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Blindfolds. Handcuffs. Submission.

There's so much Jonah Kendrick hasn't tried, and so much he wants to explore. But just before Christmas he finds a ring box in his boyfriend's desk. Jonah panics. He loves Evan and their sex is hot, but how can Jonah be ready for forever, when there are so many items on his Naughty Bucket List? Desires that might drive Evan away.

Evan's noticed Jonah has been distant. His usually talkative and cheerful boyfriend is preoccupied. The seemingly straitlaced Evan stumbles across Jonah's wish list of sexual kinks, and Evan realizes he may not have to hide his true nature from Jonah after all. The Dom in him wants to see Jonah on his knees, begging, submitting, but Evan isn't sure Jonah's ready to accept what being Evan's sub would mean.

The two lovers must figure out how to share their hidden desires with each other before their secrets permanently damage their love.

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Blacky *Romance Addict* says

-This was part of the Red Hot Holiday anthology-

I really enjoyed this short story

The story

Jonah finds wedding rings in his boyfriend's desk and panics, thinking Evan will propose. He's not sure if he wants to make a permanent commitment, and there are so many things he hasn't tried yet, and doesn't know how to approach the subject with Evan.

Evan is worried about him, seeing him distancing himself more and more, and doesn't know the reason for it... Until he finds a list...

Jonah made a list of all the stuff he'd like to try in bed, to be more precise, BDSM stuff

And so Evan starts to be more dominating, and Jonah tries to work up ways to tell him what he wants :D

It was a nice idea, although some parts were a bit far-fetched, but OK, this is a short story so I didn't expect anything mindblowing anyway :D Loved the parts with Evan's family, and the ending was pretty nice too :)

The characters

I liked both of them, Evan slightly more because he was more sure of his feelings when it came to Jonah. I could tell they loved each other and it was sweet, but sometimes Jonah got on my nerves because of the wedding freakout, but oh well, he got over it and that's the point, right :D

The sex was hot and yummy I have to say, not extreme in the least just a touch of bondage and dominance :)

All in all, a very enjoyable holiday smexy read

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Susan65 says

I appear to me in the minority, but I really liked this story. Being inside Jonah's head and seeing his inner struggle for what he wants and needs just spoke to me. I can relate to his not knowing. Not knowing if he was ready to settle for one person for life, not knowing if he was willing to give up certain aspects of his "fantasy" world, not knowing if Evan would understand his kinks and his desire to try new things. Evan could have made things a little easier on Jonah, in my opinion. He was five years older and had a past history that he never told Jonah about, so I understand Jonah's reluctance to "rock the boat".

In the end, Jonah didn't act on any of his "fantasies" and realized that Evan was the only man for him. His

note to Evan was perfect. This won't be for everyone , but I enjoyed it.

willaful says

An enjoyable, believable look at a couple having a hard time expressing their desires to each other. Jonah and Evan have been together for two years when Jonah discovers a set of hidden wedding rings. The thought of being tied to vanilla sex with one person for the rest of his life sends him into a panic about all the things he's been curious about and never tried, particularly being submissive. But it turns out there's something Evan hasn't been telling him as well.

Confusion, doubt, mixed messages -- all things we don't see much in romance in regards to sex, and all very realistic. Jonah even flirts with cheating (view spoiler) This isn't really a Christmas story, but New Years Eve, with its symbolism of new beginnings, is important. The story felt a little scattered to me at times, perhaps reflecting the confusion felt by the characters, but ended on a very positive note as Evan and Jonah discover they can both get their needs met. Jonah's introduction to BDSM felt very loving and real.

(reviewed from e-arc provided by netGalley)

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

3.5 stars for me on this one. To me, this was a story about realizing what you want or need in your relationship and knowing how and then being able to actually ask your partner for it. There was a major communication breakdown going on here which could have solved a lot. I enjoyed Jonah questioning himself and being unsure of what he wanted, even though he could have gone about things a little differently. Same goes for Evan. I love how it ended with Evan's birthday gift for Jonah in NY, watching the ball drop while doing other things.

Shannon says

This was a truly hot short story about Jonah who wants to try the BDSM lifestyle but is too scared to tell his boyfriend Evan and Evan who used to be an active Dom but never told Jonah. Evan finds a list Jonah made about it and the story goes from there. Lots of good smexing in this one all wrapped up with a nice love story. Yum!

Stephanie says

1.5 stars. Unfortunately I didn't enjoy this book. I like Evan, I didn't like Jonah and I didn't see the chemistry between the characters. The lack of communication felt forced in the story. I didn't buy their Dom and Sub

relationship and the fact that seemed to have solved their problems.

Tami says

A hot little christmas romance novel. I liked that the MCs were in a relationship and this novella showed some development in their relationship. They have been together for two years and are considerably happy when the story starts. Wenn Jonah thinks that he is going to get a proposal, he starts thinking about what he might miss (sexually) if he committs fully. Not the most romantic first thought when confronted with rings, but very human. Jonah wants some BDSM in his life and luckily his guy is up for this, too. So, triggered by the rings, they start having a new flavour in their relationship.

Nice read, although it didn't really blow me away.

Mandapanda says

2.5 stars. I didn't really connect with the characters in this one. Seemed to me they had a lot bigger relationship problems than wanting a bit of kinky sex.

Christina says

Meh, not a good Mitchell.

The characters were detached and the entire story had an almost clinical feel to it. Both characters were likable but unfortunately the lack of communication seemed unnatural and forced. As far as the BDSM aspects go, I believed Jonah's desire to delve into the lifestyle, but Evan came off as robotic and unfeeling. I didn't feel much of a connection between them. The BDSM was mild and the sex was written good but the relationship and the characters were not developed enough.

~ Becc ~ says

Jonah and Evan have been together for a number of years and, when Jonah is rummaging through Evan's desk to find some sellotape, he finds two tacky wedding rings. Paranoid that Evan is about to propose over New Years Jonah goes into a panic about what he hasn't managed to experience sexually before he settles down – namely bit of kink He makes a bucket list which Evan accidentally finds. As they spend Christmas with Evan's family, Evan attempts to coax Jonah to talk to him without giving away that he has found the list. Evan has experience in BDSM that he's never told Jonah about.

This was quite an angsty little read – this is a couple quite clearly perfect for one another but they're not talking to each other and there was a lot of silent sighing and there was a real risk that one of them was going to do something stupid and jeopardise everything that they had. I was really scared that Jonah was going to totally blow it (pun absolutely intended).

I have to confess that I found it hard to believe that a couple can be as sexual as Jonah and Evan and yet neither one of them had spotted the dom or sub in the other, especially Jonah as an experienced dom. He really should have been able to spot the signs, for sure. Quite frankly, this is a couple that need to be a lot more honest with each other. Aside from that, this is a sexy little novella with some light D/s.

3 sexy seasonal stars

Genre says

I bought this at Christmas and then it got swallowed up by my TBR pile so I forgot about it. I was flipping through the books on my Sony reader and saw this. Having just read a long book containing a sweet romance with lots of fade to black, I was in the mood for something relatively short and sexy and this seemed to fit the bill completely.

Jonah is looking in his lover's desk drawer for sellotape when he discovers a pair of wedding rings. This sends him into a panic because, although he loves Evan, Jonah has always wanted to try the BDSM scene. Evan is as vanilla as can be so Jonah worries that once he commits to Evan he will have to set aside the possibility of exploring that side of him. Jonah makes a list of things he wants to try. Evan finds the list and we discover that Evan was once a Dom who gave it up because he craved more of an emotional connection, something his subs never seemed to give him. When he sees that Jonah is wanting to try out submission, he's very pleased and waits for Jonah to open up to him, but Jonah's too afraid to ask for what he wants.

I ended up having mixed views about the story. I loved the opening and the way it established the characters of Jonah and Evan. They are not very good at talking to each other, so much of the story centres around miscommunication and Jonah jumping to incorrect assumptions. I didn't mind that because the author does well in showing us Jonah's fears and the reasons why he holds back from Evan.

I enjoyed the middle less well. There was a side issue of Jonah contacting another Dom via the Internet which almost bordered on cheating on Evan, and I was a little worried how that would all play out. It also didn't really fit with the steady and loving relationship shown between Jonah and Evan for Jonah to go behind his lover's back. Then that aspect of the story just fizzled out and was set aside, becoming more about Evan's concern that Jonah would get hurt by an unscrupulous Dom rather than Evan being hurt that Jonah would look elsewhere.

Things improved vastly by the end when Jonah and Evan started talking and I was left feeling happy for the couple as they begin to explore a different dynamic in their relationship. There were other aspects which I liked, such as the smoking hot sex scenes (something that's always guaranteed to be good with this author), the fact that Evan isn't your typical Dom, and the family dynamics in Evan's family.

So overall, this was a story which left me with mixed feelings but one I think I can still recommend if you're looking for a steamy story with BDSM elements.

SheReadsALot says

Another author then I'm developing a serious case of the 'likes' for, K.A. Mitchell. Her characters are multifaceted, flawed and most importantly realistic. Evan and Jonah make a great couple (they have some issues with communication but Evan works it out, most deliciously ;P)

Loved them as a couple.

Loved the couple events they performed in the bedroom...especially that last one!!

Got me excited!

DayDreamer says

3.5 stars. Maybe.

It was hot, can't say it wasn't, but the kinky stuff was not enough.

Also *talking*. How hard can it be?

So. Good, but not life-changing. I'm not sorry I read it. Yet I don't crave more, I don't feel like going back to it.

Dabney says

this review was originally published at DearAuthor.com

This is a sweet story about a couple who find they are even better suited than they thought. Jonah and Evan have been together for two years and have a strong relationship. Then, one day, as he's packing their stuff for a visit to Evan's family for Christmas, Jonah finds a set of wedding bands in Evan's desk. Jonah's seriously thrown. Jonah loves Evan but he's not sure he's ready to settle down. For starters, there's so much he hasn't tried he'll never get a chance to if he's married.

It wasn't only all the hot guys he'd be giving up. It was all the things he'd never get to do or try. How was he supposed to know he didn't like the whole whips and chains scene? He liked it enough in porn. Always meant to try it out, but somehow, like going down to New York for New Year's Eve, something had always gotten in the way. Mostly his own inability to figure out what the fuck it was he wanted before the train left the station.

Maybe if he wrote it all down, he could make a better decision. Evan was always telling Jonah

making to-do lists would keep him organized, but a Things I'll Never Get To Do If I Marry Evan list probably wasn't what Evan had in mind.

So Jonah writes a list which Evan later finds. And now Evan is thrown because it's clear from the list Jonah's interested in exploring the darker side of sex and that's a place Evan knows well. Evan's a Dom but he walked away from that role several years and has never shared that side of himself with Jonah. When he reads Jonah's list, he's beyond turned-on.

Three-some. Moresome. W/E?

Leather

Cuffs

Tied up

Blindfold

Anonymous

Paddle Flogger?

Heat flashed under Evan's skin, tingling, prickling, then pooling in his balls as his dick went from hard to impossible to manage. He kicked the door shut and unzipped his jeans, leaning back as he fought for control, picturing vulnerable skin stretched on a cross. His to mark, to take, to own. Before he could touch it, his cock jerked, precome pearling at the tip. He'd thought he had that part of him locked down, put away. Safe from ever hitting that line again where he wasn't sure he was playing by the rules and not by his emotions.

I really enjoyed their story. Evan realizes if he wants to keep Jonah—and be true to himself—he's going to have to ease Jonah into a different kind of sexual relationship than the lusty but mainstream one they currently share. He does so carefully and very very sexy. The love scenes between the two are scorching and work beautifully to show the subtle ways their relationship changes. Jonah and Evan are appealing characters and the chemistry and connection between the two is sweet, funny, and hot.

Wish List is a delightful novella. It's well written, full of great scenes—I loved their visit to a leather/sex shop in the Village; the sense of place is strong and spot on—, and has a fabulous finale. The only part I found weak was Jonah's exploration of a BDSM internet/chat site; that story line feels forced and unnecessary. That's a small quibble, however. Overall, I give **Wish List** a B.

Audrey says

fans self

fans self again

Man, that was hottt. Lots of smexin' and a super cute couple. There was a plot, too! And even though that plot pretty much revolved around the Big Misunderstanding, I enjoyed this book a lot. BDSM-lite, so don't be afraid to check this one out if you're curious. Christmas in March, whee!
