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Everything about him warned me to stay away.

I'd seen bad boys before, but he had it all and more. The rippling muscles covered in tatts, the piercing eyes hiding dark secrets, the silky voice that could make a girl come with just a whisper . . .

He was exactly the type of guy that would get me in trouble, but when he jumped off the stage, inked skin glistening with sweat and breathed his seductive words into my ear, I couldn't resist the temptation.

It was supposed to be the best one-night stand of my life, but fate didn't let it play out that way. Things happened. I got upset. I got hasty. And worst of all, I got reckless.

After that disaster, I thought it was the last I'd see of him. But what I didn't know was that I'd started something.

Something that could shatter the very thing I had worked so hard to protect.

I should have known back then that the most seductive things in life are also the most dangerous.

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Reckless - Book One of Two

Reckless 2- Book Two of Two (Coming Fall 2014)

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## From Reader Review Entregarse a lo Bello for online ebook

### Elizabeth says

Reckless is the sixth book in Priscilla West's Forever series. Ms. West has an easy writing style with likable characters and intuitive text. This is a rock romance with a little bit of grit thrown in. The pacing was spot on with some surprising detours along the journey.

Riley is out with a friend listening to an upcoming rock band. She is enamored with the lead singer working his hot body on the stage.

**"A shiver moved through me. My last boyfriend couldn't make a woman come if he had half a sex toy store and a map at his disposal."-Riley**

Their eyes lock and she is invited backstage to meet him. Upon meeting him, she anticipates a double dose of steam in her future. Instead, she is turned off by his cocky attitude and rushes away and they are both left unsatisfied.

Days later, Riley is given her new work assignment. Her assignment is to go on tour with a rock band as their accountant. Imagine her surprise when the rock band she is going to be living with for the next two weeks is none other then "the band" she watched the other night. She is now face to face with that Hot Rockin' Body.

Jax is your typical broody rock star. Cocky on the outside and damaged on the inside. He is taken with Riley. Despite her best efforts to ward off his advances, it doesn't take long for her to be swooned by the tattooed bad boy.

**"Whether you say yes or no tonight, there won't be any groupies-not as long as you're around. Since the moment I saw you, I've wanted you. No one else."-Jax**

Jax and Riley follow a typical rockstar romance. Jax courts Riley. At first, Riley pushes him away. Eventually, she concedes their mutual attraction and takes the bait. Although I felt this was very typical, I thoroughly enjoyed the commitment Jax used to make Riley feel special. As the plot pushes forward, I felt a mixture of warmth, frustration, sexual tension, humor, and flat out giddiness. I guess you could say, I felt all of the colors of the rainbow with this read.

Around 85%, the story shifted and the mood become much richer. I was completely blown away with the depths the characters explored. It was a welcome surprise and left me wanting more.

**"I couldn't tell you before and still look in your eyes. But I had to make a choice. It was either my past or you. And I chose you."-Jax**

Reckless is one of those reads that you should jump in and brace yourself for impact. There was a lot going

on and yet I was engaged the entire time. The main characters were likable and yet for the most part they both acted very immature. The band has some interesting characters and they enhanced the story with their easy going attitudes and banter filled dialogue.

Overall, my rating shifted from a two star all the way to a five star throughout the read. I can honestly say this book is not for everyone. If you get easily frustrated with stereotypical romance then you will not enjoy this book. If you are not a fan of the insta-lust/love syndrome then *Reckless* is not the book for you. However, if you like an easy romance, with a slice of conflict and a heavy shot of grit thrown in the mix then you will enjoy this read. I for one am thrilled to have received this ARC. I thoroughly look forward to continuing the story of Jax and Riley in the next book. Be forewarned there is quite a cliffhanger right as the action hits maximum speed. Bring it on Ms. West. I will be waiting!

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**"Burning away the past." -Riley**

### **Erin says**

Mmm . . . at first I thought this book sounded like it would have a really good plot going for it, however it was a missed opportunity here on the author's part because it wasn't all so good. While I did enjoy (at least a little bit of it) the music and the whole rock band vibe of the storyline, but it was the main character that had let down this book. She was a bit of an airhead, even when I wanted to cheer for her when she showed some snark that I usually admire. And as for the whole chemistry she had with Jax, the main love interest of the book, well . . . as much as THEY seemed to think they had major chemistry . . . unfortunately I didn't buy into it. Sure it was THERE but there wasn't enough to make believe in the whole steamy relationship. Still, I enjoyed the book for what it was, but I was still disappointed. Mostly because of the main character and the story that didn't have much of a story in the first place as sad as it is to say so. But hey, that's that.

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### **Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says**

**Book** – *Reckless* (*Reckless* #1)

**Author** – Priscilla West

**Publication Date** – August 4, 2014

**Type** – Part of Series

**Genre** – Romance, New Adult

**Rating** – 4 1/2 out of 5 Stars

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## **Review**

And.....again.....Ms West delivers on another one of her romance novels. Who could have thunk that the pairing in this story could have really worked, but with Ms. West's uncanny ability to mesh two opposites together....it more than worked!!

This was a fast and easy read and I had no trouble at all connecting with the main characters. I fell in love with Jax and Riley from the moment of their encounter. Ms West takes us through a spiral of character developments, showing how Jax is portrayed as a stereotypical "rock star" but in actuality, he is a sweet, down to earth guy. While Riley first comes off as a boring accountant who in fact is the complete opposite, loving fun, trouble and is a bit of a bad-ass. Well at least until we learn about the demons she is hiding deep in her persona.

One thing about Ms. West's heroes is that when they find their soul-mate...they love and they do it fiercely...this is another thing I love about her style of writing and her characters. Every time I pick up one of her books...I fall in love with the hero and dream about a man exactly like that in my life.

The ending is explosive and doesn't disappoint...well except that I can't wait for the next book in the series...this ends in a cliffhanger but it's not as bad as you think.

## **Re-Cap**

Riley and Jax meet while he is playing at a club that Riley is at. Eyes meet while he belts out his sexy alluring voice and next thing you know...he is asking Riley backstage. Riley being the lover of fun and trouble..accepts and this sexual encounter is marked up there as a "one night stand".

Well, that is until Riley finds out that she has been assigned to be the accountant for The Hitchcocks and who do you think the lead singer of this band is? Yup, you guessed it....Jax....and not only does Riley have to work with them, but she also has to go on the road for their tour. Don't mix business with pleasure is Riley's mantra in the beginning but the sexual tension and innuendos causes Jax to love breaking Riley down to be seduced.

How do you think this will end for the two of them?

A touching, sensual love story while fighting so many demons from the past.

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## **Jen says**

I just finished this book and WOWSA! What an ending..although I hate to say it; but there is a bit of a cliffie!The last ten percent of the book though, upped my star rating by a whole star!! It was intense and now

I will be eager for the next book!

This was a rockstar book, that featured a studly hero named Jax. He is the lead singer of the "Hitchcocks," and they are quickly rising to stardom. There are some financial problems arising though, and the manager hires an accountant to get the bands spending on track.

Riley is called in to whip the bands finances in shape, and to her embarrassment, she realizes that she has already met Jax at one of the smaller venues that he played at. That night was burned into both their memories as the major sexual intensity between this couple was unforgettable.

Riley insists that business and pleasure do not mix, so she chooses to ignore the sparks that are flaring between the two of them. Jax, on the other hand; is taking her resistance as a challenge..and he NEVER backs down from a challenge! Considering they are travelling on a tour bus around the country, it gets very hard to ignore the chemistry they have. Riley also quickly finds out that there is way more to Jax than just his rockstar personality. Will she give in to her blazing desire for Jax? Or will she be able to stick to her convictions and keep things platonic?

This is their story, and it won't disappoint fans of rockstar romances filled with hot sex and even hotter men! Jax is your typical slutty rockstar; but surprisingly there is way more to him than meets the eye. I fell for his sensitivity and his thoughtfulness. He was a true romantic at heart, and he really took the time and care to make sure that he showed Riley a good time.

Riley bugged me a bit. I found her character to be annoying at times; more because I felt that she was quite demanding. At times when she was upset, she wanted to deal with her emotional "issues" at the worst possible times for Jax. I felt like slapping her and saying, "He's in the middle of a fricken concert..leave him the heck alone!" Towards the end though, she redeems herself in my eyes by the way she stands up for Jax when there is some major trouble.

Once again, I have enjoyed another one of Priscilla West's stories. I find that I love her style of writing, and her heroes always seem to love their women fiercely, which is something I adore from my heroes! I am already eager for the second book in two book series to come out! I am not a fan of cliffies; but I did feel that this one wasn't as bad as some of them are. This ending was explosive though, and I was on the edge of my seat while reading it! I can't wait to find out more about Jax and his past! Ms. West is an author who I definitely have on my auto buy/read list from here on out!

Thank you to Net Galley for this ARC that is due to come out Aug.4/14

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♥Sharon♥ says

3.5 Stars

This wasn't my first book by Priscilla West. I have read her Surrender Series and enjoyed them but this one just fell a little bit short for me. I'm not sure exactly what it was missing or maybe it was just that I felt some parts were a little quirky for my taste.

I will say the last 10 – 15 percent was a bit intense and crazy. For me the ending was a little abrupt, but it does have me wondering what the next book will be about.

This is Jax and Riley story. These two could not have been more different, IMO. Riley is an accountant and Jax is a lead singer of a band called the “Hitchcocks”.

You might think being an accountant Riley would be a bit straight laced but she wasn’t. She loves to have fun and one night while she is out with her friend listening to a band she locks eyes with the lead singer, who happens to be Jax and a spark flies between them. This spark sets a desire off in Riley that has her in one hot mess. And that is just the beginning!

***Here is the gist of the story ~***

The Hitchcocks are quickly becoming a successful band and need their finances put in order. When the manager hires an accountant to get them on track things get a little complicated. When Riley shows up for her first day and realizes she has already met the sexy lead singer Jax, she quickly realizes she is in trouble. She still has that intense feeling she had the first time she met him.

Riley knows it won’t be easy but she insists that she can do the job, stay professional and keep Jax at arm’s length. Jax would love to have things be more about pleasure than business but goes along with Riley’s wishes knowing sooner or later something will crack.

I will say these two had off the charts chemistry! Their sexual connection was intense and a few of the sex scenes left me a little hot and bothered. : ) But then again when there is a hot tub involved everything gets HOT! lol

But...there was more to Jax then just his hotness. Jax has a painful past that he keeps buried deep so no one can stir up those memories. And Riley has issues of her own that has caused her to be insecure and reserved.

As Riley and Jax attempt to keep their relationship on a business level and become “friends”, Riley slowly starts to crack and so does Jax. But when their past and present lives crash into each other things get messy.

While this may not have been a favorite for me, if you enjoy rock star romances I would definitely recommend that you read Jax and Riley’s story. Even though Jax comes off as your classic sexy rocker manwhore, there was so much more to him. I loved getting to see his sweeter and caring side of him. Honestly, all of **him** made up for what I thought Riley lacked. I liked her but I did have those “roll your eye” moments and that just bugs me.

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### **Dee Montoya says**

#### **3.5 Rock and Roll Stars\*\*\*\***

*(Arc kindly provided by Netgalley)*

What would you do if you go out to a club and accidentally make out with the sexiest lead singer you have ever seen, only to find out later that you have to work with him?

This happened to Riley; one night while out with her friend, they stumbled upon a club to have drinks. Pandemonium broke over the alluring Rock God lead singer of the band The Hitchcocks, the sexy man

summoned Riley back stage and being the adventurous party girl that she is, she accepted. Riley leaves him after a very sensual encounter only to find out the day after that she has been assigned to be the new accountant for his band while they go on tour. As tempting as is for her to be so close to Jax aka Sex on a stick, she doesn't like mixing business with pleasure but what she doesn't know is that Jax loves a challenge and he will stop at nothing to seduce her.

This book was very entertaining, Jax's Rock Star persona is one to make swoon and day day to anyone who reads the story, also in the beginning of the book I thought Riley's personality was badass but after about 70% when we learn of her demons she becomes weak and very insecure. The chemistry between the characters was highly sexual, I loved the writing style and the plot was mostly well executed. My problem was ultimately with the way the book ended, it was very abrupt and left me somewhat confused, I really hope this author is thinking about writing a second book right away because as of now the ending left me very unsatisfied.

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### **Mari?ina says**

I guess sometimes no matter what you do, or how much you try, it's just not working. That's how i felt about this book. I tried so hard to like the plot and the characters but i just couldn't connect with neither.

I don't always ask for the amazing read that will blow my mind away, and my heart to pieces. Sometimes i like to read easy, sweet and yeah over the top books, but Reckless, was beyond that.

Right away the story starts with a weird situation going on, an incident so fake and overdone, weird and random. Thank God it gets better but not by much. The rest of it as much absurd as that first scene.

Riley and Jax are building an extremely grotesque relationship. There is no chemistry between them for the biggest part, no feelings and they are not even very likeable in general. I couldn't even like the secondary characters which is actually a given. I always find a good secondary character to connect, well not here.

Now a few words about the story, Jax is a charismatic(?) lead singer in an up-and-coming band, Riley is an airheaded accountant that tries to solve the band's financial problems. The two of them hit it up and boom there is a romance blooming. Anyway, i guess it wasn't for me!

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK**

- The first concert felt like a dream sequence, but sadly it wasn't.
- So many genres tangled up in one book, the stories made no sense.
- I loved the hot-tub scene. It was so hot and really the only moment that felt real and absolutely genuine.
- I liked their Hitchcock talks.
- Cliche writing.

- One-dimensional characters.

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### **Jacqueline's Reads says**

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### **Katie says**

#### **ARC received from author**

**Initially Read: July 2014 (review written)**

**Re-Read: August 2015**

The books I have previously read by Priscilla West have been easy to read and this one was no different. I absolutely loved reading Wrecked and also enjoyed her Surrender series as well. This book is of the same standard.

I liked how the story began- Riley is at a bar where a band is scheduled to play. The raw sexual magnetism of the singers voice draws her towards the stage via fighting through the crowd and bitch slaps. Said singer singles her out and tells her to meet him backstage. Their encounter ends with Riley leaving him with blueballs, getting her own back on him humiliating her and pissing her off. It was a great beginning to the book. The next time they meet I thought was just as enjoyable to read about. She got hired by the band, unbeknownst to her who they are. He is being chased by an angry mob and she ends up having to pepper spray a guy off him.

Besides all the game playing between them, which was fun to read as I couldn't predict how the other would up the stakes and get their own back, their interactions were actually quite sweet.

I liked that at the start of the book Jax is just a hot rock star who enjoys playing games. But as Riley gets to know him, he is actually a normal guy who is sweet, she is able to see that there is something behind the bad boy rock star façade. Then at the end you discover he has an extremely troubled past which has left him with some issues. I liked the development of Jax's character as the book progressed. The further I read, the more I loved him. The only thing I didn't like about this book was that Jax had to deal with tons of shit in his life as I loved him, but then if he hadn't I would have had this amazing book to read.

I liked that Riley is a bad ass chick. Later on you find out that she wasn't always like that and that she doesn't really see herself as that. Come the end though, she is.

The last few chapters, which centre around Jax's past/upbringing, I found to be really engaging. Near the end of the book there is a single chapter told from Jax's POV. I loved this as the rest of the book is told solely from Riley's POV. This chapter is in the past from his childhood and doesn't touch any of the present events. It showed you a glimpse of what he had to live through as a child, the abuse. I found it added to the image I

had of him, a torched soul, from the bits he told Riley about. To be honest, it just made me love his character more.

There is a big build up to the ending of the book which, to me, did not disappoint. I knew this book was going to end on a cliff-hanger and what an awesome one it was. I didn't expect what happened at the end which was great. This explosive ending was an awesome way to end the book and has left me eager to read the next.

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### **Jennifer says**

ARC received for review

Meh..I didn't hate it but I didn't love it either. I love bad boy, tatted-up rocker stories, and I loved Riley from the first three books in this series. This one just kinda bored me. I really wanted to dnf it at 49%, but I pushed on. Riley and Jax are both a couple of big, whiny kids. Everything, and I do mean everything gets blown out of proportion by one or the other. The last couple chapters saved it from two stars...and then there's a cliffy. Will I read the next part? Maybe if it's free.

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### **Nawal says**

This book proved to be a pleasantly entertaining read that was my highlight of this previous day that had just passed. It's fun, quirky and tends to make you giggle a little in various places. I have to say though that I did have mixed feelings towards this book, not in regards to enjoyability just due to certain aspects and views which conflicted with my way of thinking. I will talk about them during the latter part of this review but first I want to lay out some of the background to the main story.

There isn't exactly a major plot line that's displays much suspense or drama, it is in fact a very much predictable story and similar to a few I have previously read however that in no way suggests that it's any less likeable. In fact I was pretty much surprised at how much I ended up liking it regardless of the repeated plot lines I experienced. The story is told from the point of view of our main character, Riley who is a very unique and open individual. She embraces life with open arms and is fun to be around. She likes the partying lifestyle which is how she ends up meeting our male love interest; Jax the rock star hero. He's shown to have this enigmatic voice and musical talented that can cause a room to go completely ballistic over him. He's also supposed to be a dangerous man and I say supposed to be because clearly he's just an easy going, female lovin' guy and poses no real danger. But I can see how one may presume that he is from his ability to draw so much unnecessary attention from his play boy ways. So anyway, girl meets boy at an indoor party venue. Jax is performing on stage and Riley wants to witness first hand the cause of all the riot the band is causing. So she moves towards the very front and that's when she locks eyes with to-die-for hottie; Jax. After the show finishes he jumps down and walks across to Riley. She is completely shocked at what this man is doing and her feet stay planted firmly to the ground unable to move. Jax very enticingly whispers in her ear to meet him backstage in 20 minutes. And the story rolls from there! How this man who's living a rock star life will ever be the right person to get involved with for our main character living the simple accountant life.

The very first thing I have to say that's of absolute utmost importance is the fact that this story is hilarious

throughout. There isn't a boring or dull moment where you find yourself questioning why you picked this up in the first place (I have been doing a lot of that recently). There's a great amount of friendly banter between the band and Riley. They're all characters that you can love and adore as the story progresses further. There are many scenes depicted in a way to make you fall in love with the comical side of this story and that's the main strength that this book seemed to hold in my opinion. As well as the fun character portrayals, the thought inputs from Riley's point of view also increase the enjoyability of this story. She has this lively way of thinking about every situation which you start to adore during the first few chapters. The nature of this also enables this to become one of those stories that can be enjoyed while reading it numerous times. Additional to that, the whole rock star persona and life style this book had going on proved to be a point that had my complete admiration. This is my very first time reading a book regarding rock and roll. I have previously read book to do with music but none of which adopted the famous star life. I must say, it was a very good starting point in reading about the famous way of living as I know it must be difficult to portray that whole fun atmosphere that comes with rock and roll.

I fell for Riley's easy going thought process she seemed to hold during the beginning of this book. However, as the story progressed I began to question my liking for this character more and more. I could say she irritated me to a great extent due to her tendency to self absorb in every situation in believing that it's all about her. Her constant moaning about how he was trying to hurt her to prove something when in fact there could be many other plausible explanations which would have been easier to sought out. When Jax had personal things going on in his life she somehow felt to point the issue in her direction. I mean realistically, if you've only known someone for a week you don't really point your nose in places where you may currently not have the right to go to, even if your in a relationship, especially when those things are really difficult to speak about. It's always easier to play the therapist at a later point in the relationship where both of you at a comfortable place towards each other. Another thing I feel is important to point out is the fact that you cannot fall in love with someone over the time space of a week. A week is nothing. Things that contain a high emotional value take time to develop and grow and for this very reason Riley's way of thinking irked me.

Don't be put off by just this fact though I mean you can't always love every single character. The story actually gets very interesting towards the end. You know how usually it's the ending in which everything is revealed and things start to calm down as everyone lives a happily ever after. In this book, the situation becomes more intense and creates an atmosphere of angst which made me eager in wanting to read the next part in this series. I truly cannot wait to devour it. If you're looking for a fun read which has no chance in you becoming bored then this is the one! It's also one which you can repeatedly read so there's not a chance of the book being wasted on just a single read!

*My gaze slowly trailed down his bare torso to the chiselled contours of his abs. Gawd. Dayum. They were so well defined that I could've sworn they were airbrushed. I imagined that if the rock star thing didn't work out, he could always make a living as a human cheese grater in a pizza kitchen.*

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### **Greta is Erikasbuddy says**

Super duper hotness good!

Are you stuck in a rut of plain old boring romance books?

Looking for something to get the blood pumping?

Want something like this?

Yummy leather pants and nice chiseled abs....

How about a bit more buff and longer hair?

Yeah that could work.....

Now, let's add a little sweat into the mixture

Maybe a little ink

ok ok... a lot of ink

And how about the girl is someone you can relate to?

...you know... wild enough to take what she wants

If all that sounds intriguing. Then this book is for you!!

Now... I need a lifesaver ;)

Cuz I'm ready to go back on tour!

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\*Many thanks to NetGalley!

## ✿kawehi.reviews says

? I was offered an ARC by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you hun!! ?

**Reckless** lives up the expectations I've grown to be accustomed to with Ms. Priscilla West. It has romance, steam, feeling, intrigue, and suspense. Everything I look for in a book. ♥♥

It was an interesting dynamic to see a rocker (who you had already met in the Surrender Series) and an accountant pairing. I mean, who would have thought, right? I thought that with Jax being a badboy sex god that this love match with Riley ("the accountant") wouldn't work but Priscilla proved me wrong. Riley was pleasantly no bookish doormat and had fire and wit. Too bad though that her background wasn't expanded on more thoroughly. I would have liked to learn more about her.

Other than that, everything flowed and enraptured me from the beginning. It was so real and filled with genuine, raw emotion that proves that in one night: one night of temptation and recklessness can change everything. Now, with the odds stacked against them, it's just a matter of when the shoe falls and where the pieces lie for them to build toward their futures.

How will it all turn out for them? And with tensions rising and past secrets revealing themselves, is Jax and Riley's explosive love meant to be? Or was it doomed from the very beginning? Read and you will find out!

**#Get ready for a heart stopping and heart wrenching read guys! Priscilla West leaves you hanging on to her words from start to finish with her ingenious writing and that startling cliffhanger!!**

**I look forward to more from this author and hope to see more of the interactions between Jax and his bandmates (and their separate histories) as well as Riley connecting with them further in addition.**

**Until then, pick up your copy when it is released! August 4th guys! Mark your calendars!!**

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## Linda ♥? Sassy, Classy && a Little Bit of Nasty says

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When I started this, I found I really liked where it was headed. I thought this was just going to be another innocent girl corrupted by the bad boy rockstar. Turns out, **Riley Hewitt** could hold her own. So much so, that she left the rockstar playboy, **Jax Trenton**, with blue balls. Intentionally.

Riley is an accountant who was out trying to enjoy a quiet Saturday night at the bar with her friend, Jen. Quiet turned into an impromptu show from "**The Cocks**", Jax's band. While serenading and rocking the crowd, his sight zoned in on **Riley**. I'm not one for insta-love and I felt that that's where it was headed, but that wasn't the case. When Jax's set was over, he jumped off of the stage in search of Riley. When he found her, the only words he had for her was, "**Backstage. Twenty minutes.**"

Riley being the *spontaneous-no-holds-barred-go-getting accountant* that she is, jumped on the opportunity to rock with the rockstar. She had to sneak past security and then pick Jax's lock, only to later find out that he was going to have her stand in a line-up of girls for his choosing. Which was a bad move on Jax's part because she ended up playing his little game as well, leaving him with blue balls. She figured she wasn't ever going to see him again so she wouldn't reap any repercussions of not satisfying the rock god.

Then when Jax's label sees that they are in need of financial help, guess who just so happens to get hired to whip the band in shape financially?? **The Accountant**.

They kept a game going between one another to see who will cave first.

The attraction was there, but I'm glad they didn't jump right into a **love** story.

There were some skeletons in this story and I found them very interesting. I completely enjoyed the banter between the two. There is a cliffhanger, but the cliffhanger is explosive so be ready! I really liked Riley at the end. There's nothing like loyalty. Definitely will read the next book(s) in this series!

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### **Tanya (Girl Plus Books) says**

Reckless was my first novel by Priscilla West so I was not familiar with her writing and did not know what to expect. Perhaps that is why for the first chapter or two I was wondering if Reckless was meant to be a parody. Several scenes were portrayed as over-the-top dramatic and clichés abounded, enough so that I questioned the intent of the novel. A few examples:

- Jax's sexual charisma/magnetism is so extreme that no woman is immune. Women faint. One woman apparently climaxed from the sound of his voice alone.
- As Jax walks through an audience, crazed female fans each grab a sleeve of his shirt which, naturally, rips down the middle leaving him bare chested, and seemingly unaware. (Didn't this happen often in 80's music videos?)
- Jax is literally run out of town by a mob of angry husbands/boyfriends.

For these reasons and others I was unsure exactly how Reckless was to be taken. As tongue in cheek humor or realistic? Once I adjusted to the writing style I was able to go with the narrative more.

Riley is an accountant but is hardly the straight laced prototype. She has a wild side which is how she meets Jax, lead singer of The Hitchcocks. They have a competitive relationship from the very start. Both are stubborn and prone to play mind games rather than be forthright. When Riley ends up on tour with the band for two weeks to oversee the band's budget and spending she is determined to keep their relationship professional... but where would the fun be in that?

It was interesting to see Jax and Riley's relationship develop and watch as their personal lives began to infuse with their work relationship. Both had troubled pasts (one more so than another) and I enjoyed learning more of their back stories. Considering Riley was only with the band for two weeks, the relationship seemed to progress at lightning speed and I was surprised at some of Riley's assumptions about a relationship that was so new and supposedly temporary. Additionally, *Reckless* ends on a pretty significant cliffhanger.

Fans of rock star romances will likely enjoy Jax and Riley's story.

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