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A story about Aubrey, a young woman filled with hurt, and William, a man who can't walk away. They're navigating through a relationship that may have too many hurdles... or perhaps not, as long as she can hold his hand.

Aubrey has been hurt in the past, discouraged and degraded by a heartless father. Still, William sees something in her that won't allow him to walk away. Instantly drawn to her but intuitive enough to take it slowly, he courts her. Then he bargains, persuades and seduces until Aubrey becomes ensnared by his commanding nature. Despite the fight she puts up in accepting William's lifestyle, the bonds he places on Aubrey give her a freedom she desperately needs.

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Shelley says

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2.5 stars

Hold My Hand is an Erotic Contemporary BDSM-lite Romance about Aubrey, a young woman raised by a verbally abusive father, who left her with hurtful words and doubt in her head. Then there is William who has been visiting Aubrey at the coffee shop where she works for the past few months. He finally asks her out and boom, instant couple. The only issue under discussion is that William is a dominate and he wants Aubrey to be his submissive.

Aubrey discovers a lot about herself through her relationship with William and William is determined to help her heal from her past and discover how perfect she really is.

Hmmm, I guess I just didn't feel much of a connection with these characters. Even though I have a hard time understanding the dom/sub relationship and what a woman would really get out of it, doesn't mean I don't enjoy books that write about it. It is always about entering another world. But with this one I just did not get all the great qualities about William and got that he really just wants control about everything. I mean really insisting on feeding her from his plate on the first date, if that isn't a red flag I don't know what is. We learn about Aubrey's family some and know why she is like she is, but I just didn't find either character that special. This book just left me lacking for something.

Paloma Beck says

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Gail says

Can't wait for the next book. I was disappointed when it ended, and really wanted to know more about what would happen next. Will they go visit her family? Will her father give her affirmation in the knowledge that she is worth it? I wanted to scream! why didn't you tell more in this book!!!!

Gemma says

I really enjoyed this book. I kind wish we had more of a story to go with all the BDSM which wasn't too heavy. I'm glad there's going to be another book, but I kind of wished I got more of a story with this one.

All we really get is our main girl has daddy issues, and our main man is training her in the act of submission

as well as helping her emotionally.

I would have like to have known what Aubrey looks like, how long her hair is the colour of her eyes etc would have been able to connect with her a bit better.

I just feel the whole thing is lacking a bit more depth, which could have been helped with more of a story, and more of the book in total, why leave it for another book and just not continue with this one. I feel as though everything has to be a trilogy and it really doesn't you can write more than 200 pages it doesn't have to be split... feels like a money making scam which shits me a little.

All that said, I still give it 3.5 stars rounding up cause this author deserves it.

Jenn Shanks Pray says

Paloma Beck takes her reader by the hand and gently leads them into the world of domestic discipline and manages to craft a beautifully written and surprisingly romantic story at the same time. In an exploding market of BDSM stories, the element of love - the kind that makes a reader want to know more about the characters and their journey - often gets sacrificed for steamy no holds barred sex. *Hold My Hand* focuses on the fledgling relationship between Aubrey and William without sacrificing the erotic components.

Shy, emotionally battered Aubrey hides in plain site. Working as a barista, she manages to capture the eye of the powerful and worldly William. He sees in her something captivating and pursues her with single mindedness. How can she say no, right? The rules that William sets out and the demands that he makes of Aubrey push her every boundary, every belief. This young heroine must decide to go with her instincts or cave to the voice in her head that threatens to destroy everything.

Beck has created an imminently believable character in Aubrey - her past history of emotional abuse, her feelings of self doubt and worthlessness hit the reader right in the heart. While a domestic discipline relationship may not be every reader's cup of tea, this author creates one that feels very natural and is so deeply steeped in loving motivations that any discomfort one might have about the heavy D/s overtones is quickly swept aside as the reader falls as deeply in love as this perfectly matched odd couple.

Sexy and sensual with spanky goodness, Aubrey and William's romance captures the reader and holds them bound from page to page. Fortunately for readers, theirs is a story that has more to come with an upcoming sequel *Heal My Soul*. Yes, Sir - we are patiently waiting because good things come to those who wait!

This review was originally written for Guilty Indulgence Book Club.

Sapphire Kande says

Wow. I don't have enough good things to say about *Hold My Hand*. This book really hit home for me in a lot of ways. It's an intense emotional story that will leave you thinking about it for days. I really enjoyed the characters in the story since they are created perfectly with just the right amount of back-story to keep it interesting.

The author presents word-pictures of scenes and events by giving specific details that appeal to the five senses, perfect for our imagination. The book is written in the first person from the perspective of Aubrey. The language is extremely simple and the point of view is very consistent for its time. The book moves at a relaxing pace and is extremely absorbing without being dull or loose. Plot points are tight and the other characters, are complex and completely fleshed out thus adding to the well crafted feel of the book.

Overall, Hold My Hand was an excellent, enthralling read that I highly recommend. It was a fantastic book with a wonderfully creative plot.

Daisy Sloan says

I'm conflicted. This book was difficult for me to read while at the same time it drew me in.

Aubrey has self-esteem issues. Understandably so, considering the way her father treated her and her mother never stood up for her.

William is a dominant. He wants a TPE and he's fascinated with Aubrey. When he gets the chance he convinces her to go to dinner with him. What happens next is in some ways sweet and in other ways disturbing.

Aubrey is drawn to William. He's handsome, rich, and powerful. She's amazed someone like him could want someone like her. He provides something she desperately needs.

What causes me conflict is William. First, he seems much older than he is in the book. Until I found out his age, I was thinking he was in mid to late forties. He's 33.

Second, he's a predator. I felt like he stalked Aubrey like an injured gazelle and took her down. I admit he gave her something she needed, but i feel like he should have sent her to therapy while they dated. She definitely needs it.

I plan to read the next one. From what I've seen, others say William grew on them in the second one. I'm giving it a go.

Ndulgent Bloggers says

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Twinsie Talk Angie J says

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I was given this book by the author for an honest review.

Can I say THANK YOU!!!! I enjoyed this book alot. I am a big BDSM reader thanks to a certain *cough cough* man who likes Grey. Anyway, I have read alot of these kinds of books after my initial reaction to ssaid man. However, I have also found much Much MUCH better writing and truth to the lifestyle since reading him. I have to say it scares me how people are "flocking" to try these things out without a true understanding of what is expected or correct. In many of the BDSM books I have read of late, the people meet this DOM and boom they are thrust into a relationship without building any kind of trust. People this type of relationship is built on trust so to just blindly jump in like some books do is very scary to me. Anyway I wanted to say THANK YOU for the author for showing how to correctly begin a D/s relationship.

William is a dominate and he has become smitten with his coffee shop barista Aubrey. He comes to her coffee shop for months before actually talking to her but always watching her. Well, one day she crashes into him and *boom* spills his coffee. William doesn't ask but informs Aubrey they will be having dinner. Stunned Aubrey says Yes sir which of course pleases William to no end :) William knows Aubrey is a novice in everyway (still has the V card peps). He waits weeks before anything sexual happens because he wants her total and complete trust and faith in him and them. He is always telling her what he is doing and why he is doing things to again...build her trust. I think I loved that even though he was a very dominate male he knew Aubrey was a scared little elf . He wanted to make sure she felt safe, cherished and loved in every encounter they had even if it was just a massage or snuggle.

When the relationship gets pretty in-depth, William begins to help Aubrey with her own insecurities after years of abuse from her father. AM I suggesting that BDSM will cure a person and that they should read this....no. However, knowing the one you love feels that you are perfect and having them make you repeat it until you actually start to believe it is a great way to build yourself up.

I really enjoyed this story and the dramatic ending had me holding my breath for Aubrey and William. I cannot wait for book 2 but not until 2014...makes me become a very impatient subbie for sure :)

Rebecca says

Emotional story about a young woman overcoming her childhood to find happiness. Intense but mild BDSM. Intense but sexy spanking. Intense but sweet hero. A good read.

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? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

Millionaire kinky men looking for the innocent poor young female seems to be the trend right now. In *Holding my Hand*, William is the rich male seeking the destitute little girl Aubrey. It is never clear as to how William makes his money. Somehow he is a philanthropist who helps build communities in nations needing assistance. While this at the surface seems romantically heroic, my cynical mind reads it as human trafficking for wealthy drug lords. Aubrey is the victim mentality female who is all too common. She has Daddy issues and a poor self image. Not my favourite type of female lead. This is a 2.5 star for me. It is a bit better than okay, but I can't say I truly enjoyed it.

I am mixed on this story. Ms. Beck shows potential with her writing voice. Her story can be captivating. What brings it down for me are her characters and perhaps lack of research into BDSM. This tale is light BDSM perhaps even SugarKink. It's not really BDSM even though there are constant reminders of William as a Dom and his insistence in a D/s lifestyle. This portrayal of BDSM is what I consider the rosy coloured glasses view from the Vanilla world titillated with the kinky side. Are there Doms like William in real life? Doubtful. He's a romanticized knight in shining armour a la Richard Gere style in *Pretty Woman* with a kinky twist. This is a very popular theme which is neither right nor wrong. It is good for the romance lovers who want a little taste of kink and have no interest in the realities of BDSM.

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The characters in this book are hard for me to accept. William is apparently flawless. He's rich, handsome and generous. Why is it that he would want Aubrey? This is a very good question which neither Aubrey nor Ms. Beck can seem to explain. Based on all of Aubrey's actions, I'm hard pressed to see the allure either. Her constant inner thoughts of what her father said to her doesn't help. It makes her look more pathetic. After a while, it just became annoying.

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? I think what really bothered me about this D/s portrayal is the implication of it helping Aubrey become a self confident woman. This is a myth of D/s which many who are not in the lifestyle seem to think happens. There is a thought that D/s will help bring a person's chaotic or downtrodden life under control. A female only needs the right man to lift her up and all will be perfect in the world. Perhaps in a Disney style fairy tale, this would work. In a domestic discipline theme book, it might work too. In a contemporary BDSM romance, it doesn't work quite so well. This is because one of the key elements to a D/s lifestyle is erotic power exchange. In order to exchange power, one must own it first. In this story, Aubrey owns nothing. She possess no power. How can she give over power she does not have? And this is what is missing for me in this book. Still, this is a sweet romance which doesn't really need the kinky element of D/s. This book is recommended for romance readers who love the white knight riding in to save the day.

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* *Provided by Spanking Reviews* *

Joelle says

William and Aubrey. BDSM-lite. How I giggled the first time I saw Paloma use that phrase, but I do love it. As I got farther into the book though, I loved seeing in action what she meant. Too often I find the balance between those 4 letters and romance in fiction to be lacking. Thankfully that was not the case in "Hold my

Hand"- William obviously loves Aubrey, even as he takes her in hand. The simple care and the delight he has in taking care of Aubrey is simply amazing.

I did have a moment's geeking when I saw my name listed in the acknowledgments- thanks, Paloma, that was totally unexpected. I am actively anticipating the second book, "Heal My Soul," getting to see what further William has in store for Aubrey.

Natasha Knight says

I read this in its beta version and then again later and I like it very much. It's a story that kind of stays with you. There are layers to Aubrey and William that you can't (or I can't) get on first reading. It just has to sit for a bit and settle and age. I actually just read an interview over on Jade Carey's site where the author spoke about where the initial idea came from (because the book was there for years before it was written). Anyhow, here's the initial poem that was the inspiration and reading this poem after reading the book kind of wrapped it all up. There will be a sequel which is good - all those layers need uncovering.

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He reaches to Hold My Hand
And I walk into the unknown.
I cling to the possibility
As I escape into the forbidden.
He whispers Hold My Hand
And I lay myself before him.
I hunger for his offering
As I soar to new heights.
He reaches to Hold My Hand
And I am touched by grace.
I am set free through my bonds
As I reach to Hold his Hand.

InD'tale Magazine says

Every day for months the hot mysterious man named William comes to the coffee shop where Aubrey works. One day as she's running late she bumps into him as he's exiting the shop and she spills his coffee all over his shirt. Flustered and embarrassed she offers to buy him another coffee, but he says one word, 'Dinner.' So begins William's courtship of Aubrey, a woman he wants as his submissive, a woman he believes needs the freedom of being his submissive in order to heal her past hurts and a woman he wants for all time. Aubrey, with her father's voice berating her in her head, isn't nearly as confident, but she's willing to find out what being a submissive to a man like William truly means.

Whether one is simply curious or is searching for something just out of reach, every person who decides to investigate BDSM begins the journey for different reasons and with different expectations. Some proceed alone, learning as they go, and some have a mentor to show the way. Aubrey is a broken soul, but William sees in her the potential that she can't yet see for herself. He guides her slowly on her journey with

tenderness and confidence yet with a stern firmness that brooks no arguments. Aubrey, despite her verbally abusive past, begins to blossom under his attention. Her journey is heart-breaking, heart-warming and beautiful to watch as the reader experiences everything along with her.

A wonderful look into one woman's quest for confidence through submission!

Jen ♡ says

Paloma Beck's latest book, *Hold My Hand*, is a deeply emotional read that lingers long after you've finished it. William is a supremely strong, yet surprisingly patient man, who finds himself perfectly complemented by Aubrey. He recognizes her submissive nature and beautifully guides her in their relationship, helping Aubrey to see herself as worthy of being desired and cherished. I love how William cultivated their interdependence; for every demand he made of Aubrey--and there were many!--William considerately gave something of himself to her, too. Their emotional connection is the singular focus of this book, and while it concludes satisfactorily, I was excited to learn a second installment is to follow.

I do have two points of caution regarding this book. First, there are versions that were sold prior to editing. I happened to purchase such a copy and found the dialogue contained many errors with verb tense which was distracting to read. However, I am told that a corrected version has been uploaded to the book distributors' sites, so this should hopefully no longer be an issue. And second, we have to wait until December 2013 for the second book. This is a long time to have to wonder about this delectable couple as I already crave to know more about their backgrounds and where their relationship will lead them. Nevertheless, the story Ms. Beck has penned is well worth reading, and I highly recommend *Hold My Hand*. It is so poignant that I will just have to read it again before the next release at the end of the year.
