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Cory James has never known a life where she wasn't running. Running from the cops, her home, her past. Running from love. The only time she's free is when she throws on her hood and takes to the roofs to become a part of New York, to climb to a place in the city where she doesn't feel alone.

Stealing is nothing, lying inevitable, byproducts of survival. A way for Cory to provide for herself and for her younger sister, Jill, give her the life Cory couldn't have. For five years, Cory set up a long line of teetering dominos, one by one, choice by choice.

Meeting Van is the first domino to fall, and once they crash into each other, it's only a matter of time before her whole world is in danger of falling apart. She can tell herself over and over again that she doesn't care, but it's a lie. She knows it from the first time she says his name, but she can't let him in, not when she has a job to do, a job that could rip her life apart at the seams. One that she'll have to betray Van to finish.

He'll follow however high she can climb, but she can only run for so long before she has to choose.

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Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★★ 4 Stars ★★★★★

Fantastic, I loved this one! Cory James is a bike messenger by day but by night she is one of a team of thieves who free-run their way through Manhattan. She has been running all her life, from her home, her parents, love. But one day she gets caught, by fellow free-runner Van Collins.

"I seek out things in life that are satisfying. Runnin, food, photography. You."

Van is a famous photographer and he has finally met his match, someone who gets the need to run and the freedom that comes with it. He wants Cory and when she runs away from him, he just runs right after her.

Cory is a professional thief whose only priority is to support her younger sister. Unfortunately, when self appointed team leader Jade finds out about Cory's new rich admirer she demands that Cory betray him.

Van does not make things easy for her and she is miserable, she runs in order to exhaust herself but she can't move on until she can finally explain to him why she betrayed him and that he is the last person she would ever want to hurt.

I really enjoyed all the action, and the sex between Cory and Van was scorching. Cory is bi-sexual and before she meets Van she has been having a casual affair with a woman. We do get a short FF scene right at the beginning but it was tastefully done and integral to the story.

I really loved both Van and Cory, Van loved unconditionally and helped Cory grow as a person and help her see that underneath her hard exterior, she was a good person who only did the things she did because she cared about her sister.

"You're good, Cory. Even when you're bad."

I loved reading about the parkour and how they used free running as a way to relieve stress and become free, and how they saw Manhattan in a way that no-one would ever get the chance to see under normal circumstances.

**"He took my hand, and we ran.
And as I followed him through the city, the cage around my heart opened as far as the hinges would allow."**

Overall, this was a fantastic 3 part serial that I would recommend.

ARC gratefully received from the author in exchange for an honest review

Lorena Garcia -- Brittany's Book Blog says

Received an ARC in exchange for an honest review

Cory is a girl who runs with the wrong crowd. She steals for the adrenaline and because she is putting her younger sister thru a private school and wants her to go to college and make something of herself, something she didn't do. She puts her life in danger every time she takes on a dangerous job, but she's good at what she does and she manages to get by without ever getting caught.

When she meets Van, he sparks something in her that she just can't seem to shake off. She doesn't want to feel anything for him, but he manages to consume her every thought and she starts feelings things she knows she shouldn't for him. She pushes him away because she knows it's wrong to have him get close to her especially when he hates liars and thieves and that's exactly what she is, a liar and a thief.

Things get complicated, she takes on a job -- not by choice, but she was blackmailed into this job and she loses the best thing that ever happened to her -- VAN! Is this job worth her losing Van?

What will happen to Cory and Van, will he find out about her lifestyle and will he accept it? Most importantly, will he forgive her for what she does?

I read this series in one sitting -- that's how good it was. The whole plot really pulled me in and it was hard for me to put my kindle down at any given moment. I just couldn't seem to find myself to do it. Every sentence, every paragraph and every chapter kept getting better and better. This series will keep you on your toes and you're going to be keep wondering what's next?

I loved Cory, she was a tough cookie and wouldn't take crap from the evil twins, Jade and Jace. They were a two stupid kids who obviously didn't know how to plan things right when everything fell apart, even when they were told that the job was too risky and dangerous. But Cory knew better than to mess up that plan when it was already messed up.

Cory was a woman who went after what she wanted and she wouldn't let anything or anybody get in the way of it. I love reading books of women who are strong willed. She was strong, independent, beautiful and smart (what a combination)! She had all the qualifications a man wants and desires. But what intrigued Van the most was her determination and the fact that she was fast.

I enjoyed this series and I completely, completely recommend it. This is one series that will keep you intrigued and focused and you will not want to put your kindle down. It was very fast paced and that's what I love -- when I read through them and not realize that I'm either done or about done reading a book or series so quickly.

4.0 stars!

Cassandra says

I enjoyed this authors form of writing. the story was fast paced and never boring...but wish there were a bit more story line of the romance

Sophie says

Holy smokin hotness! This book and its sex scenes are crazy hot. The chemistry between Van and Cory is on fire!

I think what I loved most about this book is that it involved free running and base jumping parkour concept, it's something I've not seen before but works so well. The descriptive parts of this book are outstanding, you actually feel like you are in the characters shoes and going through the motions with them.

The twists and plot lines through this story are in no way predictable, I had to keep flipping the pages to see what happened, Staci manages to keep things flowing really well and held my attention all the way through. I think I just about hugged my iPad in the last few chapters.

I look forward to reading more of Staci's work as her writing style is second to none. Fantastic!

Lady says

The whole parkour world was ok (if a little not my thing), but what bugs me about this book is Cory. Plus, the romance was not the main story, was just a means to an end. I love Staci Hart books, but this one just didn't work for me.

Alison says

I could not get through the first part of this bundle. The writing was good but I disliked the characters immediately. All of them. If the protagonist is doing something wrong there has to be some redeeming quality and hint of an explanation for why she chose to do what she is doing. No hints were forthcoming so I had to bail.

Judy Miracle says

Brilliant story. Loved pretty much all the characters. Haha. Cory and van though. WOW! There chemistry was freaking off the charts. This book has som HOT sex, raw emotions, and some suspense in it.

This was a different kind of story for me Cory and her friends are parkour's. They run, jump, climb, swing vault you name it over buildings, rooftops, pretty much anywhere they can. Doing this also makes it easier for them to steal. They break into electronic stores and steal what they can. She has not always had an easy life her parents were never really parents they didn't care about her or her sister Jill. Cory does what she does to be able to provide the life she never had for her sister

Van is a photographer and sells his pictures to the world. He also enjoys parkour and gets some pretty amazing pictures that not a lot of people would be able to get.

When they first meet they r both in an adrenaline rush and end up doing it on a rooftop. After while van is turned around Cory bolts. Neither can get the other out of their minds in the next few days. Van figures out how to contact her but just when Cory thinks she finally has something good Jade who is queen B!tch in this story threatens Cory. She must decide if she should take this job to save her sister and let Van go or if she can figure something out to make Jade back down.

Does Cory make the right choice or will she let Van go do this job and loose something that could have the potential to be greater than anything between her and Van.

5 stars does not do this entire 3 book series justice it deserves so much more than that.

Becca Reads A Lot says

Oh. My. Van.

Read it.

At the very least, you will fall a little bit in love with these perfectly imperfect characters.

Non stop feelings, actions, and boning. This story is about Cory changing her life and going after what she wants. It's about her and Van, but more it's about her journey to get on the path she should be on. Van is the sexiest, kindest, omg hero. Seriously. At one point, I forgot to breathe.

What an original and brilliant take on erotica. Staci Hart you are a rock star. Call me a fan for life.

But seriously, I loved the journey Cory took from not being able to accept affection to being drenched in love.

That epilogue though. Ugh. I can't even.

Liz says

There is lots of parkour in this book or as i know it running about on roof tops (i phrased that incorrectly it's not like i have ever done it before and if i did it would be like this)

I thought the author made it sound quite appealing, portraying the feeling it was very freeing and peaceful. I also thought it was quite empowering that a women parkour group where the main focus and they weren't a bunch wimps.

I was a bit caught off balance when the main character was bisexual, not that i am homophobic but if she was so caught up with Van (the main love interest in this book) why did she feel the need to look for rumpy elsewhere? Even right after their first encounter she went straight from one to the other. I guess i have a hard time accepting people can disassociate between love and sex for a long period of time (ie cory and Erin).

I liked the contemporary feel of the book, i liked the main male character Van . I liked the fact the girls in the book weren't weak.

My idea of what van would look like (clean, surfer style laid back kinda guy)

My image of Cory

I wasn't too keen on the whole main plot of the book, i mean if you don't want to do it (won't give too much away but what Cory did was really skanky) then she should have just told him and worked something out. Van did forgive her quite easily in the end which was also a little too easy.

The whole convoluted their thang didn't really do much for me.

An ok read not an excellent one

J.M. Miller says

I read each part of this serial separately and they are amazing!

Hardcore is about Cory, a bike messenger/thief who lives in New York. She's tough and every bit of a badass, but she's disconnected herself from life, keeping her emotions deep and guarding herself from love. Her refuge is parkour, running and scaling buildings to find some kind of release from her inner torment.

She isn't looking for love, only the next job. When she gets chased by Van, a guy who rivals her running ability, she brushes the encounter off (even though it had enough heat to light a building roof on fire). As she struggles to get him out of her head, she realizes it may not be as easy as she'd hoped.

This sexy serial has it all: action, thrills, and steamy romance. Pick it up!

Izabelle says

I liked it. It was pretty action-packed and fast-paced. Heroine had a few dumber moments - I think it was for drama's sake - but I really liked the hero.

The anti-hero was a bitch of epic proportions, maybe a little bit over-the-top.

But all in all, I liked the story. 3.5 stars.

Debbie says

This is the complete box set of the serial Hardcore.

Cory is a liar and a thief. She doesn't let anyone get too close to her and does what she has to in order to provide for her sister. She's determined to give Jill a better life than what their parents gave her. She's also does parkour which is roof jumping. She and her friends make their money breaking into stores with small electrical merchandise and using the roofs of buildings for their escape. She thinks she's happy until the night she meets him.

Van is a photographer who takes photographs from roofs around the city. The night he sees Cory he can't help but want to meet and talk to her. So he chases her. When they come face to face he doesn't expect Cory's reaction to him and they share a very hot encounter on a roof. Then she disappears without giving him her name. He finds out who she is and wants to get to know her better. She's all in until one of the other girls gets greedy and blackmails Cory into stealing from Van. What could have been the perfect romance, is now broken with lies and secrets.

I enjoyed this story and liked that it was about something I've never read about before. Yeah, some of what happens is a little far fetched, but it's fiction and I liked the characters enough to overlook my eye rolls.

You'll love Van. He's such a sweet guy with a big heart. Cory has been through a lot and deep down isn't the bad person she believes people see. She wants so much for Jill and will do anything to protect her.

This was a nice read with suspense and romance.

Jackie Mcgee says

well i loved these books from start to finish filled with love, crime and friendship from start to finish thank you staci hart i will be looking into your other books xxx

Veronika Sillik says

The next series I started was Hardcore, also from Staci Hart. I have to tell you it was a long time ago, I've had such mixed feelings about a book. Volume one I liked, volume two not so much, but volume three I loved so much.

People don't change. They're only revealed.

Cory James has never known a life where she wasn't running. Running from the cops, her home, her past. Running from love. The only time she's free is when she throws on her hood and takes to the roofs to run. Stealing is nothing, lying inevitable, byproducts of survival. A way for Cory to provide for herself and for her younger sister, Jill, give her the life Cory couldn't have. For five years, Cory built a house of cards, where the first card has fallen when she met Van and it was only just a matter of time before her whole house of cards is in danger of falling apart. She can tell herself over and over again that she doesn't care, but even she knows it's a lie.

Today marked the first step toward betraying him.

She knows he'll follow, however high she can climb, but she can only run for so long before she has to choose. And that kind of choice is never easy. To save Jill she has to betray the only man who ever held her heart with a knowledge, that the only thing Van can't forgive is lying. So she chooses to break Van's heart, and do what she is supposed to do to save Jill. (Oh, how much I hate Jade!)

He was gone and I had no one to blame but myself.

At the end she does what is right, and tells Van the truth. Well, at least part of it, since Van does not want to do anything with her after the betrayal. After many obstacles Jill is safe, Cory is suffering and Jade is punished. At the end Cory writes a beautiful heart warming letter to Van, who reads it and forgives Cory for everything. And not just that he apologises for being such an idiot for not hearing her out, when she want to explain why she did what she did.

It's like we're made from the same metal, we just have different finishes. We shine different.

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Jenni Moen says

With perfect character development and a fast paced, adrenaline rush-inducing plot, **HARDCORE** will leave you in a tornado of conflicting emotions - both satisfied and craving more.
