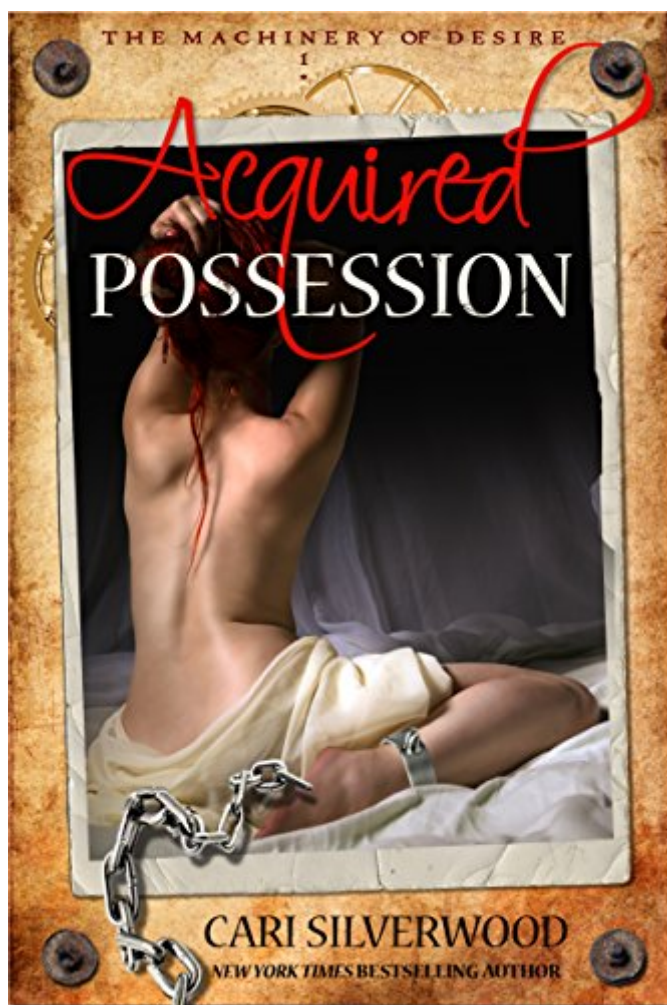


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Acquired Possession (The Machinery Of Desire Book 1)



Synopsis

The night Emery is taken she is reading emails in bed. Aether, another world, the world of the Swathe, the moving cities of the Mekkers. Blind on arrival and naked. No one touches her until the Mekkers decide humans aren't people, and therefore can be bought and traded. The journey through the portal alters humans, shines them all pretty. Humans glimmer. Emery's bright hair and nails will forever mark her as alien. Her freedom is gone. Though her sight returns, she becomes a possession of House Oren. But someone else wants to own her, the House Master, Mako, a man who uses whips and canes like most people use a knife - daily, with efficiency and casualness. She vows to never give in. Banned from marrying. Banned from having playing too intimately with the house possessions, Mako holds himself back. He mustn't. Shouldn't. His job is to punish, to control, to keep the House in order. But when Emery runs and takes with her a most dangerous war machine, one not seen since the Last Days of the War | Mako is the man they turn to. To chase her down. To bring her back, lamed, dead, or mostly alive. Inspired by the Gor series by John Norman. Warning: This is a dark erotic story. If you don't understand where dark stories can go, this might not be for you.

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Customer Reviews

I really want to give this story 6/5 stars, it really is that good. Emery, also known as Slave 12 of the House Oren, is a woman who was somehow lured to Aerthe and turned into a mere possession. Mako is the House Master and her trainer. He is in charge of making sure this formerly free woman accepts her place as a slave. He's a disgraced war hero who isn't allowed to go as far as he wants with the woman who reminds him of his former love. The book starts in the middle of a courtroom scene where humans have just been named slaves owned by their patrons. One of the women, Fern, who was abducted with Emery attacks a judge with a knife and is sentenced to be his slave and for him to be able to stab her once with a knife, just as she had stabbed him. Emery is horrified, and Mako, who is behind her in the courtroom, carries her out of the room when it appears that she is unable to get herself out. Emery has a hard time trying to adjust and wants to keep fighting against Mako, who needs for her to start understanding her place and who is fighting against his attraction to Emery. She's nothing but a slave, and he can be nothing but her House Master. His first punishment is creative. Her caning is so very, very hot. She acts out, he punishes her. When she is accused of sedition, he has to seriously punish her, and holy cow, I wish I could be her. I want some purple electricity, so bad. The story is a beautiful one, and very well written. It's not just a love story with a HEA, although there is that, it's a story about the journey that Emery takes from free woman to a willing submissive. Cari Silverwood really did well with that. I really enjoyed Emery's struggles and trying to figure out how she was feeling and what she really wanted. Do heed the warnings and disclaimers on this story. They are there for a very good reason. But if they don't scare you off, you will love this story.

I have been reading Cari's books for a long time. I will admit her writing has gotten a bit darker, but her skill has only grown with time. If anyone could get me to read something with needle play (Take Me, Break Me) it is Cari! I do not EVER regret picking up one of her books, and *Acquired Possession* is no different. Emery shows up in the world blind and full of free will, however even though the world and her circumstances are different when it comes down to it she is attracted to, if not scared to death of, Mako. Mako is the House Master and it is his job to keep the house happy and give out punishments. Mako wants to punish Emery. More than he should. He tries his best to distance himself from her and his desire but when she escapes everything changes. As always the author's world building skills is truly amazing. The Mekkers live on a giant ship that flies around the planet. Intrigued yet? This girl was! I was very curious to learn more about not only their technology but also why Mekkers lived the way they do. Their past and that of the world Aerthe is very

interesting. Add that in with the HOT, HOT erotic scenes and that edge of danger that IS Mako and that made this novel one steaming pile of intrigue that had me on the edge of my seat and often holding my breath through scenes. I want to say so much more, I could drone on forever, but I'll let you pick it up on July 26th when it releases. Trust me when I say if you are into darker erotica (slave world, needle play, force, and loss of free will) Cari Silverwood's *Acquired Possession* will fill you with a tension that grips you until the very end.

I am not sure how to characterize this story as it was something new to itself. A BDSM relationship set in a post-apocalyptic, sci-fi world. It was not wholly steampunk, it was not truly paranormal or alien abduction, but something in a class of its own. I will reluctantly admit that I found the start of the book to be confusing. We were dropped into the middle of what seemed to be a tribunal proceeding and I was immediately bewildered by the world in which Emery found herself. But as I read and became more familiar with the terms, the people, the customs, I found myself being able to sink in and enjoy the story more. I almost felt as if I was experiencing this foreign world just as Emery was, being thrust into a place that was confusing and overwhelming and finding my way a bit at a time. Once I did, however, I was able to appreciate what an imaginative and fascinating world it was. Cari Silverwood created an entire existence that was primitive and highly advanced, both at the same time. It was a world in which the ground was alive, the machinery could think, and slavery was commonplace. It was barbaric and fascinatingly raw, and the creativity it took to craft such an existence was amazing to me. The relationship between Emery and Mako was one that came about slowly. From her initial hatred of the man, which morphed from fascination to desire, I did not feel that any of the emotions were forced or inauthentic. It was an organic transition and interesting to watch Emery realize what she truly wanted when faced with decisions that could set her free. And just as her evolution was a treat to behold, so was Mako's. From a man that started as an oafish brute to one that was noble and caring, his transition as a result of his feelings for Emery were a pleasure to read. I am awaiting the next book in this story with baited breath. For a book that had me confused at the start, by the end I couldn't put it down. There are so many loose ends that I long to continue to explore, and now that I am not such an inexperienced traveler in this world, I can't wait to revisit.

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