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Plus-sized Grace Kinison lives a dull life. She's a teacher and aspiring author who does nothing but work and then write on her novel. That is, until she becomes a cyber submissive.

Grace has agreed to help her childhood friend's husband plan her surprise birthday party. Grace thinks her fellow party planner, Toffer Shelley, is a writer on a TV show. What she doesn't know is that he's the show's sexy star, Drake Dawson. He's a Dom, and he wants to work his magic on her.

When Grace runs into trouble at work, her cyber relationship turns into the real thing after she travels to Hollywood to meet Toffer. She's thrilled to be meeting her Master, until she realizes that he's the most gorgeous man in Hollywood.

But Toffer won't let Grace judge him by his looks. He takes her on a sexual journey full of bondage and submission, which give her strength to overcome challenges in her own work.

"Graceful Mischief"

It's their third Halloween together, and Toffer and Grace are in England. They're staying in an old castle complete with a moat and a maze. Grace thinks her Master is taking her to a fancy restaurant in London so they can be alone together on Halloween. Hidden underneath her beautiful new dress is the sexy corset her Master bought in London a few days earlier.

The trick is on Grace, though, when her Master takes her to the maze and tells her to strip down to her corset. A costume party is going on just hundreds of feet away, and Toffer plans on giving Grace a head start, then hunting her through the maze. If he catches her, she's awarded the trick, and he gets to have his way with her in the maze. There's always the chance that anyone could walk up and see Grace being topped. If she makes it to the middle without him catching her, she gets the treat: dinner and dessert.

Only Toffer's not playing fair -- the treat's also a trick. But with what he has in mind, even if Grace loses, she wins.

"Publisher's Note: This book is a nontraditional love story that contains sexual content that may be offensive to some readers: Anal sex; strong BDSM theme and content (bondage, domination/submission, spanking, punishment); and multiple partners"

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Emily says

Highschool English Teacher Grace Kinison moonlights in the evening as a writer, hoping that one day her work will be published and she can leave her job to write full time. Grace has always been plus-sized, but she prides herself in not letting herself not succumb to other peoples judgments. When she receives an IM from Toffer Shelley who she is supposed to work with to help plan her best friends surprise party, she is caught off guard by his playful manner that has a hint of a teasing undertone.

Toffer is really television hearthrob Drake Dawson, but talking through chat to Grace she is not seeing the star she is giving herself completely to submitting to him and letting him guide her through every fantasy she has as her Dom. Toffer knows he should tell Grace who he really is, but he knows they will see one another soon he just hopes it does not backfire on him.

I really liked this story, I was a bit unsure based on the description but a couple pages in was pulled in. There was a hint of naughtiness to Toffer who even though he is a Dom, does have a vulnerability that Melinda Barron beautiful taps into in this story.

Malinda says

3.5-4 stars

This was a pretty good story. I liked Grace and Toffer and their story was both sweet and sexy with moderate BDSM activity (dildos, clamps, bondage, blindfolds, anal activities, spanking, flogger and a few other impact toys).

Grace is a 39 year old teacher of High School English. She has a passion for helping her students but has a dream of leaving her job to write full time. She's sent stories out but hasn't gotten any acceptance letters yet. Grace has been pursued recently by one of the men she works with and she keeps trying to fend him off. Unfortunately, he's soon to be made the new principle and seems intent on using his new power to either get her in bed or get her fired.

Toffer is a well known actor in Hollywood but goes by the name Drake in his acting. He has trouble meeting women that fit him, especially since he's a Dom and with being famous it's hard to let women in on that and not have them go to the press with the news. Because of this and the pull of his fame, Toffer has to be very careful about who he truly gets involved with.

Toffer is on a TV show that has a married couple, Lindsey and Peter, as the writers. They're friends of his and it just so happens that Grace and Lindsey are close friends (even now that Lindsey lives in LA). Peter decides he wants to do a surprise birthday party for Lindsey and asks Grace to help plan it. Peter doesn't have the time to do the planning without tipping off Lindsey so Toffer steps in to coordinate with Grace and help plan the party. Toffer and Grace first start talking via instant messaging and Toffer starts with a bit of flirtation right off the bat. When he makes a off handed comment about punishing her and she doesn't seem put off by it Toffer get curious and starts flirting more. Grace sends pictures for the party and makes sure to include a recent one that she's in so Toffer knows that she's full figured. Grace has some mild body issues but

isn't OTT about it like some heroines in some other book so it worked well. Once Toffer still flirted with her, Grace felt confident enough to move forward and she responds to his flirting.

Grace and Toffer soon start engaging in a virtual BDSM relationship, first via IM and then over the phone. It was actually kind of interesting to see how they handled their relationship while miles away from each other. While Grace and Toffer start getting involved, Grace faces some issues with the new principle at work causing her issues and ends up facing a school board investigation for things she didn't do. Thankfully, Toffer is there to take her mind off of things. Grace was going to see him when she flew out for the party but with the issues going on, he convinces her to leave early and spend an extra week with him. Toffer hasn't told her who he is so there's some conflict when she realizes but she recovers pretty well and she and Toffer are able to enjoy their time together. They spend a lot of time together (outside of his work) and Toffer helps Grace explore many facets of her sexuality and their new relationship. They work well with each other and they both realize it. That doesn't mean there's no drama but thankfully it gets worked out relatively quickly and Toffer and Grace end the story with a sweet start to their HEA.

This was a pretty enjoyable story. I liked Grace. She was a BBW but she didn't have the huge self image issues that get so annoying in some books and I loved that. Grace had strength and some brains and wasn't afraid to use them (for the most part). Toffer was a very good hero, almost a little too perfect but I couldn't help but like him. Overall the story was a very nice BBW romance with some hot BDSM sex and a little drama to spice it up but not enough to be annoying. I'd recommend this story. :D

CaroB says

The relationship seemed so contrived, there was no build-up to it at all, almost as if she would have gladly submitted to the first person who offered, rather than because she trusted him and found him worthy of her submission. The characters lacked chemistry and the writing seemed to be to be lacklustre.

Darya says

In general the story was nothing new ,

First of all , lets start with the characters age . Grace and Toffer are supposed to be 30 something and 40 something , but let me tell you that there was nothing indicating their age in their book . At one time Grace says:

"15 years of work down in the drain " .

I don't know if she's been working for 15 years or if she is referring to her studies alongside her career as a teacher but the fact remains that she 34 at the very least and yet not once while reading the book did I get the feeling that she was a responsible adult . I don't have a personal problem with her age its just that it didn't fit her character's description and she was lacking a little bit of maturity (she was a teacher after all) .

Secondly , the fact that Grace agreed to have -cough cough- phone sex and well email sex with a perfect stranger was very surreal to me . How did she know Toffer wasn't just a sadist ? The fact that Toffer was a friend of her best friend's husband didn't exactly put him in your intimate(or close) circle. Grace is described as a shy person in the beginning but suddenly it seems that her character becomes this submissive

woman who is not shy at all . Maybe it's what the author wanted to show ; the change in her. But its just not realistic that she becomes over night a submissive woman . Grace is someone who has worked hard to get to where she is now , i mean th studies , her bad experience with her ex-husband , and lets not forget that she has leaved so long on her own . In order to keep so much control over your life , you had to be , at least a littleI would say the exact opposite of submissive. That is the reason when she changed over night from what i just described into a very good submissive companion was , to me , very surprising . SO was the fact that this change occurred over night .

Then there is Toffer , he is also described as 40 something but he's character barely seems in his late twenties or early (very early) thirties . That was the impression I had while reading the book and then BAM !!! The author mentions rather vaguely that he is a little over his 40s. Imagine my surprise , I had to re-read the sentence over and over in order to understand that i was reading it correctly .

THEN , there is the statement where the authors mentions that Grace is completely unexperienced in the whole submission theme but again that is not the impression you get when you see Grace's actions . While she is being the "slave" , she seems to be very well experienced in the matter. AND there is the fact that she follows Toffer's command from the beginning veryexpertly ? WOuld that be the word? There are some times where we witness her slipping but in places that are so obvious that you think " seriously? She chose now to slip ?" To give you a more detailed example here it goes :

"Toffer4U: Good. You must call me Master now. Do you understand?

Graceful: Yes. Toffer, this makes me very nervous.

Toffer4U: Good. And that's strike one. I'm going to keep a running count. When you get to L.A., you'll get licks from the paddle according to how many strikes you have. Be a good girl. How do you address me?

Graceful: Master. "

So as you can see , she chose a very bad place to slip that makes you think maybe she didn't read the last line correctly . And there are places that you think maybe she isn't so much of a newbie at the matter .

"Note to-self: Submission doesn't mean weakness; it means exploring your wants and desires and being strong enough to give control of yourself to someone else. "

So to me , the characters do not have an specific outline , they do not have shapes . They do what they want when they want to , at times (most of the time) they act completely out of character. A lot of times in the story i didn't know what to expect . When I thought she would be shy she was bold . Or when I expected a reaction like say trust in her " Master " when he said he loved her , she would run away thinking that he was ashamed of her . When I thought she wouldn't believe him , she bowed head and believe in his every word blindly . So these are the reasons why I've given this book a two stars because for me , characters are the most important element in a story . I believe that the story would take place around what each character is , the story would blend in with the characters because the characters aren't supposed to change (well not overnight anyway) . The characters are supposed to be giant stones and the story usually , flood like water , making his way around these giant stones . I do hope I'm making sense

But in this case , the characters were trying to follow the story's lead They were constantly changing with each new scene . So to conclude this never review , I am going to recommend this book to every one who enjoys reading an erotic adventure in a bedroom without too much background spoiling the mood . If thats what you want then this is the book for you .Its also very short so reading the book doesn't take days and days .

PS: I never understood why did Grace overreact in certain situation . I tried to wrap my mind around her strange "outburst " but I couldn't because again , she was going out of character .

Anyways , enjoy and have a great time reading it .

DW :)

Cecile says

I am going to keep this review short... why... because the book is only 170 pages.... So, I don't want to give to much away... and by reading the blurb, you get the gest of what the book is about. But I am here to tell you that this book is absolutely wonderful!!! I loved this book. I read this book in two nights (only because I started it late one night and finished it the next).

I know we talk about BDSM and our feelings about books that contain them, but this is an awesome book about submission and dominating.

First, the two characters, Grace and Toffer are just to damn lovable.

Grace, because she is the normal, average side, maybe a little heavier size woman. She is a teacher by day and a writer by night. She loves teaching, but she can't stand her soon to be boss. He is the creep of all creeps. He is trying to get Grace in his bed... and if she does not comply... then he will have her job.

Toffer, a mutli-billionaire, gorgeous actor, can get any woman he wants... but that is his problem... he doesn't want just some woman. He wants one woman. But he wants to have this woman: stock, lock and barrel. Is Grace that woman, can Grace be that woman??

Their trip down Dom/Sub... is a very erotic ride. But at the same time, a very trust building relationship. Besides the Dom/Sub going on and the erotic factor, this book has a plot and a very good one... Hell, I was even cheering for them!

If your hussy is in need of a good purrrrrr... this is the book to let it purr. The sex scenes are amazing, they are not vulgar or in bad taste, you know I would tell you. This is my first book by Ms. Melinda and I can promise you, it won't be my last!

If you want to walk in the baby pool (so to speak) of erotic, maybe even BDSM, dom/sub... this REALLY is the book for you. If you want romance, this book will provide that as well. If you want the "creep gets what he deserves," you will get that too!!!

This book really has it all!!! I hope you will give it a try.... I am sure glad I did!!!!

Then as a treat, Graceful Mischief is in the back of this book... so you are getting two books... Now I am onto Loose ID to buy the third book... Undercover Submission.

Now, I have to give credit where credit is due.... Book Junkie is where I found this little jem of a book. She did a book review and I fell in love... This is her review of this book. Please go and read her's --->>> [Here!!](#)

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To visit Ms. Melinda Barron web site, please go --->>> [here](#).

I hope you enjoyed this review because I enjoyed reading this one...!!

Hussy----satisfaction!!!! =)

Kim says

I liked this one, I felt the ending was a tad bit rushed, but i liked it.

Shelly says

I really wished I like this story. I went into it with high expectations, maybe too high.

I'm not going to give anything away here but there were a few things I didn't understand (standing face first in a corner EVERYDAY) and didn't agree with leaving Grace alone while she was in bondage.

The ending happened a little too easy and quickly for me. While I was waiting for Grace to grow a backbone, tada - the book ended.

Happy reading folks!

daisy says

Good book, really enjoyed it at the beginning but the end was too rushed

Michele ~ la Smoocherina says

Great read!

Heather says

This was a quick little erotic book that packed a nice punch. The romance was nice the story was well done and it was nice and steamy. Toffer or "Drake", was yummy. He made a great Dom and was super hot. Grace was a perfect submissive fulfilling her desires after a failed marriage left her wanting something more.

Concerns I had were that it went a little fast. It could have been more detailed. The relationship build was rushed. They went quickly into a physical relationship and jumped head first emotionally. I'm not sure how realistic that is. Especially with Grace being divorced. There were a few elements that kept it from being a five star book. I liked it, I just didn't love it. I didn't feel a lot of emotion when reading it, other than turned on (and there is nothing wrong with that if it's what your looking for at the time). It was a nice quick erotic read.

Tabatha says

I surprisingly really enjoyed this one and I adored the characters. Grace is a teacher and Toffer is a hot Hollywood star. They meet online planning a mutual friends surprise birthday party, but find that they have a bit more in common than they at first realized. This book isn't heavy into BDSM elements, but is more about the connection between the characters exploring the possibilities between them and establishing trust. Definitely give this one a read. :)

Lady Raven RAVE! says

Toffer aka Drake aka Christopher hehehe yes all one person loved him and Grace as well. The story/ plot for me was good. Toffee and grace started messaging each other and the relationship started from there. The only thing I will say and this is my opinion I didn't like that it took so long for them to physically see each other most of the communication as I said was through messaging and calling but they were still inventive with the sex though, with me saying that don't let that turn you off. If you like the sub/Dom sex with some romance then this is for you

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Lady Entropy says

I didn't dislike the main character but her "oh noes, I'm 20 pounds overweight and most of said weight is in my Double D boobs" problems made me roll my eyes and kill off any of the buzz I might have from the book.

Also, her lover was way too perfect: falls in love with her on the internet, is a filthy rich, hot and popular movie star, and chooses her over the supermodels fawning all over her. Also, he's perfect, kind, understanding, and falls in love with her (and proposes) in a matter of days upon meeting her.

Not to say that some beautiful people can't be like that, but he was way too perfect to be credible and in the end, this book ended up being nothing more than a wishful fanfiction from the author.

A??ela W. says

Spoiler Ahead This was a pretty good book. Grace Kinison lives a dull life. She's a teacher and aspiring author, who does nothing but work, and then write on her novel. That is until she becomes a cyber

submissive. Grace has agreed to help her childhood friend's husband plan her surprise birthday party. Grace thinks her fellow party planner, Toffer Shelley, is a writer on a TV show. What she doesn't know is that he's the show's sexy star Drake Dawson. He's a Dom and he wants to work his magic on her. During this time Grace tells Toffer of what has been happening with her life at her job. Grace believes that Toffer is a writer on the same series as her friends never dreaming he is the sexy leading man. When she has trouble at her school Grace goes to Los Angeles for the party early but Grace learns that her cyber Dom is everything and nothing like she expected. Toffer is determined to have Grace see him as Toffer not the TV star Drake, and he takes Grace on a sexual journey of discovery which adds to her self-confidence. This was a good D/s story with hot sex scenes. This was my first time reading this author and this is the first book in a new series to me. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Pauline Allan says

I read this little jem in one evening. It kept my undivided attention. The pace was appropriate and the content complete at the end of the novella. Now, I have to be honest. I'm a little leary of ordering books that specifically say BDSM in the blurb because I've read too many that are cheesy and unreal. I know a "little" about this area. *wink wink* I don't like to read books that make the BDSM element about whips and ties, humiliation and blindfolds just for the sake of sex. When it's all boiled down, the act of D/s isn't really about the sex at all. This book was a beautiful example of a healthy, sexy D/s relationship. The woman is full-figured, which many sub's are, and she's determined to be brave. I really liked Toffer's character. He was sweet and always inquired about her day before they ever started playing. There was a world of trust built between the two characters and I enjoyed reading that. The book is mainly these two characters, Lolly and Master. I liked how she called him Master and not her master. It really put me in the pages. This author was great at making a full-figured gal feel wanted and sexy. I love when Giselle, the super-model, got dissed twice by Toffer! It was priceless. I recommend this read to anyone who enjoys loving D/s play and wants to feel good when he/she closes a book.
