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Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1997

When Richard “Maverick” Helm walks out the gate of the state penitentiary, after four hard years inside, he doesn’t know what life he has left waiting for him. Abandoned by the love of his life, a stranger to his only child, Maverick turns to his club, the Brazen Bulls MC, and holds on.

But he’s not sure of the club any longer, either. The Bulls have changed since he went inside, and they’d all but forgotten him.

Before Maverick can find a life worth living, he must heal the family he’d had—his woman and his child—and he must find his fit with his brothers. To do either, he must remember the man he was, and decide who he wants to be.

The love of Jenny Wagner’s life promised her a beautiful future. He swore he’d be there for her and their daughter forever. He wanted to be her hero, and she believed that he would be. Then he left her alone before their baby was born—and what he did left Jenny’s life in ruins. She’ll never forgive him.

But she’s never stopped loving him. Her anger arises from that deep, abiding love, and the pain of its betrayal.

Before Jenny can open herself and her daughter to a new life with Maverick, she must learn to trust again, and to be with him the strong woman she’s become without him.

It takes only a moment of reunion for Jenny to remember their love—a love Maverick’s never forgotten. It takes much longer to overcome the obstacles of the past and find a way to make a future together.

Note: explicit sex and violence.

## Slam Details

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# From Reader Review Slam for online ebook

TeriLyn says

5+++ *"Head down, shoulder to the day."* Stars

Being a fan of this new MC series from Susan Fanetti, I'd come to really have a deep affection for Maverick. Something about the little snippets we learned of him in Gunner's story, *Twist* spoke to me and I knew his story would be epic. Thankfully, I wasn't wrong. In her signature style of magnificent, concise, and engaging writing, Susan Fanetti once again stays true to her characters and their stories by giving readers a real portrait of life with an MC club no holds barred. The good, the bad, the ugly, and the beauty all converge in *Slam*.

I feel as though I'm constantly saying the same things when attempting to do a Fanetti book justice so with that in my mind I'm once again going to talk about a specific theme that stands out most to me in this book: redemption. *Slam* provides Maverick and Jenny's stories of reclaiming their lives in ways they each can be fulfilled. Dreams were stolen from these two, snatched away viciously leaving Maverick struggling and needing to find light again while Jenny is so consumed with bitterness in the dark she forgets what was always most important to her. Their path to atonement is paved with really tough and emotional moments. It also shines with sweet moments of small victories and a whole lot of growth. It's a "head down, shoulder to the day" type of second chance love story. Of letting go and moving on the best you can with what you've been given.

This particular story is quite unique in the arsenal of Fanetti love stories. What happens to them providing shocking background and a basis from which they attempt to rise from the ashes of the people they were to become stronger. Maverick and Jenny's story is intricately constructed by juxtaposing their past with their present. I loved going back in time and seeing them before the storm hits. I love the present and the maelstrom of conflicted feelings in both of them. How they handle those emotions feels intimate in such a way you understand the depth, urgency, bitterness, and even glory of their relationship. Maverick and Jenny are both fearful and beat down. They each want something they lost without any specific understanding of how to get it back. They're starting over in equal states of intense longing and vulnerability. Susan Fanetti's understanding and conveyance of these two humanizes them in refreshing ways for this Brazen Bulls series. There's a lot of hurt to overcome. We're starting all over again from scratch. As a final note, a particular shining light in the story is their child, Kelsey, who reminds them each of the power of the love and the importance of the redemption for which they both strive.

*"This was pain and despair and loss and fear slicing through every part of her. And love. God, so much love. Oh God"*

This one quote resonated with me throughout the whole story. I believe it's a greatly accurate quote for the entire series as a whole. It's a quote about life - REAL life: the good, the bad, the ugly, and the beautiful. You can't have light without dark, rainbows without rain. The Brazen Bulls ongoing story, Maverick and Jenny's personal story are all set to remind you of these basic life facts. Of family and forgiveness through good times and bad. The series reminds us of something bigger than all of us something to remind us we can make it through with a whole lot of someones to hold on to. It's why I love reading them so much. Their romantic in a very realistic portrayal of the twisted lives we all live.

*Slam* is the third book of the series told in the third person point of view. And while it's a stand alone with

new main characters the ongoing arc of the MC continues from previous installments, each of which are excellent and highly recommended as well.

My 5 star reviews for the Brazen Bulls MC series:

Book One: *Crash*

Book Two: *Twist*

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## Karen111 says

It pains me that I can't review this higher than 3 stars, but I can only be honest. I loved Maverick. He was such a sweet, sexy, deep character. Jenny was just 'meh' for me. I don't know - I just couldn't connect with her. She seemed to hold all the aces in the relationship, and I didn't like how she wielded them.

The storyline was good, but it got a bit schmaltzy towards the end. Having said that, I'm glad everyone got their happy ending - they all deserved it. Not this author's finest work, but I'd still continue with this series as overall I've enjoyed it.

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## Amy | Foxy Blogs says

**‘For four years, he’d been living behind these fences, walls, and bars. Four years since he’d been outside without a gun aimed on him from a watchtower. In all that time, he’d never made a friend. Enemies, yes. But no friends.’**

**Maverick** is doing time in the state pen where he’s had no contact with the outside world except for a couple brief meetings with his Bulls brother, Gunner. In the previous book, we get to meet Mav when Gunner has a brief meeting with him while he's still in prison. At that moment I knew I was sold on needing his book.

### Let’s start off with what we know about Mav.

- 1) He’s Gunner’s mentor and best friend. Mav gave the ‘wild’ Gunner something to focus on by introducing him to the Bulls.
- 2) He’s a dad to a little girl named Kelsey. He went into prison right before she was born and only has a picture with her name and birthdate on it. Until Gunner gave him another picture years later.
- 3) Jenny, Kelsey’s mom, was so mad that Mav ended up in prison she cut all ties to him.

Only having that little bit of info about Mav intrigued me. I wanted to know why he was in prison, why Jenny refused to see him or send him pictures of their daughter, etc. My interest was piqued and I wasn’t disappointed discovering those answers among others as I flipped the pages of this book.

The story fluctuates between the current time (1997) to the past. This helped round out the characters and allowed readers to get a better understanding on what motivated these two’s actions. When the reader sees their family life from when they were children there’s an **‘ah-ha’ moment** on understanding why these two

have such strong beliefs on how a family should look.

**“You’re gonna have to make a family for yourself. And when you do, you hold it close and keep it safe like a precious gift. You hear?”**

Above is a piece of advice given to Mav when he turned 18 from someone who helped raise him. When I read that line my heart clenched for him. Shortly after the book starts he's out of prison and trying to get his family back. Unfortunately, Jenny felt betrayed when he got locked up in the slammer because he wasn't there for her and the baby when she needed him the most.

Jenny and Mav's love story isn't an easy path and there's a lot of work for them to be able to reconcile but that path of discovery was one that makes their relationship solid. Their love story is one of struggle and perseverance.

I loved their daughter, Kelsey, she's adorable. She made me miss my girls being that age. The cuteness of being 4 years is in the things they say because they still have their innocence and yet they're very perceptive.

**SLAM** is not wrapped up in a neat little bow, but instead, it's a story that takes you through the struggles of the mc life and prison life. At the core of the **Brazen Bulls series** is family. A family isn't always determined by blood but can be those people you choose to allow in your life. **You can read this series without having read any of the other MC series Ms. Fanetti has written, so far.** This series is set back, in time, before her other series ... in the 90's.



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**Liz says**

5 " that's one" ? ? ? ? ?

My, what a heart breaking story Maverick's & Jenny's was. I was rallying for them both from the start. Maverick, loyal to all he loves...and he sure does love Jenny.

When Jenny first meets Maverick, it's a whirlwind, and things progress at a rapid rate. Jenny is whisked off her feet. Only thing is, her father. He & Maverick hate each other with a boiling hot fury, it was only a matter of time before things come to a head.

Now, here's the thing, I agree with Jenny about 10%, Mav 90%, he handled things the only way he knew how, and I am glad he did!...but. Things don't always turn out the way you expect them to. And my heart bled for them both.

Maverick is my favourite Bull. He wound me around his little finger, just like he did Jenny. But Jenny has grown up, she's no longer a wallflower. She knows what she wants, and she knows her own mind a lot more.

A beautiful story of pain, love and second chances. I will always love this couple...that's one ; )

#IHateMigraines..I totally sympathise with Jenny, they knock me for 6. I'm just glad I have a Mav of my own to help me.

Mo!.....I love you!.

A war is coming.....

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### **Dee Montoya says**

Heartbreakingly beautiful...  
**LOVED IT!!!**

Full review soon.

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### **MelissaB says**

This book was just okay for me. I really didn't like how the story constantly was going back in time when the couple met, it really interrupted the story for me. The biggest issue I had with the book was the heroine. I wanted to feel bad for her, as she was a single Mom who had to raise her daughter by herself while her baby daddy (aka the hero) was in prison while also taking care of her invalid daughter, but she was really hard to like. She was really immature in all of the flashbacks (and supposed to be 23 but acted about 18 Max) and the reason she was so alone while the hero was in prison was that she very rudely pushed his entire club away when they tried to help, including saying one of the meanest things ever to the President's wife. She blamed the hero for everything and completely cut him off while he was in prison for what he felt was keeping her safe (though I admit he went too far). She just seemed to mostly care about herself, it was hard to believe she cared about the hero when she never thought about how difficult his life was. The daughter was kind of cute, at least the heroine seemed to be a good Mom.

The last part of the book the main couple started to figure out how to make their relationship work but the heroine had annoyed me too much to really be invested.

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**Maria11 says****Great read**

Touching story of redemption and second chances. Again I am impressed y the story telling and character development. We see both sides of the story and feel the pain of both Jen and Maverick. You feel for both of them and their pain is so tangible. I like the back and forth in time. Gave you perspective on why the character was acting like they were.

I love this series and can't wait for the next one.

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**Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says**

Another emotional rollercoaster of a read from the Queen of Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs fiction Susan Fanetti. What I love about her books is despite the subject matter being dark and not glossing over the tough and violent lifestyle of these complex men, her characters make you think. In this case the evil that is domestic violence and childhood abuse and how it impacts on the victim well into adulthood.

4.5 stars

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**Denisa says**

2.5 Confused.

I dunno what to say about this book. I usually enjoy Fanetti's books, they're fun with pretty cool, strong characters. Not the most innovative plots, but they're fun nonetheless.

This one was not really her style, the characters were not too enjoyable and it was a pretty predictable plot (true, you can't do much with MC books that hasn't been done before, but still, I expected more).

The female MC was pretty annoying at times and I hate annoying people. The male character wasn't bad but he was pretty linear, despite the fact that he kept saying how much he changed, he didn't appear that changed.

The book went on for a bit too long as well.

All in all, I dunno if I'd recommend this book. There are better books by this author out there.

*#notevensorry*

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## Michelle [Helen Geek] says

August 2017 -- 2 Stars

No more for me in this series. Disappointed. Predictable, which is the KISS of death.

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## Wendy's Thoughts says

### 4 Trying to Figure It All Out Stars

\* \* \* \* *Spoiler Free*

**Things happen in our lives...We meet the one we love...We make promises we believe with all our heart. Our intentions are good... they are solid... and then Life takes a turn and we have to break those promises we made...**

**This concept of how to get back to the ones you love after a trust/promise like that has been broken is what we live through in this 3rd entry of the Brazen Bulls Series.**

We have had bits and pieces of Maverick in the last book, Crash. Maverick was Gunner's Mentor and brought him into the Bulls. He was the one who put him up to get his patch...Gunner was the only one who kept in touch with him when he was locked up.

There is a lot to say about these two main characters, Maverick and Jenny. At their core, they both had a love that could not be destroyed... Period. The love survived a surprise baby, prison time, many extenuating circumstances and abandonment.

What their love had to do was show both of them things had changed...what was before could not be again...Their love had to open their eyes and hearts to past mistakes... to the way they had communicated before...and learn everything new...

Maverick was better at it, I felt... Jenny had good cause for her to be mentally where she was.... BUT, for me...I felt she put most of the main responsibilities of why things were so hard for her on Maverick. (view spoiler)

Jenny's role was hard, too- Becoming a mother at a young age is not easy... and doing it alone can be so hard. So Jenny showed strength in raising their daughter alone. Again, my take was she needed to see Maverick for who he was and was trying to be. He made the first moves in Understanding her...She needed to get on board too.

We do get these two seeing each person for who they are now... and building on it. We get a really happy out of it.

There is more to the story though, as the Bulls are having to adjust to changes in their territory... and things could get ugly. My sense is the next part of this Bulls' Saga is going to get darker...

**Crash Crash (Brazen Bulls MC, #1)**

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

**Twist (Brazen Bulls MC, #2)**

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

~~~~~ Before Reading ~~~~~

*It's not fair...*

*Doing the time for your club....*

*And then coming back to start over...*

*Maverick has a love...*

*He needs to make amends...*

*Will he be forgiven or will he be hit with a...*

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## **Tina says**

The rating I giving this story is for the writing, the storytelling, and the hero.

The heroine can kick rocks.

I could go on a page long screed about all the reasons I didn't like Jenny for the first 80% of the book, but I don't have the energy. I will say that I thought she was selfish, hypocritical and even a bit cruel. She spends a lot of the time, though, telling us how much she still loves Mav. But, imo, she only talked the talk she never actually walked the walk. She never tried to meet him half-way and when she did make the effort it was usually half assed and yanked back at the slightest provocation. I mean, it took to the 80% point of the book for her to even stop and give a thought to what he must have endured while he was in prison for five years. And she didn't even think once about what he was having to endure trying to re acclimate back into society. No, she was too busy cataloging all her own hurts.

Ok, not a page long screed, just a paragraph. LOL. Needless to say, I found her deeply problematic.

Maverick, otoh, was a great hero. A bit of a beta which, imo, was a necessity for how his character arc played out. He wore his heart on his sleeve and put so much effort into trying to win Jenny back it was hard to read sometimes. He deserved better. I loved their daughter Kelsey. What a hoot and a charmer.

Miraculously Jenny turns a corner at about 80% of the book, again much because of Maverick's heavy lifting efforts. He was the one who was constantly trying to find solutions for them while she was busy negging all the time. Ugh. I need to stop. See? She still gets me mad! Anyway, the last 20% she's suddenly all in and happy and everything is all rainbows.

The book does end on a happier, more positive note. And I am happy because Maverick got his HEA. But it wasn't enough to redeem Jenny for me.

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### **Paula says**

I love Susan Fanetti. I get so excited when she's about to release a new book because I just know I'll enjoy it. Slam wasn't just enjoyable, I absolutely loved it. Jenny was such a great heroine and Kelsey stole the show. This one rates as my one of my top Susan Fanetti books.

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### **Sivutha says**

5 Emotional Stars

Mav have been locked for 4 years and now he is out. The only thing he wants is his family but.....

Jenny believes he betrayed her and she is holding on to her anger. Will anger triumph love???

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### **Judy says**

Re-read in preparation for reading . It's still a 5 star read but the heroine of this book was really frustrating even though she redeems herself by the end of the book.

5+ Stars

"He'd known only how to lead, and she'd known only how to follow. They'd been like two half-selves, unable to make a whole."

That sentence from the book says it all. Maverick and Jenny's story ripped my heart out, made it ache and then put it back together again. Their love story is a real life story where a woman just gives in to a man and then gets angry because she feels she's been pushed. I really didn't like Jenny through most of this book but she redeemed herself in the end. Finally they find what it takes to make their relationship work and Maverick, especially, gets his dream of a real family. This is not an easy read but it's the best book I have read this year. The reason.....because it made me feel so many emotions and I connected with these characters and wanted them to succeed even though I also wanted to shake them both. There is a good ending and IMO no cheating.

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