

# DARK PLAY

EXPLORING BDSM, KINK,  
AND FETISH PRACTICES



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# Preface

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*Dark Play* is an umbrella term for the inclusion of sexual and non-sexual BDSM, kink, fetish, and other types of activities in a range of touch and non-touch practices such as fantasy and roleplaying, massage, bodywork, somatic therapies, and lovemaking.

This book explores the concepts, domains, characteristics, treatments, and other activities that are involved in Dark Play, providing you with a comprehensive understanding of what's involved and how it works.

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# Introduction

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## Dark Play

*Dark Play* refers to practices that include BDSM, kink, or fetish activities. These practices may involve sexual and/or erotic acts, alternatively they may be devoid of sex or eroticism, or they consist of a combination of sexual and non-sexual activities.

The adjective “dark” is used in a sense of secret, hidden, unknown, subconscious, and unconscious sexual, erotic, or other wishes, fantasies, and desires, those that typically don’t “see the light” in the public domain because of being taboo. Dark Play is rather carried out discreetly and privately, may it be by individuals, couples, or groups. The types of activities in Dark Play are widely diverse and can include one or more touch (like massage, bodywork, bondage, or [Impact Play](#)), non-touch (for instance verbal insults, humiliation, financial domination), and/or behavioral practices (such as Role Play and Power Play).

In recent years, Dark Play has become a more mainstream phenomenon, both in the private and commercial (professional) domains. For instance, couples increasingly introduce or experiment with “dark elements” in their (sexual) relationships, somatic therapists sometimes use Dark Play as a means to come to stress, emotional or trauma release, and you’ll find many professional BDSM, massage, and bodywork practitioners who offer dark treatments and training courses.

Mind that Dark Play is often a combination of practices and activities belonging to different domains. For instance, a Sensual Erotic Massage may include Role Play, bondage,

sensory deprivation, erotic humiliation, and sexual intercourse, and may or may not be a fetish for the receiver of the massage.

Or another example: a [Dominatrix](#) may use a combination of Impact Play, Medical Play, Sexual Denial Play, and Tantric practices with her male submissive partner who's dressed up as woman, the latter being a form of Feminization Role Play.

At any rate, Dark Play is a vast domain of incredibly diverse cross-linked activities. This book explores its concepts, domains, and features, and examines the many types of practices, treatments, and activities that are part of the game.

## BDSM Practices

The term BDSM is an abbreviation usually interpreted as B/D (Bondage and Discipline), D/S (Dominance and Submission), and S/M (Sadism and Masochism). In its daily use, it's common to also include kink, fetish, and roleplay activities into the BDSM realm.

The BDSM practice covers a wide range of activities, forms of interpersonal relationships and power dynamics, and likewise specific subcultures and lifestyles. In fact, in BDSM communities it's customary to welcome anyone and anything non-normative, not only those people or activities that would classically fall in the BDSM category.

BDSM activities may include phenomena such as Bondage Play, Animal Play, Breath Control Play, Impact Play (for instance, spanking and flogging), Pegging, Sexual Denial Play, [Edgeplay](#), Age Play, Chastity Play, Sensory Deprivation, Wax Play, Sensation Play, Medical Play, Costume Play, [erotic humiliation](#), masochism and sadism, Financial Domination, and Needle Play, just to name a non-exhaustive list of activities.

An important aspect of understanding the BDSM domain is that although mostly associated with sex and eroticism, the activities within the realm are not necessarily sexual or erotic. However, what unites all participants is that they derive some form of pleasure from their BDSM activities, even if it's only to allow their play partners (either in a private relationship or in a commercial, professional relationship) to indulge their own needs, desires, kinks, or fetishes.

In BDSM activities and relationships, it's common that the participants take on roles which often involve inequality of



power, which typically translates to either a *submissive* or *dominant* role.

The dominant partner (usually called the *dom* or *top*) takes psychological and/or physical control over the submissive partner (called the *sub* or *bottom*). Partners may sometimes also *switch* roles during a BDSM session. Mind that a BDSM session is also known as a “BDSM scene” or “BDSM play.”

*Sadism* and *masochism* (usually phrased together as *Sadomasochism*) is another defining feature of BDSM practices, which is about deriving sexual or non-sexual pleasure from acts that respectively involve inflicting or receiving pain or humiliation.

It’s commonly agreed upon that BDSM roleplaying should always be *Safe, Sane* and *Consensual* (SSC), which means that everything is based on safe activities, that all participants are of sufficiently sound mind to consent, and that all participants indeed consent.

Nevertheless, opposed to SSC there is also the notion of so-called *Risk-Aware Consensual Kink* (RACK), which is a philosophy that acknowledges that some BDSM activities (such as [Breath Control Play](#) or Knife Play) — although consensual — involve risks and may lead to adverse health consequences.

An important structure of BDSM play is that it is possible for the consenting partners to withdraw their consent at any point during a session. That is, by using a *safe word* (also written as *safeword*) that was agreed upon on in advance, or by using a *safe symbol* or *safe gesture* (the latter two applicable when speech is restricted), the session will be aborted immediately.

Nevertheless, sometimes individuals may engage in *Consensual Non-Consent* (CNC), which is a mutual agreement to be able to act as if there’s no consent during

BDSM Play. That is, the submissive person will simulate non-consent through roleplaying, while the dominant partner will continue with the acts the submissive partner seemingly doesn't want to happen. Usually, there's still a safeword that can be used, but in extreme forms of CNC no safeword is agreed upon beforehand.

People are drawn to engaging in BDSM for a variety of reasons. For instance, motives may be curiosity, wanting to experience new sensations, exploring power dynamics, self-discovery, enhancing intimacy, experimenting with (sexual and non-sexual) fantasies, or release of emotions, stress, and anxiety, to name some.

Some people enjoy the physical and emotional sensations that BDSM practices evoke, such as bondage, pain, pleasure, or humiliation, or sometimes they just want to know what their limits and boundaries are.

Others are drawn to the power dynamics of domination, submission, control, or vulnerability, which sometimes serves as a reflection or abreaction with regard to their daily lives in the domains of society, work, family, or partner relationships.

There are also people who come to intense relaxation and stress relief by either being able to enact their fantasies, or perhaps take either a submissive or a dominant role in BDSM Play.

An important motive for couples, is that BDSM can deepen the emotional connection between them because of the shared experiential intimacy and the mutual exploration of vulnerability, trust, communication, boundaries and desires.

Those who don't have a partner or have a partner who is not willing to engage in BDSM practices may want to hire a BDSM professional, such as a Dominatrix, or they may want

to join other likeminded people who practice together in a BDSM Dungeon, in BDSM Play parties, or in BDSM clubs.