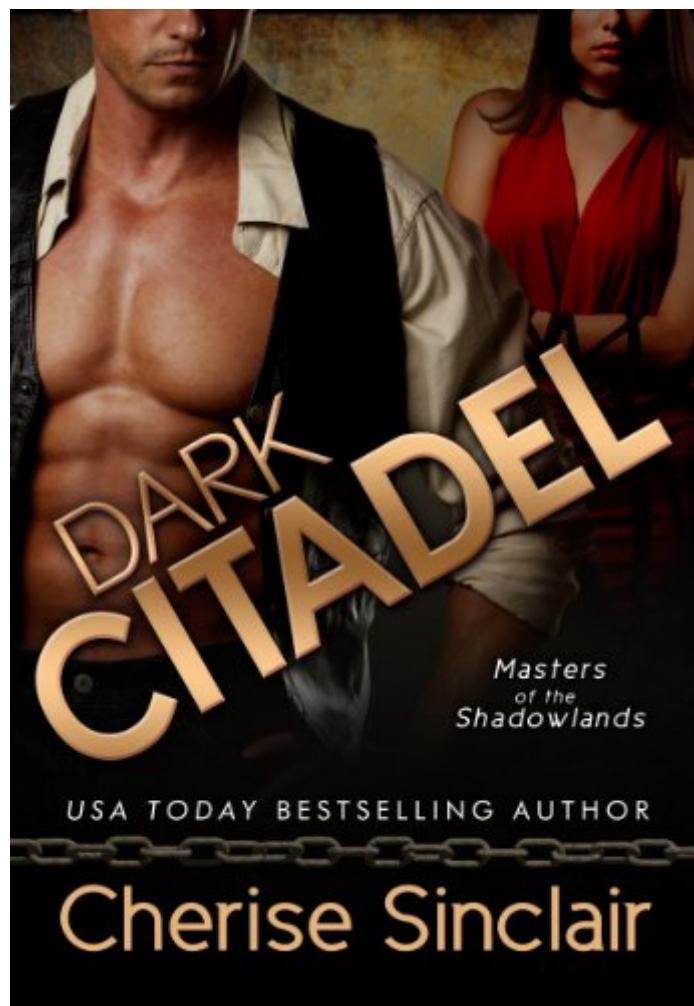


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# Dark Citadel (Masters Of The Shadowlands Series Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

BDSM Erotic Romance [Reprint]After Kari breaks up with her date during Beginner's Night at Club Shadowlands, she's given the option to continue with an experienced dominant. Despite her steamy fantasies about BDSM, the inexperienced schoolteacher plans to simply observe. Yet under the unyielding hands of Master Dan, she not only participates, but gives him everything he asks for. There is nothing she can hide from him. Not her passion or her love. Still mourning the death of his wife, Master Dan avoids getting involved with women and he never takes a sub twice. But this modest little beginner is such a sweetie, one night is far from enough. As he plumbs her responses, taking her ever deeper into the world of BDSM, the gentle submissive begins to show him how barren his life has become and what a dark citadel he's made of his heart. During their three nights together, the teacher will learn to submit...can she teach the master to love? Masters of the Shadowlands series: Book 1: Club Shadowlands Book 2: Dark Citadel Book 3: Breaking Free Book 4: Lean on Me Book 5: Make Me, Sir Book 6: To Command & Collar Book 7: This Is Who I Am Book 8: If Only

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## Customer Reviews

Master Dan, Dan he's the man, if he can't get you off, then no one can. Wait I take that back. I'm pretty sure ANY of the Masters at Shadowlands could do the job with a look, a quirk of their brow or merely the threat or the promise of dishing out some punishment. Dark Citadel is book two in Ms. Sinclair's series about some of the hottest Doms on the face of the earth at the exclusive and private club The Shadowlands and the women who capture their hearts. As in the previous book, the heroine Kari seems to be your average, everyday woman with a normal career as a school teacher and as most woman do, she has self image and body issues. Luckily so far the Masters at Shadowlands seem to have a penchant for curvy women. Looking to spice up their sex life Kari and her current boyfriend Buck decide to try out the Shadowlands and see if the Dom/s lifestyle is for them. It's not long before Dom wannabe Buck gets carried away by the experience (and not in a good way) and before Kari can say Yes, Master she finds herself getting a whole new education experience courtesy of Master Dan the Man. Big bad Dom Dan has a bit of a rep for being a loner since his wife died. He partakes of the pleasures at Shadowlands, but never with the same sub twice. When he notices Kari's not really "feeling it" during a scene with Buck the Schmuck, Master Dan rises to the challenge of initiating Kari into the lifestyle available at Shadowlands and takes matters into his own hands. Master Dan works slowly towards the goal of building a trusting relationship between him and Kari. He pushes her boundaries, delivers punishments for disobedience and rewards for good behavior.

First off, I really enjoyed the first book in this series and I was looking forward to Dan's story, mainly because I wanted to find out more about why this guy was so damaged that he wouldn't work with the same sub twice. Plus, I really enjoyed the author's writing style. Kari is a very reserved school teacher with a strong religious background who always follows the rules. However, when her boyfriend, Buck, suggests they try taking beginner's classes at the Shadowlands, she is intrigued. Unfortunately, Buck's true colors come out as soon as they walk through the door, and Kari isn't the type of woman to let herself get walked over. She kicks him to the curb and is ready to leave when Master Z suggests that she stay under the guidance of Master Dan. She agrees, and under Master Dan's experienced hands, she discovers how good it feels to let her passion free. Honestly, I thought this would be better. If I hadn't read the first, maybe I would have thought more highly of it. As it was, I found the storyline to be repetitive. It was like the author took a carbon copy of her first Shadowlands and reworked it with different characters and situations. The writing was solid, the characters were strong and enjoyable, even Dan, although he was hot and cold to an almost

infuriating degree. Kari was nauseatingly patient, though I could see why she wanted him. The problem for me was that she was practically a doormat. She just kept coming back for more, when it would have been just as easy to tell him to eff off. She even kept mild contact with her ex, Butch, because she didn't want to hurt his feelings when, clearly, he was bad news. I am happy with the way that she and Dan ended up in the end, but, really, it was a given, so no surprise there.

Here's my problem with this book: I pretty much forgot everything about it - even the heroine's name - as soon as I was finished. Over a weekend I went crazy and read the first three books in the Masters of the Shadowlands series. I read them out of order, in the order of appeal the blurbs had for me: #3 Breaking Free, #1 Club Shadowlands, and then this one. I know for certain I liked Dark Citadel much more than book one, but it didn't impress me enough compared to book three, which I thought was fantastic. Club Shadowlands is many things, but on certain nights of the week it is an exclusive place for BDSM. The heroine of this one - Kari - is dragged along to a training course for newbies to the lifestyle. Her date is an abuser rather than someone interested in being a true dominant, and Kari leaves him before they even get started in the club. She's put into the experienced hands of Dan instead, and things go from there. What Cherise Sinclair does well is that she creates well-rounded characters who show us the dynamics of this unconventional world they're in. As Kari is learning how things work, we're seeing how Dan pushes her without abusing his position of power. She writes it well enough that I forgot what kind of book I was reading! This book takes place over the course of a week (I think), and the short timeframe meant I didn't buy the characters' relationship at all. Dan hasn't had a woman in his life since his wife got drunk and died in a car accident three years earlier. I cannot comprehend how he could deal with all his issues and overcome his commitment phobia - and make a long term promise to Kari - after knowing her only a few days.

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