Hard Core

Synopsis

Warning: This sexy new page turner from New York Times bestselling author Tess Oliver may lead to a serious book hangover!-LEDGER-Sometimes one good dose of trouble could turn your life around, put you on the right path. But I'd taken the opposite side of the forked road and headed off looking for even more trouble, like a junkie constantly searching for the next high. Never would I have guessed that turn would lead me to her. I couldn't stop thinking about her. She was an angel, a hard core, bone-fide angel and in her short life, she'd already had a taste of hell.-JACY-Despair. Heartbreak. Silence. That was all I'd grown to know, until he showed up next door.The handsome, tattooed stranger had the kind of eyes that were hard to look away from, and he gazed at me as if we'd been friends or even lovers in a different life. He looked at me as if he knew me, and suddenly I had this flash of feeling as if I was right where I was supposed to be.Hard Core is a full-length, standalone novel.Contains mature content. Intended for readers 18+

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Customer Reviews

Hard Core by Tess Oliver is a book that is a little bit different than her last books but it was every bit as good if not even better! This book tells the story about a man who is in a bad place and through the words of another falls in love with what he thinks is a perfect angel of a woman.Jacy is a young woman who married right out of high school and made a very bad mistake. The man she married was nothing like the young man he was in high school -he turned out to be a physically and mentally abusing husband and took something from his wife that could never have been given back. Jacy winds up alone and her soon to be ex husband ends up in prison.Jacy moves to Rockwood Beach to start over, winds up starting her own coffee house and she makes friends with the girl form the bakery next door and they wind up sharing customers-she makes the coffee and Rachel brings over the baked goods! Jacy is so sad, and tries to make the best of her sad sad life. She gets a wonderful dog who looks out for her and they live at the beach. Jacy divorces James and gets on with her life.Ledger, fresh out of prison, moves to Rockwood Beach and finds Jacy immediately. He moves into the house right next door and starts watching her, he tells himself he just wants to make sure she is okay, but he is enamored of her already! He gets a job and starts working so he can stay in his own home and try to make a better life for himself. He wants to be the man who would be good for Jacy.Read this book and feel for yourself all the angst, mentally and physically, feel what its like to be afraid to let go but be helpless to be strong, feel what it is like for both of them to want each other but afraid to let the other know all the secrets they are hiding.

Hard Core by Tess Oliver features two lost souls - a woman with an abusive past and a man fresh out of prison, ready to start a new life, but not feeling as though he is worth much. Jacy is our heroine: Coffee shop owner, friendly, lives in a beach cottage with her dog. Her ex is behind bars for the crimes he committed and she's trying to move forward and live her life again. Ledger shared a cell with Jacy's ex and formed an attachment to her based on hearing stories about her. He gets out of jail before his cellmate and decides to find Jacy, to ensure that she's safe. One thing leads to another and they end up in a relationship. The biggest secret here is Ledger's past and how he came to find Jacy. That is not a spoiler as it's in the opening chapters. For some readers, this secret past could pose a problem. After all, wouldn't you want to know that your new boyfriend shared a cell with your psycho ex and your new boyfriend actually "knows you" from a secret history and has heard stories about you for years? Somehow, however, it worked for me and I didn't mind the secret.I actually liked the characters in this book a great deal. Ledger is man candy - all muscles and hair and tattoos. He is protective, sweet and hard working. Perhaps that's where his secret past works. He is a fine man and truly wants to protect Jacy. Jacy is the female version of sweet... she's

thoughtful and sensitive.There are some really nice passages written here and, of course, plenty of steam between the two characters. I enjoyed their chemistry and could feel the strings of romance here and there. Overall though the story was lacking somewhat. There is no real plot beyond what I just wrote above... just two people with a difficult past date each other.

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