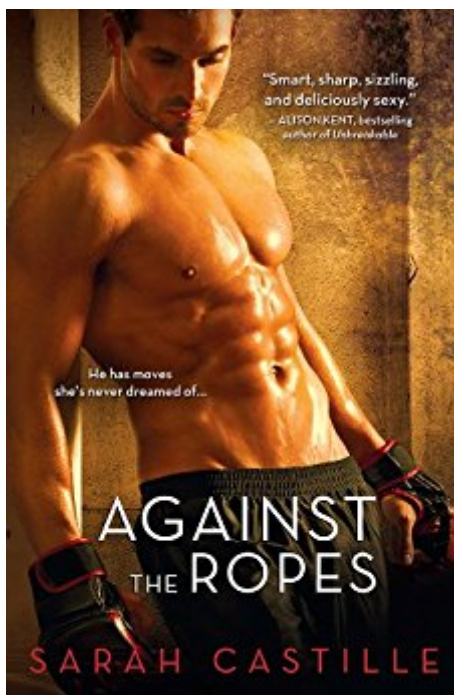


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# Against The Ropes (Redemption Book 1)



## Synopsis

A Publishers Weekly Top Ten Pick for Romance & Erotica He scared me. He thrilled me. And after one touch, all I could think about was getting more... Makayla never thought she'd set foot in an elite mixed martial arts club. But if anyone needs a medic on hand, it's these guys. Then again, at her first sight of the club's owner, she's the one feeling breathless. The man they call Torment is all sleek muscle and restrained power. Whether it's in the ring or in the bedroom, he knows exactly when a soft touch is required and when to launch a full-on assault. He always knows just how far he can push. And he's about to tempt Makayla in ways she never imagined... Redemption Series: Against the Ropes In Your Corner Full Contact (forthcoming April 2015)

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## Customer Reviews

This book enters the reader into the underground amateur world of MMA fighting. Enter several interesting characters with unique names such as Rampage, Homicide Hank, Blade Saw, and Obsidian. The book focuses on Makayla Delaney who is trying to discover her career path while fighting off debt collectors trying to collect on her student loan. She takes a few odd jobs and ends up helping out her best friend, Amanda at a local fight club called Redemption. She ends up in a

tight encounter with the club's owner, Max "Torrent" Huntington and the story spins from there. Makayla has a secret (don't they all, lol) and it has kept her from finding her true self and from the excitement and adventure she finds she loves. She has always dated safe guys who tended to bore her and Max scares her. She tries to avoid him, but finds out Max isn't having that. Max is another alpha male who screams badass and is covered only on the right side by tattoos. Max desires control and Makayla can't seem to give it to him. Makayla also finds out Max has secrets too and his secrets cause him to be protective and controlling. Makayla struggled with understanding Max's past and doesn't know if she can overcome her past in order to start a future with Max. This story is different from other fighter stories in that it focuses more on life outside the ring than in. Max is a lot more than a fighter and there is so much more to this story than just smut and muscles. This is a story we all can relate to- trying to find out who we are and on our own without someone pushing us. Makayla realizes she is stronger than she thought and it is so refreshing to see.

Against the Ropes by Sarah Castille Contemporary Romance -Sept 3rd, 2013 4 stars Makayla dropped out of pre-med school and is trying to figure out what she wants in life. She is a natural healer and helping people is important to her. But until she decides her future, her school loans have crippled her financially So she lives in a crowded house to save money and works for minimum wage in a medical facility. She is barely squeaking by. To try to make extra cash she decides to help a friend sell tickets to a dangerous and illegal underground martial arts club. But soon finds herself in trouble when she tries to stop a man from entering without buying a ticket. A man who is actually the owner of the club! His name is Torment and when he meets Makayla he is captivated by her soft heart and 'persuades' her to watch. The problem? Makayla abhors violence and has difficulty watching. But when one of the competitors is injured Makayla uses her medical training to help him. Torment immediately wants to hire her to provide emergency medical help. The trouble is that he also tempts her in other ways! But Torment has a mysterious alternate identity and Makayla isn't sure if she fits in his life. Can their relationship work or will Makayla's spiraling out-of-control life get in the way? This romance was pretty unrealistic and almost certainly improbable. especially Torment's life. I would definitely classify this romance as fantasy and advise readers to just enjoy the ride. This book packs a lot of heat and has an engrossing 'seedy' side which reminds me of the urban fantasy genre. Torment is mysterious and his pursuit of Makayla is very sudden and intense. I like that Makayla's soft, giving nature contrasts the rest of the cynical and rough characters.

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