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A HAMMER NOVEL



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Matt is new in town, and he's excited to be vying for a membership at the Hammer, a club he's heard is the best in the business. He has to admit that his first encounter with a sub at the Hammer makes him believe it. Adam is like no one Matt has ever met, and he wants the professional sub to be his and his alone.

Adam has some issues that might throw a monkey wrench into Matt's plan. While Adam thinks Matt is the most amazing top he's ever met, he also has to make a living. He's never wanted to have a private contract with anyone before, and he's not sure how to be a sub to Matt without making the man jealous because of his job.

Matt thinks he has the answers to all of Adam's questions, but they have to work it all out between them gradually. Meanwhile, Adam still has to work, and some of his old clients may not like Adam having a relationship with another Dom. Can Matt and Adam find a balance between work and play?

## **Sold Details**

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### Serena Yates says

A great addition to the Hammer series. Yet again, like many of the books in this series, it's about more than the sexual dimension in a D/s relationship. Don't get me wrong, that is the central theme of the book, and there are lots of hot sex scenes, but the focus of the story is the characters' interaction outside the bedroom.

I really liked this pair, with Adam struggling so hard to conquer his eating disorder and Matt almost hesitant to take the D/s aspect of their relationship beyond the sexual. I liked how careful Matt was about understanding the whole picture before he acts. Matt is a wonderful Dom and as attuned to finding out his sub's needs as Adam is to finding out what the Dom wants. Any Dom he works with. The fact that Adam is a 'professional sub', and has no intention of stopping to work, throws a real wrench into the developing relationship. I really liked the solution they came up with in the end.

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### Charly says

A different angle on the typical Dom/sub romance

Warning: This review might contain what some people consider SPOILERS.

Rating: 8/10

#### PROS:

- In a BDSM story, one of my favorite aspects of the relationship is the aftercare: that period that occurs immediately after a scene, when the Dom is ensuring that his sub is okay. In this particular story, the vast majority of the men's early connections are formed when Matt is caring for Adam after scenes...scenes in which Adam (as a professional sub) submits to OTHER Doms. This shows Matt's love for Adam as clearly as any other Dom-sub demonstration I've ever read about.
- A lot of Sean Michael's characters are similar, especially within her BDSM novels: the subs tend to be flighty and unfocused, and the Doms tend to be pushy and incredibly self-assured. Well, Matt is a fairly typical Sean Michael Dom, but Adam is a little different. He's sure of himself, sure of his submissive nature, and sure of his connection with Matt. He becomes the usual Sean Michael sub character only when he's in a lot of pain or is very stressed.
- Adam struggles with a psychological disorder that is fairly common but which I haven't seen addressed in many m/m books. I loved seeing the ways in which the disorder affects him, as well as the ways in which Matt takes over control of Adam's behaviors--in a way that prevents Adam from harming himself while simultaneously acknowledging that the issue is real and something that Adam takes very seriously.

#### CON:

- Because of the seriousness of some of the issues raised in the book (mainly, Adam's disorder and an incident that occurs with one of his private clients), the story seemed just a bit underdeveloped to me. I didn't feel as though it left me hanging, but some of the plot elements weren't as neatly resolved as I wanted them to be by the end.

Overall comments: This is a good story, especially if you're already a fan of the Hammer universe. It is, like

the majority of Michael's books, very heavy on the sex, and I'm not sure it's a standout; but it's not a typical Dom/sub pairing, either. There are certainly some things here that I haven't read before.

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### **Carole-Ann says**

OK - a Hammer book I'm not quite sure about :(

Matthias is a new member of the Hammer club, and as such has to undergo a 'test' with Adam, who is a professional submissive. However, they fall for each other and form a relationship. That's fine, and their relationship develops well (well, as usual for Hammer stories !).

What bothered me was although Adam was a professional submissive and worked at the Hammer club in that capacity, he also had outside clients to whom he subbed - but none of the Doms ever gave him aftercare! I understand that Dominants place a high priority on caring for subs after a scene, helping them to ground and caring for any bruises/wounds etc; but Adam got none of this.

Until Matt picks him up after a caning and has to deal with the fall-out, Adam has looked after himself (not to mention dealing with anorexia nervosa as well !!); Matt obviously tries to change things and makes rules Adam has to follow; but it's not until a private client abuses Adam, that the Hammer peeps do something.

And that's the worry!

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### **Jimmy Hanson says**

Not the best "Hammer" novel out there, but not bad, either. It just wasn't very ... original? Most of the characters in the Hammer series have things that separate them from the others, makes them different through and through. With Matt, I kind of felt like he wasn't much more than just another Dom; he didn't stand out. He wasn't dramatically different from his sub, he wasn't particularly large or have any characteristics that made him- \*him\*. He just ... was.

As for Adam, he was as particular and unique as could be. On the surface things seem perfectly fine, well-balanced, until Matt starts seeing more of Adam's regime and realizes that no, things aren't exactly good most times. There are issues with neurosis and eating issues, insecurities, and he pushes himself too hard and to the brink of a breakdown quite often. The introduction of Matt and his handling of the situations left a good feeling that yes, Adam would now be taken care of properly, etc etc.

Back to Matt and the 'relationship' itself, there weren't many actual scenes that involved both characters together. Adam is a professional sub and you really don't get what that means until about halfway through the novel, and because of his being hired to do scenes with other Doms, Matt specifically avoids doing anything scene-like between them. It was kind of disappointing and put another just kind of bland layer over it.

Now ... had a few of the repetitive sex scenes been taken out, and the couple followed through their move

and through a good few scenes of the BDSM training B&B they were going to set up - I have a feeling that would have just put an awesome-dawson cherry on top.

Since it didn't? ... meh.

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### **Purplegirl says**

Another Hammer novel to fuel my addiction. I really liked Adam and Matt. I thought this storyline was a little different since Adam was a professional sub and Matt allowed it. It was a different dynamic. I would like to see more of these too.

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### **pbj says**

3.5 rounded up to 4.

I like the fact that Sean Michael writes books where the Hammer turns out to not be the answer to all things. I smell spin-off - but in a good way, not in that annoying and these are my 16 unattached roommates, or oops I forgot to end the book way, but in that - "this might be an interesting new idea" way.

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### **Marsha Spence says**

I really enjoyed this one. The story was well done and interesting.

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### **Kristie says**

The one thing that kept me going in this book was Adam. He's a sweet and wonderful submissive. A professional submissive, even. That's his work. He's never known what it was like to have a real Master. Someone who would give him aftercare, someone who would help him and nurture him in life. A partner in other things. He's never known it, never had the opportunity to let go. When he meets Matt, all things change. I liked Matt okay. He was in a difficult situation, they're learning each other, trying to figure out when to push.

When things go wrong, I can't help but think that some obvious solutions to the situation with Adam and what he could do for work instead of submitting to other men. Um, hello... he loves to garden. Perhaps something like that! Ugh. Whee they end up was fine, I just didn't think anyone was going outside of the box, so I was annoyed.

Another think I loved was the lack of regulars. Yes, we have a couple tiny moments with Marcus, Oliver, and even Doc. That's all. I'm so sick of Oliver I could spit. There is this core group of men who frequent the Hammer, and I know enough about them, thank you very much. I want to know new people. In this book, we actually don't even go to the Hammer that much. I think twice?

This was a slight departure from the other books. The formula was broken, if only a bit. I often wonder if all

the Doms are basically the same guy. They all want to "smell" their subs, almost all of them get off on fisting, they each have the exact same endearments, use the same language. None of them have anything that makes them all that different from the other. The subs are almost the same, they just have different personal issues they're dealing with. So this time around, having both Dom and Sub be something else, I kept reading. And I'll read more.

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### **Lucia says**

I really liked this book. It's a typical Sean Michael book: short sentences, not too much plot and a lot of hot sex. Normally not the things I like in a book, but Sean Michael makes it work for me. I like that every Hammer book shows a different couple with different problems. It was interesting to see how Matt handled his sub also being a sub for other doms because of his job. The reason I gave this book 3 stars and not 4 is because there are other Hammer couples I like even more. Also the sex part of their relationship was a bit less interesting for me than in other books.

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### **Danny Tyran says**

I agree with the other reviewer who said that there was a lot of repetition in this book. I even skipped several pages in which the author was only repeating: "Mine," "Yours," "You're Mine", "I am yours" and "Lovely!" and "I love you, lovely", and so on.

And I cannot find realistic the idea that a sub pro can have scenes every day, especially with cannings and strappings consecutively. Once I received a canning and the bruising took six weeks to disappear completely, going from black to blue to green and finally to yellow, each color taking over one week to move to the next one. So, to get a flogging the day after a canning, f...ck! Forget it! Even more unthinkable to work several days under these conditions.

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### **Tam says**

Another Hammer novel. No, I can't stop. Matt is new in town and is being "tested" to join the Hammer club. Adam is a professional sub. He does demonstrations, scenes with people for cash and works for the club trying out new doms to see if they fit. He's very remote and centered and does his job. However instantly Matt doesn't want to be a client, but wants to date Matt who doesn't date or kiss, ever. But strangely he agrees and they start seeing each other. Matt is not thrilled with the idea that Adam goes on scenes with others, but he learns to live with it. Adam also has the habit of not taking care of himself. He's very thin, rarely eats, exercises 20 hours a week, I think you see where this is heading. Anyway, Matt more or less takes over, and things are going okay. After a scene he takes care of Adam as most doms just send him on his way, which is difficult, however apparently he never has sex with clients (although why he had to be clean "inside" and out then I didn't get, but whatever). Things are going okay until one of his clients gets really pissed when he wouldn't reply (Matt makes him take days off and Adam just can't say no) and I could see this coming a mile away, he goes on a scene with angry man and gets very badly beaten. Now what do they do? This is pretty typical of the Hammer books. I really liked Matt though, he tried to accept that it was Adam's job, and not be jealous. Anyway, in the end after Matt gets Adam to give up some of his steely reserve and even allows Matt to take care of his health, they find a solution to their problem of Adam's job. It was okay, some inconsistencies, but not much about the club for fans who hope to see more past characters,

only Marcus a bit and I never did find out what they did to the guy who beat Adam. I want to know. LOL It was "taken care of". Those who like the Hammer books with lots of sex (most of it very much on the lite side of BDSM if at all) will enjoy it.

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### **Sarah\_loves\_books says**

Read and loved at least three times. Feel free to ask me if you want to know anything about it.

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### **Katy Beth Mckee says**

Adam is a sub that works at helping Dom's in their training or meeting a temporary need. He holds himself in tight control and while he dreams of a master of his own he really doesn't seem ready to let go in the way that is necessary to make that happen. Matt feels something almost immediately and knows that he doesn't want this to be about money. This story involves a delicate dance between being the guy in charge and respecting Adam's work. There is a real journey for both men as they learn about trust and carrying both in the giving and receiving. The biggest lesson sometimes is that you can be the top and still want to be the one giving care and working together as partners.

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### **Mountie says**

I loved the Hammer series by Sean Michael and Sold was a nice strong story in the series.

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### **Qi says**

1.5 stars

It's really amazing how bland each of Sean Michael's characters are. They may have interesting stories, but they're all perfect and perfect for each other. Their lines of dialogue are more or less interchangeable and nothing really distinguishes one from the other.

That said, I'm still reading this so it gets an extra half a star for being cute. Nauseatingly cute, but there you go.

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