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Muscled, tattooed, and irresistible.

Thomas Street is an ex-con, but before he got out of prison, he locked eyes with her...

The moment Street sees Katie serving food in a hellhole of a prison, he wants her. Her sweet little body against his. Under his. Her screaming his name until she admits she's never had better.

Now he's found her again, working in a bookstore of all places, and she's just as gorgeous as he remembers. Only Katie thinks he can be redeemed. That there's a good man underneath his darkness.

He's not so sure.

But then Katie becomes his. Katie and her daughter.

And he'll risk everything, including fighting the devil himself, to protect them.

## Hard Time Details

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## **From Reader Review Hard Time for online ebook**

### **Janie says**

3.5 stars. Review to come. I'm too lazy right now.

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### **Heather andrews says**

I was surprised to see that Street had some self control in him, who would have thought, “you should go,” he says through a smile as he adjusts the erection in his jeans. “If we start now, you’re not going to get home until midnight.” I really liked this book, Street was a good man.

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### **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

3.5 Stars!

First of all, this cover rocks! Between the cover and the synopsis, I had to read this book. I think a lot of woman have a fantasy about a guy in prison cause let's face it, he's the ultimate bad boy. Knowing Street is obsessed with Katie and even hunts her down after he gets out of prison is a lure I couldn't resist. While I did like this book and it was maturely written, it wasn't as hot as I was hoping. The only reason I have is, it felt like we were reading about two teenagers instead of a full grown man and woman. That's the only thing that kept this from a 5 star read for me. Still a great book and I loved it enough that I can't wait to read the rest of the series.

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### **Tiffany says**

Katie notices Street at the prison she works at serving food and she thinks he doesn't notice her but he really does. Katie leaves that position and goes through some things that makes her not trust men. Street doesn't forget about Katie at all and they meet up again when he applies for a job at the bookstore. Street is fighting to stay on straight and narrow but his old friend his making it hard for him to do that and Katie believes that he can do that and start to break down the walls that they both have up.

This is the first book in this series from a new author and I was totally drawn in from the beginning. I loved how throughout the book Katie slowly got her backbone and spoke her mind. She didn't let Street get away with anything and the love that they have for each other made them both break down any walls that they had up. When he is with Katie, he has hope that he can make it.

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## **Jessica Zelkovich says**

I was instantly drawn in to the crazy link between the main characters even though I'm not an insta love fan. The constant POV change during pinnacle scenes speeds the pace of the book and gives the reader a more complete instant read on situations Katie and Street. There were some intense moments readers got to feel that were believable and yet sometimes the perfect connection got a little much. I wish Katie was a bit stronger because it was odd that she couldn't see the correlation between herself and Street yet so easily cast judgement.

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## **Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says**

Thomas "Street" Street is an ex-con looking to hook up with his fantasy woman Katie. Katie has haunted Street's dreams for years. Street wants to get close to Katie in any way that he can. Katie's own dreams have been haunted by Street as well. Katie works in a bookstore while going to college and raising her infant daughter Riley. Katie has her own set of hang ups regarding her life and the men she chooses. Can Street be the man Katie needs? Will Katie let Street into her heart? Your answers await you in Hard Time.

This new to me author told a heartbreaking turned into redemption which appeals to me on alot of levels. The story and characters were real, honest, complex, unique, compelling, raw, gritty, and down to earth. I look forward to more from this author in the future and in this series.

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## **Nicole says**

DNF 60%, which makes me sad because I wanted to like this book. I just can't take the hot/cold -push/pull anymore. Both characters think one way but act another. The H is obsessed with the h & wants to find a way to make her his. The h is just as equally drawn to the H. But you would never know that based on how they talk to each other & their actions. The constant contradictions kept taking the romance out of the book and I found myself not only getting bored but also annoyed.

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## **Bronwyn says**

The story was ok but didn't wow me, due to the length of the book it felt very underdeveloped. It had such potential but just felt a little lacking for me, could have had more detail. Street was a bit hot and cold with Katie considering how obsessed he was with her and she kept chasing after him time and time again. I liked the secondary characters but after a bit of research it shows the next books in the series are equally short and while I find the synopsis interesting for each of them, I much prefer longer books so wont be continuing the series at this stage, if at all.

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## **Kassiah says**

**1-1/2 stars.**

Where do I even start with this book? Thomas Street became obsessed with Katie when she was a lunch lady at the prison he was serving time in. I don't think they spoke one word to each other the entire time she worked there. Fast forward two years (I think), and Street's out--and he *finds* finds Katie. She gets him a job at the bookstore she works at, and then...you know what happens. They fall in love. Sort of. I mean, they do, but there's so much back and forth between them, I don't even know.

There were hot moments, but hardly. If you want a bad boy (literally) with dirty thoughts and lots of drama while nothing really happens, then maybe check out *Hard Time*. Personally, I think you can skip it.

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### **Coco.V says**

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### **Boundless Book Reviews says**

2.5 Stars

I was asked to read and review *Hard Times* and give it an honest review. The book is currently free on a few sites. I found both Katie and Street to be utter contradictions. The first part of the book Katie is an abused mouse then she turns a complete 180 when Street comes back into the picture. I liked the second version of Kate better, but it was such a contradiction that it didn't mesh well in my mind.

Then there is Street. He is depicted as this badass prisoner, Then he gets out, and I suppose he is showing depth, because he can sprout poetry. Conrad made him so darn wishy washy when it came to his feeling for Katie, there really isn't anything badass about him. When she brings in a motorcycle club I'm shaking my head thinking for fucks sake!

Did I hate it? No. Did I love it? No. It was OK. I just like it when my Alpha is more alpha, or at least tied with the female lead in the story. When the chick is the one manning up and asking the hard questions like, Why you always running away from your problems? (Like a bitch) I can't get behind that Alpha....Sara

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### **Cathy Geha says**

Katie serves food in the prison Thomas Street was sent to. They fantasize quite a bit about one another over time. When he is released from prison he finds her, works in the bookshop she works in and they begin a

relationship that ends with a HEA.

If you like bad boy alpha males, women who are attracted to these men, don't mind instant relationships based on fantasy and are in the mood for a contemporary romance that is more fairy tale than reality then this might be a book you will enjoy.

This is the first book in a series that will star the Nailed Motor Cycle Club. The members were in the same orphanage together, bonded and are there for one another always. It will be interesting to see what happens as the series develops.

Thank you to NK authors services for the copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Mia Searles (The Muses Circle) says**

This is one of those books that wasn't bad but wasn't mind blowing which is not necessarily a bad thing. Not every book has to blow your mind. But it is a read that is sort of forgettable, meaning, I read it last week and now sitting here trying to gather my thoughts, I struggle with remembering what I actually liked and disliked about it.

One thing I do remember is it starts out with a man in prison and he gets out. Okay, I have read prison romances or ex-con romances before. But then somehow an MC gets mixed in and that is when I felt like this book didn't quite know what it wanted to be. Or is the MC added in just to lay down the foundation? I also felt lack of character development. We learn that street loves poetry and can recite it, yet we don't really get too deep of a backstory from him. I think he could have been a complex character, but he was sort of all surface. Same with the heroine.

Not sure if I want to continue with this series. We shall see!

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### **DaJa says**

Der Anfang fiel mir recht schwer und ich war schon halb dabei das Buch aufzugeben allerdings hat es dann doch noch die Kurve gekriegt.

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### **Sara says**

2.5 stars, review to follow on Boundless Book Reviews

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