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I never thought I could love a monster. Then I met Machi.

I shouldn't have been there that night. I shouldn't have seen that man die--or the face of his killer. Every part of me wanted to run and hide, to escape and forget what I saw.

But then he caught me. He stole me and pushed me into his world. He said if I listened to him, he could give me what I wanted. . .

My freedom.

He forgot to mention that freedom comes with a price. I'm going to be auctioned off and there's nothing I can do to change that.

He wants me to believe that he isn't the bad guy. But I know better. Except... his hard jaw and full lips are hard to ignore, his voice makes my heart flutter, and his hands—his hands are purely toxic, unfurling my body with one touch.

He's a monster, and monsters lie. They lurk in the dark and rain hell on your soul.

I never thought that loving one was possible. . .

Until I met him.

## **Pushed (The Dark Flower, #1) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Pushed (The Dark Flower, #1) for online ebook**

### **Danielle R (Spellbound Stories) says**

My expectations were blown away! Another amazing story by Leah Holt! As a reader, you come across many genres that you like, and each time you open a book in the same genre you're just praying that the story is original and can keep you enticed enough to want to finish the book. With Pushed, my expectations were blown to smithereens!!! I was quickly so deep into the storyline that I decided against sleep, just to finish the book in one sitting. And that's not an easy decision when you're a mom of small children who keep you hopping all day long. I won't ruin the storyline by giving away plot details or spoilers, but I would highly recommend this book to lovers of dark romance and those who enjoy BDSM elements in their stories. The BDSM is fairly light, but the subject matter is, of course, mature as is almost everything in the dark romance realm. The other amazing thing about this book is how unconventional it is! That's all I'm going to say about this story. I don't want to spoil such an excellent read for those of you that one-click this based on my review. Happy Reading!!

I was offered the opportunity to receive an ARC of this book in exchange for a fair review.

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### **Melissa J (Book Addicts Reviews) says**

4 bad boy stars!! I knew from the start that this man was more than what he seemed!!

What happens when you are a little too nosy for your own good?!?! You end up seeing too much and now your life is over as you know it...

"I found something more in the dark, I opened the door and invited him in. I found love in a monster."

Ok from like the first chapter I knew I would be hooked!! And Machi is like the most super yummy bad boy!! I knew there had to be some back story and his was good! The ending saddened my heart a little bit but ended up very happy! "Pixie" was exactly how I would have imagined myself to be, especially if I was taken by a super hot bad guy!! Hehe.

I think the story flowed quite well and kept me wanting more. The 2nd half of the book was what had me running back to the book whenever I had to take a break. I enjoy all of this author's work and can't wait for her next book!

\*\*I received this book as an ARC and in return gave my honest review\*\*

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## **Terri Lynn says**

Love this book. So many twist. This book was good , I recommend it. The plot does not drag out. It is perfectly written. I loved the ending. I enjoyed it from beginning to end. I liked it. I am a huge fan of Leah Holt's. I have read a lot of her books, and never been disappointed in them. I have enjoyed every book I read of hers.

I am not going into details about the book that is what the blurb is for.

I will say it is good.

Perfectly written.

highly addictive

No edit/grammar mistakes.

not short or rushed.

great read

and free with kindle unlimited

Authors like her, makes me keep my kindle unlimited subscription.

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## **Michelle Rechtien says**

### **Good read**

This is the third book I have read like this one,different authors same story line. This book is a bit slow in the beginning but, when it picks up it is a good story. Machi is a monster who kidnapped Imperial when he caught her looking through a window she shouldn't have been looking through, seeing things she shouldn't have seen. As the story unfolds we find out why imperial was taken, why she saw what she did. Taken to a crappy hotel and held captive she sees and learns about the dark world where men see women as objects, where they beat, rape, abuse, sell and murder women. Some of the women come on their own free will, most have their lives stolen off the street. From the beginning you can feel Machi is different than the other creeps there; he isn't as harsh as the others, he isn't abusive, he doesn't rape but, he won't release her either. He keeps her there for her own safety but, while protecting her the two of them explore one another, learn about each other. There could be more sex scenes after all she is supposed to be a toy. All the promises come true. I don't really care too much for the ending but, I do recommend the book.

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## **Jessica Ramsey says**

??I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy of this book.??

Hero, Machi = 5/5

Heroine, Imperial = 5/5

Secondary Characters = 5/5

Chemistry = 4/5

Sex = 3/5

Plot = 4/5

Mystery = 4/5

Action = 3/5

Darkness = 3/5

Humor = 1/5

POV = Dual POV

Ending = No cliffhanger

Stars = 4.5 ? ? ? ?

Author = Leah Holt

Would I recommend this book = Yes

Would I re-read this book = Yes

Would I read future books by this author = Yes

Likes: dark themed, mysterious, action, hero full of promises, sadness, teary eyed ending.

Dislikes: didn't care for the prologue, not enough sex scenes, and wanted just a little more at the end.

Overall if you like a dark read you will love this book. Suspense and mystery make a book fantastic. I love being on the edge of my seat throughout a book.

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### **Shauna Stevenson says**

Reviewed on behalf of Reading Through Her Eyes

This was my first book by Leah Holt. Although it was a little slower than I usually like, I really enjoyed the story. The characters were well developed and the story flowed nicely.

A dark romance filled with suspense and secrets, anger and love, it kept me engaged the whole way through.

I received an advance reader copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Kathy says**

Leah has done it again. Pushed is absolutely fantastic. You will be sucked in right from the beginning and you won't be able to put it down till you are done. You will get steamy sex, a bunch of fun, chemistry that is off the charts, a well written book with characters that are developed so well throughout the story. Leah will take you on a ride with many emotions and when you get to the end, you will recommend this book to everyone. It's that good. I voluntarily read an Advanced Reader's Copy of this book.

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### **Pnina Azar says**

This is the first book I read from the author, and when it comes to dark book I do not even think twice. It can not say that it is very dark, but it has a bit of darkness and those who have not read a dark story can even enjoy it.

What completely caught me in the story is that the darkness came to me in reverse. Usually I am used to stories in which the hero has a dark side and even a little vicious . But here, I found another hero, I meet Michi who fought against evil, against sexual slavery, and kidnapping and selling girls to sex. I found a

sensitive, loving men who did not want to get kidnapped but because he had no choice because of his bitter past, he makes a desperate step but in this step he promises himself that he will not let this women die but save her.

On the other hand, I meet "Imperial" whose curiosity causes her to be kidnapped by the Michi. I meet a strong, assertive and very stubborn women. And when she is in her present state, she tries with all her might to survive, and even to bring herself to understand and fall in love with the michi, we encounter situations whose obstinacy leads her to unpleasant situations for which she must receive punishment, and then desperation comes and she shows signs of breaking, but with all this I Find her curious about the situation, and undertake to learn and understand and feel something completely different.

Can't say I did not need a little more content, but again it's because I read Hard dark story much more than this story.

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### **Clara Atkinson says**

This was my first book by Leah Holt and now it won't be my last. This story begins when Imperial ends up having to walk home late at night from work due to the fact that her roommate car was in the shop. As she heads home she hears something in the alley and curiosity gets the better of her and she finds herself looking in a window where she witnesses a murder. That sets everything in motion she is kidnapped by an organization that sells girls into sexual slaves. That is where she meets Michi who is in charge of her and also the one she saw murder the man. She is kept in a room where she is left with nothing but her bra and panties blindfolded. She's drawn to him even though he kidnapped her ,there is a chemistry between them. He tells her not to believe everything you hear and see and to trust him he will keep her safe. She hears and sees terrible things and at times feels as if she is going to break. This story is not for the weak of heart but it is truly an amazing read don't give up keep reading. The end of the story was unexpected not your normal HEA!

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### **Samantha says**

Though I am not into dark books this one was still pretty good. It wasn't overall dark and still enjoyable to me. The back story was a little sad but give motive to his actions. He's done bad things but he's not a monster. Overall I liked the story and the ending was a little sad but also pretty sweet. Hot cover.

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### **Monica says**

I voluntarily read an advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review...

I was hooked from the first chapter and led on an emotional roller coaster. Imperial is a strong willed woman on her way home from work when her curiosity causes her to wander into a dark alley. Here she's lead into the chance meeting of Machi, a man she considers a monster but who holds her life in his hands. Through the journey to her freedom they find an unusual relationship which leads to a very unexpected happily ever after. Such a well written story with strong characters. Definitely would recommend to others!!!

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### **Crissy says**

I voluntarily received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

This was an okay read for me. There was a lot of suspense within the story but I thought the story flow was too slow. I expected something more from this story, especially since it had a dark subject matter. I felt like I was waiting forever for the action within the story to happen and when it did, it wasn't what I thought it would be. It was also hard for me to connect with the characters. I felt as if something was missing with and between them. Don't get me wrong, I didn't hate them, they were just okay characters. This wasn't a bad story, it just wasn't what I thought it would be.

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### **Jo Overfield says**

This is one book you can't put down.

This book played out like a TV movie. It's intensity, and on the edge of your seat energy had you begging to read more.

Machi was a man on a mission, determined to find answers. Unfortunately, he'd have to enter a dark world where surviving, and making it out alive were your main objective.

This world was going to give him the answers he was looking for. Machi wanted revenge, and justice. The things he'd do, and the things he'd see would permanently be etched in his brain. It would change the man he was, and alter his life forever.

When Imperial was walking home one night she was clueless that her life was about to take a turn. A curious Imperial found herself captive my Machi.

The saturation of fear, and uncertainty that you felt for her was so tangible you could reach out and grab it.

Imperials journey with her captor was nail biting, and emotional. However; Machi became the lifeline for her reason to fight, to keep living.

You felt the exact same conflicts as Imperial, when she morphed from complete desperation, to submission.

Their journey was beautiful even in the midst of all the darkness. Their love was risky, and sensual, sexy, and left you breathless.

The ending will have you in tears. Literally welling up with emotion.

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### **Sherry Fram says**

This book was way darker than I normally like to read. That being said this was one of the most powerful

books I have ever read. This is a story about murder, revenge, submission & the absolute power of trust & love.

Machi is a former cop who infiltrates a sex trafficking gang to take down the man who murdered his sister. Nothing will stop him from carrying out his plan. He has done this that he is not proud of & will most likely get him a prison sentence.

Imperial witnesses Machi kill a man. Unable to let her go he kidnaps her. Promising her eventual freedom but she must trust him explicitly.

The battle of wills between them is fierce & hard fought. To see if trust is given & freedom taken you'll need to read the book. You will not be disappointed. Leah Holt has penned a tale that will grab you by the throat until the last word is read leaving you breathless.

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### **Michele McMullen says**

Pushed is not your cookie cutter romance . It will deal with many issues that you the reader may find difficult

Machi is a strong mysterious man that is led into a life that he did not choose ...he was pushed into it.

Imperial is in the wrong place and the wrong time and now is the victim of a underground slavery ring. In the beginning you start to realize that there may be so much more to Machi and you want to love him but the situations he and Imperial are placed into can make that difficult! Imperial is a strong young woman and has many issues with keeping quiet and doing what is needed to be done to keep her safe ...but hopefully she will learn that need out of necessity . Their relationship is difficult but neither can deny the attraction that they feel for each other. When the truth finally reveals itself will it be enough to save them and their future!

Strong characters and a great story filled with so many dark twists and turns! Great Read!

~~Michele McMullen ~~

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