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Stjepan Sejic : Sunstone Volume 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sunstone Volume 1:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A charming and oddly relateable trip into a world I don't usually think much about.By Lewis D. MedeirosIt's hard to recommend something that could be described as pornographic in nature (although this is more focused on story and characters with eroticism being an element of that, rather than it being what you should be reading the story for). Sunstone is, so far, very much a good enough read that I feel

compelled to give some incentive for people to pick this up. Before I say anything else, though, I need to clarify one thing about the nature of this comic: there is sex in it, explicit sex, but the pacing and writing is always focused on the characters themselves. The sex scenes only last long enough to get the writer's point across about what's happened; it's neither rushed to a conclusion nor drawn out for the duration of the act as it would be in an actual porn comic. There are two explicit scenes in the book, toward the middle, and quite a lot of suggestive stuff sprinkled through the rest of the book, but one of the "scenes" lasts about three pages, and the first, while longer, "fades to black" after it's done doing what it needs to do for the story. The story itself, which is focused on two women--Lisa and Ally--who have secret BDSM preferences and find each other online, is primarily about the human element. This isn't a story that glorifies actual domination (like *Fifty Shades of Gray* does), this is a story about what the narrator herself calls "sexual nerds," and about the personal trust and growing connection between these two women. BDSM, usually only portrayed in terms of pure pornographic fetish elsewhere, is shown in a very accurate light here. The awkward nerves of two partners taking the leap together for the first time, the worry that one might go too far, and yes, even the sheer ridiculous kink of it, is all touched on in this story. What makes it really go is that the characters are just written so well. You don't actually need to buy the comic to sample this story. Large chunks of it are available for free reading on DeviantArt--posted by the author himself under the screen name Shiniez, so it's easy to sample the story and artwork before throwing any money at all at it. It should be noted that the author lives in another country (the exact one escapes me at the moment), so English is not their first language and the dialogue is thus rather clumsy grammatically in these free pages. This is not the case in the published graphic novel; editing has greatly corrected and smoothed out the grammar issues, with only very rare lines still sounding slightly awkward in their wording. One last thing I should mention is that the graphic novel itself is rather thin and a little less than a third of its page count is dedicated to extra stuff--some additional artwork, and a three-or-four-page comic short about the author's own creative blundering into writing this story at the end of a long creative burnout. Charming stuff, but do not expect Sunstone volumes to be omnibus-length. It was long enough to feel worth the ten bucks I payed, but at a guess I'd put it at the length of five or six monthly comic-book issues. There are no page numbers, so I can't give an exact page-count. That said, definitely worth it. I believe so, anyway.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The human side of power exchange relationships
By Evey Hammond
As a 7-year member of the bdsm subculture and a submissive/masochist in my own 5-year power exchange relationship, I cannot praise Sunstone enough. It touches on the human side of bdsm while also addressing the mechanics and safety of the lifestyle without feeling like a manual. A bdsm relationship is still a relationship between two human beings and Sunstone has done well to plumb those depths of the human experience. Much of my power exchange journey, thoughts, feelings, self-doubt and joy are mirrored in Lisa. Sunstone began as a webcomic/deviantart series of pages and hasn't quite seamlessly navigated the gap between webpage and print, but that is by no means a reflection of its creator. The art is immersive and engaging. Buy it because you already love it or buy it because it really is worth your time and funds. Support the incredible research and work and labor and love that went into it.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Warmth, affection, dominance, submission
By wiredweird
Doesn't everyone want attention? Face it, top or bottom, you get someone's undivided attention. There are lots of erotic comics out there, but I recommend only three. Four now. They're Foglio's laugh-out-loud XXXenophiles, Quinn's Shadow and Light series (still my favorite), and Coover's Small Favors. I like a few others, though not as much, and most I just give away or throw away. This one's a keeper. It has all the shy charm of a first date, but with the intense edge of two people desperate for the other half of something special. I thought it odd that categorized this as romance - but it is, with all the trust, openness, and hope that romance implies. Plus some fancy toys and costumes, but we're grownups, right? Another thing occurred to me, making me update this review. A boy/girl BDSM story has an inherent power role, whether he's top or she is (standard power role or reversed). Since the two who matter are both women here, the whole boy/girl thing goes away. It's about fun (edgy or out-there fun) and play, and who plays how. It's about giving and receiving, where gender equality brings that to the front. Yes, the girl-on-girl thing has its appeal, but I think I like the layer under that even more. If you're looking for the steamiest of encounters, well, they're mostly implied. All (almost all) of the squishy details hide discreetly in the space between panels. Lots of lesser comics can flood your pages with those body fluids. This is about the seduction, embarrassing moments (and haven't we all had a few?), anticipation, and afterglow that make each couple and each encounter a story worth telling. Think what you will about the unseen and implied - I certainly do - but what this portrays really is romance. Of a sort.-- wiredweird
PS: Seeing that this title is published by Top Cow, I wonder whether there's a "Bottom Cow" out there. We may never know.

Two women deal with modern themes of sex, relationships, and fetishism in this erotic romantic comedy. So beware all who enter, because, to quote a few hundred thousand readers on DeviantArt: "I'm not into BDSM...but this story...I get it."