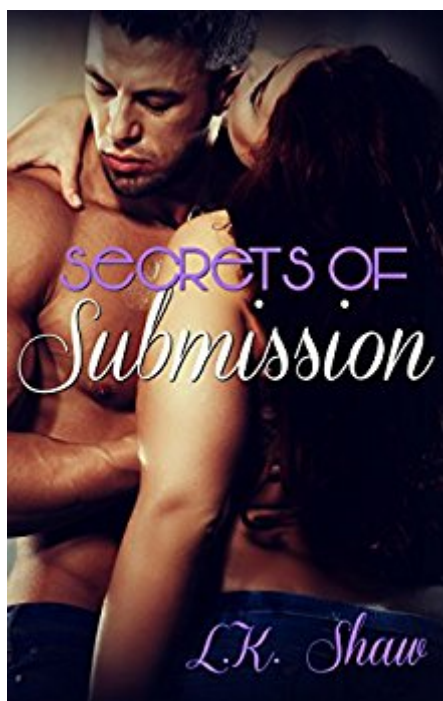


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# Secrets Of Submission



## Synopsis

A yearning to give up control After leaving a toxic relationship, Penny Stephens has spent the last several years rebuilding her self esteem. She's learning to love her plus size body again. In her journey toward self discovery, Penny realizes what's been missing from her intimate life: submission. But she doesn't know the true meaning of the word. That is, until she meets him. A desire to teach her all she needs Marcus Allen, an intense Dominant, is instantly attracted to the voluptuous auburn haired beauty. He is eager to show her how to embrace her submissive side. Relentless in his approach, he begins Penny's education. He'll spend his days and nights teaching her the secrets of submission.

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## Customer Reviews

Secrets of Submission is the first book I have read from LK Shaw. I will be reading more from her in the future! Penny is a woman who is interested in learning more about becoming a submissive. While attending a mixer, she meets Marcus who takes to her right away. Marcus is a Dominant and to Penny he comes on a little too strong and she pushes him away. Penny is someone who lives inside her head and needed some time to decide what she was feeling. I liked reading about Marcus introducing Penny to BDSM. He was firm but fair. He understood she was new to the lifestyle and

wanted to show her everything that was involved with it. One part that stood out to me was that this was the first book I had read of this genre that the Dom is very adamant about the need for communication but he is very quick to make excuses for some of his behaviors towards Penny. Do I think the book still would have played out the same way if he has told her what was going on, probably but at least he would have been practicing what he preached. I would recommend this book.

I really enjoyed this book. The sex scenes were pretty hot and I liked the relationship between the two main characters. However, I would have to say that honestly what I liked best about this book was that the main female character was a plus sized woman in her mid thirties. I have read a lot of these kind of books, and though the main female character is usually interesting, engaging, and likable she is also usually described as young, slim and beautiful. I personally found the fact that the woman in this book had some self esteem issues having to do with how she thought of herself physically, to be relatable and refreshing. Let's face it, as women we are constantly fighting society's standards of beauty and learning to accept ourselves and our bodies as beautiful the way we are. I liked the fact that this book didn't equate beauty with being young and thin. I also loved how the main male lead kept encouraging her and confirming that he found her beautiful no matter how she might see herself. He made her feel cherished and cared for, but also offered correction when needed. To me it was a great example of the way the relationship between a Dominant and a submissive should be.

How did this book make you feel? It made me want more. The author has taken a simple love story, and made it her own. It's deep in places and it's a little dark in others. You only see glimpses of the emotions of the people involved and the characters move fast through their story. It needs to be fast, because they are in danger. This first foray into writing, while not exactly perfect, hits all the high notes of a quick, heart stumping, little bit of mystery/drama, love story. And you might just want another.

I totally enjoyed this debut novel from LK Shaw, and I look forward to more in the series. The H/h were both interesting and had depth; though at times I would have gladly thrown him down a well, I understood his motivations. If there hadn't been real love between them, the plot would not have worked as well, or as smoothly, considering the potholes they had to navigate during the story. Marcus is a Dom; he initially meets Penny at a munch, a vanilla gathering of curious people

and others in the BDSM community, kind of a "meet and greet", and there is immediate attraction and an offer by him to take her on as a student in submission. They are an older couple, both with baggage and history, and I liked that about them, though I might have enjoyed a bit more background on her story. Their journey together with D/s was realistic; while they played, they maintained the dynamic, but in their regular lives, they also had clear personalities and good conversations, as well as the occasional vanilla sex. This is refreshing. The activities they indulged in, even the menage, might be called very light for this genre, but again, realistic, since not all couples indulge in extreme behaviors in order to explore dominance and submission. For the curious, the book does include some mild pain play, restraint, menage, oral, and anal. Everything is safe, sane, and consensual.

Marcus and Penny's story was so hot. I loved that Penny was so real. I could completely relate to her and her issues. Marcus was just yum. Hot, demanding, and caring. I'm really hoping the next book is Donovan's. I absolutely think Ms Shaw knocked it out of the park in this debut novel. She is now on my must read list.

There is some really great chemistry happening when Penny and Marcus meet but it's not a fairy tale romance. I just have to say that I really enjoyed reading this book. It's not what I would expect from a new author. There is a very nice style of writing and the knowledge of the BDSM is great for this kind of a romance. This is not just a thrown together book. You can tell that this is going to be a great series from the first book. I can't wait to read the next book by LK Shaw. I think she's got a great career ahead of her. I was given this in exchange for an honest review.

For being a debut book, this was just wonderful! I loved the chemistry between Marcus and Penny. He was totally dominant but so careful with her since she was new to BDSM. There were times though that I wanted to smack Marcus upside the head, especially when he was keeping things from Penny. Will he be able to get her back after he pushes her away to keep her safe? Get the book and find out for yourself. I very highly recommend it and cannot wait until the second book comes out.

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