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Two decades ago, this book (and its companion volume, The New Bottoming Book) began teaching tens of thousands of people the joyous arts of BDSM topping and bottoming - not just "how-to," but "why-to..". the insider details of emotional support and ethical interaction during kinky play. Since then, the growing popularity of BDSM, and the blossoming of the Internet as a source of information and connection, have created a whole new universe of possibilities for players. Now, the completely updated revised New Topping Book gives even more insights and ideas, updated for a new millennium, about how to be a successful, popular player! "Easton and Hardy tackle the Top... and bring that elusive critter down neatly and with a certain flair. This is good stuff, important stuff... an excellent guide to topping, both for the rank novice and for the player who just wants words to put to all the thoughts and feelings that have resisted categorization." - Laura Antoniou, Sandmutopian Guardian

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Anya says

I'm going to buy a paperback version of this book once I move out of my parents' place and put it on a bookshelf in my and the boyfriend's shared library. :")

Frynne says

It totally changed my views on BDSM. A journey into the unknown darkness.

Annie says

I was very meh on this book. Someone else loaned it to me, so I figured I'd take a shot at it. I wasn't super impressed, to be honest. Granted, none of this was really new information to me, so unless you're an absolute beginner I'd suggest looking elsewhere. To be nit-picky, I found some of the "interludes" to be a little too purple-prose for my taste. Also, the chapter on spirituality kind of threw me for a curve ball, and not in a good way. The book also seemed rather repetitive at times. But that alone wasn't enough to warrant a one star rating from me.

Most of my problems with the book stemmed from the "darkside s/m" chapter, as well as the mentions of rape fantasy sprinkled randomly throughout the book. Twice "molest" turned up as a positive verb, with zero context or provocation. There's a difference between kink shaming and knowing when to respect people's past histories with sexual abuse/rape/trauma. (I guess it comes down to personal hangups, but I've noticed a tendency in the BDSM community to whine about kink shaming while disregarding the experiences of survivors, so.) Honestly, they could have just keep that stuff in chapter 15, I didn't need mentions of dressing up as a rapist in the chapter about costuming. And personally I found a lot of the stuff about acting out dark fantasies to be very apologist. Okay, you understand that acting out racist/sexist/etc stereotypes is in of itself a form of oppression, but since you're just playing around and you don't mean any hard that suddenly absolves you from the fact that it's racist/sexist/etc. Nothing exists in a vacuum. (Also, people getting offended by the offensive slurs you might use during your undoubtedly culture appropriating kink play is somehow oppressing you? Are you fucking kidding me right now?)

On the plus side, I did appreciate mentions of POC, gender fluid, and trans* people. So, uh, there's that. (Not enough to make it a two star rating though.)

Zuzka Namu Jakubkova says

Very good guide on navigating the "dominating" part of D/S relationships. Great sections on communication and dealing with your own negative energy. Excellent chapters on toys. Note to self: must buy more blindfolds.

Andi says

I read this non-fiction, educational BDSM book along with another one that contrasted greatly. The other was like an encyclopedia with editorial comments. This one is written more like a journey through the thoughts and emotions of the power exchange. The other was about the facts. This one is about the feels. I enjoyed both books but they do serve distinctly different purposes.

As other reviewers have said, this book is not a how to. There is practical advice but it's more filled with understanding the psychology of D/s. There are lots of deep, profound thoughts and many personal stories. I think it's a great choice if you are looking for understanding what drives people in/ to the LS or you are just wanting to hear true accounts about how others navigate D/s.

I found the book very easy to read. It has a conversational style, as if you're having coffee with the author while she tells you about her personal experiences. I really enjoyed the style.

Beverly Diehl says

Excellent resource about topping for beginners that skims the various ways someone might want to top, what their responsibilities are to their bottoms, and a deeper look at the emotions that can be invoked playing this way. I had a lot of fun reading it, making the attached video review (<https://youtu.be/dIuHyEtOrXg>), and expect to be returning to it periodically. Highly recommended for both beginners, and for writers who want to include these kinds of scenes in their own work.

Malobee Silvertongue says

BDSM through a very heavy lens focused on the S/M. I appreciate their efforts in writing this, however I found most of the content to be rather repetitive discussion of negotiation, awareness, and aftercare. It would probably be a good start for someone very new to the scene, but I found it to be less than helpful with a writing style that didn't really keep me interested either. This is not useful for people interested in or interested in learning more about D/s.

Martin Hassman says

Klasika. P?ekvapila m? kapitola o kulturních traumatech a práci s nimi v rámci erotických her, musím si o tom zjistit víc.

Kim BookJunkie says

I am not a member of the BDSM community, just someone who enjoys reading BDSM fiction. Since I enjoy reading BDSM romance and am open to learning about things that might enhance my personal life, I decided

to check this book out. I did occasionally skim through the chapters that were not applicable to me or did not interest me yet I was careful to base my star rating solely on the material I did read.

This book was highly recommended by a knowledgeable couple in a 24/7 D/s relationship. It was crystal clear that the authors our experts or at the very least possess a vast amount of knowledge on this subject. Unfortunately, I found the first half of this book to be extremely dull, at one point thinking about messaging the couple who recommended it to make sure they hadn't made a mistake! The initial parts of this book discuss basic, general aspects of BDSM. About 50% in, the book becomes much more interesting. The latter portions delves into some very deep issues, focused on information best suited for those who have been involved in BDSM for quite some time.

Although they did not achieve 100% success, it was evident to me that the authors attempted to write this book in a manner that was part educational and entertaining. Instead of just stating facts, the authors give us glimpses into their personal lives by sharing stories of experiences they and others in the lifestyle have had. They don't sugarcoat things and tell it how it is!

This book is likely to be of value to anyone interested in BDSM regardless of their level of experience. As long as you don't mind screaming or skipping when needed, those who are brand-new to BDSM and those who have been involved for years are likely to learn at least one new thing from this book.

Dani says

So, I visited my kinky chosen-aunt again, and it was lovely, as always.

Definitely not a "how-to" book but validating, non-judgmental and delving into some important psychological depths. Loved the feminist perspective. It's a classic.

? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

This is an okay book to start out with for new tops. Explains some of the situations which may throw a new Top into a spin.

Mark Stone says

When my girlfriend and I took our questions about our burgeoning interest in BDSM to our more experienced friends in Washington D.C., they recommended that we start with this book, and it's sister The New Bottoming Book. The authors write with wit and compassion, making this a fun, sexy, and comforting read.

It's important to remember, however, that this isn't a 'how-to' manual. It won't tell you how to play BDSM games with your lover - at most, there are a few scenes you might find interesting. It will tell you why you should be willing to give it a try, and it will explore what might be going on in your head to make all this stuff interesting to you.

Anyway, this book is an absolute winner. I can enthusiastically pass on my friends' recommendation to all

comers.

Leandra Vane says

A great foundation for exploring the Topping side of power exchange. Definitely a must have staple for any BDSM collection.

I reviewed this book on my blog The Unlaced Librarian. The review can be found here:
<http://theunlacedlibrarian.blogspot.c...>

Mashiara Dream says

I read this book mainly because I wanted to understand top headspace better (yes, this is what I read as writing research), and I think it was possibly the wrong expectation for this book. While it is a solid book with many practical beginners' recommendations, I did not find a connection to the content, and thus, for me, ultimately reading the book did not give me any new information and it didn't give me a deeper understanding, either.

Lourdes Bernabe says

I thought this book was a great introduction into the complex and diverse world of S/M. I would recommend this book to someone with no knowledge of the world and who wants to dive in one toe at a time.
