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Avid Reader says

The Gentle Dom (Iron Eagle Gym #7) by Sean Michael

3 stars

M/M BDSM

Triggers: Abuse and stalking

I was given this book for an honest review by Wicked Reads.

This is more a story about Barclay "B" finding a place in life now that he has more physical difficulties than it was about love, for me. It was having Rec help him find his center again. After he was unable to work, he didn't really know what was left for him. Rec helped him find a confidence that he lacked when Duncan, his previous partner, liked to abuse him.

There was a lot of connecting in this story between Rec and B, however, I felt that it was more of a friendship or friends with benefits than a true relationship. While it started professionally, it quickly digressed to them having a physical relationship.

I thought that the characters could have used a little more development and I wish that more of the crew from previous books had been included. Overall, there was more power exchange and less relationship interaction.

Angie says

I received a copy to read and review for Wicked Reads.

I enjoyed this addition to the series. Rec was so sweet and so careful with Barclay it made my heart melt. In true Sean Michael fashion there is a lot of sex and a lot of encouragement and praise for Barclay. When Barclays ex shows up the gym members unit and make sure everyone is safe. There were two things that bothered me about this book. One was how things ended up with the ex, I think it wrapped up too easily. Second was that Barclay hadn't achieved his goal by the end of the book. Maybe it will be addressed in the next book?

Theresa says

DNF. Story setup and MCs rubbed me the wrong way. Couldn't get into domestic abuse victim Barclay's character. Barclay's future recovery seemed unbelievable if he was still in a wheelchair after 1 year. Not comfortable with Rec crossing professional ethics line getting involved with a client. Didn't understand his attraction to Barclay either. Apparently, Rec had a history of "training" a lot of subs. Rec not consulting with Barclay's former PT was far fetched too.

Serena Yates says

review to follow

Shee Reader says

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Reece is a personal trainer and Dominant who works and plays at the Iron Eagle Gym. His latest client is a lovely quiet man trying to recover from a stunt gone wrong. What Rec doesn't know is that Barclay feels his tragic fall was no accident, and fears for his life.

Rec is single and looking for a boy of his own. Barclay has little knowledge of the lifestyle, and really little awareness of his own needs. The pair connect from the start as we have come to expect from Sean Michael, and their developing relationship is fast and rather kinky in an understated way. Rec knows what Barclay needs but doesn't want to come on too strong. He is, as the title suggests a gentle Dom. Not for him the really hardcore stuff, but his affection for Barclay, and the desire to take good care of B in every way is totally adorable.

The looming spectre of the crazy stalker Ex is mainly off page, so the angst is there but relatively low calibre. This book has all the Hallmarks we expect and adore from Sean Michael, a touch of insta-love, definite insta-lust, a tooth-achingly sweet HEA and some nice little asides to reference the characters from

previous books.

I loved it!

Lesley says

I love this series and this didn't disappoint. Union next?

Truuss says

Barclay starts with a gym program so he can get stronger and finally leave his wheelchair and move on. It been a year since he fall/pushed of a building working as a stuntman. He has no prove but he knows it was his ex.

Reece/Rec is working at Iron Eagle Gym and is preparing on working with Barclay.

They like each other immediately. Rec is friendly, patience and wants all the best for Barclay. Barclay works hard to recover. He didn't tell about his suspicions what his ex did to him.

A friendship is blooming, Barclay never felt so sexy before, they are all over each other and have the best time... until a certain ex shows up.

The real spirit of the Gym members shows here how close they all are and how they have each other's back.

A lovey read. They have a lot of sexiness together and Rec shows himself as a wonderful Dom.

The biggest part of this story is about their blooming relationship, Barclay a bit shy and not aware that he is a perfect sub.... and Rec works almost full time on Barclay's body ;)

There is some angst and the solution was thorough and effective!

I love the Iron Eagle Gym series, with their Doms and Subs. The story is well written and it was just enough developed. The personalities of Rec and Barclay were engaging and I would love to know how their relationship continues.

Another wonderful installment of this series.

Read and reviewed for Diverse Reader

JenCW says

3.75 Stars!

While this is the seventh book in this series, I don't think you need to have read the others to read this one. The story focuses almost completely on Barclay and Rec, with a few other characters showing up at times.

Barclay is a stuntman on the mend. He's been trying to recover from a fall off a roof for over a year and just wants to get back to work and being himself. On the recommendation of an acquaintance, he joins the Iron Eagle Gym to start working out with Rec, a personal trainer. Rec sees the determination that Barclay has and wants to help him succeed. He also wants Barclay to see himself as the capable person he is. Rec works past

Barclay's reluctance to let him get close and soon they find themselves spending a lot of time together.

But Barclay's fall may not have been an accident and his ex starts causing trouble.

Like a number of this author's books, there is a lot of sex. The BDSM element was very light to almost nonexistent in this book. Barclay was completely new to the idea, and Rec spends more time introducing Barclay to new sensations and toys. Barclay also has his injuries to contend with.

Barclay was very strong-willed to have been working on coming back from his horrific sounding injuries. His determination was commendable. I also could see why he had issues thinking that anyone would be interested in him while he was still recovering. I liked how Rec didn't push Barclay and took care to let him work at his pace. While I'm not sure getting involved with your personal trainer is a great idea, they work well together as a couple. Rec was a great guy, who did a wonderful job helping Barclay without being overbearing about it. The issue with the ex wraps up a bit conveniently, but I was happy to see Barclay stand up to him and get his life back on track.

I'm pretty curious about Union, the cop who came to help with Barclay's ex. I hope we see him in a future book.

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Gail says

Love the Iron Eagle series! Please tell me the next book will be Union's story! Huge cop sub - I'm in heaven!
