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A table for two

Waitress Tiffany Hayes knows what she wants and she wants Sebastian. Top's grumpy sommelier calls to her in a way no man has before. She simply needs to show him that they belong together. Finding an opportunity to spend some quality time with him turns out to be the easy part. Convincing Sebastian to look beyond his damaged heart and soul is far more difficult.

A thirst he can't deny

After losing everything he held dear, Sebastian Lowe has finally rebuilt his life and the walls around his heart. Tiffany is a sweet temptation he struggles to resist. She's bright and complex, but he's sure she can't handle his dark desires. When they're thrown together on an assignment, he can't help himself.

A perfect pairing

As passion builds, the new lovers are both forced to face their pasts. To have a future, they must find a way to heal the wounds they thought would haunt them forever.

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Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

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Kate's Corner says

I expected to like this more but this book just didn't work for me and I truly wish it had. I don't like Simon I thought that he would improve throughout the book but he didn't. I don't know why Tiffany bothered to be honest.

They all can't be perfect so on to the next Lexi Blake book as she is still awesome.

Janna ♥ I'm A Sweet And Sassy Book Whore ♥ says

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When you start a Lexi Blake you know that you are about to have an alpha dominant male who can make your panties wet with just a few words, you will have a sassy female who is the perfect match for her man, you will have suspense, you will have action and you will have some of the hottest sex scenes you may ever read. Perfectly Paired had all of that and more. It also had a hero who is broken, one that I wanted to heal myself because he deserved to be shown love after being treated horrible by the family that should have honored him.

Sebastian and Tiffany had this book whore so into their story that when I reached the end I wanted more right then and there. I loved how Tiffany was on a mission to get her man, even if that meant in the long run she would get some punishments along the way. Sebastian wanted Tiffany as well, too bad he felt that he wasn't worth enough for her. Watching their D/s relationship form as well as their private one was at times beautiful, at others sad, and in the end healing.

Lexi Blake has reminded this book whore once again why she loves her books with Perfectly Paired, it is one that not only makes me want to go back and read all the books in both series, but is one that I highly recommend to be added to your TBR lists.

Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

4.5 stars!

I'll admit that when I first started this book, I wasn't very enthusiastic about it because it wasn't about the core MK team and it was a little slow at the beginning. I'll also admit that I wasn't feeling the characters because Tiffany came across as a ditz and Sebastian was wound a little too tight for me. Okay, a lot too tight.

But that's the beauty of Ms. Blake's writing because first impressions are not always correct and in the end I can say that as usual, **PERFECTLY PAIRED** is exquisite and emotional writing from Ms. Blake, with a wounded Dom in need of some TLC, a scheming sub willing to pull out all the stops to love on her Dom, and lighthearted relief in the form of the manipulative Taggart brothers; all of this set against the backdrop of food and wine. And can I just take a minute here to gush about Ms. Blake's brilliance? Danger, food and wine are perfect complements for passion and we get all three here!

Sebastian Lowe has lost a lot: both legs in war and his family in the fallout on his return home, so he treasures the new life he has built around his new family at Topped and isn't willing to do anything that will affect it which means staying away from the temptation that is wide-eyed and bubbly waitress Tiffany Hayes. But working with her on assignment is about to become the biggest test of his resolve.

Tiffany has wanted Sebastian from the very first day and the perfect opportunity to show him how good they can be together is not one she's going to pass up. Convincing him of this is the hard part but she's determined to let nothing stand in her way.

Tiffany turned out to be so much than she appeared to be - strong, determined, patient and focused on her goal to the exclusion of everything else. I love her no holds barred play for Sebastian because that was exactly what he needed after all the rejection and loss, someone to go all out for him. Tiffany's chaotic world was just what a control freak like Sebastian needed to feel useful and needed.

I can never get enough of Ian and Sean Taggart and they provided much needed hilarity here alongside the rest of the secondary characters. Overall, an enjoyable read and a great addition to the series, and although it can be read as a standalone, I would recommend investing in the entire series because you won't regret it.

Disclaimer: I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely mine.

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Michelle says

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It's official, readers will be sipping and savoring **Perfectly Paired** by Lexi Blake. This book was everything you expected from Lexi Blake as she beautifully blended eroticism with vulnerability and passion with a lingering note and aftertaste of love.

“Damn but she was a beautiful woman. She was also something he needed to keep his hands off of. No matter what Big Tag said, he did not date women he worked with.”

Sebastian Lowe is a former military veteran who has been left injured with two missing leg limbs. As someone who relies heavily on his two prosthetic legs, he has managed to work his way up in the restaurant world as a top leading sommelier. As far as his romantic life, it's been nonexistent since ever he came back injured. As a top sommelier, Sebastian also leads a lifestyle as a Dom in the BDSM world.

Tiffany Haynes is a waitress at TOP and has a thing for moody Sebastian. She is well aware that Sebastian is missing two of his legs but she doesn't care at all. All Tiffany sees is a man that she is very attracted to and whom she wants. She wants Sebastian to claim her for himself. So when a circumstance arises, Sebastian and Tiffany are encouraged by their boss to be paired up.

“He was thoughtful, careful, and he wanted her to be that way, too. He watched her as she exposed her body to him, his eyes hot, but he remained perfectly still. He was savoring her. He was looking at her like she was a glass of wine he wanted to be able to describe with precision.”

As these two complete opposites are paired off and forced to live together, Tiffany is presented the opportunity to show Sebastian that she does not see him as half man that is broken but instead a man who has a beautiful heart that needs to be slowly mended and pieced back together. Will Sebastian be able to let Tiffany fully into his life and show her his scars? Or will he push her away?

“She was responding to him and he intended to make sure she never regretted it. Here in bed and in play he would give her everything he had. Everything she could need.”

Perfectly Paired is a sexy emotional passionate love story that was swirling with lots of heat, chemistry, love, vulnerability and healing. I love that Lexi Blake continues to write stories that showcases flawed characters who just needs a little patching and encouragement of love in order for them to heal the broken pieces outside as well as inside. So if you are looking for a love story that perfectly pairs readers to a story that hits all the right notes and awaken your senses to breathe in, taste and sip a romance that gets better with age then this light, crisp emotional and steamy book is definitely for you.

Lexi Blake

Susan (susayq ~) says

Why haven't I read anything by Lexi Blake before? She's on my TBR list. She's even on my Kindle. Thank heavens I'm taking some time off in December to do some reading not for the blog because I'll be going back to the beginning of her Masters and Mercenaries series and reading it.

This was sexy and funny and emotional. Sebastian was alpha and strong, yet so vulnerable. I just wanted to hug him ;0) Tiffany was bubbly, a little bit of a procrastinator, a master at avoidance, and knew what she wanted. She kind of reminded me of me...LOL

Yes, this is book 3 in one series and book 12.5 in the grand scheme of this world, but I totally wasn't lost. Would I have enjoyed this more if I knew the back stories of some of the other characters? Sure. But even without that background knowledge, I gave it 5 stars because I absolutely loved everyone I met in the book.

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

Ahh, where to begin? Yet another **AMAZING** read from an author that just **CANNOT** do wrong in my eyes. Even when I don't absolutely love the way one of her stories plays out, I still know I am going to get fabulous writing. Intricate plot. Amazing well-developed characters and a whole TON of **FEELS**.

I simply **ADORED** this one. I think it is actually my favorite of the **TOPPED** series so far. I've been intrigued by Sebastian from the moment we were introduced to him in previous books. Top's grumpy and wounded sommelier. I wanted to know what made that man tick. And boy do we get to see all that and more in this one.

Half the time I wanted to reach into the book and give him a hug. The other half I wanted to reach in and punch him in the face. That's the brilliance of Miz Blake's writing. She takes these seemingly cold assholes and peels back layer after layer until we are left with a Dom that is strong, but vulnerable to their women. It's a heady combination for sure.

On the flip side, Tiffany was one of my favorite heroines to date. She wanted Sebastian and she had a plan. Usually, I am not overly keen on my heroine doing the chasing, but in this book that is what needed to happen. Sebastian needed to be chased. He needed someone in his corner. He needed to see that even though he was missing both his legs, he was still a complete person. I love how Tiffany never gave up. The girl had the patience of a saint. I would have told him to stick his corkscrew up his ass after some of the stunts he pulled. She never gave up though and their HEA was as sweet as Moscato wine.

Of course, we also get to catch up with a few of the gang from previous TOP books as well as the Masters & Mercenaries series which is always a treat. Anytime I get some IAN is a good time for this lady. Not much more to say. I **LOVED** this one, so two thumbs up from yours truly.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Shadow's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

A smart girl knows how to go about catching her Dom, and Tiffany Hayes is nothing if not smart. And when she sets her sights on Tops' sommelier Sebastian, she has unexpected help from their friends. But Sebastian, burned by the only other woman for whom he had feelings, doesn't want a relationship. His shell is even harder because he lost both legs in the war and doesn't want someone who will pity him or feel he is a burden. When they are thrown together by a ploy of Ian Taggart's, Tiffany finds out just how hard Sebastian's shell is. Can she overcome his resistance in order for the two of them to find their happiness together?

Perfectly Paired is part of the Masters and Mercenaries Topped series and is a delightful read from start to finish. Between the humor and the angst, Lexi Blake has written a wonderful story that will have you laughing through the tears. Sebastian is such a good guy with such a sad past and Tiffany's determination to make him see the world in a better light makes her as much of a hero as he is. I loved both these characters, both flawed enough to be human, but strong enough to struggle past the flaws. And what Sebastian can do with a corkscrew!

The sex is hawwt, and the author ventures away a little from straight bondage and domination. As always, Big Tag's acerbic nature can't quite hide his efforts to make the members of his family happy. The reader also gets to catch up on some of the other Tops characters.

Lexi Blake has developed into first rate writer and storyteller and her books remain high on my have to buy list.

ARC provided with no expectations.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Bottoms and tops are not just bikinis or pajamas...

If you have read this author's *Masters and Mercenaries* series then you won't be shocked by the love play that goes on in and out of the dungeon in Tiffany and Sebastian's story.

Sebastian (never call him Seb) is ex-military who wears his service every day in the injuries he has suffered and the emotional baggage it has left him with. He's gone through hell and faces his future alone, just the way he wants it. Faced with a woman who shouldn't be as tempting as she is, he's going to do everything to keep her at arm's length.

"Big, gorgeous, stick-up-his-muscular-backside Sebastian."

Tiffany, however, has other ideas. She's been fascinated with him from the start and maneuvers her way closer to the man who has ignited every fantasy she has. She's determined to breach his defenses and he's equally sure that is never going to happen. Sexy rock, meet delicious paper.

"That was all she needed. A shot."

I was on #TeamTiffany from the start as she executed a game plan worthy of any five-star general. She should have seemed calculating but instead she was warm and loving, in tune with Sebastian's uncertainty

and fears.

“I might look all soft and fluffy but I have moves, too.”

She was the master of manipulators but she took responsibility for her actions and made sure Sebastian did too. Their chemistry was over the top hot and could melt ropes as well as all the reasons why they shouldn't work together. Tiffany was pushy and had a plan she was going to execute with the precision of a five-star general in training wheels. She had love in her arsenal and that tempered everything she did with humour and grace and an attitude that made her so, so likable. Sebastian was the perfect yin to her yang as he met every strategy with some of his own.

With wine and service as the backdrop to their story their courtship was full-bodied with a delicious after taste. Or should I say ‘after-glow’? ~ Diane, 4.5 Stars

Courtney says

LOVE! LOVE! LOVE!

I am just going to throw it out there now. Lexi Blake is officially my go-to author for true BDSM stories. And it's not because of the kink but because of how she accurately portrays this lifestyle. She's just flat out amazing.

Perfectly Paired is part of the Topped series which is a spin-off from her Masters and Mercenaries series. If you want to get the true and full awesomeness of this whole world, you have to start from the beginning, and I mean all the way back to the first Masters and Mercenaries. BUT, if you want to get a glimpse as to why I love reading Lexi's books, this is one you want to read. You will instantly fall in love with all of these characters and will find yourself wanting to know more about all of them.

Back to the book. This is Sebastian and Tiffany's story. I have been waiting for Sebastian's story for what seems like forever. He is a tough nut to crack, this one. He is very closed off and keeps everyone at arms length. Most know that he went through a lot after losing both his legs in the army. But what they don't know is that there is something deeper too.

Tiffany is a spunky, off the cuff nut job and I love her for that. She is a wild card. You never know what to expect of her, except her loyalty and true friendship. And she's determined to crack down Sebastian's walls.

Perfectly Paired is a sweet yet slightly angsty read. There are some troubling times between these two but Lexi does a great job of quickly overcoming things and setting things right. And do not even get me started on the steamy, BDSM lifestyle added in. Let's just say that you will need a drink or cigarette or whatever your poison is afterwards. HOT!!!

Ivy Deluca says

Full review to be posted by release date.

I really enjoyed this entry in the series and if you're a Masters & Mercenaries fan, you should absolutely check it out. If not, what are you waiting for? Definitely recommend this series and its spinoffs to those who like a touch of BDSM and suspense with their contemporary romances.

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Erin Lewis says

5 Star Review of Perfectly Paired (Topped #3) by Lexi Blake

Well where do I start? It is no secret that Lexi Blake is one of my favourite authors. Perfectly Paired, although not a particularly long read was amazing. One of the things I love about Lexi Blake is the diverse characters she creates. I love that in her this spin off series from her Master & Mercenaries series, the men and women of Topped are often returned veterans; men and women who have sustained injuries and are learning to live with them.

Ms. Blake does not shy away from the harsh realities that many returned veterans find themselves faced with. She writes about them with a great deal of dignity, compassion and caring. Perfectly Paired is a wonderful example of this, Sebastian Lowe is such a man, badly injured and now living life with two prosthetic legs, disillusioned by those he loved and exiled by his family.

Tiffany Hayes is the waitress at Top who catches the eye of the cranky and at times scary sommelier. Sebastian is a sexy alpha male who Tiffany has been half in love and lust with him for ages. When circumstances push these two together you can be sure there will be BDSM scenes with smoking hot sex that will melt your heart and your panties.

Sebastian is determined to keep his walls up and ensure that Tiffany doesn't break through; he doesn't count on her absolute determination to show him that what they have is real and will last. This was an emotional read at times as Sebastian struggled to come to terms with the issues caused by his past. I will say that once again Tiffany was a strong, feisty and, smart and determined submissive and I loved her. Lexi Blake's characters are never one dimensional, there are always so many layers and Sebastian and Tiffany no exception.

Each book in the series just seems to get better and better. Perfectly Paired is a beautiful story of triumph over heartache, a growth of a deep and committed love; one that made me laugh and sigh.

Shayna says

SHE. DOES. IT. AGAIN. Lexi Blake writes MAGIC! That's all there is to it. PURE freaking MAGIC!

Just when you think she can't do any better, Lexi Blake gives us PERFECTLY PAIRED, a beautiful, heartwarming, and intense romance that you won't be able to put down. Ms. Blake continues to give the fans what they want with her AMAZING character match-ups. This is a romance, not only for her readers, but to honor our wounded veterans, the warriors that risked their lives to make us safe. There is a sense of pride and understanding when reading a book like this. Only this author can make me feel this way. I've yet to come across another author who makes me feel that sense of understanding with her characters and the message she is trying to convey within her beautiful love stories.

Tiffany and Sebastian couldn't be more different. Tiffany is all sparks and light and Sebastian is all brooding and dark. Tiffany is on a mission of her own to make Sebastian hers for good. But first, she has a lot of work to do breaking down those cement walls he has built around himself. Sebastian thinks of himself as half a man, but Tiffany is set out to prove him wrong. She will do anything to chase away his demons, and she is just the stubborn submissive to bring this master to his knees.

The passion builds with every turn of the page and I never wanted it to end! Since this is the TOPPED installment of the Masters and Mercenaries: Topped Series, some of your favorites are back in action. And yes my friends, that does mean our gruff and handsome FAVORITE master is back and the banter is FREAKING hilarious as always! PERFECTLY PAIRED is another WINNER for this series and for this author. Laugh, blush, smile, sigh, and repeat. There is NOTHING better than a Lexi Blake romance...NOTHING.

Elle says

3.5* cheers to happy end STARS!!

Good food. Good sex. Good wine. This is the perfect summary for this book. No, I'm kidding. Sean Taggart opened a new Top restaurant in Fort Worth and the whole group from previous books will be there. This third book from Topped series is about Sebastian Lowe, the most talented young sommelier also a veteran soldier who lost his legs.

Tiffany Hayes only wants the certain grumpy sommelier in her life. When Big Tag/Ian assigned both her and Sebastian pretended to be a D/s couple in Fort Worth, Tiffany couldn't miss this chance. Aside his cold act, Sebastian cared for Tiffany. But he didn't want to get closer because of his past.

“Yes, but anything can lead to tragedy. You can do absolutely nothing wrong, make all the right moves, and still have things end in tragedy. But real happiness and joy, those don’t tend to come along without some risk. Those things are worth it.”

I still remember Tiffany and her sisters. Named after branded stuff. Funny, huh. Tiffany is easily likable woman. She's independent, strong-willed and free spirited. She loves art. Sebastian is the biggest challenge for her because he always distant himself. This man really frustrated me. When they pretend as D/s couple, Sebastian always use Dom card to get his way out. They have the chemistry but Sebastian is still in denial. He still haunted by his past and couldn't move on.

When Sebastian called himself as one of the toughest Dom, I couldn't believe him. Well, in this story he kinda all bark and no bite. Their scenes was okay. I think it was only happened twice? He always said about rough play but in the reality, he is a softie. Sebastian was really romantic. He's cold outside, but warm inside.

A smart girl got what she wanted. A good girl made sure her Dom got what he needed, too.

She was going to make sure she was a very good girl.

“You want to push the boundaries?” His mouth had taken on a hard line, those sensual lips flattening.

I never have problem with Tiffany. She was like the opposite of him. Sebastian has good improvement because of Tiffany. He's no longer like an ass. Tiffany still cares for him even after he tried to kick her out. I rarely read story about insecure man. Sebastian always distant himself from people. Finally, the happy ending didn't take too long. I'm satisfied enough with Tiffany and Sebastian's journey. It was all about love and healing. All points goes to Tiffany!

Karen ? says

Another fantastic book in this series. Tiffany wants Sebastian and maneuvers her way into his life by telling a teensy lie (not really) about the need for them to room together while setting up the new Top restaurant. Sebastian has sworn off relationships since losing both his legs in Afghanistan. As always, Lexi Blake weaves a great story along with some suspense of course. And as a huge plus, we have Ian Taggert sticking his nose in their relationship. Love Ian!
