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Tatum Steele is a proficient lawyer and sexual Dominant desperately in need of a legal assistant. Christopher Waters is a recent graduate who is looking for work, and he has secret fantasies of being bound by his lover.

Both men feel heat from instant attraction when they meet for an interview, but Chris questions his feelings because he has a boyfriend, one he has been with for years. So how is it that Tatum makes him doubt everything he has? After Christopher's boyfriend viciously betrays him, he flees to the firm and Tatum takes him away to regroup. A relationship quickly forms when Chris expresses interest in BDSM. It's difficult for Christopher to learn trust, but after Tatum willingly submits himself to Chris for a night, he knows that he will give the man anything he asks for. After their first official scene at Steel Cuffs, Tatum's favorite BDSM club, Tatum and Chris realize that what they have is more than just sex—it's love. Only one thing stands in their way, something that could destroy everything they have built together. Tatum's family has never approved of his sexual orientation, and they are determined to never allow a public relationship to tarnish their family name. Tatum has to risk everything in order to save his boy from death.

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Denise H. says

Can I give 10 stars ?!!! Wow, this M/M book is amazing !! Chris and Tatum are sizzling in or out of bed. Deep, emotional, wonderful characters, an interesting story on several levels. There are the BDSM sections that delve into properly performed and understood BDSM that are very well written, informative, safe, consensual, and effective. Tatum is an awesome, perfectly terrific Dom, who takes extremely good care of Chris after Greg rapes and beats him unmercifully. (The violence is not completely described). The men's relationship grows slowly, as Chris learns what real D/s is all about. The super hot, erotic sex scenes are sizzling, but there is so much more to this book! Suspense, compassion, tenderness, deeper tales of the past to explore, and a heroic rescue are all part of the reasons you cannot put this story down. You'll be riveted. An incredible and emotional full length novel that is well written by Ruby MacIntyre. This was my first by this author and I've found yet another favorite writer that I will never hesitate to read. There is respect, love, bonding, happiness, fear, immense caring. I highly recommend this book. E N J O Y !!!

Anne says

What an incredible debut.

I loved to read this touching and sexy story, it will hook you the moment you start reading it.

The characters are awesome and you feel comfortable with them the instant you meet and get to know them.

On the one hand we have Chris. Being insecure and looking for a job, he stumbles into the office of Tatum Steele. On the other hand we have mentioned Tatum Steele, big, strong, handsome and damn sexy lawyer.

Both men are drawn to each other the moment they met, but Tatum takes his distance as he gets to know Chris is in a relationship. He hires Chris anyway, for being the most skilled assistant he could ever get and for being a little light in his life. But when Chris one morning gets to work totally beaten up and in terrible pain, Tatum can't hold back and takes care for the handsome man he secretly has a crush on.

Can he help Chris to trust again and to explore is inner needs and urges? And will Chris be the one that can Tatum really fall in love with?

To see how Tatum helps Chris build up his self-confidence and the trust in himself once more to be who he really is, is awesome and amazing. As Tatum gives himself to Chris this one night, it shook me in excitement and touches me deeply, just amazing. And even when Tatum has to accept Chris new made decisions without being the stubborn caring alpha, it's kind of funny but heart warming, too. They're such an intense and strong couple, it's breath taking. Their feelings are that big and strong, you nearly feel the tension between them yourself. And those sexy steamy scenes!! Holy hell, just thinking about the role-play makes me moan myself. But will Tate get over his own past, too, so he can be happily together with his one real love of his life, Chris? When Tates family appears once more, trying to destroy him and his life for just being who he is, his luck being with Chris and even their lives being in danger. Will Tatum be there in time?

The twist at the end was breath taking and awesome! It just sums up the whole story amazingly with a fantastic final. This book really has it all: two sexy lawyers (I nearly forgot to mention Tates hot business-partner Connor), a cute and handsome guy, you have to fall in love with, a lot of sexy and steamy scenes, tension and a lot of thrilling action, that will get you hooked so you can't resist to read the book in one go. Like I said, an incredible debut I realle recommend to you to read! I will surely read Tates and Chris' story again, I just can't get enough of these two. And I am really looking forward to the next book...the end just keeps promising for more to come.

Jo says

3 stars from me..

I enjoyed the storyline but wasn't convinced re the insta-love aspect, both characters declaring love after a few weeks of knowing each other!?!.. Tatum was supposed to be this big bad Dom but he was a big softy! to me wasn't a very convincing Dom. Christopher was also all over the place, one minute he's all submissive & the next he's trying to top Tatum..? I know he's going through a lot but still..?!

We get a teaser for the next book & I will read it hoping the next instalment will be more convincing?

Natalie says

It was pretty well written overall as far as grammar, spelling and punctuation but the plot was scattered and incomplete. There was not any background on Tatum's family before they go all mafia on Chris. There was also no context for Greg to have suddenly abused Chris so badly. He was eventually described as controlling and mentally abusive but after 5 years without physical abuse, it doesn't make sense to have him suddenly buy cuffs and chains and ball gags. And everything else was too rushed. Things happened too quickly between the MC's after Chris's abuse and rape and when they got together. Some BDSM was explained to Chris but not enough to make their first encounter realistic. And at the end, the sex and then a three way occurring the same day, right after kidnapping and live burial, was absurd. I would read another book by this author hoping for improvement.

Leann says

Not for me apparently. Too much "boy" going on and a completely unrealistic work situation. Sorry, no lawyer is going to step away from his clients for weeks for his newly hired "sub". Totally unbelievable.

Leda says

I loved this book! I had a lot of trouble putting it down when life rudely called me away. I could of easily devoured this in one sitting.

I liked both MCs a lot along with Connor, a secondary character, who it appears will be in the starring role of book two in the series. *happydances

The sex scenes were off the charts good! Very descriptive...smokin' hot!

I enjoyed the plot immensely. And watching the relationship unfold between Tatum & Christopher. I loved these two together from the start. It was beautiful seeing Christopher learn to trust again after what he was put through by his ex (sorry no spoilers here).

My only complaint would be the resolution of the story line involving Tate's father & brother seemed rushed

to me. I would of liked that played out a little further.

This will surely be a reread for me. Looking forward to more of this series.
I would definitely recommend this book!

5 stars

Nikki Drost says

This is a must read!!! I LOVED this book! When I start a book and find myself giggling at something a character said or did right off the bat, I know I am going to enjoy the rest of the story and enjoy it I did. I was up until the middle of the night reading because I couldn't put it down. There are a lot of BDSM books out there that (whether they mean to or not) promote unrealistic views of the lifestyle; painful rough sex, no aftercare etc., but as far as I am concerned, I think the author nailed it. Ruby MacIntyre captured the true essence of a solid, healthy Dom/Sub relationship. Tatum and Chris's story is a wonderful tale of love and mutual respect. Forging Bonds was well written and the story flowed nicely. The character interaction was flawless. I can't wait for the next installment.

Ula'ndi Hart says

Overall book rating: 3.6

Audio Book: David Ross : 3.5

Book Cover: 4

I liked the characters for the better part of the story. But I have to agree; in the BDSM department I can't say that it didn't make me lift an eyebrow at some points.

It can be just me. I am starting to make peace with the fact that it seems I'll never find another Tobias and Noah.... oh the sadness of reality.. but then again I'm not totally throwing this out of the window. There were some HOT parts, I have to admit and all and all I enjoyed it.

I just still can't get my mind wrapped around a five year long boyfriend turning into a ...? What exactly? Crazy person? Over night? And the last part with Tatum's family? That was just plain out unnecessary and totally unrealistic in my opinion. It didn't do Tate's "Powers" in being one of the most bad ass attorneys in town any good either. Read it and see what I mean with that if you will.

I'm not even going to comment on the disaster after Oliver got to Ben the first time. Dom....hmmm. Might be still in training there old chap.

Maybe if it stopped before that ridiculous part I would have given it more stars. I really liked the characters, except when Ben was acting like a child. And I can't get my head around the fact that Tate left his lifelong best friend without even worrying about him the way he did? It didn't sit well with me. Sorry.

Enough. It's not a bad read really and it's good enough to make me want to read the next one some time.

J says

At 6% the Greg, Chris' boyfriend, shows up at Chris' first day on the job because Chris wasn't answering his phone. They embraced at Chris' desk and then Greg proceeded to demand Chris have dinner ready later that night since Greg was working late. Turning the MC into a doormat, his boyfriend into a tool, and writing a scene which is so divorced from probability had me questioning the author's premise enough to stop.

Kat says

This story gripped me right from the start. It was sharp, intriguing and had a few twists and turns that I was not expecting. I fell in love with Chris and Tate and their journey to find peace within each other. And what a journey it was. I also fell for Tatum's best friend and law partner, Connor. I look forward to reading his story next, when it is released. Bravo to Ms. MacIntyre on her maiden voyage into the world of M/M erotica. It was beyond what I ever expected and look forward to more of her work.

Kathy Morris says

Beautiful

This book was amazing. A true love story. Chris an abused man left an abusive relationship to fall into his boss's hands. Tatum is Chris's boss. They hit it off pretty well. Tatum has family problems and eventually they show their faces. This story takes you on a ride of their relationship. It's romantic and sexy. Chris is a Sub and Tatum is a Dom. This book is about how a Dom can take an abused Sub and turn their lives around. You want to laugh and cry. Make sure you have tissues with you when you read this amazing book.

Gigi says

Not for me. I don't believe this author knows anything about D/s relationships. See my comments for more if you are interested.

J.R. Barten says

Great start for this author! I've always wanted to read a story that addressed misconceptions about the BDSM lifestyle, and this book does it well. Chris is hesitant to trust again, but Tate does everything he can - from telling to showing - to get Chris to believe his intentions are genuine. Chris and Tate have an obvious connection, and their love blooms quickly. Connor makes for a great sidekick in the story, and I'm looking forward to what comes his way in her next book!

Carol Miller says

Perfect combo of romance and eroticism

This is the most amazing m/m romantic/erotic/BDSM story I've ever read.

Chris Waters lives with his bf of five years, Greg. Chris loves Greg but there's been a lot of things that aren't quite right. Greg is bossy, condescending, and starts to get mean after Chris gets a job as assistant to Tatum Steele, lawyer. Chris is instantly attracted to Tatum but would never pursue it because he has a bf, Tatum's his boss and he's submissive even though he doesn't fully realize it yet.

Tatum hires Chris even though he has no legal training. He has a good feeling about him and it doesn't all have to do with the fact that Tatum finds him extremely attractive.

After a few weeks of working, Greg's negative attitude has gotten worse and Chris thinks his relationship with Greg over but he surprises Chris with something Chris has always wanted to try and Greg never wanted to bondage. Greg doesn't know the first thing about being a dominate but he sure knows a lot about being abusive.

Chris can barely move. He won't talk to Connor or Stacey. When Tatum comes in and sees Chris, he can barely hold back his anger over what Greg did. Tatum takes Chris to a 4 star hotel. Has a doctor check him over and stays the week with Chris to take care of him. It's during this time that Tatum sees Chris is a true submissive and the Dom in him is beyond thrilled. He explains to Chris what Dom/sub relationships really are about. Their feelings for each other rise to the surface and their relationship begins.

As in any good book, this one also has a few twists and turns. There are still a few things that Greg tries to get back at Chris. Tatum's family is dangerous and they almost take from him his most precious possession, Chris.

I don't want to

Shannon says

Not a typical type of book

I fell in love with this book so fast that my head is still spinning. The characters in this book show all emotions and they work through issues. So many books show people that are too weak or they are too strong, will not show another emotion. I liked that they showed Christopher as a strong submissive and that Tate could step down and earn trust.

The growth in characters through the story was awesome and had me smiling throughout the book. I would have loved to see more storyline between Tate and Tate's family. I hope to see more on that book story in the books to come.....

I want to see some Damien get his own story. Pleaaaaaseeeeeee....

Love this book and it so much more than 5 STARS.... I give an extra star for the strong storyline and for the chuckles it gave me....

