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When Sterling Baker discovers the wonderful world of BDSM, he's ready to literally throw himself at the feet of the spectacular Owen Sawyer, but Owen is unwilling to take on someone so new to the scene—or so he says. Determined to get what he wants, Sterling sets out to convince the doubting Owen that he can be the best sub in the world, the fastest learning, the most obedient.

It's not as easy as he thinks it will be, and things get even more complicated when Sterling realizes that he's fallen in love with Owen. With the stakes that much higher, Sterling's more determined than ever to win Owen over. But now he'll have to convince Owen they can have more than a teacher/student relationship, more than just good kink.

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Betryal says

I've always been intrigued by the world of BDSM and the relationship between a Dom/Sub. In this story Owen is an overpowering presence that Sterling needed in his life especially with a Father who thought he could rule and control Sterling, using his influence and power to control his son. Asshole had another thing coming. Sorry, had to put that out there.

I admire the way Owen (the Dom) was written up in this story and Jane in her own way wrote Owen and Sterling's relationship uniquely. Even for those of you who aren't into reading these types of stories I would still recommend reading this one. I was absorbed and drawn into the story and the details...oiye! I felt like I was myself the Sub. Made me want to be there. Jane mastered it, brought it to light, gave it and pulled this story off magnificently.

BRAVO JANE!

Vivian says

Poignant journey for a young man finding his way and the pseudo-reluctant man who guides him. In truth, it is a road taken together for like they say, "You can never step into the same river twice." Owen allows himself to find more than he expected, yet desperately wanted and Sterling receives more than he thinks he deserves. It is touching and quite beautiful to watch unfold.

Danny Tyran says

This novel follows the beginnings of Sterling (sub) before and after his meeting with Owen (college professor and Dom). I usually love novels of apprenticeship wherein we follow the evolution of a young sub who does not know much of the BDSM Community, but very eager to learn. He does so through his mistakes and successes. The authors also show how a young inexperienced Dom (Kirk) may commit involuntarily significant physical and psychological damage.

- The majority of the BDSM books I've read have included two (or three) people who are already in the scene or one who sort of stumbles onto it accidentally. This story contains a character who's a total novice but goes actively searching for what he feels he's been missing.
- The story doesn't just focus on all the wonderful things that happen during Sterling's initiation into BDSM. It covers the difficulties too: the misunderstandings, the fears, the failures...and the relationship seems all the stronger for those things.
- I loved how pushy Sterling is (and how nonchalant he is about it), especially when the two men are first getting to know each other. He's determined to snag Owen by researching not only BDSM, but also the specific things Owen is into--even after Owen has turned him down.
- I also loved how Owen is so puzzled by his reaction to Sterling but never allows his bewilderment to show. He's a stoic Dom the vast majority of the time during the initial phase of their relationship, but he's losing his heart a piece at a time.
- I'm a huge fan of books that hold off on sex until there's been some buildup, and boy, does this book have the buildup on that account. Quite a nice payoff, too, when it finally happens.

The characterization is solid, and I found the story sweet but not overly so. Owen and Sterling's interactions

had me hooked right from the start; their preconceived notions about each other make for some deliciously charged scenes, both sexual and non-sexual. Interesting novel.

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

I'm a huge fan of these authors and this story does nothing to change that view. What I most especially like is the smaller touches that bring the story home. Always the characters are flawed - but not fatally and not in any way that prohibits the love from growing. The way actions are described makes them very visceral to me. In the beginning half there is a point when they are going upstairs for the first time and Owen grabs Sterling's hand and he holds it tight and in that moment I was back at a time where my Dad did that with me before we did something important. That slight squeezing of the hand that tells you someone else is there, cares, and you are not alone. Those types of things mean that I really feel the characters.

Although Sterling is a bratty sub to some extent you sense it is not out of a need to be contrary but a need to know. That let me treat and see it differently. The relationship develops slowly (sometimes painfully so) but it never left the station in spite of the issues. Very well done!

Ula'ndi Hart says

4.5 Stars

I don't read a whole lot of BDSM but when I'm in the mood for one, and I'm lucky enough to get something good, I am a happy lady.
This book didn't disappoint.

One of my favourite Owen Moments: is right in the beginning where Sterling follows him out of the club after his scene with Carol, where Owen turns on him and tells him to "Back Off". So Alpha, which of course is a weakness of mine. Another where he tells Sterling that he knows he is his fairy godmother.

What I liked: I really liked that there is a **DEEPER connection between the two MC's than just a bunch of kinky fuckery**. Even though I think Owen wasn't all honest with himself, I thought he had just as many issues as Sterling, he didn't trust himself to care/love for quite a while there and he never dealt with it to my knowledge consciously. I've had a taste of this kind of book once and I found I enjoy it. I like the little things in-between the scenes, the everyday life and the feeling and emotion. I would have honestly liked a longer path with these two has I felt that some of the stuff could have been a little more rounded maybe? I would not have mind a chapter or two more just maybe bringing everything full circle but all and all I really enjoyed this. It made me WANT to read. Sometimes I find myself reading something because I NEED to read, and not because I really want to know and experience more with the characters. This wasn't one of those books. I really liked the feel. I liked that Sterling was "strong" and could stand on his own feet. I liked that he talked back, not blatantly disrespectful but he spoke his mind when he felt the need.

What I don't like : Than the absurd crap with his father wasn't brought to a clear point. That his mother (or in my opinion excuse for a female breeder) didn't stand up to that asshole in a spectacular show of motherly protectiveness. I didn't quite like that I felt as if though this was a major issue that wasn't resolved to my liking. It played such a big part in who Sterling is and what makes him tick.

I think the big turn off in BDSM for me is when the sub is pathetic and needy in a bad way. This was such a breath of fresh air because Sterling was spectacular. I loved it. I want more. I'll be keeping an eye out for more of this author.

Lily says

"To say that I liked this book is not enough. I loved it. Sterling and Owen are wonderful characters and the relationship between them was very well written, from that first awkward meeting at the club to the beautiful and romantic ending their story touched my heart."

My complete review is posted at Rainbow Reviews

Kaje Harper says

I'm not someone who finds BDSM intrinsically appealing, but there are a few authors who can make me feel why and how it works for their characters. Jane Davitt is one of those. When BDSM is part of the relationship dynamic of a couple (or trio) forming an emotional bond, then it works for me. Owen's protective centered intelligence and Sterling's sweet, needy passion, really came together as good chemistry. I had a hard time putting this down. The emotional moments were strong, but not angsty, and the ending was satisfying.

Shelley says

3.5 Stars For The Blog of Sid Love

This novel comes with lots of stars and the highest of recommendations; so of course I needed to see for myself.

I like a BDSM book occasionally, it's not my real life kink of course - sub-space is a myth in my opinion, (that shit just stings - and my husband understandably, won't switch) so I enjoy reading about this lifestyle instead, it's exciting. I love the whole D/s dynamic and can respectfully appreciate the need and reasoning behind it all - I've read enough of these books to *get* it.

*** For the benefit of busy readers the summary and quotes are hidden behind this spoiler, it's totally safe to open*** (view spoiler)

Ouch!

It's not spoiling to say that Owen does agree to take Sterling on... eventually; but only on his terms and with conditions. One condition proves too much for an overzealous and impatient Sterling. Despite his own no-go area, he's soon begging and pleading with Owen to change his mind. The result is not pretty. So is the relationship doomed before it even starts? And if not, will there ever be more to the relationship than purely BDSM? Because there is after all 'nothing more intimate than watching someone else come' ... right? (hide spoiler)]

The stand out element of this novel is the tangible sizzling chemistry between these two; even fully clothed the atmosphere is thick with it. It's great stuff! Like goose bumps on top of goose bumps. I shiver recalling it ...

At 30% Sterling's excitement and anticipation is so intense it becomes contagious. I wanted – no – I needed to feel it all - with him - through him (cos I've already told you, I'm a wimp)I craved the firsts – all of them – the first touch– the first spanking – the first bondage scene – the first plugging, the first fu ... you get the picture. I was excited for Sterling, but I was all thighs clenching anticipation for me!

Now this is where I'm going to stop and say: If you are BDSM curious and need a gentle easing in? Or even if you're into BDSM novels and fancy a light, lovable read? This book is PERFECT for you. Honestly, it is a sweet sweet story that has captured the heart of many readers. It is sexy and heart felt. The motivations and dynamic of Dom and sub are clearly defined without feeling like you're reading a manual. The S&M is very tame in comparison to many other novels of its kind. If this is what you are looking for? Read no further – you just found it. Enjoy it, honestly – it's a lovely story. Just ignore the rest of what I have to say, chances are you wouldn't agree.

mild spoilers ahead

Now where was I? Oh yes, thigh clenching anticipation - that's right.

The first touch - ahh ... yessss

The first spanking – there may have been some quivering.

Some wax play – Hell-O! Master Owen – let the ~~clenching~~ games commence.

More spanking – okay, that's cool (kind of)

Even more butt slapping – okay ... I'm drumming my fingers, but please ... continue.

Fast forward a few weeks – WHAT? Oh no you don't ... nah uh ... I just got the Nutella out for gawds sakes.

Can you believe that? All that anticipation shrivels and dies because all the other firsts are off page! The arse play, the dildo's ... some bondage. It's all glossed over and we miss it! Gah... I feel cheated! I live vicariously through these pages because I'm such a wuss you know and I want it ALL. In detail.

Okay fine, so Sterling gets some off page experience, this means he's ready for bigger things right? No. You know what we get instead? More spankings, it's just spankety-spank-spank-spank with these two. To say I was disappointed is an understatement. The authors do a great job of building the tension, but when it comes to fulfilling the promise ... it falls short for me.

I prefer my BDSM novels to feel more realistic and less fantastical. For me this was too tame and ... oh I'm just going to come out and say it. There wasn't enough penetration and I was bored with everything in between - okay - there - I said it.

end of spoilers

Like I said; this is an easy BDSM novel and a sweet love story that I would recommend - if that's what you're looking for.

Annery says

BDSM books are hard for me to review, well those that are done in a serious mode, because though on an intellectual level I understand and accept kinks and fetishes among consenting adults but I can't help but start off HATING the Dom. Yes. I know that he/she is what the Sub wants but I can't help feeling the Sub and his/her emotional needs are being taken advantage of by a sadist. Therefore it is a tall order for an author/s to convince me otherwise but I try all the time. So who's the masochist? LOL

I'm happy to say that Jane Davitt & Alexa Snow successfully defend the thesis of the book which is that Owen and Sterling each satisfy the other's needs and not only sexually. There was a nice slow build up to the relationship (and I don't mean the sex) where I as a reader believed that these two in spite of their different ages, family histories and general interests could embark in a lasting relationship. The BDSM scenes were also done in a credible way that didn't feel done just for prurient reasons or to titillate but rather to illustrate the feelings aroused in both MCs during the scenes and how they fulfilled needs and desires on both ends. I was convinced that Owen truly loved Sterling and would also serve as a good steward in their future life together which Sterling definitely needs. Owen is not and did not turn into a sappy sentimentalist which was a huge relief. I hate it when people just up and change completely who they are or are suddenly free of all emotional baggage after good sex. Sterling still has issues but he is in good hands with Owen and that is such a relief after meeting his parents. His hateful and awful father and his mother who commits the sin of omission or being a doormat to her husband.

My only peeve was how quickly Sterling went from wanting to be a Dom to a complete Sub, but he is young and only just beginning to explore BDSM when he meets Owen so not totally unbelievable.

On the other hand I was quite happy that it took some time to convince Owen to enter into any kind of relationship with Sterling. It showed him to be a responsible and thinking man. I love that.

Beck says

Despite the fact that I read a lot of BDSM erotica, I often find myself questioning what it is that compels people to need the dynamics of the Dom/sub relationship. I read the books because I am fascinated with the intricacies of BDSM (in a voyeuristic/train wreck way) & because they are usually heavy on the erotica and light on the (sometimes) too saccharine romance. Rarely do I find a book that makes it all make perfect sense; that balances BDSM & romance without compromising either. Bound and Determined was so beautifully crafted that I could see that the Dom/sub characteristics of the characters were as intrinsic as their hair colour. The needs of the Dom, Owen were perfectly balanced by the needs of the sub, Sterling. This is a book that I will happily read again and again.

Debra says

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Gigi says

Re-read November 2016

The first time I read this book I gave it 4 stars. The second time, 5 stars. After my third read, I let the 5 star rating stand. HOT BDSM and strong emotions make this a **WIN** for me.

Original review

This was another re-read for me after over a year. I had to bump it up to 5 stars. I don't remember why I gave it 4 to begin with, but the second read was definitely 5! **Fuck yeah M/M BDSM!** Love that shit. :)

Recommended if you like kinky BDSM M/M play between consensual adults who eventually fall in love. *sigh*

JenMcJ says

I completely enjoyed this book. Sterling and Owen make a great couple. The story is long enough to build the relationship which I appreciated. The interaction between them has such strong chemistry the book is like a meth lab in your hands.

I know I should write more but the bottom line is that, for me, this was a great and enjoyable read in every way.

ETA: There is an age difference. Sterling is not yet 21 and Owen is 35. They don't have actual sex until past halfway through the book but that is part of the build up that was delicious. The graphic BDSM is mostly all spanking (hand, brush, paddle, crop) and control in non humiliating ways.

Bev says

Wonderful story of a fledgeling BDSM relationship starring Sterling and Owen, which finally found it's way to the front of the queue on the kindle after 6 months! Loved this one, I'm *really* on a roll with my stories at the mo. 4.5 stars and

Owen Sawyer is an experienced Dom, and since his last major relationship ended some years ago, is content to visit the local BDSM club for occasional hook ups.

Sterling is a young guy at college, certain that he's gay but unsure as to what else he may want. He visits the club one night with his friend Alex and is startled to see one of his former tutors there (Owen). When Owen

starts a scene with a woman, many peoples eyes are fixed on the undressed woman; Sterling's however are fixed firmly on Professor Sawyer, and so begins Sterling's obsession with getting Owen to teach him the BDSM lifestyle.

At first, Owen is extremely reluctant and more or less tells Sterling to take a hike...he's too young, has no experience, yada yada...but Sterling's persistence and gentle 'stalking' finally pays off in spades, and they begin a teacher/pupil relationship which quickly turns into a whole lot more.

The only character I had a serious issue with in this story was Sterling's dad, and what a complete prat he was....conceited, self-centred, bossy, arrogant, and a bullying homophobic moron...he **definitely** wins my prize for Dad of the Week!! Sterling's mum did love him but didn't want to go against her husband's wishes until the very end, and his sister just loved Sterling for himself and couldn't have cared less whether he was gay or not. Add in to the mix some really good friends particularly Owen's ex Michael, who now lives in Australia with the guy who **could** give him what Owen couldn't, but who only wants the best for Owen, and you have a tremendous read.

Kat says

Let's see if I can keep this short and simple for a change.

To start with a quote from Crispy. *"It's just that really formalised bdsm makes me want to laugh, it's so tidy and lacking in soul. It's the weird and wacky or dark and gut wrenching stories that stick with you."*

I couldn't agree more.

At first, my eyes were flying over the pages when handsome college kid Sterling, who has only recently discovered that the BDSM scene could be his thing, visits a club and suddenly spots his stoic and cool professor. Now, my professors mostly were shabbily-dressed and unfit, but I can still appreciate the student/professor kink. Anyway, Sterling begs his professor to take him on as his sub, but the man has been disappointed a little too often in subs. A naive, spoilt brat, who also happens to be his student, is the last person he realizes he should want.

So far, so holding-your-breath-in-anticipation yummiie. Then the story slowly peters out...

This book has NO SOUL.

It never sucked me in, chewed on me and spit me -- reduced to an emotional and hot 'n bothered mess -- out at the end! This book didn't shimmer with intensity, there were no sparks that ignited my imagination.

Instead, it turned out to be much like a manual for safe, sane and consensual (SSC) BDSM. The kid was spanked. And spanked again. And all he ever was, was spanked. And then his dom made sure to apply a decent amount of Arnica cream to his bum. Because, heaven forbid, his skin would feel a little too raw afterwards.

And apart from the occasional spankings and another one of those hellish, homophobic fathers to create tear-jerky drama and move forward the plot, a bad dom entered the stage (so the authors could drive home their point of SSC once more) and the 'deferred sex' card (deferred penetration in this particular case) was played out. I'm usually not really opposed to this trope. I like a dash of unreleased sexual tension in my books. But when the authors keep dangling that carrot in front of you for a big chunk of the story and then, when you

finally get to eat it, it tastes bland and unseasoned... I'm just not amused, you know? At that point, I think I deserve something more than a lukewarm scene that emphasizes on quickly cleaning up afterwards to avoid the sheets from getting sticky.

And oh dear, didn't the lube just end up everywhere?!

It's a fucking book. It doesn't have to be fucking reality! I don't even care about my sheets in reality. They might as well have gotten a thick towel and stayed in that exact spot during the deed instead.

So, basically everything Shelley already said and I'd like to add my heartfelt 'meh!' to that.
