything. I really want to hate him but I can't!! I really liked to read his POV too. I really liked and wanted to know his feelings in some plots. To know how could he do that or how he forgives himself. But all in all it was good, not so fantastic but still.

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## **Lisa says**

*He was the god of thunder, retreating from the world that had rejected him. I was the maiden he'd caught going over the edge, who he'd secreted away in his lair beneath the falls.*

*Wanderlust* by Skye Warren was unlike anything I've read prior. First, this is my first Skye Warren book and I utterly loved her writing style. It has a very poetic feel to it. It is very vivid and at times it was as if the images were coming to life from the screen of my kobo. Further, I can't even say that this is a love story, at least not in the conventional sense. It is tragic, compelling, intense and it's also a very beautiful story about finding something you didn't even realize you needed. There is no hero. There is no heroine. Just two



damaged souls who seem to fit into each other despite the fact of how they came to be together.

**Hunter:**

*He was a carnal man, one who found pleasure in doing and living and being. It radiated from him, and I absorbed his enthusiasm by osmosis.*

**Evie:**

*He was right about me being made just for him. I was an animal bred in captivity, unprepared for the harshness of the wild.*

*Besides, the part of me that could be spontaneous and risk-taking had atrophied long ago. I was like my mother, bound by fear, but instead of being restricted by geography I was restrained by societal conventions.*

Evie has lived her lived closeted and sheltered by an overbearing and overprotective mother. The dangers of the world have been instilled in her with a determination that would have been hard to ignore. Unfortunately for Evie, she has also learned firsthand about the evil the world produces. She realizes that the dangers her mother is so obsessed with are very real and they can break a person in half. But Evie did not break. She wants to be free. She wants to roam. So, Evie leaves the cage her mother has created without looking back. What Evie did not expect was to be once again confronted by a monster of the world that she has repeatedly been warned about.

*He made it sound consensual. But that was what he was describing, wasn't it? That I go along with this, that I would consent.*

*Or else*

Hunter sees Evie at a truck stop in the middle of no where. Immediately she holds him captive and it seems this menacing trucker will not take no for an answer. Evie rejects Hunter's attempt to have dinner with him at the truck stop diner and then finds him in her room later on that evening ready to take what she is not willing to offer. After a long night of abuse, Hunter decides that he has not had enough of this courageous and beautiful girl and drugs and kidnaps her taking her with him in his rig.

*Like Alice, I had stepped through the looking glass into a whole new world, foreign and sinister.*

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***I may have gone along with this, but I hadn't really wanted it. This wasn't something I had chosen.***

Hunter essentially puts Evie in another cage not wanting to let her go. Something that captivated me was the fact that Evie never stopped fighting for her freedom despite her conflicting feelings towards Hunter. All she understood is that her freedom had been taken from her once again and she needed to fight back. Although Evie's past history of abuse did break my heart, I could not help but admire her unrelenting determination to first break free from her mother's control and then from Hunter's. She is brave. She wants nothing more than to break free from her captivity and experience the world. This is a girl who has never known how it feels to have a meaningful and encouraging relationship, nor does she understand what a positive sexual experience is. I loved her personal growth throughout the story. She truly is like a butterfly first emerging from their cocoon, ready and willing to experience all the world has to offer. Yes, she had experienced more horrific circumstances than any individual should ever have to endure; however, she keeps going, keeps moving forward with her life.

***I wished he wasn't so endearing when he wasn't terrorizing me.***

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***"You're a little bit crazy, you know that?"***

***He grinned. "Just a little? I'll have to work harder."***

Hunter was one of the more intriguing characters that I've read about. I never really hated him, even when he first kidnaps Evie. Right from the beginning you can tell he is a walking contradiction – a gentle demon determined to get the sacrificial lamb. I found myself desperately wanting to know what or who made Hunter the way he was? What dark and tortuous secrets were hiding deep in his soul? Here is a man who essentially takes away all of Evie's freedom and I could never bring myself to detest him. Once we discover what exactly had happened to Hunter, it simply reaffirmed my initial thoughts about him, that he was a man molded by the circumstances of his life. He was both an abuser and the one who had been abused. Yes, he kidnaps and abuses a young woman and his moral compass seems like it is non-existent; however, there were moments of tenderness and protectiveness with Evie where you see how truly conflicted he is.

***I'd found in Hunter a kindred, broken soul. We didn't fit in with the rest of society and never really would.***

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***In his own fucked up way, he'd honored me that day at the motel. He'd picked me instead of anyone, he'd plucked me out of my nothingness.***

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***I didn't know him at all, but he had touched the deepest part of me and in my own way, I had touched the deepest part of him too. There was a strange but addictive magic to sex. It tied a thin string from his soul to mine with every joining, and I wondered how many times it would take before we were inseparable.***

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*He paved the way, eased me from a small and ugly life to a beautiful one. The transition had been painful at times, but never more than it would be to leave him. But that was the path of a butterfly – to fly away from the one who had made her.*

Both Evie and Hunter fulfilled a need in each other. No matter how twisted that fact actually is, it simply is the truth. Both were broken and shattered and in the warped journey that these two embark on, they somehow call to one another's deepest parts and the process of healing actually begins. For me, the fact that Hunter was someone who I really never hated or disliked was not the issue. Perhaps I am the one in need of therapy??? But, I saw him for who he is – broken, hurt, and tortured. The true dilemma for me was how Ms. Warren played with the idea of consent. Here we have a young girl who obviously did not give her consent to be kidnapped or even used sexually and yet there were moments where even she admitted that she wanted all that Hunter had to offer. I struggled with the fact that I should be loathing this animal for raping and taking an unwilling female; however, all I could do was sympathize and make concessions for Hunter. I wanted to slap myself stupid a few times, truly. I simply could not muster up any ill will towards a man who obviously committed atrocious offenses. Thank you Ms. Warren for messing with my mind! GEEZ!

Wanderlust is a story that will have me pondering and thinking for quite some time. It is a book that mesmerized me from beginning to end. Ultimately this is a book that toyed with my emotions, messed with my mind and left me craving so much more of Hunter and Evie. This painfully beautiful story about two individuals moving past their brokenness and finding forgiveness will haunt me and stay with me. What a warped and perverse tale you tell, Ms. Warren!

*It would always be this way, the ecstasy and the pain. They twined together in a path we would walk, unknowing and unseeing, each glad to have found a friend.*

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**Akanksha♥ Søren? says**

I seriously loved weird books toooooo much.

The base plot was amazing, should have maybe been longer, towards the ending. But none the less... **dark fucked up and I enjoyed it :P**

He was twisted, justified. She was crazy.. justified too. I like how the author writes. Gets you really into the book. Like the whole waterfall myth! Great thing going.

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**Sarah Toussaint says**

Most of the book, I found dull, what redeemed it was the twist almost at the end, when we find out what really happened to Hunter and who he was...

This is mostly a dull read. I feel like nothing happened.

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## **Amber Rose says**

First I want to say, I been looking forward to reading this book since it came out. The description had me. I wanted it!!!

This is not for the faint heart. This takes me to a total mind fuck situation. I couldn't figure out where this was going to take me.

Evie is on her own journey to search the world she has never gotten to know. Been very hidden in her own home due to her mother being paranoid. Her mother is afraid of everything in the world out side of her home. So, finally having enough of her Mothers paranoia Evie wants to be able to see everything for her self. The world can't be as bad as her Mother makes it seem right?

Evie stops at a Motel for the night. There is Hunter by his truck watching Evie. Evie feels a little tense by the way he is looking at her. But not all men can want to take advantage of an Innocent girl right?

Then things start taking a different turn when she comes out of the shower and there is Hunter in her Motel room. He wants to fuck her for the night. But, makes her think if she does this then he will leave her alone. He does this total mind fuck where he makes Evie think she has no other choice. She can not leave but he won't hurt her, this is not rape. This is where two people are just going to fuck for the night and leave it as that. Just one night of him taking advantage of her. I am screaming at her to not listen to him!!!

But what she does not know is that he is not done with her. He will never be done with her. The next time she wakes up, Evie is in Hunter's truck with him.

**I didn't know him at all, but he had touched the deepest part of me and in my own way, I had touched the deepest part of him too.**

While being captive on Hunters truck while they just drive, no place just time and driving around where ever Hunter wants to go.

**Yes, keep me and play with me. Do the things I never would have the courage to do on my own and keep me safe in the process.**

While Evie tries come up with a plan to escape Hunter. She also enjoys her self with him.

SPOILER ALERT!!!

(view spoiler)

**A slightly perverted adventure of questionable consent, but beggars like me couldn't be choosers.**

I would want to crawl in a fucking hole and never come out if I was Evie by the time this book is over. My goodness, she has been through so much shit within a short amount of time being free from her Mother.

There are several moments when I started to like Hunter. I thought maybe he was going to redeem him self. When his past finally comes out I felt sympathy towards him. And I waited the entire time for Evie to share her past with Hunter, but it never came. I wanted to see his reaction towards it. I got really disappointed when it never came.

Then the **END** . I wanted something different. I am not sure what I would of liked, but not what I got. I felt the ending all came at me at rush then it was over.

It's quite short, you can probably read this in one setting. But overall I really enjoyed this story.

*Buddy read with my lovely oyster Pamber Godwin.*

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