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Christmas is a time for goodwill to all, but Collars and Cuffs co-owner Thomas Williams receives an unexpected gift that chills him to the bone. A Dom from another Manchester club asks Thomas for his help rescuing an abused submissive, Peter Nicholson. Thomas takes in the young man as a favor to a friend, offering space and time to heal, but he makes it clear he's never had a sub and doesn't want one.

Peter finds Thomas's home calm and peaceful, but his past has left him unwilling to trust another Dom. When Thomas doesn't behave as Peter expects, Peter's nightmares begin to fade, and he decides he'd like to learn more about D/s life. A well-known trainer of submissives, Thomas begins to teach Peter, but as the new submissive opens up to him, Thomas finds he cares more for Peter than he should. Just as he decides it's time to find a permanent Dom for Peter, they discover Peter's tormentor is still very much a threat. With their lives in danger, Thomas can't deny his feelings for Peter any longer. The question now becomes, can Peter make it out of the lions' den alive, so that Thomas can tell his boy that he loves him?

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From Reader Review Trusting Thomas for online ebook

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3.5 Stars

Not so much as a whips and chains, nor an erotic kind of tale, this was more about an unlikely pairing between a loner dominant and a severely scarred submissive.

Horribly abused, Peter is coaxed back to the land of the living and taught that he's something of worth, that the bdsm world is a far cry from what he has been exposed to. In turn, Thomas takes his responsibilities to heart, as he slowly helps Peter heal and comes to realize that he's been neglecting his own happiness for far too long.

So take this as a nice, sedate, slow burn romance that really is all about building and accepting trust. Huge age gap, uber hurt/comfort - this tender, emotional story probably epitomizes what the ideal dom/sub relationship is - complete surrender and care that is reciprocated both ways. Quite lovely.

Nazanin says

4 Stars

Peter was Curtis's sub for four years; four years of torturing, of humiliation, of hurting... when Curtis chose Peter as his sub, Peter didn't know anything about Dom/sub relations and Curtis promised him to teach him everything but the thing was Curtis didn't know anything himself and all he thought to Peter was pain. Steven saw all of this and decided to save Peter. So he kidnapped him and then he handed Peter to Thomas to train him as a sub for real this time but after four years of hurting it was difficult for Peter to trust anyone. Besides this trusting issue, after Peter was kidnapped Curtis was searching for him... but Thomas wasn't going to lose Peter so easily and at the same time he was at war with himself not to attract to him (because of his age).

This one was a slow burn one because as you see Peter first must be trust to Thomas and it takes a bit too much time. But I liked how Thomas tried to gain his trust. There is a huge age gap (thirty years) but it wasn't palpable. My only complaint is the ending was a bit rush. I liked to read more about them after they come clean with each other! Told in multiple POV, 3rd person. It's the second installment in the "Collars and Cuffs" series and I'm looking forward to reading the next book. Overall, I really enjoyed it and hope you like it as well!

Emma Sea says

I do love me an older, urbane, honourable, slightly old-fashioned British Dom, and Thomas makes a good one. Wells does make Peter grow and rise above his woobiedom, but I thought he was a bit of a blank slate, and never found him half as interesting as Thomas.

I thought the climax should have been extended; it was over too soon, and there didn't appear to be any serious threat to our MCs.

Overall this is perhaps a book best for those who haven't read too much in the genre.

Macky says

I've looked forward to reading Thomas' story from the moment I put down *An Unlocked Heart* which I loved and have got to say it was well worth the wait. What an enjoyable series this is turning out to be.

Thomas is such a lovely character. Half owner of 'Collars & Cuffs' a BDSM club in Canal St, Manchester's Gay village, he's a very well respected, experienced Dom and the go to guy if you want to be trained, and that goes for both Doms and subs. When a friend Stephen, who frequents a different BDSM club, notices a young sub being openly physically and mentally abused by a so called fellow Dom (Curtis- a man rumoured to be untrained, dangerous and cruel) he takes matters into his own hands by contacting Thomas and asking his advice as to how to get this poor lad Peter out of this guys clutches... the upshot being a plan to rescue him from under Curtis' nose and put him in Thomas' care as Stephen already has a sub and doesn't feel he can give the young man the help he needs, but he knows something drastic has to be done.

And so begins Peter's rehabilitation and journey with Thomas as he escapes from the physical and mental torture he's endured under Curtis' domination and learns the **true** meaning of trust in a D/s relationship, blossoming in the hands of a man who shows him that a true pairing of a Dom and his sub can be a wonderful shared experience.

Thomas is in his mid 50's and as far as he's concerned this thing with Peter is only a temporary thing until he can find a Dom for him who will be perfect for his needs, one who because of Peter's trauma would have to be very special and understanding. Of course as time passes and the relationship between the two of them grows and becomes stronger, it becomes very obvious to us and Thomas' friends exactly who that Dom should be but in true m/m style there are some major obstacles and conflicts to get through before the book reaches its satisfying conclusion and its watching how this older man and his poor broken 'Boy' come to that conclusion that makes this story the fabulous read that it is! Alex and Leo play a big part in this story and just reinforce why I loved them so much in book one. There's also a role for Josh's detective dad from the "learning To Love" series.

There's not a great deal of in your face BDSM action going on in this story, more a touch of kink but do you know what? I honestly don't think it matters because the story is such an engaging read that I don't think you miss it and what I personally liked was that this gave me a more informative and understanding insight into the workings of a D/s lifestyle and I actually started to get why it appeals to some people.

As for Peter, who I just wanted to hug all the time because he's gone through so much pain yet is such a sweetie and Thomas who was such a kind and caring Dom.... well I just fell hard for them both, despite the age difference which I must admit normally I'm not a great lover of but in this case was perfect for the plot and it definitely bothered Thomas more than it bothered Peter or me as a reader.

I really loved this and its just made me want to read more about the people connected to this club, in a city that's very familiar to me because I only live a stones throw away and I can picture perfectly as I'm reading the books, so all I can end with is bring on book 3 **SOON**Pretty please! Recommended!

Sandi ♥'s way too many M/M books says

[Curtis, I'd like to meet in a dark alley and stab in the dick but hey maybe that's just me (hide spoiler)]

Tanu Gill says

3.5 stars

Wow. This was such a sweet piece of hurt/comfort story. It was just like reading BDSM 101! I adored Thomas and Peter's relationship, how they both got dropped in a situation where they had no previous experience, how they both stumbled and righted themselves along the hard and tough journey from being virtual strangers to having their sweet, gooey HEA.

I know many readers have commented that there wasn't much BDSM in it. But according to how I view it, there was a lot of the element in the story, just not the type which we are accustomed to. For me, it was like getting down and deep into the inner, deeper workings of how a D/s relationship forms and perseveres, how both the parties involved think and consequently act to gain the trust of their partner, as it is the most important part of any relationship, let alone a D/s one.

As my life has chosen to not let me have time for a relaxed breath currently, I was happy to get to just snuggle and recuperate with such a low-angst read.

Yes, the whole thing with Curtis was somehow blown out of proportion and yet not covered properly, because the buildup to what illegal things Curtis may have been doing was a very encouraged part, the actual reality of it wasn't as shocking as the things he had tortured Peter with. So I feel that that was a rocky patch which could have been corrected.

Also, there were quite a few punctuation mistakes in my copy, which was quite shocking really, as the first book in the series was better edited.

On the concluding note, I am definitely hooked to the series and all the lovely supporting characters (and my favorite couple, Leo and Alex!), and I definitely want to read even more stories, plus, I seem to be in a BDSM dungeon (*wink wink*), so I am thrilled that this book successfully maintained my interest and is sending it forward.

Even though the first book is one which I will definitely revisit, this one didn't come close to that, sadly. :-/

Ingie says

[These uninhibited admired, almost all-powerful men who always knows best. Why? It becomes almost silly and just disturbs my democratic sense of equality and the a

Debra says

4.5 stars

K.C. Wells is an auto-buy for me. For the most part, I've come to expect the full range of emotions from her books while addressing some serious issues and a very healthy dose of hot sex. This book did not disappoint. I was so engaged in Peter and Thomas when I realized I was more than halfway through the book before there was any sort of sex between the two main characters and I didn't even miss it.

Peter is liberated from the home of Curtis, his so-called dom, after 4 years of abuse. Brought to Thomas, one of the owners of the BDSM club Collars and Cuffs and a well regarded trainer of both doms and subs, 26 year old Peter is scared and broken, not knowing that what he suffered through was in no way a healthy D/s relationship. At 56 years old, Thomas is set in living his life alone, working at the club where he also does his training. He has never had a long term sub and has never shared his home with anyone. When his friend Stephen enlists his help, Thomas intends to heal and train Peter and then find the perfect dom for him.

With help from Leo and Alex (the MC's from An Unlocked Heart), Thomas slowly works to gain Peter's trust and teach him the joy of service to a dom who appreciates it. Peter is placed in therapy with a therapist who is also a submissive. Since Peter is also agoraphobic and fears Curtis hunting him down, he rarely leaves Thomas's home, other than trips to the doctor. Peter also forms a bond with Alex, who he finds he can talk to openly. As the nature of the abuse Peter suffered comes to light, there is still something that he is holding back from the men that hints at some more sinister goings on with Curtis and his associates.

The relationship between Thomas and Peter plays out beautifully. Trust is slowly built, and Thomas does everything he can to encourage Peter's transformation from abused boy to cherished sub, providing him with structure, comfort and purpose for his eventual transfer to a new dom. Throughout the story there is also the undercurrent of suspense. Peter is always wary that Curtis will never let him go and things finally come to a head at the end of the book when Peter realizes that in order to keep the people he loves safe, he will have to come clean about everything that happened with Curtis (with another appearance from DI Saunders from the previous book and the Learning to Love series).

If you are expecting hot and heavy BDSM and sex along the lines of the first story, you are not going to get it here. If, however, you are looking for a hurt/comfort theme, with a slow build and a satisfying relationship between the two main characters, this is a book I would recommend.

Tina says

I was dying to read the second installment of the Collars & Cuffs series and finally getting to know Thomas, Leo's friend and co-owner of Collars & Cuffs.

Trusting Thomas is about 26 years old Peter, who has been in an extremely abusive relationship with his Dom Curtis. Steven, another Dom and friend of Thomas, questions Curtis' treatment of Peter and risks literally his neck to free Peter from Curtis' clutches.

Thomas, an experienced trainer of Doms and subs, agrees to take Peter in and train him. He has never trained a submissive as damaged as Peter, and there are times he just doesn't know what to do next. He's so gentle and kind with Peter and starts a routine for him to build up trust.

Peter's rebirth-experience is so emotional written... words fail me to describe this scene properly. Thomas is exactly what Peter needs, a gentle Dom who shows him what a sub really is and that he *is* worth to be cherished and loved.

A very special part of the story is that while Thomas saves Peter, Peter also saves Thomas with filling his life and home with love and warmth. This is clearly a relationship with give and take on both sides.

If you are looking for a BDSM story based on bondage/pain/humiliation this one isn't the right book for you. Trusting Thomas focuses more on submission through service, obedience and trust, but not pain. Because Peter has had more than enough of that.

The significant age difference between Thomas and Peter wasn't a big deal for me and it's obvious that Peter doesn't care. :)

I loved meeting Leo and Alex again. Especially the close friendship Peter and Alex are forming is lovely to watch.

Trusting Thomas is a journey of recovery, discovery and love. I look forward to seeing what comes next in the Collars & Cuffs series.

Thanks to my lovely friend Gina for buddy reading with me. :)

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

4.5 stars Review written for The Blog of Sid Love.

This story centers around Peter, a 26 year old who has been in an extremely abusive, slavish at times, BDSM relationship with dom Curtis. Another dom, Steven, notices and questions Curtis' treatment of Peter while attending a party and eventually finds a way to remove Peter from the situation. He turns to his friend Thomas, part owner of Collars & Cuffs, whom we met in book 1.

Thomas is a bit older at 56, but he has a stellar reputation as a trainer of doms and subs and agrees to take on training Peter. I don't think Thomas quite realized what he was getting into with Peter or the extent of the damage that was done to him previously. But he steps up to the plate and finds alternative ways to help Peter work through his issues. Mostly he provides some structure as Peter gains confidence and becomes more comfortable with BDSM. Turns out that he had the complete opposite understanding of what it was all about, and Thomas begins his training by showing him how things should be.

Peter is a total sweetheart. I wanted to peek in his diary myself just to see what he had gone through in one lump, as opposed to the crumbs we are fed. Curtis was a horrific dom and just not a good person. Peter slowly gets stronger with the help of Thomas, and it is a joy to watch.

Honestly, I felt like there was actually even less BDSM action in this story than in the first. I didn't actually find that a problem though, as it fit perfectly with this story. Again, this story centers around Peter's recovery and issues with the actual BDSM taking a back seat. Thomas must find ways to show Peter the lifestyle that don't involve pain or humiliation, so he turns to toys and other less-invasive methods, and when some of Peter's issues prevent him from being comfortable outside of the house, Thomas works around that by not taking him to the Club.

These guys both seemed right for each other. One of their biggest obstacles after Peter's issues was the age gap. Thirty years is a big gap, and the issue comes up more than once. It never really felt like that much while I was reading, so I never had an issue with it myself. For now, these guys make a nice couple where

they both need each other for different things. They still have a lot to work through, but they are certainly on the right path. There is very little sex here, but I didn't miss it. I truly just wanted to see Peter get his life back on track and get past his time with Curtis. Speaking of Curtis, things seemed to wrap up a bit quickly where he was concerned.

It was really nice seeing Leo and Alex again, as happy as they were when we left them in the first book. We meet a few new characters, and I was left wondering and looking forward to who would be next.

Sandra says

ARC Review: Trusting Thomas by K.C. Wells This book pushed all my buttons and made me cry a lot. Partly, I cried in helpless rage when Peter's story comes out bit by bit, and partly in sheer joy from watching this beautifully broken young man flourish under Thomas' capable hands.

So, you had best have tissues at the ready.

I have a thing for the salt and pepper older men. You know, the ones with experience, the ones who are comfortable in their own skin, the ones who make you feel safe as soon as you look at them. Thomas is such a man. Unfortunately, he plays for the other team, but in his book he finds just what he didn't even know he needed.

Peter on the other hand is very damaged - nearly broken by years of abuse at the hands of a sadistic man who shouldn't ever be allowed to call himself a Dom. Still, despite his fears and the brainwashing, Peter has not completely given up hope. It's buried deep, sure, but there's still that little spark inside that ultimately lets him shine brightly by the end.

The writing is engaging and descriptive, exploring the aftermath of abuse, ignorance and explaining the BDSM lifestyle as it flows along, creating gorgeous imagery that brought out all my feelz and left me choked up more than a few times.

I admired Peter's strength in reclaiming his life, I cheered for him whenever he took a new step forward, and I was overjoyed for both Peter and Thomas at the end.

What could have been done better was the resolution to the Curtis situation. It seemed over too quickly and too cleanly, which I suppose, for escape from reality's sake, wasn't too bad. I was on the edge of my seat as it was, so it's not like I minded terribly when the bad guys went to jail rather quickly.

I must also question the existence of the leaking butthole and refer to my friend who tells me there's no such thing. Though, I suppose it could be argued that after years of sexual abuse in Peter's case, perhaps the sphincter does not shut as tightly as it should (contradicted when Thomas exclaims how very tight Peter is), even though that would still require gravity (and thus standing up) for the few ounces of cum to leak at all.

Either way, I've come to expect such inaccuracies in a lot of M/M romances, and they don't distract me from my enjoyment of this book. There were scenes that were so utterly gorgeous and emotional, they took my breath away. I felt cherished just by reading about how delicately and conscientiously Thomas takes care of the frightened rabbit Peter and does whatever he can to make the scared man feel safe. That alone was worth reading this book.

I received a free ARC from Dreamspinner Press. A positive review was not promised in return.

Gina says

5 ABSOLUTELY AWESOME STARS!!

The blurb about the book pretty much describes what is happening. It's never easy to read about someone being abused, and even though you learn in flashbacks and Peter retelling his story, it's still difficult and heartbreaking. But the stories where the MC overcomes his horrific circumstances are the best, throw in finding an amazing man who helps and falls in love with the MC and i am so there.....with tears in my eyes!!

Now Thomas, OMG SWOON!!! Thomas is co-owner of Collars & Cuffs, and good friends with Leo the other owner (from book 1 An Unlocked Heart). I love this man, he agrees to take care of Peter and train him to be a submissive and show him what a real Dom is. Thomas is patient, loving, steady, comforting and sexy as hell! As Thomas starts to have real feelings for Peter he keeps himself at a distance because he is so much older than Peter.

You will be disappointed if you go into this expecting lots of BDSM sex. While you do get some of this in this story (yes yes, yes), this is a story of abuse, the long journey to healing, trust, acceptance. And we get to see Peter form a friendship with Alex, from An Unlocked Heart. I loved seeing Alex again, another sweetie i fell in love with.

Overall, I will say this plot is not an original one of course, there are plenty of books that tell this type of story. What the author does and how she handles it with her expert writing absolutely grabbed my heart and head. This story did everything it was suppose to do, pulled me into it, made me fall in love with the characters and glued me to my chair. And when I finished I hugged my Kindle and sighed....

Whitney says

This book felt more like a "BDSM 101" course than a novel. It's very informative if you aren't familiar with the lifestyle and are ignorant about the difference between D/s relationships and abuse. Most things I knew already, so it was a bit like taking a refresher course.

I'm not going to lie, the 30 year age difference between Thomas and Peter did bother me a bit at first. I wasn't...disturbed or anything per se. But I'm glad they acknowledged it. And the progression of their feelings for each really showed through the novel, so I felt better about it by the end.

I really liked the steady build to their relationship. Thomas is definitely what Peter needed. I like that there wasn't immediate sex and they had to build up to that with trust and understanding. I also like that Thomas didn't read Peter's diary, but understood what he needed in order to start healing from his trauma. This book seemed oddly fluffy considering the subject matter, but I didn't have a problem with that at all.

Overall, this is a decent read. I think this book would be a good place to start if you're wary about reading books on the D/s lifestyle. It's not dark at all even with the reasons as to how Peter came to be in Thomas' care.

3.5 Stars.

Meags says

4 Stars

This is one of the best hurt/comfort stories I've ever had the pleasure of reading.

I absolutely adored Peter. His continuous struggle to overcome the traumas of his past abuse is so utterly heartbreaking. I was brought to tears on several occasions; the emotions here are raw and I felt them intensely. I had to love Thomas' character for no other reason than he continually proves himself to be a good man through his dedication to Peter, in his tireless efforts in helping him heal.

The fact that I enjoyed this book so much, even though it heavily features two tropes I'm renowned for not liking in general, says a lot. Here, the BDSM themes and the massive age-gap between Peter and Thomas (30 years) is but a blimp on my reading radar. This demonstrates how good the writing is, because every aspect of this story has a place and a purpose, disallowing me to take issue with things I'd usually be turned off by.

Victoria love books says

Overall book rating: 5 Sad stars

Audio book: Narrator - Nick J Russo 5 Stars

Book cover: 0 stars

Once again: Does one of those lads on the cover looks like a 55/56 year old man?????????

This book was so, so, so sad!!!!. My heart broke for Peter. To have to go through what he went through he deserve peace and happiness. I just wanted to hug him and tell him all will be ok. The amazing part of this book was how Thomas handled everything and every decision regarding Peter health and wellbeing.

I JUST LOVED THIS BOOK SO MUCH!!!
