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Christiana will be billionaire politician Jonathan Brond's greatest love—or greatest scandal. He'll risk it.

Congressman Jonathan Brond has mastered his work, his reputation and the art of domination while keeping his family's political legacy intact. A chance encounter with college student Christiana Snow promises something he didn't think was possible—meeting someone honest.

When the charismatic man proposes a summer of sensual submission, Christiana leaps into his world—the antidote to her bland life. But Washington, D.C. is an unforgiving place that feasts on gossip and scandal. In a town of players introducing a new game is the only way out. Who knew love would be the winning plan.

Stand-alone and part of an interconnected series. Not a cliff-hanger.

## **Lovely Details**

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## From Reader Review Lovely for online ebook

### Shurrn says

#### Surprised and Delighted!

*"you're not alone. I see you. I'm with you."*

I was not expecting the exciting narrative that Lovely provided. I was prepared for a deliciously kinky romance, but I was not expecting the suspense and high-stakes Washington drama.

This book is the first in Elizabeth SaFleur's Elite Doms of Washington Series, but it is a stand-alone novel. The story wraps up beautifully with no cliffhanger, and the series promises new couples for subsequent books.

There's some mild BDSM themes running through the story (as the series name suggests) I would categorize the level of play as "intro-level" which is appropriate considering our young female MC was going through life blissfully unaware of the D/s scene.

#### As a side note, I want to say that:

- 1) Thank you Sweet Jesus, Christiana was NOT a virgin.
- 2) Jonathan has the most intriguing 'playrooms' I think I've ever read.
- 3) In a world full of tropey best friends in Modern Romance (They usually fall into three categories: The slut, the gay guy, or the absentee roommate who only shows up for 'important talks') this book presents the reader with Avery - The daughter of a Federal judge. She's a manipulative little socialite who has been Christina's life-long friend. I hated Avery in the best possible way. Her character elicited an immediate negative reaction (read intense loathing) from me, and she kept my attention throughout the book.

### Christiana Snow

*She wanted more, not even knowing what more might entail. She'd dance on the edge of this addiction, this obsession named Jonathan Brond, until she bled.*

Christiana's character started off painfully shy and unsure, but she was so authentic and believable. Her character grew into a vibrant and strong woman as the story progressed, and it was a joy to watch her thrive as a submissive.

We quickly learn that she's been taking care of herself for a very long time. Her family life has been far from idealistic, but she's pressed on with her head held high.

This story begins during the summer between her Freshman and Sophomore years in college. She's working her ass off at a Washington DC restaurant in order to afford next year's tuition.

When she's not serving DC's rich and powerful, she's being dragged to charity galas by her friend Avery, or playing designated driver for her alcoholic father.

Not an ideal life, but one that Christina has a firm hold on... Until she meets one dashing Congressman and her whole world is turned upside-down.

### Congressman Jonathan Brond

*He had planned to care for no one - until the right time. Timing was everything in Washington.  
Too bad he'd met the perfect woman during an imperfect time.*

Hello drool-worthy Congressman! Brond comes from a political line as famous as the Kennedy's, and he's working to restore his family's prestige. He's the youngest member of Congress ever to be elected, and he's single.

The definition of eligible.  
(And Lickable... Just sayin')

Jonathan Brond sees Washington's blue-blooded socialites circling him like sharks and is determined to stay unattached. He has a solid plan for his future and relationships would only be a hindrance.

Congressman Brond isn't what I was expecting, and I was so wonderfully enthralled by his character. He has a genuine need to help everyone he can. He's not your standard politician, he plays the game because he feels like he has to redeem his family name and right the wrongs of his father.

Now would be a good time to mention that this book is dual-POV, so the reader gets a front row seat to Brond's inner-monologue as he falls hard for an extraordinary young woman.

Brond fought his instant attraction to the young and impressionable Christina Snow. The reasons to walk away were endless...

It's an election year,  
She's nineteen years old,  
Her father is a political journalist,  
Her best friend keeps throwing herself at him...

Brond has no use for greedy little DC princesses like Avery, but he's helpless against his attraction to Christina. She's honest and kind, she isn't interested in wealth or power, she's independent and spirited - qualities Jonathan Brond doesn't see on Capital Hill.

Christiana Snow is offered the chance at a summer affair with DC's most eligible bachelor. She'll have to hide their relationship from her scheming best friend and her journalist father, but that's not all...

Jonathan Brond comes from a political family. He knows how to keep secrets, including a deliciously deviant preference for bondage and discipline.

The story progresses steadily with romance and suspense. Once this story gained momentum I was simply unable to put it down. There were several little twists and turns which surprised me and kept me on my toes.

Elizabeth SaFleur is a new-to-me author and I am impressed with what I've read so far. I think it's difficult to write a story with a wealthy sexual dominant and not conjure ghosts of so many books before, but Elizabeth SaFleur put a delicious DC spin on the subject, and I certainly enjoyed myself.

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## Verity says

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## Leisha says

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## Jennifer Lessard says

I received a free copy of this audio book in exchange for an honest review.

This is my first audible audio book. I used to listen to audio books years ago, when they were on cassettes. I rented them to listen to while I was at work and really enjoyed them then. But I have to say the narration of this book was very nice. It was not only extremely well written, it was nicely narrated. This is also my first book by Elizabeth SaFleur and I look forward to reading/listening to more. I enjoyed the story line and it flowed nicely and the characters were very well developed. Secondary characters played a very important role in the story and as the reader/listener, I felt a significant connection to them as well as to the main characters in the story. The story is a highly erotic one with strong BDSM themes as well as a bit of suspense. I have to say, it held my interest throughout the entire story. I look forward to delving into the additional books in this series.

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## Mary says

*Provided by the Author through the BDSM group on goodreads*

This book started well and I appreciated the character development and detail. Towards the middle and end however I felt that the story line became pressured and was rushed. The ending was tied up so quickly and in such a neat bow.

I appreciate the voice of this author, the characters drew you into the story and were enjoyable. Would read from this author again.

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## Rachel Lune says

\*\*\* ARC PROVIDED BY THE AURHOR FOR AN HONEST REVIEW \*\*\*

After enjoying the surprise read of Holiday Ties I was very excited about meeting more Doms of Washington. And Lovely was more than lovely!!

Elizabeth writes in a detailed style and the tone took me a few chapters to get used to. But before I knew it, I was floating along reading page after page of the story, immersed in the scenes and characters she had crafted.

The slow burn between Jonathan and Christiana is enticing - you know there is an inevitability to it, but how

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they get there or what it will be like are questions you're rushing to answer.

There was certainly more than a little sizzle between Christiana and Jonathan. They were steaming hot!! Seeing Jonathan push Christiana's boundaries was both painful (there may have been a misty eye when he stripped her on the boat) but also beautiful.

At times though, the constant descriptive changes in the intimate scenes distracted rather than heated things up for me.

I was expecting this story to be more about the sexual relationship between the two characters. I wasn't expecting the twists and turns and the build of the 'Washington Dom's' world. It was great to see this from the first in a series of books. I normally need to read a couple before I'm invested in the series but I'm already looking forward to reading more about Yvette, Mark, Sarah and of course Jonathan and Christiana. If Elizabeth doesn't give me that I'm going to be cross!

A great read and an author I'm certain to keep going back to.

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### **Rhonda says**

This was the first book of Elizabeth's I read. I loved it and was immediately drawn to Christina. Trying to make her way in Washington D.C. she runs across Jonathan. And the story begins. The twists and turns make this story a page turner. Will their relationship survive the political climate of D.C.?

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### **J. Kahele says**

Wow this was what I would call a 'holy shit, I can't believe how good this is,' kind of book. When you see the word 'dom', in any book you naturally expect some kinky, steamy, kind of book. Although, this book did have this in there, there was alot more

Christiana Snow is a college student who is a little unsure of herself and awkward at times. I have to stop for a moment to mention a very important factor, she's not a virgin! Most erotica books I have read always have the woman as an innocent being preyed upon by a dominant man. Speaking of dominant men--congressman Jonathan Brond, is a hot, handsome, melt-your-panties right off kind of man and there is an instant attraction when the two meet. For Jonathan, this is a bad idea. It's election year, she is only nineteen years old, he should walk away, but he doesn't, he wants her and offers her the opportunity to spend the summer with him. Will she take it? Ah, but of course, she will.

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### **Denise says**

\*\* I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.\*\*

Wow. Where do I start... This book, 'Lovely', was an exceptional book. It isn't just a story about sex and a dom/sub relationship. It is an erotic journey with a plot that went above and beyond what I expected. I loved the storyline. Well written. The way it played out was filled with such emotion and the growth of the characters was like a flower blossoming. I know, sounds lame, but I don't know how else to describe it. The

characters were great. Yvette and Sarah play a big part in the way this story unfolded. Christiana is such a great character. I love her loyalty, her big heart and her overall beautiful soul. She grew into the person she was meant to be. Like I said, well written. The BDSM aspect was tastefully descriptive and well executed. I loved Jonathan's character. He is the epitome of a true Dom. I can not wait to read more of Jonathan and Christiana's story. I look forward to reading Yvette's story in 'Holiday Ties'. Elizabeth SaFleur did an amazing job in creating a book that will stay with me. A must add to your tbr list. Highly recommended.

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### **lynn♥?lynn says**

This is a story of love that just can't and shouldn't be.

This story falls between 3.5 and 4 stars for me. I would have loved to have given it more as I felt it could have been so much more, but I did feel the ending was so so corny and rushed. I love a HEA, but this I felt was a little too much. It's so sugar coated.

I loved the story about congress, the lobbying and the political agenda, backlash to public life. Being a Brit, I found this aspect of the story fascinating and in a way it transported me to another world.

This is a story of a 30 year old congressman, who's running for office, who's heavy into the BDSM lifestyle, but keeps this aspect of his live very secret...understandably!!!. He has a sub, who's he's liaising with, when Chrissie is first introduced to the life style, when she over hears the interaction/ play.

The congressman (brook)...meets Chrissie at a party, and falls head over heels for her. We are introduced to her introduction, and subsequent training into becoming the congressman's submissive.

I felt uncomfortable at first that she didn't consent to a lot of what she was introduced to, including her punishments, but after all the acts, the congressman goes over the fact he'd asked her if it was ok to perform certain acts...is this consent, did she understand what she was being asked, I wasn't totally sure.

She's not introduced to a safeword till well over half way through the book, which too concerned me till this point. But she wasn't made aware of how and why to used this safe word. It was a safe word given to her, not one of her choosing.

These aspects had me questioning the book throughout, and I would have felt better if they'd been dealt with at her introduction to the lifestyle.

But over all I did infact enjoy this book and the story line. It is well written and edited, and I will definitely read more from the author...she has promised more from Jonathan Brook and Christiana. I personally look forward to this, this story does not end on a cliff hang ending, but a promise for more...great.

I was given this book by the author for the BDSM TBR read, in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Naksed says**

Elizabeth SaFleur knows how to write a BDSM scene effectively, I'll give her that. I normally stay away from Dom-sub stories because most of them end up being unintentionally comical. This was not the case here.

The setting in a Washington, D.C. full of bloodthirsty socialites and kinky politicians was interesting and different. That was what made me buy the book because it would not be your typical corporate billionaire/college girl story (though H was indeed from a wealthy background, and h a poor little college girl, but somehow did not feel like a FSOG derivative fanfic.)

Sadly, it was the story that was weaved around those very hot, very vivid scenes, that were lacking for me. Neither the romance plot did it for me, as both protagonists were unlikable. Not did the suspense plot hold my attention.

(view spoiler)

Anyways, lots of babbling aside, I feel like this author is talented, I enjoyed the writing in general, and it is really one of the better, least cliched BDSM books I have read, however the plot and characters left me wanting in the end.

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### **Amber says**

Lovely is a beautifully overpowering and breathtakingly phenomenal gift of gentle exploration, extraordinary discovery, and unfettered freedom. This is a story that will delve deeply into your heart and soul, splay you completely open, and emphasize the utter masterpiece that you are. Many things and people in our life forge and mold us into the person that we become for better or for worse, and when we can find someone who can remove the blindfold from our eyes and showcase to us the beauty that is hidden just beneath the surface, we desperately need to hold them close. These are true angels in human form that only want to bring the best of our qualities to the surface for everyone to admire and appreciate. Knowing our own worth gives us the courage and the strength to rise above any turbulent past and allows us to walk with confidence and assurance into the future with the knowledge that we can accomplish anything that we set our minds to. It unlocks unlimited hope and pure power into not only us but the world around us.

Jonathan Brond has a plan that he is unfolding one day at a time. He has a family reputation to restore while trying to eke out an existence he can enjoy and take some pleasure in. Running for office in Washington can either be a heady rush or a crushing challenge. Jonathan takes it all in stride because it doesn't touch his heart or stir his interest. He is just walking through the motions of a carefully constructed life whenever he is presented with the most exquisite dare that he has ever allowed himself to indulge in. Just when he feels like the walking dead in a city filled with cutthroats and snakes, Christiana Snow is a breath of fresh air to him. She is honest, true, and oh so pure. Will his sense of duty steer him to make the hard but right decision to keep in line with his 10 year plan, or will his heart overpower his long held sensibility and leave him questioning everything he ever held dear?

My heart and mind were thrown into a wondrous whirlwind of extraordinary characters and a fantastic storyline. I lost myself in a world of sensual give and take, deadly secrets and lies, and unexpected surprises and sensations. I never wanted to leave this wonderfully entertaining and utterly captivating journey that I found myself walking. While I tripped from time to time, I found that falling into the tender arms of such a

nurturing and loving experience left me feeling more empowered than I have ever felt. The vulnerability I felt was turned on its head to make me feel comforted and loved in spite of its intensity and indulgence.

Elizabeth SeFleur has completely blown my mind and opened my heart to so many new ideas, feelings, and emotions. She wields her impressive literary prowess with careful articulation and measured control. She knows how to present unlikely possibilities and lovely fantasies as a potential gift that is just one quiet word, one purposeful step, and one powerful touch away. Love is so much more than just a four letter word, and SeFleur will show you its full potential and irresistible allure with her every word that sinks, weaves, and binds itself to every part of who you are.

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## **Le Ann Foster says**

??Reviewed for Hooked On Books and CherryOBlossom Promotions ??

I gave this book 4.5 stars!

I don't even know where to start with this review because it was that good. It starts kinda slow but then things start to heat up and keep getting better and better. Yes this book does have some D/S but nothing more than what you would do at home! From the moment we meet Johnathan you will fall in love with him. Christina it took me a little longer. This book has it all with the twist, turns, surprise and the emotions, you will not be disappointed.

Christina is a college student, home for the summer to working for tuition. When her best friend invites her to charity event, she literally runs into Congressman Johnathan. She feels like she wants to know more about the Congressman. Johnathan is up for re-election and has particular taste when it comes to his sexual partners. He finds that he can't stay or get his mind off of Christina no matter how hard he tries. When their secret love affair is about to be revealed will these two hang on to each other or be over?

This is the first book I have read from Elizabeth, but definitely want to be my last.

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## **Michelle Austin says**

**Title:** Lovely

**Author:** Elizabeth SaFleur

**Series:** Elite Doms of Washington #1

**Publisher:** Troll River Publishing

**Reviewer:** M. Austin

**Release Date:** 1-1-15

**Genre(s):** Erotic Romance

**Page Count:** 204

**Heat Level:** 5 flames out of 5

**Rating:** 5 stars out of 5

**Blurb:**

Book One of the Elite Doms of Washington Series – Stand alone. Not a cliff-hanger. HEA.

M/F, Mild D/s themes, one hot Congressman and his young female sub.  
Can you have love and power at the same time?

Congressman Jonathan Brond has mastered his work, his reputation and the art of sexual domination while keeping his family's political legacy intact. But a chance encounter with college student Christiana Snow promises something he didn't think was possible—meeting someone honest.

When the charismatic man proposes a summer of sensual, sexual submission, Christiana leaps into his world—the antidote to her bland life. But Washington, D.C. is an unforgiving place; soon gossip and scandal threatens their relationship.

Yet, in a town of players, sometimes introducing a new game is the only way out. Who knew love would be the winning plan?

**Review:**

<http://i869.photobucket.com/albums/ab...>

Lovely by Elizabeth SaFleur is a panty melting 5 star read.

I was very surprised at how much I enjoyed this book. You are pulled in right from the start when Christiana walks into a very hot scene delivering meals to a hotel room.

When Christiana meets congressman, Jonathan Brond he tries to fight his attraction to her. He has several reasons to stay away, however he finally gives in to his Dominant side and introduces her to her deepest desires. And boy do these two turn up the heat in the bedroom. Some very hot panty melting scenes.

**Jonathan hadn't laid such an animalistic claim on a woman ever. He knew Christiana could own him if he wasn't careful.**

Christiana struggles to keep her secret affair with Jonathan away from her best friend Avery and her father. Avery has been relentless in trying to get Jonathan to notice her.

There are so many more things to this great story. Suspense, Romance, Mild D/s and a HEA. The secondary characters added a great element to the story.

This was my first read from Elizabeth SaFleur and I will definitely be following this series and the author. I highly recommend you 1-click and get started today. This is one that will definitely go in my tops reads for 2016. Thank you!

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review. Reviewed by MAustin from Alpha Book Club

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**Madeline Iva says**

There's much to like here for fans of 50 Shades of Grey. There's a very innocent young heroine, an older, rich, powerful man with a hot bod and confidence galore. Like 50 Shades they enter the world of BDSM, but unlike 50 Shades \*this\* heroine embraces BDSM with a 'where have you been all my life" enthusiasm. And while our hero doesn't have a dungeon room exactly, his house has some pretty eye-ball popping surprises. Heh-heh.

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