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This book is part of a dark kinky fiction trilogy and may disturb some readers. The full warning is at the bottom. This is not a standalone read.

### **Zorie is lost, again.**

Friends can become enemies and enemies can become friends.

What is a man who declares himself your knight in cracked and bloody armor, when he seems to be leading you to your doom?

Mavros, once known as Mister Black, has vanished.

Zorie and Grimm are in the hands of unscrupulous men.

She will emerge either dead, enslaved, or with revenge in her heart, and a lethal hairpin in her hand to kill those who have hurt the innocent.

Hairpin or bullet, dead is dead.

### **WARNING**

This Dark Hearts trilogy explores horror and thriller territory. You'll find some very graphic scenes oozing from the pages. In the first book you won't find anything more than hints of romance, as the romance is on drip-feed speed. The main man, the antihero, may not even end up being who most readers expect him to be.

## **Wicked Weapon Details**

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### Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Leigh's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

For being one of the darkest books that ever played with my mind, Wicked Ways, the first book in the Dark Hearts series, had nothing on Wicked Weapon. This story took darkness to a new level, messing with my head and making me devour the book to find out what would happen next.

In Wicked Ways, Zorie learned of the existence of mesmers. Men who are able to call to certain women, control their minds, and “collect” them. She is controlled by these men and used for their purposes. In Wicked Weapon, Zorie is essentially at a cross roads. She is a collectable, but she also finds that she has the power to resist and seek out other women to aid her. Stolen from Mavros (mesmer patient zero), we see her transition from the hunted to the hunter. She evolves from a woman that is at everyone’s mercy, to a weapon that is seeking to destroy her captors.

At the same time, we see Grimm’s transformation by the mesmer bug. We view the struggle as he battles to control the urges it creates in him, as much as the urges fight to control him. His actions are not always pure, but his intent to save Zorie and bind her to him made him an extremely sympathetic hero that I couldn’t help but root for.

As with the first book in the series, readers really do need to heed the warnings. This is not a romance. At least, not yet. This is dark, terribly sordid, and hard to read. But it’s also a book that sticks with you long after you’re finished because of the possibilities. If you could control someone’s thoughts and feelings, use someone, prevent them from ever telling, with a simple command, would you? Would you feel as if you were controlling them for your own good? Would that power become abused?

Wicked Weapon was a fantastic second book in the series, and has just left me more eagerly anticipating finding out what happens between Grimm, Zorie, and Mavros. It’s darkly disturbing and totally worth the escape.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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### Vasiliki says

3.75 stars

*ARC kindly provided by Author in exchange of an honest review.*

First of all I need to point out that everyone has to take really seriously the warnings about this series! It is a dark and twisted series and it’s not for everyone to read.

Although I loved the first instalment of this series, this book didn’t really work out for me. The plot is still surprising, twisted and dark! The writing is really nice! My only issue was that the story felt a bit forced to me. Like the story had to get to a certain point and this book was just the means to it.

Zorie has lost a bit of her fire in my eyes. Although she still tries to fight back the situation she finds herself in in her way, she still didn't feel right to me. The only part that I really saw the Zorie that I knew, was close to the end! And there it was just a glimpse because after a point I lost her again but in the opposite direction.

Grimm and Mavros were not really clear to me in the last book and I got to understand them better in this one. Mavros has an agenda for his reasons but he is lacking of feelings in my eyes which is a contradiction when the reason of his agenda is because of feelings! Grimm, on the other hand, has feelings but so different feelings from the previous book. To be honest, I started liking him towards the end of the book!

The end of the book was full of action! I liked it but I didn't like what trigger these actions! I can understand the way of thinking of Ms. Silverwood but it was just a bit too much for me. The epilogue in this book was again amazing and I really loved it!

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### **Carly Odonoghue says**

Wicked Weapon is the next highly anticipated book in the Dark Hearts Series by Cari Silverwood. If you thought Wicked Ways was dark you haven't read anything yet!

I don't want to say much in this review in case I spoil it but you can guarantee that this book will leave you in a book funk for days afterwards as well as constantly looking on Amazon/Facebook for any details on when book 3 is out.

Wicked Weapon follows straight on from Wicked Ways but the story is a lot darker as it continues to follow Zorie, Grimm and Mr Black.

I knew when reading Wicked Ways that Grimm had a bigger part to play in Zorie's story and I'm glad I wasn't disappointed as he goes to extraordinary lengths to be apart of the mesmer world and to be with Zorie.

I am still fascinated by Mr Black, I can't figure him out at all, I need to know what makes him tick. I honestly think that he could have his own story on how he became a mesmer, I know it was touched upon in book one and a small bit of his backstory is revealed in this book and his reasons for wanting Zorie but I want more! I'm hoping he will feature a lot more in book 3 especially with what happens at the end of Wicked Weapon. The ending was brilliant!

I love the way that Cari is daring with her writing as she isn't afraid to approach dark subjects that other authors may be scared to write about. That to me is a great author.

So prepare yourself for a rollercoaster of a story, you won't be disappointed in this 5 star read.

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### **Tequila says**

Oh my gawd....I just don't know where to start. I should probably start out by saying that if you thought Wicked Ways was dark, just wait until you get your hands on Wicked Weapon.

I am not exaggerating about this. I don't know how many moments while reading I found myself going "Good Lawd she went there!" and then re-reading the section just to make sure I had read correctly. There were also several scenes where I didn't realize I was holding my breath until it was over and then having to take a moment to process what I had just read. There were also a couple of times where I had to make sure I hadn't missed my subway or bus stop. Yeah, it's seriously like that good.

All the favorites are back, Zorie, Grimm, Mr. Black. As well as some new players who honestly make Zorie's dealing with Ruben like a play date. Silverwood has seriously upped the ante here with her villains in this book. No doubt about that. These new players will give you chills and wish for their deaths to be slow and painful.

This book left me in a serious book hangover and very impatiently waiting for book number three in this series.

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### **Sasha Cameron says**

#### **Mesmerising**

I'm not a huge fan of dark erotica. Now I realise I've just been reading the wrong ones. Let's get this part over. These books are written well. Really well. The characters grow and develop throughout the stories evolving to reveal the best and the worst of who they are and can be. The darkness is violent, depraved, horrifying. There is a mild supernatural element to their world that binds and controls them. However, they are steeped in reality. That element is what helped me to connect to the three main characters and to like them in spite of their circumstances and actions. Not so much an excuse but their compelling justification for taking paths and actions that are abhorrent. Mavros is a puppet master who has lost control and is trying to restore some sort of world order to a situation for which he sees himself as being responsible. Grimm is a man who has travelled the dark side and would do anything for the woman he loves, even when she doesn't love him back. Zorie is caught up in a web not of her making, one that controls and compels her but she's no victim. She's resistant to the bug that allows others to want to use, abuse and leave her for dead. She's learning how to fight back which makes her both highly collectable and a weapon of mass destruction. Add in human trafficking, sex rings and the worst side of humanity and this a very compelling read.

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### **Ri says**

#### **5 dark enticing stars**

Sweet holy titfire. This series has me sucked in. I knew I liked dark but didn't know that I did this much. Suspense and dominance. I can't even describe this book and do it justice. Just know it is that good. If you don't have a feint heart read this. So good.

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### **Storm Chase says**

Very dark and seriously twisted.

In this second book, Zoire is learning to resist the mesmers thanks to her dark mentor, Mr Black, now revealed as Mavros. Grimm is around too, trying to learn mesmer secrets and falling for Zoire. However, the Zoire and Grimm are captured and Mavros can't protect them.

Can't say more after this because of spoilers, however, there is lots of gore, and some torture that I had to skip over. If Dark Hearts were a fight, I'd say this is the bit where the heroine is getting creamed and then rediscovers her mojo. There's less humiliation and a sense that Zoire now has a fighting chance. But if you're looking for a romance, forget it. Dark and twisted, Wicked Weapon isn't for the faint hearted.

It's well written, beautifully paced and the characters are superb. I liked Mavros and I was intrigued by Grimm's predicament and the evil mesmers are properly nasty. Living horrors. Zoire is a star; def someone to have on your side in a fight.

I'm dying to see how it ends but honestly, it's so dark that I'm thinking I'll read the third part with one eye closed.

ARC delivered for an honest review.

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### **Janine says**

I couldn't wait to get the second book in this series. I absolutely loved the first one and was excited to see where this story was going to go. So when I finally had this book on my reader I was almost scared to start reading it. If you're at all familiar with Cari Silverwood's darker reads you know she can take her characters to some pretty screwed up places and I love that, I really do, but at the same time it makes me very anxious for her characters as well. Oh I know they're not real but Cari's writing is so good that they feel that way. This is the continuing story of Zoire, Grimm and Mavros-aka Mr. Black. Mavros along with Grimm, is trying to train Zoire to resist the control of mesmers so he can use her as a weapon to seek revenge on a certain group of mesmers. We finally find out why he wants revenge and it was heart breaking and made me empathize with him, for a bit anyways. He is a determined man who uses women for his own gains and even though I think he cares for Zoire his own goals take precedent. He wants revenge and will use anyone to get it. It's complicated. Grimm is still hopelessly in love and lust with Zoire. He also discovers info on how a person might be able to become a mesmer and decides he needs to be one. Unfortunately things go horribly wrong for these three while trying to implement Mavros's plan for revenge, especially for Zoire. Grimm and Zoire are kidnapped by a a mesmer group called The Collectors. If you thought Reuben and his buddies were evil, disgusting douche bags well they are choir boys compared to the new guys. Actually Reuben worked for them so it's not really much of a surprise. Einar, Kaage and the assholes that work for them are vile, evil and soulless. They kidnap women to train and sell to wealthy dirtbags and the stuff they put Zoire and these women through are unimaginable, unless of course your Cari Silverwood, who's twisted mind has done the imagining for us. Poor Zoire. If you thought what she went through with Reuben was overwhelming wait till you see what Einar and Kaage do to her. They screw around with her mind and body in a way that is pure evil. One particular scene involved chess and Zoire being the chessboard another involves a piece of equipment called an iron man. Yikes, but at the same time erotic in a twisted, evil, Cari Silverwood kind of way. She knows how to write sex scenes that are incredibly what the hell goes on in your head disturbing but also amazingly I can't believe I find this erotic and hot kinda way. Grimm starts to exhibit mesmer qualities and Einar and Kaage offer to make him a member of their club and promise him Zoire if he does everything asked of him. They ask him to do some pretty immoral things, especially to Zoire and while he seems conflicted at times it's also clear he also enjoys the power and control he has over Zoire. I was a fan of

Grimm in the first book but while reading this story I kept flip flopping and am still not sure how I feel about him. It's complicated. Zoire on the other hand is someone I was rooting for in the first book and was continually rooting for her in this one. I hate what these men have done to her and as her anger and thoughts of revenge grew in her I was cheering and egging her on. While being held captive she tries to remain strong and hopeful. It's hard and you can see at times she is overwhelmed and doubtful this will end well for her and the other women and she is always unsure about who she can trust, including herself and her perceptions and realities. Some serious stuff happens to Zoire and sends her on a path that I'm not sure I'm going to like. It's complicated. And that's what I ultimately love about this series so far. Nothing is black and white, good or bad, right or wrong. There are so many shades of grey, so many different degrees of what's right or wrong. You think you know where you are going to stand and then the twisted mind of Cari Silverwood writes a paragraph and you're damn, don't make me hate/like him/her, not when I've already decided how I feel. I am anxiously waiting for the third book in this series, but like this one I know I will feel nervous about starting it because I know that this author will send them and me on a path that will be twisted, dark, disturbing and exciting. Can't wait. Highly recommend if you like a dark, twisted, disturbingly sexy read. Not for the faint of heart.

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### **Am4u ☺ ~ AprilMarie4u ~ ☺ says**

#### **Story & Characters**

A lot more of Grimm in this book & his point of view. The things his willing to do for Zorie are hilarious, heart wrenching, & very disturbing. I absolutely love that he's a man capable of dark deeds but also has a sweet side (at least where Zorie is concerned). Grimm is total swoon worthy book boyfriend material.

A little bit more of Mavros (aka Mr. Black), but not much. I really like his sadistic side. However, I don't really understand him. Much like Zorie, I can never tell what he's feeling or thinking. I really don't know where the author is going yet with this character but I got a feeling it will come to a head in the next book.

Zorie is still the strong never give up type of heroine. Although, I got the impression she's weary & downhearted. But she continues to fight on because she just doesn't know any other way to be, it's who she is. I have much respect for people like that & they make for very interesting characters.

#### **Series**

Just as good if not better than the first book (my review of Wicked Ways). As a series, the books are not really standalones but no cliffhangers either.

#### **Favorite Quote**

“Think me bad, if you want. I am not. I will be your knight in bloody and cracked armor...” ? Cari Silverwood, Wicked Weapon

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### **Cari Silverwood says**

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### **Saskia says**

Second book in the series. Just like the first book it is dark, gritty and it gives you plenty to think about. Zorie is taken again and being held captive by two mesmers. Zorie tries fighting them but struggles. She never really knows what is happening to her and around her. What is real and what is not. There is a strond horror/paranormal vibe in this book. The House seems alive and ever changing. As a reader you don't know what happening either, so you are at much at a loss as Zorie is. This makes it even more intense.

I loves how strong Zorie becomes in this book. She was strong before, but slowly she is taken charge of herself again. And i will never look teh same at a chessgame again.

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### **Charlie says**

#### **If you want something dark and disturbing this is the thing!**

I really enjoyed book one, and Wicked Weapon hits the spot just as well for something a bit (a lot) twisted. It was dark, dirty and sexy.

Zorie is a great character, she's a fighter and I really felt for her, I was with her until the end.

In book one I really liked Mister Black, he was dangerous and intriguing in a way that really appealed to me. That being said, I do really like Grimm, I'm not entirely sure I want Zorie to be his, but he's definitely yummy.

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\*I received a review copy of this book from the BDSM group on Goodreads\*.

### **Nadine Bookaholic says**

This was a darker read than Wicked Ways. Zorie and Grimm are taken in an ambush that leaves Mavros (aka Mr. Black) with a stab wound. Now that Zorie and Grimm are being held they are asked to do things that are so twisted it made my skin crawl. 'Snuff said!

Anyway, Grimm is the man that I want to end up with Zorie but after the ending, I'm not sure what to expect. But I'm still holding out for him like I did in the first book...why can't the underdog win. Just because Mavros is the one with all the power - that doesn't mean that Grimm cannot figure out a way to make Zorie his. I look forward to the next book to see what Zorie has planned next and yes, I'll admit I am hoping Zorie wipes out the mesmers...but maybe leaves one or two of them alive for her own personal fun and games.

\*\*\*I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review\*\*\*

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### **Kim says**

The things I should complain about this book didn't bother me.

I'm giving this 3 stars because of the ending, while confusing, it was satisfying.

IMO the book was the same as before, just a different villain, and maybe a different hero. Still the same.

I'm just a sucker for a kick-ass heroine, and while she survived a lot, it just seemed like too much. I kept asking when is enough?

All in all good book.

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### **Jennifer says**

Cari Silverwood's second installment in her Dark Hearts trilogy is Wicked Weapon and in my opinion, this is her darkest and most depraved yet. Those of us that love dark erotica start to salivate at those words, but they are fair warning, as Wicked Weapon is not for the faint of heart. In Wicked Ways, we see Zoire end up in the hands of two men, one a mesmer, able to control women at will, and other...somewhat of an unknown in terms of what role he will play in Zoire's training. As Wicked Weapon begins, so does Zoire's training in

earnest. Mavros, formerly Mr. Black, is in charge and has plans to use Zoire to exact revenge for a wrong done to him by a group of evil mesmers called the Collectors. When the time is right, just as Zoire is preparing to be used, she is cast into the hands of evil again. She's escaped before with her life, but not unchanged or unscathed. In this new world, the tables are turned and she is left in at the mercy of two mesmers who clearly have a clandestine side business in acquiring women for the "use" of their clients. Grimm is there as well, but is he friend or foe? Will Zoire be able to overcome the spell and escape with her life and her mind intact?

Ms. Silverwood has given a new warning on this trilogy and I think for good reason. This is dark erotica, but as I have discussed with some readers as of late, dark erotica means something different to everyone. Capture and torture but with a good guy swooping in and a solid HEA? Bad boy who loves his woman fiercely and who is his only exception? Both can be classified as dark. In *Wicked Weapon*, I think readers should be prepared for what feels more to me like erotic horror. Everyone's intentions are in question and we don't see an HEA in any meaningful sense as of yet. Is there a hit that one may come in book three? Yes, but it won't be roses and sunshine, that's for sure. For me, that's when I start rubbing my hands together in anticipation :).

*Wicked Weapon* had me reading on the edge of my seat for its entirety. The ending had me worrying about my blood pressure as I sat in my doctor's office, heart pounding out of my chest! The atmosphere is sometimes dreamlike and often surreal. The Collectors' training mansion, where Zoire and Grimm are held captive, is a little house of horrors, with almost a fun house type of vibe. It was deliciously disorienting and made for suspenseful reading. Zoire doesn't take kindly to being forced into the role of a robotic plaything and although she might comply, she has a devious mind that's always turning. Grimm starts to reveal what type of character he will become, but it's not without heartache. Zoire isn't really buying into it. We find out about Mavros' motivations and although I don't know that I was supposed to feel this way, he's the type of cold but measured Dom, self-serving but not cruel, that really gets me going. In *Wicked Weapon*, there's evil and then there's EVIL. Lots of blood and gore for the horror fans, some predicaments that had me cringing and panting at the same time, and no shortage of sex in bondage. *Wicked Weapon* is the most suspenseful and atmospheric Cari Silverwood book to date and a whole new level of dark. Book three can't come soon enough for me, as where she goes from here is wide open and unpredictable. If you can handle the dark side, you'll be rewarded with this series.

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