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From Reader Review Thin Ice for online ebook

Patty says

I liked it! bitter sweet with a real touch... a story of un-encounters!

the reality of abuse exists around each one of our corners, we just decide (too often) to close our eyes and pretend it is not there... who are we kidding?

in this new technology era, where we live our lives in an accelerated mode, frustrations are all over the place. we just over complicate things.. the roles are changing and adjusting is mandatory. but some people just don't get it.

Abuse takes so many sorts of shape.. and it takes a very strong individual to resist it. I felt respect for Emily's character.. she got out of it.. although not 100% mentally, but she stood up for her son, and started all over again.

it seems it is in our human nature to be abussive.. it could be in a minor way, the wife controlling the husband or the boss asking you to stay extra hours.... we accept it as long as it does not get to an extreme. It should not be like that, but it is..

Got quite upset that when she finally realizes Eric was what she wanted, she gave up to the unreasonably demands of her ex without a real fight.. after all what Eric did?

I would have liked to read more about cassandra... she seemed an interesting character!

overall... I liked it! and would read the following of the story if it comes..

Karielle at Books à la Mode says

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What Stephanie Thinks: This book is just fabulous -- it portrays contemporary romance at its finest! Emily's dark past and her struggle to see through to Eric's affections are emotional in both a joyful and saddening way. Her journey of love and discovery both wrenches at my heart and lifts it up at the same time.

The hero and heroine are so realistic and more importantly, so lovable. Even with their individual flaws -- Emily's, being paranoia, and Eric's, being desperation -- I can't help but adore them. Not to mention Eric is an amazing alpha male. I swooned and fantasized and pretty much fell in love with him! The secondary characters, such as Emily's ex-husband and son, are incredibly fleshed out as well. As much as I love Robbie (son), I despise Ryan (ex), which says a lot because I want to pluck Robbie out of the book and adopt him. This just strengthens Laverentz's complete and well-developed characters -- personalities she creates that I am able to both love and hate. After all, characterization is key in fiction.

And the chemistry. Hoo boy! Maybe it's just me sweating bullets here, but it's hot hot hot! There's so much tension between them, both physically and emotionally, that it is often frustrating at times, but it all plays out A-okay in the end. Might I mention the sex is superhot too? I love how intimately sex is portrayed, but without getting too nitty-gritty (read: pornographic), which is ultimately the factor that separates romance from erotica. Somehow, less explicit love scenes make them hotter, and *Thin Ice* is proof of that.

Laverentz has a skilled voice that I'm now keen on getting to know better. Her dialogue is witty and entertaining, and it includes cunning twists and shocking revelations in a contemporary setting. Familial misunderstandings and secrets impede the delusion of the "perfect" life, in a way we all will be able to relate to and take home and to heart, as well. Overall, *Thin Ice* is a story about the power of love and family, and the best part, is that the characters come to life.

Stephanie Loves: "He didn't answer me then because he was afraid it was the wine talking, not my heart, and that I didn't know what I was saying or that I'd regret saying it in the morning.
The only thing I regret is being blind for so long."

Radical Rating: 9 hearts- One of my all-time favorites!

Kristy says

Emily annoyed me so much in this book. She continually hurt poor Eric. I didn't think she deserved all the chances he gave her.

Sorry, that's not much of a review, but I'm catching up on all the books I read and this one was read about 2 weeks ago. :(

Katie says

Thin Ice was a realistic touching story of Emily who is a single mom with a violent past and Eric Cameron, a pro hockey star who is brought in to the ER after a bar brawl where she is a doctor. I really enjoyed this story about Emily's struggles with her love for Eric and his love for the violent sport of hockey. Emily is a strong heroine who knows what she wants but because of her abusive ex-husband she has trouble accepting her feelings for a (gorgeous) brute like Eric. Eric, I can't say enough about his character. He was tough, yet oh so sweet. He absolutely melted my heart with how much he loved Emily.

I thoroughly enjoyed Thin Ice. The story was great, the characters real. Though I have been very fortunate in my life to not have had the horrific experiences that Emily did, the author painted her in a light where I could feel for her and admire her strengths without feeling pity for her. And Robbie her son was so adorable!

Where I had a (small) problem was about 2/3 into the book I felt it dragged a bit and I found myself skimming a little. I think the author may have went into a bit too much when Emily went home to visit her family. I felt I was reading about characters that didn't add much to the story and took away from those I wanted to know more about (Ryan's parents and maybe more of Emily and Eric together).

Overall I would recommend Thin Ice to anyone who wants an alpha yet sweet hero who sweeps the wounded yet strong heroine off her feet in a manner that would make any woman swoon.

Re-read 1/12/2014

Vanessa says

Can I just say that I'd like to order one Eric Cameron please, to be delivered ASAP? Loved him! He was definitely swoon-worthy.

Anyways, on to the review of the actual book. I liked it a lot more than I expected to. After reading Toni Aleo's hockey series, soon after my new-found love of hockey developed, I had read a couple hockey romances that didn't really pique my interest. However this one was great and held my interest the whole way through.

Rossy says

I feel sorry for this book. Had i been on a better reading mood, it would have gotten a better rating from me. Unfortunately, while i could understand and remind myself that the heroine was right to react the way she did towards the hero, at the beginning. By the time i read passed half of the books, i began to get fed up. The fact that they only started to get their head out of their....when my kindle read 90%, just sealed it into an ok read.

It's so sad because there was a good plot and good characters, for the most part, but the communication was horrible. While i know there are couples who are the same way, i'm reading fiction for a reason. Why give me the worst of people in the main characters? Why not show me their best and lift my spirits?

Review to come soon! Maybe i'll appreciate the book better then.LOL

Kath S says

Aunque la portada es una de las más feas del mundo mundial y la historia es bastante típica, el libro es bastante entretenido.

Lo que me gustó:

-La protagonista. Una mujer con los pies en la tierra que sabe lo que quiere y lo que NO quiere. Aunque a veces me molestó un poco, en general me gustó el personaje y cómo se desarrolló la relación con el protagonista.

-El protagonista. Para ser el típico hombre violento, me gustó bastante. El protagonista está bastante jodido y es violento, pero me gustó y me pareció un poco tierno a veces.

Lo que no me gustó:

-Creo que a la autora le faltó darle más profundidad a la historia. A veces me parecía que iba bien, lento y seguro, desarrollando bien el argumento; pero a veces también sentí que se precipitaba mucho y que muchos momentos se desarrollaban demasiado rápido para mi gusto.

-El drama. El drama fue bastante *meh*, y la verdad esperaba que pasara algo más con Ryan.

En general, es entretenido y está bien para pasar un rato agradable.

Dawn says

I enjoyed this book but the h/h did not spend enough time together for me to care about them as much as I would have liked to.

The heroine Emily lived through a childhood of a controlling father and then married a violently abusive husband. After divorcing her husband when she became pregnant she built a life for herself and her son, establishing herself as a doctor in A&E. This where she meets Eric a professional hockey player who comes in for treatment after a bar fight. His seemingly violent nature and career, understandably put Emily off, but Eric is persistent and his true nature is revealed. He is a total hero actually.

Emily spends most of the book coming to terms with her relationships with her ex-husband who reappears on the scene, and her father both of which colour her relationship with Eric. The number of times she pushes Eric away made me wonder why he kept coming back. The pair hadn't really spent enough time together for him to really get to know her. Eric's job as a professional hockey player meant he travelled a lot, Emily continually pushed him away and the constant misunderstandings that kept them apart meant that there wasn't enough interaction between the two of them for me to develop an emotional attachment to them as a couple.

This, for me, is a heroine focused book, with Emily working through her issues. I would have liked to have seen much more of Eric and of Emily and Eric together.

Melanie♥ says

Good story line, likeable hero and heroine, and some nice angst, but only three stars as this book was just too long for the story.

I found myself skimming the parts of the book during the times when Emily and Eric were apart. With some "tightening up", this could have been a 4 star book.

Amy Rachiele says

I loved this story!

The opening scene starts with a gripping bang and keeps you rooted to your seat. The main characters, Eric Cameron and Dr. Emily Jordan, are polar opposites with great chemistry. They are both strong and broken in their own ways.

Eric is lonely despite being famous. He is painted as a charismatic and talented hockey player. Ms. Laverentz does a great job of pulling out Eric's failings as well as his redeeming qualities.

Dr. Emily Jordan is a mother and hard worker. Her past is violent and holds some secrets that eventually she has to deal with.

I truly enjoyed this story's voice, character angst, and tense situations. I recommend this book to romance readers. If you haven't picked this one up, you are missing out.

Amy Rachiele, M. Ed.

Indie Author, Mobster Series

***?az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy* says**

This is one seriously long novel. I finished it after 5 long days. It probably would have been better if it weren't a very long one. I'm not a big fan of hockey, and yet I enjoyed reading about it.

Eric is not hard to love. At first, he was just a lonely man who came home to an empty house and had a really bad luck, but when he met Emily it's like he found his purpose. Even though his job is a violent one, he was still gentle to Emily. It doesn't also hurt that he is a sweet man. Emily on the other hand, is a woman who lost her trust on men. She has a long history with abusive men and she didn't want to be burned again. It took a very long time for Eric to gain her trust. I admit that I was losing my patience with her distrustful character. Fortunately, she had a good support system. She had many friends who advised her to follow her heart and to stand up for herself.

In the end, they were able to iron things out and they had their happy ending.

I'm quite happy because this novel showed that a love story between a sports professional and a normal everyday person can be imperfectly perfect.

If you want a nice read about hockey and the journey of a woman who was abused, this one's for you.

Tina says

What An Emotional Roller-coaster!

This book got my attention because it is a sports romance- Hockey Romance- which is my new favorite. I don't know what it about those hockey players that do it for me! Anyhoo I digress.. back to the book.. What I thought was going to be a light hearted romance read turned out to be romance with too much angst. The blurb does not even hint about the emotional tug of war that goes on in the book.

Well I totally loved the hero Eric Cameron. The author made him very likable. He knew right off that he wanted the heroine Emily Jordan from the very moment he felt her touch on his body as the treating ER doctor. He and Doctor Emily's son made a fast connection. I made more of a connection with Eric and Emily's son than with Emily and Eric.

I did not like Emily Jordan from page one! I thought she was a little too self righteous for my liking. There were times that I understood why she behaved the way she did but when one incident turned into too many... well... it just became annoying. I felt she jumped to conclusions about Eric too quickly even when, in my opinion, he clearly demonstrated his character to her. She trusted him enough to be around her son but she didn't trust him to be the man she needed in her life. Emily had a couple of bad relationships in the past that impacts the way she interacts with Eric. I totally got that. I just felt like the author labored too long with it.

Midway through the book the author spent a lot of time on Eric and Emily--separately. I kept waiting for when the story would once again turn towards Eric and Emily--together. Well before that happen you went through a number of misunderstandings and mishaps that kept them apart. I just kept thinking: "For the love of god if one more thing happens I am going to throw this book across the room"... Metaphorically speaking of course-this was a Kindle version so you know that wasn't going to happen! I like a little angst in a story but there was way too much for me in this one.

As stated earlier, this is not a light-hearted romance. There are some serious emotional turmoil going on with well hidden secrets on both Eric and Emily's side. The author does a great job of delivering that side of the story. She also wrote Emily's character in such a way that it caused me to have a serious reaction to her even if it was annoyance, empathy, and anger all rolled up together. I liked the author's voice and her ability to draw out an emotional reaction from her readers. This a good read if you like angst, secrets, and romance.

Lizpen says

This was cute. A light read that makes you smile at the end.

Stephanie Burkhardt says

Laverentz crafts a sharp, yet edgy contemporary romance with "Thin Ice." Centered around the sport of hockey, Eric Cameron and Emily Jordan are haunted by their pasts, and before they can truly become a

couple, they'll have to deal with the demons that threaten to tear them apart.

Eric is a professional hockey player who has just been taken by the Minnesota Saints. He's a bit of a drifter, going from team to team. After a bar room brawl, he goes to the ER where he meets Doctor Emily Jordan. He finds himself drawn to the beautiful doctor with tender hands.

Emily has worked hard to overcome hardship and become a doctor. She watched her mother endure an abusive relationship and she herself was married to a man who abused her before she found the strength to leave. Now she puts long hours into her career and balances that with raising her son, Robbie, who is eight. Emily abhors violence. When she sees Eric in the ER, the extent of his injuries rattle her.

Eric is persistent and works hard to earn a degree of Emily trust. She soon comes to learn that Eric is a hockey player and the violence in his life is from that. Eric also makes friends with Robbie at a school presentation. It's Robbie's acceptance of Eric which gives Emily pause to think.

Slowly, Emily lets Eric into her life, but it's one step forward, two back. The physical attraction between the couple is combustible and they soon make love. Emily, however, is haunted by old hurts and finds it hard to emotionally commit to Eric.

After a series of articles about domestic violence which Emily does for Carmen Martinez, a newspaper reporter, Emily's ex-husband resurfaces and gives her a beating she won't forget. Emily tries to push Eric away, which breaks his heart. In order for Emily to completely embrace the love Eric offers her, she'll have to find the strength to put the demons of her past to rest.

Laverentz's plot is solid and she treats the topic of domestic violence with sensitivity and care. The writing has a nice air of authenticity to it and you can tell Laverentz has done her research.

Laverentz uses a good economy of words, bringing her descriptions alive. It's easy to picture her world.

The dialogue is real, accenting the characterization well. Both Emily and Eric are rich and complex. Emily is a character that's easy to relate to on many levels, a single parent, career orientated, with a kind heart, yet it's not easy to earn her trust. Eric has overcome a lot in his life, yet success is lonely without a family. With Emily, he learns to temper his anger and patience.

The love scenes are sophisticated/intense and tastefully done. If anything, the point of view narration switches within scenes, which can leave the reader confused at times. Overall, "Thin Ice," is a story full of substance, suspense, and the power of love.

Tracy says

Thin Ice was a great book. Eric and Emily had both been shaped by their pasts. Emily especially had reservations about starting a relationship. But Eric refused to give up.

The progression of their relationship seemed believable. And his dedication to her touched my heart.

Emily's son Robbie was a great addition to the story. I love a hero who is good with kids!

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good sports romance.
