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Darcy has always been in control. He had to be. He had assumed responsibility for his younger brother Martin when their parents died. Now Martin was getting married and he insisted that Darcy have a date for his wedding.

Without Darcy's knowledge Martin goes looking for a date for his big brother in the personals. But he slips up and punches in the wrong number.

Darcy reluctantly agrees to meet with the person who answers his brother's ad, figuring he'll ask the girl to the wedding and that will be it. However, it's Ryan he ends up meeting, and he's NO GIRL. In fact he's a Dom looking for a submissive, and Darcy seems to be right up his alley.

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CB says

A very entertaining story. Sexy characters, a unique story with some unexpected twists and very hot sex! Well worth the time and money. I look forward to reading more about these characters in the next book.

Christina (SteepedinBooks) says

Darcy and Ryan meet through a mix-up involving Darcy's younger brother and a personal ad. Desperate for a date to his brother's wedding, Darcy goes along with the blind date, but when he gets to the apartment to meet his mystery woman, it turns out to be a mystery man.

I liked Ryan right from the start. He seemed very self-assured, very comfortable with who he was, what he wanted, and how he felt about Darcy. Ryan was very open, even sweet. Darcy was a little harder for me to like. He was the exact opposite of Ryan - stubborn, emotionally closed off, and even lacking in self-esteem. The closer Ryan tried to get to him, the more Ryan tried to break through his walls, the more Darcy closed up, lashed out, until their sweet beginning became quite the angst fest. I felt very sorry for both of the characters. Ryan because he was such a giving person to Darcy and Darcy because of his emotional issues.

The BDSM theme was used, it seemed to me, as a therapy for Darcy's emotional problems. It seems the more of an emotional hold Ryan had on Darcy, the more Darcy wanted to run or fight or both. I didn't agree with BDSM being used in this way, but it did seem realistic to the characters and their situation.

There's a sequel out there, so it might be interesting to see where these two boys have gone since this book. I'd probably recommend this one to someone who doesn't mind a good dose of angst thrown in with their kink.

<http://iheartpaperbacks.wordpress.com>

Faifully says

It's a good book, which can be your stress relief.

Chris says

Um. These m/m romances were codependent trainwrecks of pseudo-bdsm, the two main characters were both TSTL, and I only kept reading out of sick fascination for how bad it could get.

Elisa Rolle says

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Darcy is a 26 years old virgin history professor. Orphaned at 19 years old after his mother committed suicide since she was not able to move on the husband's death, Darcy became the only steady point in the family for the younger brother Martin. Darcy reacts to the events becoming a freak controlled, everything in his life has to perfect and in order, and obviously his attraction toward men has to be denied.

Now Martin is marrying and other than throw into confusion Darcy's life with the marriage preparations, he also wants that Darcy brings a date to the ceremony. But since Darcy has no one around him to ask, Martin replies to an online ad only to mistake the addresses. And so he sets a date for Darcy with Ryan, a sexual therapist who is searching a submissive lover to move on on a relationship that has left him with some trust issues.

Ryan is a very handsome and comprehensive man. He realizes that Darcy has some sexual issues on his own to overcome and also that the man needs badly to leave for once the control. But convincing Darcy that is not a problem if he likes men and to also move from a virgin status to a play room full of chains and strange toys is not so simple.

Darcy and Ryan's relationship is not smoothly. When you think that they have reached a common path something happened that derails them. And despite the argument there are more scenes where Darcy tries to understand himself and the outside world than sexy scene between the two main characters. All the book is focused on Darcy and we know little about Ryan, other than he seems a nice guy. Why he chooses Darcy and why he is not more demanding on their relationship? maybe he wants to give time and space to Darcy to arrive by himself to the right end of the path...

So Much More Than Naked 2 by D.J. Manly

Darcy and Ryan met in the previous book through an ad in a newspaper. Darcy was forced by his little brother, since he was an old "virgin" with a problem with power: he was always in too much control, he seemed to be not able to let go. Ryan instead was a sex therapist who needs control in the bedroom, since his last relationship ended pretty bad when his Dom partner took a bit too seriously their sex games. Darcy was convinced that Ryan was a woman, but when he faced the man for the first time, another of his internal walls crashed down, he finally admitted that he was more interested in men than in women.

The story continues where we left Darcy and Ryan: trying to build a life together learning how to balance their power. In the first book, it was Darcy that learned the lesson, and now is time for Ryan. He has a problem with his former lover, he consciously realized that their relationship was ill but his body seems to have not yet reached the same conclusion. Plus Ryan fears to let Darcy take control, since the man is a natural Dom, and Ryan is scared that if he will taste also that type of power, he will never give it up again. Nor Ryan or Darcy want a total submission or a total dominion, in bed and in life.

This book deals with the extreme layer of the S/M sex games; what Ryan craves in bedroom (and not only) is a little too edgy for me to comprehend, but, all in all, the book is not so dark and angst, I read other books far more extreme. What it really bothers me is that Ryan "cheats" on Darcy; oh, he technically didn't do that, but not talking with his partner, and seeking release to his desires with another man, for me is equal to a cheating. Even more, since Ryan is a sex therapist, and where a physical cheating is less important for him, a

"mental" one is far more dangerous and deadly for their relationship.

Of the two, Ryan is the one to blame. It's true that, at the beginning of the book, Darcy seems reluctant to let go, to fully being involved in their relationship, but he is trying. Maybe he is not so fast, but on the other hand, Ryan never tried. He plunged in his error without even looking around for an alternative path.

So here is an example of a book where I like the story, but I don't fully like both characters; even if Ryan is a therapist, he has yet a lot to learn on how to make work a relationship, when he is one of the part involved.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/155487145X/?...>

Trix says

I was somewhat disappointed by the book. The impression left on after reading the "Deviations" series has stuck with me ever since and I can't help but compare any BDSM related story to the atmosphere and power play encountered there.

Darcy came out as a fickle character, much too unsure and ambivalent. Throughout the book, he kept drawing then repelling Ryan, sometimes for the stupidest reason. As well, his reasons for going back to Ryan were jumbled together, lacking a more thorough analysis. If anything, Ryan seemed the most ok character, as I could follow his path of reasoning and course of action.

Just like the subject of the story, this book could be perceived as a way to gradually glimpse in the world of BDSM but personally, I like that world a little bit more defined.

Maya says

2.5 stars

Lisa says

Pressured by his brother to find a date to his wedding, Darcy shows up at the address of a lady from the personal ads. However, it turns out to be a man and not a woman who answers the door.

Darcy is not gay and after having a drink with Ryan, leaves. However, Ryan haunts his dreams.

This was a quick easy to read story which I enjoyed. It has elements of BDSM in it with both MCs taking the Dom role at one time.

There is a second book in the series which I will definitely read.

Lynnebaby says

I really wanted to like it but it got pretty confusing without clarifiers in the paragraphs. All this talk of he, his, him didn't help me to know who was doing what. I think the idea was a nice one, but the execution fell

through after the first chapter.

Beck says

So Much More Than Naked 1 is so much less than good...it was drivel...we have a virgin who mysteriously 'knows' how to Dom...we have a cliché blind-date mix up...we have a man who is supposedly a sex therapist struggling with his sexual desires...we have Beck snarling at her kindle because she actually spent money on this bilge...this is a mediocre, unrealistic, poorly researched book with, as far as I can see up to the 60% mark, nothing to recommend it.

Aeryn says

Highly recommend this book for anyone who has ever doubted why they got into a relationship in the first place.

Nemanja says

Classical american commercial trash novel. If you can swallow unrealistic world of gorgeous well-hung men, pathetic lines of brotherly love and so-typical plot, not to mention gay stereotypes, you can enjoy couple of hours of not-so-bad porn... In fact, sex scenes are the most elaborate part of this book...hence, the three stars not only two... ;-)

Megan says

So much more...

I enjoyed this book even though it felt a bit rushed and disjointed in a few areas. It was interesting to see how the MCs interacted with each other. I felt really bad for the brother and would love to know he finally got his HEA.

Drew says

I am closing it after 15%, I should have expected it with this story plot.

Guy needs a date for wedding, brother reply an ad, guy goes there, finds out there was a mistake and following

conversation is idiotic, our hero explains the situation, the guy apparently isn't even listening and this is good dominant? (you wanted a girl? Never mind, try it with me, maybe I am better, come, I will show you my room with restraints")...

after I read more reviews, there isn't big chance I will ever finish it.

??? says

I really need to start reading better stuff.

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