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He's Fire on Ice and she's afraid to get burned again...

*"You always think a guy is going to be different until he's not."*

Firestorm Center Kian Kavanagh dominates the ice like a rock star dominates the stage. He's the hottest new player to be recruited for the Firestorm, a newly established professional hockey team in Northern Arizona.

After Taylor Thompson's heart was completely shattered by her high school's most popular jock, she vowed never to date another athlete. And she keeps that promise through her first three years of college by putting up impenetrable walls to protect her from heartbreak.

But after a chance meeting with the charming and irresistible Kian Kavanagh, Taylor's carefully constructed walls are in serious danger of being burned down by Mr. Fire on Ice.

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## Emily says

The moment Firestorm Center Kian Kavanagh saw the graceful beauty in the corner of the bar reading a book, he was intrigued. Normally Kian would have spent his time hooking up with a puck bunny, but that was getting old and unsatisfying. He never expected to do a complete 180 from his player ways, but even the slimmest of chance that he can get Taylor Thompson to go out with him has him trying to be the type of man she deserves.

Taylor trusted a boy once, another hockey player and he broke her in more ways than one. With Kian interested in her she is curious enough to give him a chance, but from the beginning she is not sure if she can move past the betrayal she had endured before. Kian though is patient, he flubs a bit but is nothing but honest with her.

Loved this story, it took it's time building the story and was not rushed at all. Kian is so out of his element with Taylor but he really goes out there to show her how he feels. Anxious to read the next book.

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## JadeShea says

Fire on Ice is about Kian a professional hockey play from the wrong side of the tracks, meeting Taylor a smart nerd who has been hurt by a hockey player before. They meet and there is an instant connection. Now all Kian wants to do is be with Taylor, and Taylor isn't so sure she should be with him because of her past.

I have to be honest I didn't really like this book. I think the over all idea was good, but I just felt it was lacking some how.

1) I didn't like how towards the second half of the book it seemed almost like Kian changed a little bit. It was like he was a little bit of a pansy. I hate to say that, but it was how I saw him. He kept doubting being good enough for Taylor. And he even cried a few times. I was just frustrated with him.

2) The whole situation with the creepy guy that Taylor meets at her sister's theater part felt forced. Like it was added last minute to up the drama in the book.

3) I can not stand how it ended. There will be a second book. But I felt there was no real conclusion, and almost no point to this story.

And lastly I just didn't connect with either character. I just felt there wasn't really a whole lot of back round information about them. So I won't be reading the next book.

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## \*kawehi.reviews says

*So apparently this is going to be a series. I know that it is implied in the title since after all it states "Fire On Ice Series," but when I had read the book description on Goodreads it did not include that. Whether*

*it's going to be solely on Kian and Taylor or other characters I don't know. We'll just have to see won't we?*

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"Fire On Ice" was just an okay read. Nothing really that special. It was like many of the typical sports romances that I've come across where the guy is a man whose jock with a crappy upbringing and the girl is an innocent soul with a tortured past. Sounds cliché eh?

I don't mean to imply that this was a horrible read because it wasn't at all. I just had a hard time with recurring themes I come across in these stories.

I also had a hard time digesting the sappiness that Kian and Taylor displayed for each other. I mean, no matter what, I don't exactly care for stories where it's practically love at first sight and the guy changes his ways right away for the girl despite his reasoning. It's just not practical and is quite annoying. I want consistency. Like in "Beautiful Disaster" by Jamie McGuire. The guy was a play boy fighter who fell in love with the ultimate good girl. He develops an automatic attraction for her but he doesn't change his ways right away. He makes mistakes but develops a strong friendship with the girl first before they go out and fall madly in love.

I guess what I'm also getting to is how I'm sick of stories skipping the friendship/getting to know you stage before the characters begin to fall all over each other and act like sappy puppies.

When the characters fall in love so fast with one another in the beginning it really bugs me and is unrealistic in my eyes.

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**So my verdict:**

OVER ALL, just an alright read. I'm a bit disgruntled by the ending since it was completely rushed and Blake is still an issue to be addressed so I'm kind of hoping the book, "The Playmaker", is still on Kian and Taylor and not anyone else. Who knows though. The author only provided the cover of the next book and no book blurb so who and what it's going to be about is up in the air at this point.

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## **Jody says**

As a fan of sports-themed romances I was drawn to this story from the first page and its harsh but realistic view of hockey players and their groupies. Kian has always enjoyed the benefits of playing hockey but has never gone too over the top in his actions. He's saving his money for the future and after many meaningless one-night stands decides to eschew that life once he sets eyes on the studious Taylor. Even though he knows, and gets told by many others that he's not good enough for her, he wants no other. He grew up poor with an alcoholic mother who never showed him affection and thus he's never experienced unconditional love. He finds happiness in Taylor's sense of goodness and she makes him want to be a better man. Unlike most women though, she doesn't fall at his feet and he has to learn how to woo her and win her over in some sweetly endearing scenes.

From the outside it looks as if life has been easy for Taylor, but a betrayal from her first and only boyfriend caused her to withdraw into a world that's safe but unexciting. She's devoted herself to school and has no

friends except for Kyle, the friend who wants to be more to her. Taylor is a sweet girl who still seems a bit naive even after what her ex-boyfriend did. She doesn't want to set herself up for heartache again and is very suspicious early on of the feelings Kian engenders in her. His being a hockey player creates even more suspicion as her despicable ex played hockey too. It doesn't take long for him to win her over and after a slow build-up they finally connect in a close-knit mature relationship.

I enjoyed Kian immensely as he was sexy and charming. He had a bad childhood but didn't continue down that road of excess like his friend/fellow hockey player Runt. He wants to be a better person and has plans for his future after hockey which shows a man of maturity. While I enjoy a hero who can express his feelings I found Kian becoming a bit too emotional in the latter half of the book as he seemed just as likely to cry as the heroine. Taylor has let a past betrayal rule her life for too long so it was exciting seeing her come out of her shell to be with Kian. She's also too emotional at times and I wished for a stronger-willed heroine to complement Kian's confidence when playing hockey. Except for Kian most of the male characters in this story were creepy or crappy in their treatment of women. From Runt and the other hockey players crass treatment of the female groupies to a stalker who's introduced out of the blue to put Taylor in danger the men in this story are seen as the enemy. Though most of the men in this story were losers I still fell for Kian and the sweet yet sexy relationship that progressed between him and Taylor. Just when they looked to be on their road to happiness though the author gave us an unexpected cliffhanger that left me wanting to scream but dying to read the next installment in a story that nicely balanced a believable relationship amidst the fiery world of hockey.

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## **Karla says**

### **3 Stars! Not bad! Loved Kian!**

I liked the alternating points-of-view, interesting enough story, but a little repetitious, could use some editing. However the story grabbed me enough that I will read the second book in the series, The Playmaker.

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## **Chu says**

Review Originally Posted at: Book Freak

He's on fire when he's on his element – the ICE and she's afraid to take risk and broke her heart again.

Kian Kavanagh, the hottest new player to be recruited for the Firestorm, has his own shares of girls – but the moment he set his eyes on Taylor on the bar, studying (IKR?!), he knew that she'd be the ONE. No more puck bunnies for him, his only problem now is to prove to Taylor that he's worth the risk she'll be taking.

But Taylor's heart has been shattered to a thousand pieces by her high school sweetheart – a popular jock who plays hockey as well. She trusted him, and he ends up humiliating her in the worst way possible. For

three years, she allowed that wall to stand around and protect her. She doesn't date anymore. The moment she met the sexy Kian – she knew then that it would just be a matter of time before her walls would start to fall bricks by bricks.

Kian and Taylor are totally opposite of each other – while Taylor was rich, Kian came from the wrong side of the tracks. But I don't love him less. His ambition and his drive to become better than his folks and to become successful are admirable. He's sexy, sweet, and he cares about her a lot. But what I don't understand though is why, all of a sudden, Kian was so unsure and insecure of himself? He's a self-made man, he's hot, he's nice – he still thinks he's not good enough for her. I wished he saw himself the way Taylor did.

After what Taylor had been through, I totally understand why it was hard for her to trust the opposite sex. What she had undergone through was pretty traumatic. Good thing Kian was pretty determined to break her barriers. It didn't take that long for her to finally give in and see that Kian is the best thing that ever happened to her.

I like the secondary characters, most especially Runt and her one-of-a-kind, totally-opposite sister, Zelda. She's a breath of fresh air in this novel, but both are the source of all my laughter. Their friendship with both characters are pretty much amazing, both are loyal and would do everything for Taylor and Kian.

Truthfully, I wasn't really hot for the cover. But, as the old saying goes: don't judge the book by its cover. Fire on Ice is a nice love story about a girl who swore off love and men, and a guy who is determined enough to make her take the risk again. Throw in a crazy sister, a pervy friend, and a weird stalker – it's a good, fun, light read.

The ending would want to make you grab for the next book in the series.

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### **Christina Montminy says**

A good first read from this author. The story was sweet in a way that wasn't sappy as Kian woos Taylor. After a debilitating event in her life 3yrs ago, Taylor hasn't been on a date with any man. When she meets up with Kian in a bar that all changes. The heat between them is combustible but when she finds out he's a hockey player she steps away. Kian decides that he's going to win her favour & doesn't quit even after he's got it. When Kian finally understands why Taylor has an aversion to hockey players he sets out to prove he's nothing like the guy from her past. Things are changing quickly for him both personally & professionally but with a threat to Taylor he's not sure he should follow through. Can't wait to read the next instalment.

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### **Tickled Pink for Book Ink says**

FIRE ON ICE is an endearing, sweet and emotional ride through the unlikely love story between a smart and driven rich girl and the rough-around-the-edges athlete.

Taylor Thompson has been burned by an ice cold hockey player, burned badly. Three years ago her heart was destroyed and the walls she built are so strong she's barely experiencing college life. She has a concrete plan for her education and guys are nowhere near any of her ambitions. Then she meets the hottest guy she's ever seen with whom she has undeniable chemistry. Of course he's a professional hockey player and a player off the ice as well. Kian Kavanaugh's rough childhood has plagued him with insecurities and he knows he's not good enough for Taylor, but that doesn't mean he can stay away from her. She is so different from the "puck bunnies" he is used to sleeping around with and he's determined to be with her.

Kian and Taylor are extremely likeable characters with believable feelings. I am amazed at Dakota Madison's ability to write male dialogue and thoughts so well that I swore I got a glimpse into the guy's psyche and the world of professional athletes. Kian is a hot and deliciously built hockey player and since I don't know much about hockey I decided to research "hot hockey players." I highly suggest you do this while reading the book. I love Google!

Taylor's past is heartbreaking as is Kian's and you can't help but hope that these two damaged individuals conquer their demons. I found the drama of competing love interests very true to the story and the new adult genre. For instance, Taylor's friend Kyle has been waiting for her to see him as more than a friend and Kian is none too happy about his meddlesome ways.

"I also knew Taylor was too good for me. It certainly wasn't a secret...But I had something I knew this guy didn't and that was gumption. When I set my mind on something, I didn't give up until I achieved it. I had already set my mind on having Taylor and this little puke wasn't going to stand in my way."

FIRE ON ICE is a cute and sexy new adult story that will stay with long after you finish reading. I loved their strong connection and the way Kian could be so tough and charming at the same time. I found myself cheering for Taylor to take some risks and so happy to have her realize her romantic life wasn't over. FIRE ON ICE ends abruptly so I am relieved I already have the sequel because there is no way I can stop reading about Taylor and Kian! I couldn't put it down and now I have to start THE PLAYMAKER immediately.

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## Kristiej says

4.5 out of 5

I was perusing the "If you like" feature on Amazon and came across this one. Then I noticed there was a second book as book 1 was just half the story and thought bummer. NOPE, DON'T GO AWAY YET because then I noticed they sold both of them as a bundle and charged LESS than for just book 1. SCORE! You can get both books for \$.99 at Amazon. So once you read my review, GO AND GET THESE BOOKS. When I went to order it, low and behold I'd already purchased it. This must have been while I was in my

hockey romance buying frenzy. I started reading it in the morning and simply couldn't put it down until I was finished – both books.

Fire on Ice is the first book. Our hero Kian Kavanaugh, is sitting in a bar when he happens to notice our heroine Taylor Thompson. Kian is a hot shot hockey player who's a rising star for a new minor league club and hoping to get called up by the big leagues. He has led a life of neglect and poverty and hockey is his way of overcoming his childhood. Because he's a hockey player, and a hawt one to boot, girls come on to him and he never has to make any kind of effort to get one. But he notices right away that Taylor is different. First off, she's reading a book, in a bar. Plus she's not dressed the way most girls in a bar dress. He's intrigued enough to go over to her and get to try to get to know her but she's less than enthused. He puts in a great deal of effort and eventually she agrees to let him put his number in his phone. Although she has no plans to call him, she's had a real bad experience in the past with a hockey player, she is really drawn to Kian and eventually calls him.

If I had only one word to describe both this one and book 2, it would be tender. Kian and Taylor fall deeply in love and even though they are both young, I completely buy into their connection to each other. Though Kian can get any girl he wants, once he meets her, Taylor is the only one for him. Because of the way he grew up so he doesn't feel worthy of Taylor who grew up in Academia and this only makes her more precious to him. I love the love they have for each other and how they battle forces to remain true. The ugly incident from Taylor's past has redefined her. Where once she was popular and outgoing, now she has only one friend and keeps very much to herself. With Kian's love and support, she begins to open up and experience life again though remaining very focused on her chosen career path. They both show a nice maturity for ones so young. They go through their struggles and the book ends with Kian being called up to the major leagues playing for a team across the country.

See the next book, The Playmaker for the rest of this review.

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## Majanka says

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Fire on Ice was a pleasant, at times even sensual read. The book is marketed for a new adult audience, and granted, the main characters fit the target age, yet I think it is more suitable for the adult market. There are various 18+ scenes and since sometimes kids as young as sixteen start reading new adult books, I'll keep to saying this book is definitely 18+. The main characters are both college-age as well.

We meet Kian Kavanagh, a hockey player and star player of his team, Firestorm. Kian is rather popular with the girls, called "puck bunnies", and they'd do anything to get into his pants. Kian usually enjoys the attention, but on this particular night out, his interest is piqued by a gorgeous girl studying at the bar. Who the heck studies at a bar? When he tries to strike up conversation, the girl, Taylor, tells him she's not dating any hockey players, like ever. Kian is more intrigued than ever before, and he swears he won't rest until she goes on a date with him.

For Taylor, giving Kian a chance is the toughest thing she's ever done after a terrible experience with her ex-boyfriend, Austin, who also happened to be a hockey player. Even though she feels a strong pull toward Kian, she'll have to let go of the past before she can move on. And then there's also her best friend Kyle,



who's supported her through everything that happened, and who may have started developing feelings for her as well....

What I liked the most here was how different Kian and Taylor are. Kian comes from a lower-class family, and he's been struggling his entire life, with a Dad sent to prison and a Mom addicted to drugs. Basically it's always been him against the world. Taylor has had a much more privileged upbringing, with loving parents who'd do whatever it takes to protect her.

The characters had sparks flying all over the pages. They're an unlikely couple, but they make it work. There's also plenty of subplots going on to make the book intriguing, like a stalker following Taylor, her dealing with her past, and even another girl expressing interest in Kian.

A fun, quick, and romantic read.

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### **Sultan \* Baby Mama Smut-a-teer\* says**

I started this book and within the course of a day and half I had it finished and was picking up the second book within minutes. I really enjoyed this book, it's been some time since I read a sport romance and it was a breath of fresh air. Although it was a sports themed book, this was more a story of love at first sight. Kian (our hot hockey player hero) first set eyes on his gorgeous gal, Taylor at a bar one night. Typical place for a meet and greet when you are a young grasshopper right? However, I failed to mention that beautiful Taylor had her nose in a textbook and is doing research for one of her psychology classes. Kian has his eyes on the prize and even after multiple rejections from Taylor he gives her his number and leaves the ball in her court. Of course Taylor is no dummy and within a few days reaches out to him. Thus begins the start of a whirlwind, head of heels, falling down the rabbit hole at rapid speeds love story. Kian and Taylor do not have much in common; however they love each other with a fierceness that cannot be denied. They battle the obstacle after obstacle for each other, from none approving parents, to slutty little puck bunnies, to creepers lurking in the shadows, these two have seen it all. Kian might be new at the whole boyfriend, monogamy, keep it in your pants lifestyle but the boy is a fast learner. It's doesn't hurt that he sees something I Taylor that no other person has ever shown him before....kindness, support, but most of all everlasting love. I'm not going to lie though, all that practice with puck bunnies and hockey groupies did the man right, because he is a smoking hot in bed! If those beautiful blue eyes found me in a crowded bar with a look that said "I wanna devour you...slowly" id have my panties off and bar tab paid in .2 seconds!! While I enjoy this story very much, and the sexy was very hot and steamy, I felt the pace of this book moved very quickly. These two meet, and pretty much confess their undying love for each other before the first date flowers had a chance to wilt. I know love works in crazy beautiful ways, and when cupid's arrow hits your ass you don't stand a chance, but there was defiantly times when I found myself saying "whoa, already?". But even with the quick pace of the book, I still found myself engaged and excited to be a part of such love.

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### **Kasey says**

Note to self:

- Dual POV
- Ends with a bit of cliffhanger (Kian is being called up to the NHL and Taylor is staying at school and Blake (her stalkerish creepy guy) is still after her)

Things I liked:

- How nervous Kian was to meet Taylors parents

Things I didnt like:

- Their argument during their coffee date (about kyle wanting her) - I dont understand why Kian even brought this up and kept pushing her on it during the date
  - Everyones focus on Taylor being rich and Kian being poor
  - Taylor not wanting to date because of her ex from highschool who was also a hockey player - she keeps mentioning him and his betrayal and how bad it was but doesnt fill us in! Its annoying being out of the loop
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## **C.R. Bell says**

I'll give this book 3.5 stars.

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## **Jennifer Showalter - MAMA Bookasaurus says**

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*TECHNICALLY 3.6 ROUNDED TO 4*

NOTE: Due to explicit sexual content and language, I would not recommend this book to those under 17 years of age.

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Some of you may be shaking your heads after reading the overview. Another bad-boy-man-whore-meets-good girl-with-a-past NA novel? While the bare bones does reflect the over saturation of this basic storyline in the New Adult fiction genre, I would say this has enough uniqueness to stand apart.

I applaud Madison for incorporating a sport that is not frequently used. There are so many football, soccer, lacrosse and basketball themed books. Even skiing seems to frequent the shelves more than hockey. Her use of the sport's terminology, lingo and play descriptions were a bit long winded and overly specific. I will admit I was a bit crossed eyed at a few points. It almost seemed like she was trying too hard to prove her knowledge of the sport and overdid it. That being said, I am sure there are many avid hockey fans out there jumping with glee over the details.

I found the book overall entertaining. Kian was your typical bad boy from the wrong side of the tracks. He's the guy who got all the girls and managed to get his way.

What I found intriguing about him was that he quickly saw the meaningless of his ways soon after meeting

Taylor and grew as a person. He had a lot of growing up to do and did quite a bit of it throughout the book. I will say he seemed OCD about Taylor and I found that disturbing. I'll talk about that later in the review. My favorite aspect to him was that he was frugal and had his Plan A and Plan B for his life. He was secure in that aspect and I found that a refreshing change from so many male characters out there.

Taylor was the girl who was hiding from the world... or at least, the world of men. After what happened to her in high school, I didn't blame her. She found comfort in a male friend who swore he was platonic. What was unique to this relationship was the secrets this "friend" hid.

Taylor also found trouble in another guy, but I don't want to give anything away. Let's just say that this character provided the mild suspense to the story. He lent a very creepy but awkward aspect to the plot. I felt like this aspect either needed to be stepped up a few notches or scratched.

What I found hard to swallow was that she would not go to the police when she was having trouble. I just felt that was unrealistic.

The one aspect to the story that was a larger concern for me was the last section of the book. The wrap up to this book was not as tight as I would have hoped. There were cliffhangers to leave the reader in suspense till the next installment, but I felt that the items were too loosely handled and rushed. An editor giving it another pass would have helped polish and refine that section perfectly.

The relationship between Kian and Taylor had a great opening and was my favorite section of their relationship. They were then drawn in too quickly for my taste. If she really had all those issues, she would not have dove into that relationship and she would probably of had a higher commitment phobia.

There was no friendship, just lust. And I think it set a bad tone. The fact that he became so OCD about her is disturbing. It reminds me of several books out now with a similar storyline.

I would love to see healthier relationships, ones that are more realistically based. That being said, I think Madison did a great job with the secondary characters. They were actually my favorite part of the book. They were unique, refreshing and engaging. Taylor's sister was by far the star of the book. Unfortunately, the ending was rushed and flattened her character like a pancake. But before that I was hooked on her.

The sexual content for me was a bit overwhelming. I felt that dealing with someone who had been abused was enough, but add in a man with 100s of partners and a girl who does two at a time and it crossed into erotica and out of the New Adult genre in my mind.

There was something bewitching about the story. It flowed nicely even with the hiccups and I thought the characters were interesting. It kept my attention, except for the hockey scenes. My recommendation would be to tone back the sports lingo and sexual descriptiveness, add in more of the sister, expand the storyline

and give everything an extra run through with the editor for the next installment. If those things happen, Madison will definitely get the puck in the net and won't be anywhere near the penalty box! :)

So for all those over seventeen, if you are looking for an ice hockey romance, then you will really enjoy this book! With the questions left at the end of the book, I am looking forward to reading book two to see what happens! Enjoy :)

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## **Kimber Wheaton says**

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I was expecting something quite different based on the cover. The guy in the photo looks like the epitome of the alpha male. While Kian is strong and protective, he has a very soft side that was a pleasant surprise. *Fire on Ice* is a sweet romance with a bit of tension coupled with some misunderstandings, making for a pleasant read.

Who wouldn't love Taylor? She's built a brick wall surrounding not only her heart but her entire being. Her boyfriend in high school made her the victim of a stunt so cruel, I almost cried. It's affected every aspect of her life for three years, turning her into a shell of a person. She's so lucky that Kian is such a great guy and willing to slowly dissolve her walls of distrust.

Kian hasn't had an easy life either. From the wrong side of the tracks, he's the son of a drug addicted alcoholic. Awe inspiring comes to mind when describing his drive to better himself. I love characters that overcome the odds heaped on them to make something of themselves through hard work. Kian was a player until he met Taylor and lost his heart to her. But he worries that he's not good enough for her since she's a rich college student and he barely passed the GED. Personally, I think they're a great match for each other.

While this novel had a somewhat satisfying ending, it is part one in a series. The reader is left with many loose ends and questions that should be answered in the next book. This is definitely a story driven by the characters, Kian and Taylor are just too adorable to not like. Taylor's sister, Zelda, is a laugh riot. I'd love to read more about some of her escapades (though I think they'd fall in the realm of erotica).

*Fire on Ice* is a new adult romance not suitable for readers under 18 due to mature language and content. It's a fast-paced, fun read that will leave the reader smiling throughout most of it.

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