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Summer McGallian ... the scandalous home wrecker from *Against the Wall* and *Between The Sheets*. The one who stole her co-worker's fiancé, the other woman, the one people whisper about and stay away from. Only for Summer, things aren't always as they appear and she knows that better than anyone. She hasn't been herself since she was in high school, when life was less complicated and relationships weren't about making compromises to land the guy. When her heart is broken, there's only one thing left for her to do ... prove she isn't who everyone thinks she is. And maybe, just maybe, she can get back to being comfortable in her own skin again, without input from a man. But when she encounters Sexy Guy, Dean Michaels, everything Summer has ever known about the opposite sex is about to change.

Dean Michaels knew he'd seen her somewhere before. What he never imagined was that the gorgeous woman in a baseball cap and hooded sweatshirt tossing back a beer in his favorite spot could be Summer McGallian—the woman who always looked like she'd stepped off the pages of a glamour magazine when he'd seen her from afar at work. And to make matters worse, she's Chase Marino's ex, the one guy who gets under his skin like no other. If the thought of being someone's bitch in jail wasn't enough to scare him, he would've strangled that bastard years ago and tossed the body in the Mojave Desert. But forget about Chase ... Dean knew from the moment he saw Summer's sexy smile and heard her cute laugh, she had to be his. And he won't let anything get in the way of that.

The *Against The Wall* series isn't just about steamy sex scenes and swoon-worthy romance, but about new friendships, undying love, and a ton of laughter. Enjoy the ride as you get to know and love Summer and Dean, just as you did Shelly and Matt, and Melissa and Tyler, in the third book, *Straddling The Edge*.

Straddling the Edge Details

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Moira says

Julie Prestsater does it again. Another awesome read. I think Dean now trumps Matt in the total sweethearts stakes! I love Summer now as well. I didn't like her in the first one, kinda felt sorry for her in the second one, and now I love her. She's such a down to earth girl and I love that she snorts!:))

Not sure how I feel about the not from Julie at the end that she's gonna write Chase's story. If there's one person who doesn't deserve a story it's him. But if anyone can make me change my mind about a Grade A a**hole it's Julie Prestsater. Can't wait for Playing Chase, I really hope he's put through the wringer!!!;)

Rachel says

I struggled with this one a little. It took me a while to get through it because I got really bored. In fact I almost gave it 2 stars but the ending was cute and I love the cover. Honestly it was way too mushy romantic for me. It needed some more drama! Shelly and Dean are sweet but were a little to lovey dovey for my taste. I was waiting for something to happen. Its nice for a couple to be this in love in real life but in a book I want something to keep me interested.

Confessions Of A Book Heaux says

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Damn I love these books! After reading Against The Wall and Between the Sheets all I kept thinking was... I DO NOT want to read a story about Summer! She's a hoe and I hate her!!!

Guess, who loves Summer now....

ME!!!!

I really had no clue who she really was, poor girl.... she was sooo misunderstood! I hated Summer just as much as Mel and Shel did, but now I'm really glad I took the time out to get to know her story. This was such a fun book! And Dean.... Well he's so romantic I spent half of the night swooning at damn near everything he said. I loved these two together, its such a good feeling to see a woman who has kissed a few frogs FINALLY find her Prince. I also loved seeing Shel and Mel again! Those girls are a hoot and them becoming mothers definitely did not make them boring.

Chase is still a douchebag.... Just when I think he there's no lower for him to get.... he sinks even lower! Julie, if you can make my feelings about Chase change I change in his book I will change my Facebook status to "Julie P is God!"

Everyone needs to read this series, it's fun and very entertaining!

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Teyani says

Beautiful, light, sweet, romantic and FUNNY story!

This is the 3rd book in the Against the Wall series, and Ms Prestsater has not disappointed. I didn't think Matty (from book one Against the Wall) would ever be knocked off my No 1 Book Boyfriend pedestal, but um, sorry Matty...Dean totally wiped the floor with you! Dean is so sweet and romantic - oh, my!

And Summer! Well, somehow the woman we loved to hate from books 1 and 2 became lovable! So lovable you just can't bloody help but be happy for her for landing Dean.

Well played, Ms Prestsater, well played...

Jessica Prince says

Another super cute read by Julie Prestsater! I'm so glad she as able to get me to love Summer and I can't wait to see what she can pull off with Chase... :) If she can make me not want to junk punch him I'll buy her a twelve pack :)

Kinsey Faucette says

Loved it! Summer was truly amazing this time around. And I appreciate how Shel & Mel's characters stayed close to the forefront!

Summer & Dean had an amazing connection. The evolution that occurred, rather quickly, was well written and believable. From Summer's past relationship issues, to Dean's perfection as a man. It was hard not to fall in love with all of them!

Lourdes Santin says

I love Dean! can I take him home with me??? oh carp he's already taken... well this book was great!!! love all the characters and Shelly and Kelly are the best they make me laugh do much... great work Julie you totally know your stuff!!!! Keep it up girl!

Sara Luck says

Eh, just okay for me. A little too sappy for my tastes, but still okay. Chase is a complete douche, and I was worried he was going to get violent. I think Shelly had him pegged perfectly, he may not want you, but he wants you to want him. I did like Summer and Dean...but like I said, too sappy. Also, the big secret Dean was hiding, was nothing, not even a blip on what could end a relationship so I thought that was pretty anticlimactic.

Tammy says

I love this series. It's so easy to read and love the characters. They crack me up. Everyone of the books in this series has me keeping a smile on my face. That alone is 5 star worthy. It's mushy, and cheesy at times but it works. If I could have a Dean in my life, I would be in heaven. I love how we knew nothing about Summer really and my whole mindset changed about her quickly. It's kind of like real life with her, believing the gossip without asking questions. I wish I had friends like these.

Cocktails and Books says

Straddling the Edge is the third book in the series Against the Wall. Now, I started the first book (Against the Wall) but didn't quite have a chance to finish it before I got this one to review. What I did have time to gather from the first book was that Summer McGallian was a man-stealing slut!

However, in Straddling the Edge, we see a new side of Summer. Not only is it (FINALLY) summer for our teacher friends, but Summer herself is moving on to a new ""season"" in her life. She finally discovers what we readers figured out a long time ago--Chase is a jerk. Summer has come to terms with her relationship with Chase being over and the fact that really has no friends--especially at work, based on her ""reputation"".

Dean is also a teacher at Carver High, however, Summer doesn't meet him at school. They meet unexpectedly at her favorite watering hole, but Summer does not warm up to him right away. Eventually, she finds out that they not only work together, but that Dean also went to Carver High with the rest of the ""gang"".

I really enjoyed this book. It was a sweet love story with some hotness sprinkled in! Being a teacher at my own alma mater, I can identify with many of the characters. I also loved that Prestsater referenced cool restaurants and places locally here in Southern California. I loved that Summer is a Dodger fan--pay no mind that Dean is a die-hard Angels fan--and she loves her local craft brewery! I think I know which one you mean, Ms. Prestsater. Many of us teachers frequent the same one!

Going back now to read #1 in this series and I just bought #2 for my Kindle. Happy reading!

Reviewed by Joelle for Cocktails and Books

Heather says

I was lucky enough to get to read this early, so when it releases, I'll come back and post more of a recap. All I'll say now, is it's awesome!!!

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Now that this is available for purchase, I can finally share my thoughts on this awesome book about Summer and Dean.

I'll be the first to admit that I wasn't a huge Summer fan in the last two books. She had stolen Shelly's fiancé, acted like she was better than everyone else and just generally had an air about her that made you want to go screaming in the opposite direction. She just wasn't nice. Well, this book completely changed my perspective on good old Summer and I think it taught a very important lesson along the way.

In *Straddling the Edge*, we get to know more about Summer's background, what makes her tick and about some of her insecurities that were pretty well hidden before. Bottom line, she's just like the rest of us and looks and actions can be deceiving.

When a chance encounter at a bar with one hot, sexy guy leads to instant lust for Summer (and enough fireworks for a 4th of July display), "Sexy Guy" is born and the story is off and running. Unexpected friendships are formed along the way in this book and ironic connections make it much easier for Summer to run into her "Sexy Guy", Dean Michaels again.

Over the course of the book we get taken on a journey of righting past wrongs, finding that you have to be who you are no matter what and of course the wonderful act of falling in love.

Once again, Julie Prestsater has woven together an incredible story that gives you all the highs and lows you hope for in a great book. Plus, who can argue with the uber hot leading man?! Certainly not me and I look forward to the next journey that Julie chooses to take us on!

Andi (Andi's ABCs) says

I feel like I read this forever ago, and that is probably because I did. Perk of being friends with the author, you get an advanced read. That is also me telling you all that I am in fact friends with the author and it is only fair you all know that. Although it doesn't factor at all into what I'm about to say because this is 100% my opinion...*Straddling the Edge* was my favorite so far of the *Against the Wall* series and that says a lot because I hated Summer in the other books. Actually that says a lot of Julie as an author because she was able to transform Summer into not only a likeable person, but a relatable person which in return made me love this book.

Straddling the Edge is Summer's story. In the past books what we knew of Summer was that she was a home wrecker. She was the reason that Shelly and Chase were broken up. But what we didn't know was Summer's background. Now single and alone, Chase having once again cheated, Summer must figure out who she is and how to stand on her own. And with the hot and sexy Dean, who treats her better than anyone ever has, she may just be able to really be who she is and find true love in the process.

First I must say this...Dean is flipping hot! Man oh man oh man is he hot! Okay, shallow moment over. ;-)

What I really liked about this story was the growth of Summer who wasn't at all what she seemed like. Basically she was a girl like any other girl. She never fit in with anyone when she was younger and when she started to get attention from men after a make-over she ran with it. But she was never being herself and in the end that hurt her worse than anything because she was attracting the wrong kind of people. She ended up being prey in a way for guys that didn't want commitment, just a good time, and in the long run she got a reputation that she didn't deserve because of this. Once you removed the act, and the make-up and the Barbie like appearance, you got a down to earth girl that was just looking for love like we all are. And with the help of Dean, hot, sexy, down to earth Dean, Summer found you don't need a horse and pony show to find the right man, you just need to be yourself.

In true Julie fashion, Straddling is written with a realness of humor and emotion that has you cheering for everyone involved...well minus Chase who I still don't like. She gave us a story about real relationships with real people that didn't feel forced or out of place. It was paced well, timed well and written well. Bravo Ms. Prestater. Can't wait for the final piece of the puzzle which I better get early. ;-)

Jackie KiwiBooknerd says

So I have been a fan of this series right from the start and the books just seem to get better and better.

I never thought I would like Summer as she just did not seem nice in the first 2 books...however Julie Prestater is such a good author that she made me like her from the beginning right till the end....that takes serious talent....

The story of Summer and Dean was beautifully told and I can honestly say I have a huge crush on Dean....I mean talk about a total romantic....YUM!!

Looking so forward to the next book where this talented author is going to have her work cut out for her as I mean who the hell would like Chase?? But if anyone can do it, she can!!!! Have to admit though when I followed the link at the end of the book and saw the cover model, I kinda started liking Chase just a little bit already....lol

Jane Turner says

First of all... What a HOT cover.
I really, really like it.

Now *cough**cough* about the book.

Summer has been portrayed in the previous books as a home wrecker and other stuff.

Instead she's just a normal-half insecure girl who only wants to be appreciated and loved for who she is.

Of course, Dick Dan strikes again and she is left heartbroken and tired of all.

She meets Dean Michaels, who she calls HOT but I call sweet and kind and perfect and dreamy. He makes

her feel amazing even if they haven't known each-other neither for a month.
They fall in love and everything about their relationship puts a smile in my face.
Of course it was a little big too much sweet and the sugar levels in my blood grew dangerously but
sometimes after a cliffwanker or a sadist or a mindfuck or just after a seriously frustrating book I might get
back at this book and be reminded of the beauty in love at first sight.

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

I was in doubt in reading this book, because I don't like Summer in previous books. But she won me over
and I loved her story. Recommend the whole series.
