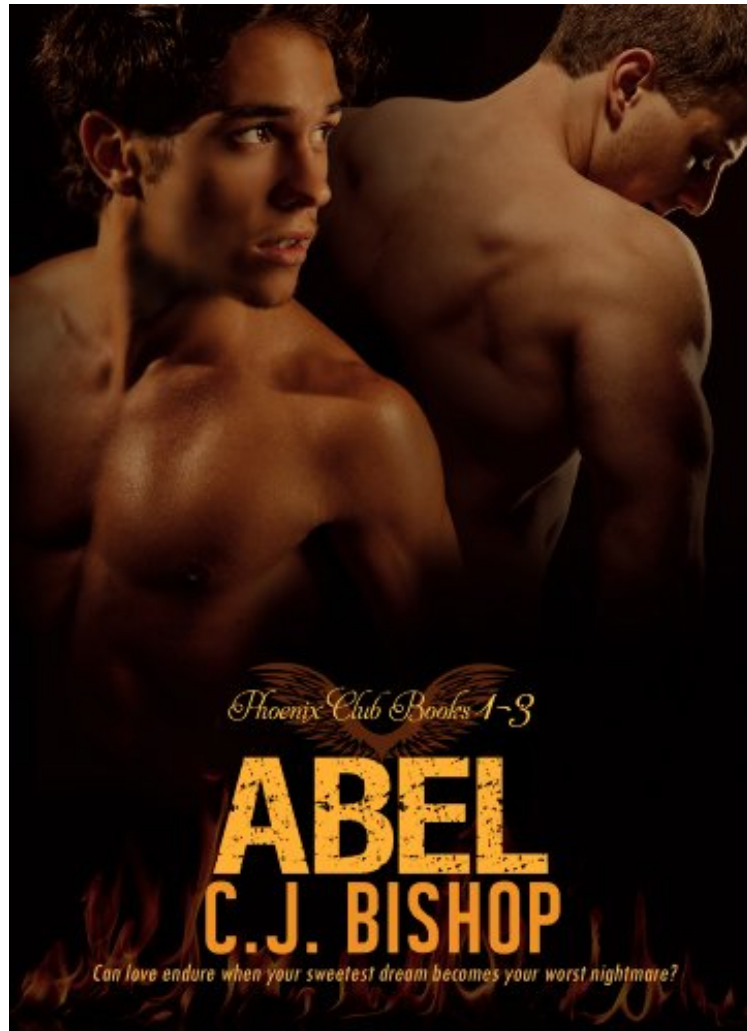


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**Von CJ Bishop : ABEL TRILOGY (Phoenix Club Volume 1) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised ABEL TRILOGY (Phoenix Club Volume 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not absolutely bad ...Von QuerleserFirst of all: I really liked reading this story - because I loved Cole and Gabe. They are co-workers, know each other for years, are friends with benefits and going to fall in love in this books. But they are only secondary characters and there were so many major flaws in Abel's story, that I can't say I enjoyed it, though there are some sweet parts in his story, as well.Positive:- though the editing is a bit sloppy at times (typos, minor grammar mistakes), it (and the writing style) is all around good- the price is fantastic- the story is nice, the problems

believable- Cole and Gabe are fantastic secondary characters: good friends for Abel (and his sister) and a lovely couple. Negative:- While Abel's sister is in hospital (HIV positive and on the verge of having AIDS), he is having sex with different men and not one of them is talking about safe sex: no condoms at all in the entire book (and believe me, there are lots and lots of detailed sex scenes). Having sex with his co-workers might be okay (there seems to be a rule to have regularly STD checks), but they have "extracurricular" activities with their clients, so what does that mean? But Abel having unprotected sex with Devlin and a paying client is not only annoying, but absolutely out of character for this figure.- Too much sex scenes (and they aren't even good ones) and not one of them with condoms. And how comes that the detailed described sex scenes are all without prep and lube? There is only one sex scene with Abel prepping (and even using a Kind of lubricant) his client before topping him. All the other times he (or whoever is the bottom) just gets topped without anything. So no, I really was annoyed by the "no prep, no lube, no condom" rule of this author! And the permanently porn-like dirty talk during sex was too much!- unfortunately, there are nearly no dialogues. With all the misunderstandings, Problems, fights and what else, I expected the characters to talk about at least some of it, but they barely managed a couple of sentences before a) having sex, b) running away or c) break down crying (or d) a combination of the above mentioned possibilities). All this drama enrolls in not even three weeks, so there should have been some talking!- Everyone is permanently crying or on the verge of tears or overwhelmed etc. Well, not permanently, but nearly. Abel and Devline mostly, but there is no character (except maybe the barkeeper) who isn't crying at one time. And even during sex (and no, not only the flashbacks of the rape). That was too much for my liking.- the characters all seem to be big believers in God, varying from "How can HE allow that?" (Gabe and Cole) to "He just is a mean, cold bastard, who hates me" (Abel). To each their own, but I really would expect that at least Able would have lost his faith in God and won't even believe in his existence, anymore.- it was all overly dramatic and full of angst, the inner musings, the reactions (mostly tears or running away), etc. Abel and Devlin don't know each other (they don't talk, only keep looking at each other secretly), but know after a week, that it is the one and only, big love, etc. It would have been nice to see them getting to know each other, developing a relationship - but it was just love (or lust) at first sight and then all the drama.- After meeting "his big love", Abel conveniently lost his panic of being touched. After years of having problems and not trusting anyone, he sure changes and there is suddenly lots of touching (and more).- Devlin is a doctor and at least he should recommend a good shrink for Abel and his sister. But being in love seems to be the remedy for all of Abel's problems.- Abel says several times that only his boss Max (who is like a father) knows all the depths of his past. And that he feels that Max and his best friends Cole and Gabe are like a family: he can trust them, they respect his secrets etc. But Max told a client about Abel's sick sister (probably to make clear that Abel would never sell his body if not for needing the money for his sister's treatment), and Cole and Gabe are constantly talking about Abel and his past. There is so much gossip in "The Phoenix Club" it is hard to believe anyone can be trustworthy or discreet. Well, there are a lot of points I didn't like, but if you skip the sex scenes and ignore that HIV is a main subject while not one of these people know anything about safe sex, it is a book with some sweet scenes in between and a nice couple (Cole and Gabe). Abel is nice but a bit extrem in his reactions and full of angst - but for a 19 year old boy that seems absolutely suitable. An okay read, which I can't recommend wholeheartedly.

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