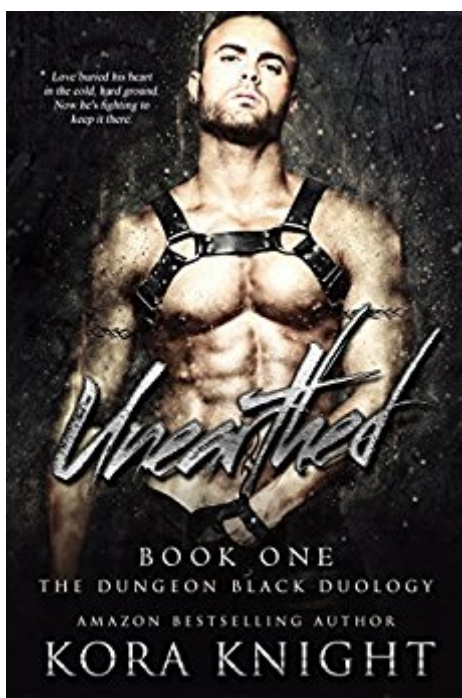


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# Unearthed: The Dungeon Black Duology, Book 1 (An Upending Tad Spinoff: Max And Sean)



## Synopsis

Love. The most powerful force in existence, but also the most ruthless. Cunning and deceptive. Man's greatest Achilles heel. Leaving all who embrace it weak and vulnerable. At least that's how Dom-for-hire Max Kelley sees it, after the love of his life knocked him on his ass. A brutal blow that not only stole his breath, but decimated his ability to trust. Turning him cold and cynical. The TKO he never saw coming. Love. A mistake Max won't ever make again. Meaning no more relationships—not exactly a hardship. Just the thought of dating makes him queasy, and one of the reasons he doms for a living. To sexually engage without the poison of intimacy. The other reason? To keep his demons sated. With whips and chains, and scandalous kink. A fiery mix that always hits the spot. That is, until a bright-eyed beauty walks into his life and refuses to leave. Sean Matthews. College senior and flirt extraordinaire. Max's newest—and greenest—client sub. Man, is he delicious; able to push Max's buttons, able to make him crave the things he knows he shouldn't. Sound the alarm, this can only mean trouble. Unfortunately, deterring Sean proves virtually impossible, and now Max finds himself at a crossroads. Man up and kick his favorite sub to the curb—or succumb to his own caged desires. \*\* Warning: Contains references to sensitive matters involving teens, as well as mentions pertaining to child abuse, that some might find disturbing. This BDSM romance also contains intensely explicit scenes both inside and out of the dungeon. \*\* Note from the author: While this duology can be considered a stand alone, I highly recommend readers visit the prior series (Upending Tad: A Journey of Erotic Discovery) first for two reasons: It was the chemistry of Tad and Scott that started it all and won these books such a devoted following. But also, the love interests in Unearthed (Max and Sean) were first featured in the previously mentioned series, giving the reader a unique first impression of them from Tad and Scott's POV. Most readers would agree that Max definitely made his mark in a very striking way long before Unearthed ever came to be.

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## Customer Reviews

Unearthed is a spinoff of my all time favorite series, Upending Tad. OMG, I do love me some Tad & Scott so hard. If you haven't read it yet, it's a series you NEED to check out ASAP! I mean, because you'll love it and you're seriously missing out if you don't. But you don't need to read it to enjoy Unearthed. But you should read it anyway....just saying. We're introduced to Max & Sean in the Upending Tad series, but in hindsight (ie. after reading Unearthed), I think Kora Knight gave us more of a delicious tease instead of a full introduction in the prior series. Because these dudes are complex, like seriously beautifully layered with love, hurt, friendship, loneliness, smiles, snarls, and hot AF kinky sex. Max, oh Max, I kinda wanted to slap him hard before reading Unearthed and now I want to climb him like a tree, slap him hard, then give him a big squeezie hug. Yep, I said it, and I'm owning it. I FEEL Max, he's got a hurt running so deep that it's a part of him, a part I'm not so sure he wants to lose - yet \*looking at you, Sean, to change that\*. How he chooses to channel that pain is how we get our big, bad, pierced, tatted, smokin' hot Dom. \*fanning self\* I mean look at that cover!!! And Sean, don't let this smiling, fun loving, golden boy fool you. Those layers I mentioned earlier, yeah, those don't only belong to Max. Sean gives off the vibe of easy-going college senior/wanna be sub at first, but when you get to know him, whoa he's soooo much more than a pretty face with a gorgeous body. On the surface, Sean is the light to Max's dark, and I love the surface because that's where the fun teasing and most of the kinky play is. But below the surface, that's my sweet spot. There I get the raw, messy emotions, the understanding of why these guys need each other, and the feels. Dayum, Kora Knight knows how to bring the feels, oh, and the hot AF kinky sex, don't wanna forget about that. Max & Sean compliment and push each other in ALL the right ways. The way these two bantered had me smiling and snickering, that is, when I wasn't all

hot and bothered because, you know, hot AF kinky sex. As much as I want to highly recommend this book on the story and feels of Max & Sean alone (and I could because it's just that freaking good), I can't because of, yep, you guessed it, hot AF kinky sex. Ok, ok, I'll stop. I'm hooked and can't wait to see how these two get their act together in Revived, book two. I hope you'll join me on the journey. Now bring on the amazing HEA, Kora Knight, no pressure lol.

I fell in love with Kora Knight's writing when I was first introduced to Scott and Tad.....well that love affair has definitely just continued. After been given sneak peaks of Max and Sean in her previous series, Upending Tad, all I desperately craved was their story. Thank goodness Kora has been generous enough to fulfill the desires of many readers. Max and Sean now have their own story and believe me the first installment is an absolute killer!!!! flatly refuse to give away any spoilers or retell the first part of their story in this review....so if that's what you're looking for...you won't find it here. This book has to be read to be believed. Kora has once again excelled in her story telling, her characters are absolutely sublime, you laugh, cry, you feel every emotion that she brings out in them. What I loved so much about this story is that Kora gave me the background to Max - why he is the man he is. Why he always seems so stoic and aloof around other people. How he became the Dom he was always destined to be. It is a heart rending beginning to her story of Max, but it was so worth the read. Max is definitely a man who sent my heart into palpitations. Sean on the other hand often provided a little bit of comic relief that was needed at times. He has such a wonderful bubbly personality - always questioning and wanting that little bit more. His background is also not what I expected - but it explains why he has become the person he is. The two men together are just perfect. Kora was nice enough to add Scott into the story - we learn about more about him and how he and Max first meet and come to live together. This part of the story, in itself, was a real eye opener in regards to their relationship. One thing you always expect from Kora is her HOT, STEAMY, SENSUAL, KINKY sex scenes - I must say she certainly delivered in this one. They are definitely "off the planet". Her descriptions are so realistic, that at times it was actually like being in the room with them. My kindle was constantly under threat of being set on fire due to the heat that transpired between Max and Sean. It was just that good. Both the pain and the pleasure of BDSM were brought out so perfectly. It is obvious that Kora knows her stuff in this area, her light certainly shines brightly. I simply cannot say how much I enjoyed this book. It was absolutely MAGNIFICENT. Not once was I let down by any part of the story. Kora had me hooked from beginning to end. Bring on Book 2 - The sooner the better!!!! You Rock Kora Knight!!!!

Way too much backstory. I know it was necessary in Max's case, but to me it felt like the book was a lot of background and thoughts. I actually gave up at one point and just went on to the second book. I definitely feel there could have been a lot cut out of book one and two and made into just one book alone. I probably would have enjoyed it more. Can't wait for Kai and Breck's story!

Oh what an emotional ride that was! Loved getting to know Max and Sean in this spinoff. My heart broke for Max - I cried for him, and mourned for the life and innocence he lost. Then the breath of fresh air in Sean, who has his own demons buried deep. Both of them have ways of keeping people at arms' length, but together they discover not only one another, but through their encounters, learn more about themselves than they could ever dream. And can I just say the scenes they shared together was off the charts hot!! I can't wait to see them explore their relationship in the next book.

This book was absolutely amazing!! It's emotional gripping and fabulously hot. Don't get me wrong this book has amazing BDSM scenes but it is so much more. It's hard to find a book with this theme and still get the feels but this book delivers that in spades. The first part of those book will break your heart. You truly get to understand Max and his reasons behind being a Dom. Then there is spit fire Sean that twists Max up in the best of ways. When these two are together it's pure magic. I absolutely loved how this author dove so much into the feelings of a Dom/Sub relations. Truly amazing can't wait for more!!

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