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Sequel to *Impacted!*

Getting to know each other hasn't been an easy journey for Scott Gregory and Robin "Red" Kennedy. Falling in love and exploring their kinkier sides revealed a perfect match, and Scott is a devoted sub to Red's headstrong and often impulsive Dominant personality.

Scott, Robin, and their friend, Susie, open a new dental practice a short distance from the old office but miles away from Scott's former boss and his Promise Keeper mentality. But the move doesn't guarantee a happy ending. Robin's mother is in a medical crisis. Scott's grandfather makes an unexpected appearance. Ongoing interference from Jenna, Ron's needy assistant, stirs up trouble. And Susie, having completed her training as a Dominatrix, is on a quest for the perfect male submissive.

Then there's one more threat to their relationship: Robin's desire for a public collaring, something the shy and formerly closeted Scott is having a really hard time accepting. Is a strong and binding love?albeit a kinky one?enough to keep Scott and Robin together?

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Adara says

I was SOOO happy to see that Mickie wrote a sequel to Impacted! That was one of the hottest BDSM stories I've ever read from start to finish, and I absolutely ADORE Scott and Red.

I was very curious what sort of story she would weave around them, and I didn't really expect it to be a full continuation, but it is. (I had thought it would be a separate storyline, moving on to another part of their lives, and not quite so linked to the original storyline.) Either way, it was exactly what I wanted. The two of them still sizzle (that first sex scene is incredibly HOT!), and yet they're still figuring each other out as well.

One of my measures of a great book is one in which the characters are so real I wish I could meet them on the street, and I really wish I could meet Scott and Robin. This is definitely a reread-worthy series, and I will own it in paperback!

Leah says

I wanted to like this as much as Impacted. I did! I tried really hard but the sequel just didn't have as much depth. It was a lot of little things: the dialogue between characters, the inclusion of Suzie & Adrian plus Debbie & David's 'ships, too much Ron drama, and JFC Jenna all underwhelmed me. There wasn't enough Scott and Red for my taste. I still heart Mickie big time though and will continue to support her kick ass work. Good Read.

Ashley says

Better than the first one.

Zane Kage says

3.5 stars

D says

This had more story and less sex than Impacted! It's too bad it was a soap opera.

Staceyr says

Readers who don't mind following eight points of view and a hard dose of hetero mixed in with their M/M will likely enjoy this book far more than I did. 2.5 stars from me.

This book is a sequel to IMPACTED, and I had looked forward to seeing the new directions in Robin and Scott's D/s relationship. This book picks up after Scott has left his bigoted gay-bashing employer and he's started his own dental practice with his lover and Dom, Robin. The full cast is back, including Ron, the gay-hating dentist who's out to destroy Scott, along with his harrowing good-intentioned assistant Jenna; their pal Susie who's embarking on her own BDSM adventure; Robin's accepting mom as well as a new man in her life who has some big surprises for Scott.

Unfortunately all these secondary characters from the first book become main characters in this one with full points of view and their own story threads, which run fairly independently from Robin and Scott's thread throughout most of the book---ultimately competing with and distracting from what I saw as the real main characters of this story.

FOR ME, the solo thread of Robin and Scott's relationship was the only pretty-shiny in a book that had too much going on and too many intertwined genre's for me to really enjoy this one in it's entirety. In my opinion, THREE detailed hetero relationships is a lot of hetero interplay for a GAY romance. Frankly, if I wanted the POV of a dominatrix mistress and her trials and tribulations of finding her perfect slut boy, with all the gooey detail, I wouldn't be buying a GAY romance novel. Just not where I want to be, and totally unnecessary IMO to get Scott and Robin where they need to be.

Despite the distracting focus on the three other relationships, Scott and Robin sparkle on the page as they face the new challenges of moving in together, dealing with Robin's mom's unexpected illness, as well as the troubles that pop up in their dental practice thanks to Ron and his attacks on Scott--all of which bring out the best and worst of these two heroes as they lean on each other and fight to make their D/s relationship stronger instead of buckling under the pressure. Being a serial monogamist when it comes to romance, Robin's revelation about his views on public exposure where his sub is concerned was precious, priceless and almost worth muddling through the rest ;-)

Tj says

Overall the two books in this series were good but.... I would have liked it better had we focused on the two MCs. The books were too busy and I didn't like reading about the secondary characters' point of views.

Antonette says

This book was pretty good. It followed up on all different parts of the story. I was kind of long and I'm not sure if I would read it again.

Lidia says

I loved Scotty and Fox and their love story that has gained much in this second book, to be their D / s does not have to be pushed beyond their lovers and friends but has only made ??more complete their union. But I

found a bit paradoxical truth about the birth of Scotty and the character of Jenna.

Jean says

I thought the first half was pretty slow-paced, but then it picked up ok toward the end. I don't really feel Red's dom-ness, it just doesn't feel right to me with the rest of his character, so I think that keeps me from really getting into these books.

Birte says

3.5 but rounded up because I love Scott & Robin :-).

There's a lot of drama in this book, sometimes worse than a soap-opera, but all in all it was an enjoyable, hot read. Even though I have to admit that I skipped the parts with Suzie being a Dominatrix, I just had no interest in reading that.
