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William knows exactly what he wants. He saw what his parents had and he plans to have that kind of love for himself. He just has to convince Aubrey she's perfect for him. He attempts to take it slowly, cautious of her weariness and his own preoccupations. Then he bargains, persuades and seduces until Aubrey agrees to be his. That's where the rest of his life begins...

... even while another part of his life begins to crumble. He finds the foundation of his own family rocked. With William's future not in his control anymore, he needs Aubrey as much as she needs him. There's solace in knowing you don't have to go through life's heartache alone.

This is the second book in the Heart And Soul series, a New Adult Contemporary Romance Series that contains explicit sex scenes, including consensual adult spanking and bondage.

## **Touch My Heart Details**

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## **From Reader Review Touch My Heart for online ebook**

### **D Thomas says**

Touch My Heart  
Heart and Soul #2  
by Paloma Beck

Given by author for an honest review.

I loved Hold My Hand, book 1 of the Heart and Soul series, which was Aubrey's POV of William and her meeting and starting a relationship. A relationship that is quite different from what you normally hear others talk about.

Touch My Heart is Williams POV of his and Aubrey's meeting and the start of their relationship. You might be thinking "why would I want to read the same story twice?". Your not. William was fantastic in Hold My Hand and I didn't think he could get any better, but oh Wow!

You know, sometimes cliffhangers can be a good thing. I am really looking forward to 'Heal My Soul' coming out. Hope it is soon.

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### **Aimee Dennis says**

Touch my Heart is the second book in the Heart and Soul series and provides William's side of the story to Hold my Hand. What was great about this story is how the author wove in a few BDSM 101 points for those readers who are not as acclimatized to the BDSM lifestyle, as well as defuse some of the immediate assumptions associated with it. This story is a perfect introduction to the BDSM world for those curious but cautious about BDSM related books.

William is a dominant that wants what his parents have; someone special to live in a domestic discipline relationship. His search is over now that he has discovered Aubrey, who he believes to be a natural submissive. William must slowly seduce and persuade Aubrey she needs him just as much as he has grown to need her.

Although there is the underlining need to dominate, William surprised me by how gentle and calming he was with Aubrey. \*shivers\* I could almost hear his deep velvet voice soothing me into submission.

I can not wait to find out if William and Aubrey can overcome their demons and begin to heal each other in the next installment!

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## **M says**

### **Quick read**

This book was recommended by my book club on Goodreads.com so I decided to read it. It starts off really quickly into a dominant male character and the submissive virgin plot but then it gets better. I felt connected to William right away and understand him and his decisions. It was a good book after all.

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### **Ellen Klock says**

Since when is it okay to call a self centered egotistical bastard a dominant instead of an ass hole? I found the whole premise of this couplet (two books describing the same event from two different points of view) aggravating, annoying, even disturbing.

I decided to read the books Hold My Hand and Touch My Heart by Paloma Beck in tandem. The idea of presenting one story from both the male and female viewpoints was interesting, but could probably have been just as easily achieved in one book instead of two (although it was simple enough to create this illusion by going back and forth reading a bit of each). Since together they tell one story, I am only writing one review for both titles.

Right up front, the characters were not endearing. Aubrey was whiny and pathetic. Her dark secret was a verbally abusive father and a mother who always seemed to take her father's side. Boo hoo. At twenty four you would think she could have moved past her "rough" privileged childhood. Even after achieving a college degree, she was only working as a barista making low wages at a coffee shop. Perhaps her father actually had some legitimate insight into her character. While he may have derided her throughout her childhood, her home life shouldn't have been traumatic enough to prevent her from making friends as an adult. It wasn't as if he had tied her up in the basement. Instead of feeling sorry for Aubrey, I was angry at her lack of gumption.

Then there was William. After watching her for months, almost to the point of stalking, he has determined Aubrey is the woman for him. The attraction was not just for her good looks, although that was a plus, it was her naturally submissive personality. William searches for a way to reach out to her and reveal his role as a dominant. Even while he claims to care for Aubrey, William's thoughts are always on his own needs and desires. When he decides to please her, it's because that gives him pleasure. When she doesn't follow his instructions, she is punished. She has no free will - he tells her what to think and what to wear. He feeds her like a baby. When he tells her to jump, she says "Yes Sir" and complies. For William there is only black and white, no excuses allowed. And his bad temper colors his decisions, which are often not in Aubrey's best interests. William keeps telling Aubrey she is worthy and desirable, yet she is not allowed to express any feelings which are contrary to his idea of the truth. When she does share her innermost thoughts, William uses them to control her actions. In many ways William is worse than Aubrey's dad who may criticize her choices, but still allows her to make her own life decisions.

To top things off, William's idea of a good time (for Aubrey) is to allow her to pleasure him, Sorry, that is not a turn on for me. I had to double check to make sure the author wasn't a man, it was that biased. To be fair, there were a few titillating scenes where Aubrey's gratification is the focus of William's attention.

I have read other BDSM novels, but never one where the dominant is so domineering. The girls would have

some sense of individuality instead of being constantly micromanaged. When the heroine in a story seems to be the victim of a sexual predator, it becomes more of a story about abuse than kinky love.

Needless to say, I won't be reading book three of the Heart and Soul Series, Heal My Soul, where William and Aubrey resolve their relationship.

A thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for an ARC in exchange for an honest review. One and a half stars. This review also appears on my blog, Gotta Read.

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### **Jenn Shanks Pray says**

With Hold My Hand, Paloma Beck spins the threads of a new erotic romance. The perfect balance of sweet romance and erotic kink, the love of William and Aubrey captures a reader and commands their story be heard. Touch My Heart takes those threads and weaves a tapestry that carries the reader to another level. In many ways, Ms. Beck delivers the story that the reader was left wanting at the end of Book 1.

For those who are afraid Touch My Heart is a rehash of Hold My Hand, fear not! Despite being told completely in William's voice, only a few pivotal moments are retold. To be perfectly honest, having the dominant male explain his motivations helps to create a deeper bond with the reader, one that was lacking in the initial telling. The induction of Aubrey into the domestic discipline lifestyle takes on a more sensual tone as William cultivates the woman of his dreams in the submissive blank slate that is Aubrey. Perhaps most enticing is the man's desire to build up the shredded self esteem of the young barista, almost at any cost. His passion for his work, his family and his love make the anti-hero of book one the dominant dreamboat of book two. Aubrey's growth and sense of self, as seen through the eyes of William, are more palatable in many ways. (Call it the rose colored glasses of love, but William's voice quiets the self-doubting, self-berating of the previously abused woman).

As the story unfolds, the reader meets William's friends and family. The true significance of Aubrey in his life dazzles the reader into hoping the culmination will be a traditional HEA. Without divulging any story details or spoiler alerts, it is safe to say the author leads the reader to believe William's strength and the love of his family will finally heal the broken bird that is Aubrey....until the unforeseen cliffhanger. For certain, all readers who are hooked by Touch My Heart will be clamoring for the final installment in this surprisingly romantic erotic tale of a man, a woman and the needs that only each other can fulfill.

I give Touch My Heart FIVE (5) Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries and one of our precious Ultimate Indulgence Awards! Well done Ms. Beck - you have hit your stride! Originally written for the Guilty Indulgence Book Club blog site: [www.guiltyindulgencebookclub.blogspot...](http://www.guiltyindulgencebookclub.blogspot...)

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### **Michelle says**

It was good except for the cliffhanger at the end....ugh!!

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### **Girlsmom4 says**

Oh my gosh! I thought I was in love with William in Hold my Hand, I KNOW I'm in love with him now! I loved reading Aubrey's pov, but let me tell you. Williams thoughts are even better! I knew he cared for Aubrey but the extent he cared for her was beautiful.

Other things nice about the book, we got to see William interact with his friends and family and see what makes William the way he is. Also the book goes beyond where Hold my Hand ended. So we get even more William and Aubrey.

Bad news. Cliffhanger. Goods news. I wasn't ready for their story to be over yet. So I will be eagerly waiting for the next installment!

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### **Varied Books says**

Ends on a horrible cliffhanger. The author was supposed to publish the final book in 2015.

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### **Paloma Beck says**

The second book in the HEART AND SOUL Series gives William's perspective. For readers who wanted to know more about William than Aubrey told us in the first book, Touch My Heart gives that insight.

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### **Cindy says**

Not a total rehash of Hold My Hand but a change of points of view from Aubrey's to Williams narration. I have to say that I'm glad I read this one because I ended up liking William much more after reading this one than I did at the end of HOLD MY HAND. And we have a cliffhanger to propel us into the next in the series.

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### **Karinosa says**

I was expecting more in this read and the first book in this series was okay. Aubry and William are a couple and the first book is her POV and this one is his. I was surprised he showed so much restraint and his feelings were so strong from the beginning. William has come to love her and he is trying to help her emotionally. Her parents have some major issues with her and William gets a peek at how they are with her. I wanted more interaction between William and them. I guess we will find out in the next read. I will not be surprised if her parents have something to do with the ending of this story.

I received this ARC from the publisher via Net Galley for my honest review. Thank you, Net Galley.

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## **Twinsie Talk Angie J says**

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I got this book from the author for an honest review.

First I must begin this review with a SCREAM to the author....Shaking my fist i will yell...PALOMA!!! you can't leave me hanging like this.....Ok now with the review.....So I fell head over heals with William when I read the first book in this series. He is a Dominant who knows what he wants and he wants Aubrey. The first book of the series is all Aubrey's POV. We learn why she is so insecure and how William gets her over it. This book is Williams POV. We see him grow more and more in love with Aubrey as she grows more and more confident in herself. There is overlap between the books but I loved it. I remembered the scenes and where Aubrey's head was so it is cool to see William's take on everything.

This book does take you out past book one to see William and Aubrey finally admitting their love for each other. I will admit to tears at that point. We, the reader, knows how they feel but to finally see it....priceless.....

William finally gets to take his little elf home to meet his parents. no shock that they adore her!! She also is supportive of everything he is dealing with in terms of his mother...sniff sniff.....I was glad when William got to finally talk to Aubrey's parent to see how AWFUL they are in regards to her.

I was so happy with the way this book was moving and grooving that when the last few pages are read I had to back track and re-read to make sure I read it right. I was GASPING at this cliffhanger....I didn't see it coming and I will tell you that I cannot wait to see what the heck happens!!!

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## **J says**

Probably 3.5 stars. It wasn't bad, but it is a cliffhanger which irritated me. This is a male POV story (the female POV story is published but I didn't read it) about two people entering a domestic BDSM relationship. She's a walking, barely talking obvious submissive and he's the dominant, son of a man and wife in a similar D/s relationship. We read as he "trains" her in his wants and needs, and "disciplines" her when she breaks the rules. It really is pretty light BDSM compared to a lot of the books I've read.

It was a nicely written story, the H was a compassionate man especially now in dealing with his mother who is afflicted with Alzheimers. But I know I could never be a submissive because it was never so obvious as in this book how man-centric it is. He feeds her off his plate, even in a restaurant. He punishes her when she forgets not to get up out of bed until he wakes up to see what his needs might be (except she can go to the bathroom, how nice of him). And, the punishments seem to be more to turn him on than correct a terrible wrong.

But that said, there is a cliffhanger and the book got me just enough into it that I'm pretty sure I'll buy it to

find out what happens.

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### **Lucinda Claire says**

Touch My Heart is the second book in the Heart & Soul series by Paloma Beck. It tells the story of William and Aubrey, this time from William's POV. I wasn't aware that there was a first book from Aubrey's POV, so I experienced their story for the first time with Touch My Heart. While I will now plan to go back and read Hold My Hand to learn more about Aubrey, reading Touch My Heart did not leave me feeling like there were gaps – or at least not like there were gaps that made the story incomplete.

William is a dominant, and he's been content with playmates to satisfy his tendencies. But when William sees Aubrey, he not only recognizes in her the spirit of a natural submissive, but there's something about Aubrey that captivates him in a way he's never experienced, and William starts to think about the kind of domestic discipline arrangement like his parents have – a permanence – with Aubrey as is partner.

I loved the chemistry between these two characters. Aubrey's nature is submissive, but she also has deep-seeded emotional wounds. She trusts William, but her own insecurities keep her somewhat closed off and reticent when it comes to William. Despite his dominant nature and his sometimes frustration with Aubrey for failing to recognize her own beauty and worth, William is both tender and patient (even in punishment) as he nurtures Aubrey's inner-submissive.

I must warn the reader that the story ends on a rather shocking cliffhanger. I kept watching my percent meter and was starting to become a little concerned as I hit the 90% mark, as it was clear that the story was really developing and moving along nicely and couldn't possibly conclude so quickly. Then, BAM! She did it. Paloma Beck ends Touch My Heart without warning. The conclusion of the series – Heal My Soul – is scheduled for release this summer.

Four enjoyable stars.

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### **Ndulgent Bloggers says**

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