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Shelby Whitman has had a huge crush on the one man who deserves more than she can give him, so it's best to keep him at arm's length.

Dominant Parker Christiansen has been craving the perky, petite submissive ever since he laid his eyes on her, but she's turned down his every attempt to negotiate with her.

When Parker finds out Shelby's hiding a devastating secret from her friends, he steps in to help, and this time he won't take no for an answer. Can he convince her he's fallen in love with her, and if they only have this time together, they should make the best of it?

***The Trident Security series contains elements of the BDSM lifestyle, sensual romance, nail-biting suspense, and happily-ever-afters.

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Liz Ellyn says

Master Parker makes for an impressive Dom. His protectiveness is heart-warming. His patience for vanilla is sweet.

Shelby is a strong woman. I love how she embraces her circumstances and wears the colorful wigs.

Again, Carter is my favorite character that likes to tease all his friends. He pushes Parker's buttons in the best of ways.

SPOILER ALERT

I don't usually include spoilers, but when cancer is involved I feel a need to do so. It's a disease that affects many people and can turn lives upside down. I generally pass on books where someone dies from cancer. That is not the case in this book. I would hate for someone like myself to pass on this book because they feared a sad story.

Page Turners says

This might be the most powerful story in this series so far. I know to expect a little erotica, some bdsm with hot alpha men and strong, determined women in this series but this book completely blew me away with the sweet and tender love story that Shelby and Parker experienced. Shelby uses the covenant to hide behind different personas to keep everyone at arm's length to keep her secret that her cancer has returned. She has previously fought this demon and it left her unable to have children and it played a serious mind game with her self-worth to the point of denying her feelings for Parker because she felt he deserved more than she could give him. Parker saw Shelby for the good and kind woman that she was and wanted desperately to break through her walls. This is their story about trusting themselves and their hearts and allowing someone else to be strong when they could not. This was a short novella but the story was fulfilling and inspiring. I love the men and women of this series and look forward to each new story it brings.

Ralou by Collector Of Book Boyfriends says

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Review original post:

<http://collectorofbookboyfriends.com/...>

book review: 5++ domination stars!!

Master Parker, Master Parker and Master Parker again! Actually, Master Parker in infinity! Give me that hot piece of man and Dom every day and I would be a happy happy woman! Only good things I have to say about this book! But let me find my breath first because I think I lost it somewhere with all this dominance.....

Okay, I found it! So, let's get started!

First, what makes this book a phenomenon is the love story that's about! Reading Parker – oops sorry! **MASTER** Parker – and Shelby's love is one of the greatest things I have read in my bookworm life. It was lovely for me to be a *reading witness* of that story! It's irresistible and you can't walk away from it!

And, how can you really do that when you come face to face with the amazing natural instincts of Parker to protect, take care and fiercely love Shelby? Not possible. Or better *Not Negotiable*, as Parker would say. Just like it was for him when she needed him the most, even if she didn't know it.

Shelby needed someone to take care of her, and whether she realized yet or not, he'd just signed up for the job.

So, Master Parker as a born Dom, he took charge of the situation without leaving any space for disagreement from Shelby. And thank god for that!! These two lovers, started as two members of *The Covenant* – the BDSM club that the sexy Sawyer clan owns, for whoever doesn't know it -, the one a Dom and the other a submissive, who are secretly in love with each other but never had a chance to show their feelings. Until, a Big C situation forces them to come closer and give them that chance.

At first, Parker – although he wanted other, deeper things from her – only had the intention to take care Shelby and help her beat the cancer that was threatening her life. Because he couldn't turn his back on the woman that he loved when she was going through that. So, he took completely care of her! But as the time was going by, the nature of their agreement/contract/relationship started to change!

It was time Ms. Shelby Whitman had a full time Dom.... and it was going to be him.

And that's where the high levels of steaminess and sexy scenes make their appearance. Phew!! Just thinking about it makes me hot and bothered! It was **puuurree** joy and pleasure to read these scenes of theirs that they were full of passion, love, worshiping and the crave that a lover has for its other lover's body. And the chemistry that Shelby and Parks had in – and out – of the bedroom it overwhelmed you in a good way that made you unable to stop reading.

He needed his hands on him when they made love. Play was over and passion had taken its place.

And Samantha knows pretty damn well how to write these kind of scenes and peel layer after layer of this chemistry! You could say she has a degree on it! :) Every single time, in every single book of the Trident Security series, she takes the dominance in another level. But, I think it's only reasonable since she created that *outstanding, hot, unique, six-pack* ex NAVY Seals boys who you can't resist!

Damn, that man could kiss. Hot. Wet. Demanding.

As for Shelby, it's a sweet character and immediately lovable. Also, amazingly courageous and considerate of the others. I was in a total awe of her throughout the whole book and I'm still am. Having to get through

cancer twice and this time alone, it's not a piece-of-cake kind of thing. I admired her strength and will to maintain her baby shelf and special & energetic personality, independently what she was going through at the same time, just because she didn't want to upset the others from the club that cared about her and loved her unconditionally. There were many times while I was reading that I came close to tears but I held back.

Cole made her amazing magic spells again and created another great story that worth to be a proud part of the *Trident Security* family. I really couldn't ask for a better unfolding for Master Parker and Shelby. Thank you again Samantha for giving us such amazing stories! I can't wait to read what you have in store for Jake, Brody and Carter! I become a five-year-old girl just imagining it!

Sarah says

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to author Samantha Cole.)

“Parker was the type of guy who should grow old with the woman he loved, spoiling lots of children and grandchildren. Something Shelby could never give him.”

This was an enjoyable adult erotic story, with some BDSM elements.

I liked how assertive Parker was in this story, and I liked the way he looked after Shelby, especially once he found out what was going on with her. It was really sad for Shelby that she was suffering the way she was, and I was glad when Parker offered to care for her.

The storyline in this followed Shelby and Parker as he supported her through her illness, and showed how they grew to love each other after some initial sparks. There were some sex scenes which were pretty hot, with some light BDSM elements (nothing too kinky though!).

The ending to this was very much a 'happily ever after' sort of ending, although with this only being a novella, it came pretty quick!

6.5 out of 10

Mspraise50 says

This is my first book by this author.

This is Shelby and Parker's story. They both belong to a BDSM club and are attracted to each other. However Shelby holds Parker at bay and won't interact with him because she has a secret and does not want to share it with him.

True love finally finds a way in and this is a sweet romantic story. The BDSM is just a backdrop and this is not engaged in because Shelby is not up to it.

It was a sweet read!

Linda says

Wonderfull!

Master Parker, breaks down the barriers sub is Shelby has set up and takes on caring for her!

Thelma says

This book was very dear for me as it touches a subject that i experienced and lived a few years ago... Shelby has Cancer not only for the first time as she is in some kind of remission but she doesn't want to bother anybody, not even her closest friends at The Covenant.. She stays quiet without letting anybody know the terrible cancer has return...

I love the way Parker treats her and takes care of her.. i recommend this book a lot .. don't be afraid to read about the subject, i was afraid at first but Samantha did a great job and wrote everything in a very beautiful sensible way..

I love how can you see the BDSM community is so strong and close and they will never let any of their members to struggle with something like cancer alone... I'm glad Shelby found great people to help her and take care of her on the bad moments and i'm also glad Parker was always with her..

Jill says

Success

This goes back to a scene in book 2. Parker wants everything to do with Shelby but she keeps her distance. Shelby has secrets no one in the club knows about. Parker soon finds out part of what Shelby is hiding and the Dom in him comes out. Wonderful addition to the series.

Heather Jasinski says

I love how each book Samantha Cole writes in this series is about a different couple. This is Shelby and Parker's story. It's a short story. This book is a little different then the others because there is no one coming for either of the main characters, no violence. Even though there isn't really any action happening in that way, it's still a good book.

Parker is an architect builder contractor , has his own company called New Horizons. His father doesn't approve anything he is doing. His brother Dave wants to go to the Covenant (private BDSM club) because he was curious about the lifestyle. Shelby wore different colored wit to match her outfit every time she came to

the club because of her thinning hair and being cancer free for 6 years. Parker took him as a guest and Parker stepped away for a few minutes and when he returned Dave slapped Shelby in the face. Parker felt really bad and apologized and took Shelby home. Two weeks went by and he didn't see her at the club, he asked the guys and they said she asked for some time off. Shelby wasn't expecting him, she was expecting her medicine to come so she opened the door. The guy showed up with her medicine and Parker was in shock that Shelby has cancer. This is when Parker became very concerned for Shelby and wanted to help her. He was attracted to Shelby for a long time and she never wanted to play at the club with him. He is determined to find out why she went play with him.

You'll have to read the story to find out what happens next

Parts of the story I liked:

"You've been in the lifestyle for years, Shelby. You know damn well we're a close-knit community. Nobody says they want to help because they feel obligated to. They say it because they care and know if the situation is reversed, you'd be there for them. They love you, baby. You're family to everyone at The Covenant. Why don't you see that?"

"Parker Christiansen hadn't just gotten under her skin, he had burrowed deep into her heart, where she knew he would remain until the day she died-whether that was in the near future or fifty years from now."

"The fact that I think those words every day around you, tells me it's the real thing. I love you, Shelby, and I want to spend the rest of both of our lives proving it to you."

"Sitting up, he lifted the gold collar embedded with a rainbow of colored gems, I knew as soon as I saw it that it was perfect for you. The stones will match whatever wig and outfit you want to wear to the club. And it will still be beautiful on you whether you stay bald or your hair grows back. He paused. Actually it will be you who makes the collar beautiful. Will you wear it, Shelby? Will you be my sub for however long we have together? Her eyes filled with tears as she touched his wrist. Yes, Oh, yes. I love, Master. For however long we have together, I'll be your sub."

"Now that you've agreed to be my sub, will you also agree to be my wife? I love you Shelby. I love the children we are going to adopt and raise to the best of our ability. I love the dogs we'll rescue, so Spanky has someone to hang out with we kick him out of the bedroom, so we don't have an audience. And I love every second in time that you are by my side and in my arms where you belong. Marry me?"

Plot - 4.5/5 stars

Heat- 5/5 stars

Characters - 5/5 stars

Writing Style- 5/5 stars

Overall rating- 5/5 stars

I was kindly given a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Michele bookloverforever says

bittersweet story of how a sub found her Dom despite chemo and cancer.

Chantelle Bouffanie says

Great story! This is the next story in the Trident Series. This is a quick and easy read. Master Parker is an Dom at The Covenant. Shelby is an sub at the club. Master Parker always wanted Shelby. Shelby had beat cancer in the past. And now there's a chance that's its back. When Master Parker finds out was happening in Shelby's life. It's not negotiable when Master Parker wants to take care of Shelby. You to have to read this story to find out what happens between Shelby and Master Parker. You won't be disappointed in this story. Keep up the great work!!

Roz Ward says

Awwwww such a lovely romantic story. Really enjoyed this and I love Parker and shelby so much it was beautiful 'watching' them together. It pulled at my heart strings in parts and made me grin like a Cheshire cat in others. Loved it!

Amy says

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Samantha Cole
5 beautiful stars

If you aren't reading the Trident Security series than I have no time for you! The release of this beautifully written novella; Not Negotiable is no exception. Do NOT skip this book. Anyone who has been that warrior, that survivor will understand. Anyone who has been forced on the sidelines while watching a loved one suffer will understand. If you are fortunate enough that you haven't experienced either then you are blessed beyond words. In my opinion this is the story of the worst pain possible from both points; the one who is fighting, battling the pain and the one who loves that warrior more than their own life while witnessing the suffering unable to take it away. Cancer survivors and angels are a family. We stick together whether or earth or in heaven through the worst and the best; the joys and our hearts being shattered beyond repair. This is more than a novella; this is a small glimpse into a time when a few simple yet horrific words will change your life forever.

Shelby Whitman slammed cancer back to hell before. She won. She owned that bitch disease but the damage was done. Unable to have children she feels less of a woman and undeserving of love much less being someone's wife. The Covenant has given Shelby some sort of solace as she can keep everyone at arms length not getting close to anyone. Playing in the club took her away from what she considered her shortcomings for a bit, taking her away from the loneliness. If she was a deserving woman she would have allowed Master Parker to have her maybe even be his one and only but she could never do that to him. A man so pure, so caring, deserved a complete woman; not a woman like her. Shelby didn't consider herself worthy of someone like him. She had said no to him numerous times and that's how it had to stay especially now that her cancer was back. Shelby would win her fight again but at what cost. There was nothing else for the cancer to take other than her life. She wouldn't be a burden to her family or her friends. Shelby would do this alone.

Parker Christiansen wonders why this spectacular woman wants nothing to do with him. The "incident" with his brother occurred months ago but even prior Shelby refused to play together. Its been two weeks since she

has been at The Covenant and he has to know if its because of him. Heading to her apartment, Parker has no idea what he is about to witness. He has no idea that his heart is about to get ripped from his chest by a few brutal words.

As always I wont divulge the details. But I do have to mention a Bullmastiff, who is a rescue, named Spanky. It seems Parker found him through a wonderful lady named Tori and her Bullmastiff rescue. (LOVE it and LOVE following her page. Big shout out from one rescuer to another.) I hope that Beau and Spanky will have their own POV books one day. Wouldn't you love to know their thoughts on the Sexy Six Pack and friends? In seriousness in truth in the devotion that Spanky instantly develops towards Shelby is exactly what happens with a four legged family member. They protect you with their life making sure you receive unconditional love. Just make sure you deserve that love and return it.

There is so much joy and heartbreak in this book. Cancer survivors become our inspiration. They become soldiers who we strive to mimic, wishing for their strength and fighting spirit. Cancer is not a dirty word but it's a word we must learn to stand up to. Those who win need to know they are still worthy of a full life, love, children, a future. Its our responsibility to remind them every day that THEY are heroes. The souls who cant fight anymore and know its time to say goodbye allow us to exchange a piece of ourselves with them. They live within us, carrying on their determination of a better tomorrow for the next person who will hear those unexpected life changing words.

Thank you Samantha for writing this book .. for every part of it. Its worth so much more than a star rating ... Oh and readers .. make sure you pay attention to Carter. Being who he is ... its one of the greatest lines written in the Trident series thus far.

I was provided an ARC for an honest review. Review to post on Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets. Thank you Samantha for giving me the honor of being one of the first to experience Parker, Shelby and Spanky.

karn says

short but sweet

Love finally reading Shelby's story. It's great to have friends to rely on and even greater if find a great love along the way. Great novella.
And may I also say....cancer sucks!!!

Melenia says

I adored this book! It can be read as a stand-alone, but I'm reading them in order and it really works best that way.
