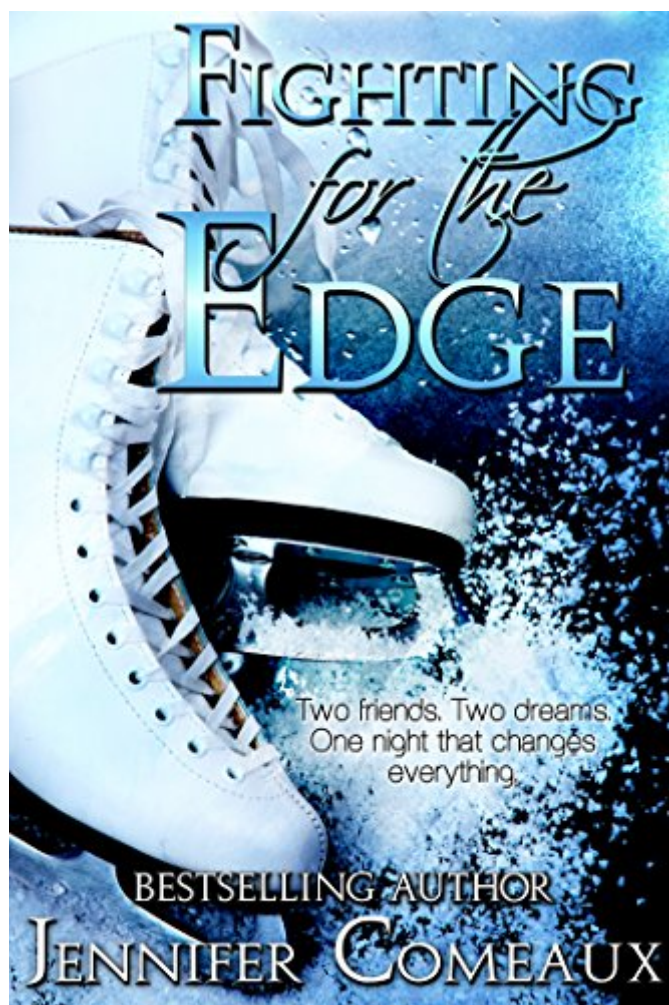


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Synopsis

Two friends. Two dreams. One night that changes everything. Ice dancer Aubrey London scoffs at romance. She's focused on winning a medal at the upcoming Olympics and uses that as her excuse to avoid serious relationships. But when she and longtime friend Chris Grayden are thrown together by unforeseen circumstances, Aubrey finds herself questioning everything she's ever known about love, complicating her life both on and off the ice. Pairs skater Emily Petrov embraces romance. She and her husband Sergei still act like honeymooners two years after their wedding. As Emily's coach, Sergei provides constant support while she prepares to challenge for gold at the Olympics. But Sergei's support might not be enough to help Emily overcome the one challenge she never saw coming. With the Games only weeks away, Emily and Aubrey are on the verge of realizing their dreams. But one snowy, stormy night sets in motion a series of events that will test them in ways they never imagined, giving them more to fight for than Olympic medals.

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Customer Reviews

Received ARC copy from publisher for review. I can't say enough how much I loved this final installment in the Edge Series. It has been such an incredible and emotional road for all these characters, and I am very sad to say goodbye. *tries not to get emotional* It has been truly wonderful following Emily (Butler) Petrov, I just love her last name *winks* on her skating and Olympic journey. She is truly a character to admire for her strong spirit, determination, compassion, and faith. Through out the whole series I saw Emily grow as an individual, but in this installment I really got to see the wonderful woman she has become. There are not enough words to describe how much I adore Sergei. Any woman would be lucky to have him, only if he were real *sighs*. His unwavering love, and devotion for Emily is beyond amazing, especially with the Emily's unexpected news. There were a couple of times during this reading I was tearing up seeing how much he treasures her. "You have never looked more beautiful," he said with a soft glow in his eyes. "And you are just as strong as you are beautiful." ~ Sergei to Emily I enjoyed getting Aubrey's story as well. She has this funny, and spunky personality that makes smile and is such a great friend to Emily. Even though we see this bright and bubbly girl most of the time, there is a hidden sadness that comes through when dealing with her broken family. I just wanted to give her a big hug, but luckily that is what Chris is there for. These two are absolutely great together, and the gradual development from friendship to romance was a perfect pace, a perfect match. She reached up and gave him a feathery kiss. "You've made me a believer." "In what?" She wrapped her arms around him and kissed him again. "Everything." ~ Aubrey and Chris Jennifer has wrapped up this series beautifully and I could not have asked for a better ending.

This book was just like catching up with old friends. It is the third in a series and while it can be read as a stand alone it is better enjoyed as part of the whole. I was very happy with where the series concludes. This series is for those that like their heroes without a lot of edges. Jennifer Comeaux's heroes tend to lean more towards being beta heroes versus alpha males which I really appreciate. Her heroes are truly good guys who value women and see them in respectful ways not how they can use them and what they can get from them. This book expands the narrative by incorporating Aubrey's point of view. I really enjoyed this for multiple reasons. For one thing it kept Emily and Sergei from having to generate all the tension in the story. Since the last two stories have been just that it was nice that they weren't thrown completely through the wringer. It also gives us a second story that is a relationship at the budding stage instead of on down the road. There is always something special about love just as it begins. The third reason I enjoyed the expanded view point is that we get to see

Emily's skating partner Chris even more up close and personal. I adored him. He is a truly lovable hero. What we get with Emily and Sergei's story is a look into their relationship now that it is a few years into marriage. Most of the issues they have to address tend towards those that are natural to where they are in their marriage and at this point in their lives (such as making decisions about what direction they want to take now that Emily's career as a professional skater is almost to its conclusion.) No spoilers here but I will say that the direction Jennifer Comeaux takes their story was enjoyable. One plot line might have been a bit implausible but I enjoyed the destination none the less. I absolutely adored Chris as a hero. I need to admit up from that Aubrey got on my nerves at times. She is one of those heroines with a tendency to be a runner/avoider when problems come her way. Case in point, she runs from love because of watching the problems in her parent's marriage. That particular characteristic is one that always gets on my nerves so it isn't a fault in the story, just a personal issue. Aubrey does come across as realistic but she reminds me of those friends you have growing up that could be self defeating. You want them to get it together but they frustrate you immensely in the process. She is never unlikable, though, no matter how many mistakes she makes, which is key. Also, since her story is not the only source of angst/tension in the book it keeps her self defeating ways from getting over bearing the way they would if the book had been solely focused on her. Chris is awesome. I love adorkable guys and Chris is one. He has a fun, silly sense of humor. He doesn't take himself too seriously which I love in a real life guy, much less a book hero. He is steady and a rock for everyone around him and always considers the feelings and what is best for everyone before himself. Seriously, the guy is great. He will definitely go down as one of my favorite book heroes. You can't help but cheer for Aubrey to get it together so this guy can get his HEA. Great conclusion to the series. I can only hope that Jennifer decides to continue this world with some companion books that give us glimpses on all these old characters we love while bringing us the stories of some of the side characters I am curious about.

This is such an improvement from the first book, and it wrapped up their story neatly. I was incredibly grateful to Jennifer for writing a separate love story instead of putting Emily and Sergei into the same relational drama again--and I enjoyed the different aspects of Aubrey/Chris' relationship. I'm really glad I picked up this series and I am going to try and hold off on the Ice series so I don't run out of these ice skating stories before she writes another.

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