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*Tensions sizzle in this electrifying novel guaranteed to capture your heart and take your breath away. Fans of Julie Garwood, Suzanne Brockmann and Jayne Ann Krentz will devour this action-packed, emotionally stunning tour de force, where every page reveals another damning secret and another daring gamble.*

Rotting in an African dungeon is the last place journalist Tess Newell expected to find herself. Held hostage by the terrorist group she's been investigating, Tess's salvation—and temptation—arrives in the form of another prisoner. A French Foreign Legionnaire with a sinful smile and too many secrets to be anything but dangerous. Yet she knows he's her only hope of surviving.

The Legion is the only family Flynn has. His sanctuary and his purgatory, after years spent in hell. When a mission goes south and Flynn is captured, it's not the enemy that worries him, but rather the brazen, alluring reporter whose prying questions threaten to bring down his world—and the walls he's built around his heart.

Yet after a daring escape, Flynn must risk it all and go on the run with Tess to retrieve the evidence she needs. The chemistry between them threatens to detonate but, with the enemy fast closing in, time is running out to unravel the truth from the lies in this deadly conspiracy...

### Edge of Truth Details

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### Lisa books says

From net galley

This newest book features journalists Tess who is captured by terrorist and Flynn legion soldier there in black ops mission who saves her . But she needs to get her story out no matter the cost and with some help she will. This book is a page turner with lots of action straight from the front page news and romance of two strong people.

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### Ammie \*Ammie's Book Obsession\* says

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### Linda says

A suspenseful edge-of-your-seat all-too-real thriller!

Gunfire cracked around them.

“Just warning shots,” he yelled.

“How do you know?”

“We’re not dead.”

Edge of Truth by Brynn Kelly was hands-down a must-read for me after I absolutely inhaled Brynn’s debut

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romantic thriller, Deception Island, last year. I was not disappointed. It doesn't feel like it when you're reading it, but the entire story takes place over just two days! It's extremely fast-paced with lots of deadly action and was intense to the nth degree. The primary players are Tess Newell, a female investigative journalist, and Flynn, a French Foreign Legionnaire.

As the story opens, readers meet Tess who was being held in brutal and squalid conditions by terrorists in Ethiopia. She was targeted and kidnapped by the terrorists because she was prepared to break a whale of an expose on the terrorists and their collusion with some crooked politicians. Shortly after, we meet Flynn as he joins her in their hole-in-the-ground dungeon. Flynn's an Australian with a past that he wanted to forget. That's why he joined the French Foreign Legion where he could be anonymous forevermore. Injured, tortured and beaten, their horrendous situation facilitates an alliance of sorts between them. The combination of extreme stress, constant danger and the chemistry between them then quickly evolves their connection into a fiery insta-love.

I really liked both the hero and the heroine. Flynn was hot and sexy and Tess' character was beyond approach. They both had serious trust issues. Even though they came from different backgrounds, they had much in common which made their attraction more plausible. Flynn's without question a bona fide hero with a veritable talent for getting out of extraordinarily dangerous situations. Their sexy, touching and funny banter was perfect and much appreciated as it provided some much-needed relief from the relentless tension.

Some of what transpires, I had issues envisioning without multiple miracles. But, hey, this is fiction and it makes for a great story. If I had one complaint, it's that I craved some downtime between the high-stress scenes which just kept relentlessly coming....

Supporting characters included Flynn's Legionnaire cohorts who came to assist Flynn and Tess. They each had stories to tell too.

Following please find a few of my favorite quotes from Edge of Truth:

"Can you hyperventilate a little quieter?" he whispered.

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"You promised me a kiss," she whispered.

"A rash comment in the heat of the moment." His face was so close she could feel electricity snapping between them.

"I think I'm still feeling that heat."

She tilted her hips. He groaned. It was enough. His mouth captured hers.

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"Read it to me."

"Seriously?" he said quietly. "You want me to read you poetry? Like saving your life ten times wasn't enough?"

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He shushed her, laughing. "I'd like to be that spider, if that woman was you."

Edge of Truth was non-stop, breathtaking and mind-boggling set against a corrupt conspiracy. The story was brutal, fierce and felt realistic. If you enjoy suspenseful edge-of-your-seat all-too-real thrillers with life-changing and likely life-ending consequences, buckle your seat belt tightly and dive into Edge of Truth.

My full review is posted at Reading Between the Wines Book Club. Please check it out there:

<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

## **Book Lover says**

This entire book takes place over the course of two days. Lots of action and insta-love packed into those days.

Tess is an American journalist working on the story of her career in Africa when she is kidnapped and thrown into an underground cell by those she is trying to expose. When a soldier is thrown in with her, hope of escape flickers.

Flynn is hiding secrets of his own. He doesn't trust Tess any more than she trusts him but they must work together to escape. Once they escape, Tess starts grating on my nerves. She is insistent her way is the only way to do things. She refuses to trust Flynn despite multiple ways he has shown her he can be trusted. Getting her story out is her only priority. And when she does the one thing Flynn asked her not to? Game over. These two are so opposite, it makes it hard to believe they belong together.

The book flows well, with lots of details that draw you further into the story. However, it ended too abruptly for me. I wanted to see more of the fallout from the expose. Even with the suspense, I didn't feel connected to the characters, main or supporting. I haven't read the first book of the series and easily read this as a standalone.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by NetGalley.

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## **Dana says**

Edge of Truth was a new author to me.

The book opens with Tess, she is being help prisoner and under constant threat of being executed every day; until, Flynn is thrown into the same prison with her.

How can two people, who both are on the cusp of death, find the resolve to survive? That's the start of the ride to survival for both Tess and Flynn.

I had a few heart stopping moments while reading. I plan on checking out other titles from Ms. Kelly.

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## **Dísir says**

A celebrity reporter is thrown into jail in some unknown location in Africa, presumably held by terrorists making a demand. But it appears that Tess has uncovered some secrets of her own, which will probably upend what most people categorise in their black-and-white-worlds of good vs. evil. Her only hope of escape, however, is an edgy, secretive soldier thrown into the same jail cell with her and until the truth emerges, it's best that they stick together since escape is their end game.

While I'd read Brynn Kelly's first book 'Deception Island' with a dose of skepticism, getting an early copy of 'Edge of Truth' made me excited once again for the shady, spooks and spies kind of story that promises heart-pounding action. To some extent, that is what the story offers.

But if it started out great for me, it fizzled out too soon, only picking up towards the end. Nonetheless, it's well-written, with many detailed, descriptive scenes that amp up the experience of Flynn and Tess making their escape and guaranteed to make your pulse speed up.

For the rest of the time though, I wondered where the narrative was going. There was loads of time spent in the deep POV, which made for exciting action, yet focused so much on sensory experience that I couldn't, after a while, make sense of what was really happening (and lost any sense of time like the characters did), or whether progress was really made in getting to the crux of the story. Dialogue—banter almost—is interspersed with periods of waiting and action, and it took so long getting to the part where Tess finally stopped looking at Flynn with suspicion despite his many attempts at saving her. I'd hope to see more of the fallout after the conspiracy exposed, but the story never quite got there in the end, focusing instead, on the steps that Flynn/Tess took to escape and give the bad guys the runaround.

However, Tess's self-righteous behaviour (mostly consisting of pushing away) annoyed me, as did her insistence that things had to be done only her way while accusing Flynn of having a hero-complex. I hated how she never listened but did things on her own because she was only convinced that only her way would keep everyone safe. Grateful much? This saviour-complex and the secrets she stubbornly strove to keep, supposedly for the good of everyone, crossed the line into TSTL for me long before I could even think of it as bravery. That her wilfulness ended up in her also breaking the one thing Flynn asked of her—to leave his past the hell alone because it left him in a world of hurt—made it hard for me to like her at all. It screws up clearly, her efforts gone to waste as Flynn rushes to her rescue...yet again. A hell of a lot happens in 2 days—as though time has been compressed—and there's clearly instant-love at work here, with Flynn seeming to have more of a revelatory experience than Tess and I never quite got the feeling that she returned that sentiment with as much force as he did—that much she prioritised the 'story' above all else.

For me, the long and short of it is, I wished I were more convinced by this story, as well as by a pairing that should have made more sense but didn't. Flynn/Tess weren't entirely believable (or compatible) as a couple but if you're in it more for the suspense and action, then 'Edge of Truth' would work perfectly.

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(ever grateful, as always)

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## **Books and Spoons says**

Non-stop, breathtaking, explosive, deadly action mixed with an instant attraction that leads to a romance.

From the very start, the story put me on alert with the cruelty of the circumstances. Brynn Kelly writes action and battle scenes with a fierce edge and realistic consequences.

The abundance of constant action and long fight scenes had me holding my breath, and exhausted. At times it seemed a bit too much happening at once - like several pages were used to describe a minute of action - and it started to be overwhelming, making it difficult to build the images in my mind. Having to go back several times to check what did I just read started to dull the edge of the intensity of the story.

The conspiracy, the political power hoarding behind the events, and the goal of the capture of Tess Newell were eerily realistic and believable.

The spark between Tess and Flynn is hot and fiery. Even when captured they are firing puns and banter, with lustful glances. What they accomplish within the two days is nothing sort of miracle, and the constant fear for their lives and the fear of the future, if they do not succeed in their mission, draws them together and the budding feelings bind them tightly to each other.

I admired their determination to accomplish their mission even while facing the possible death, that they understood the consequences of the stratagem and prioritized the mission to resolve the issues.

Breathtaking and mind-boggling action, deadly and cruel battles, political suspense that chills your bones with its rational, political secrets that need to be exposed yet to accomplish that will expose the personal secrets of the protagonists that will have life changing and even possible life-ending effects. Buckle down, the road to the Edge of Truth is frenzied and violent.

~ Four Spoons

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### **Janet Robel says**

Wow! I simply could not put this book down. It was an adrenaline rush. Loved it from the opening pages. There's also a bonus story called "Forbidden River" which I thought was fantastic. Cody and Tia's story was a wild ride. If you're looking for a book with plenty of action, then you need to read this.

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### **Cris says**

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I have very mixed feelings about Brynn Kelly's **EDGE OF TRUTH**. It wasn't bad per se--not to the point where it was a DNF-- but I didn't particularly enjoy it either. The description conjured up images of Formula One-paced action, but the reality was more grandma-driving-a-moped. For a book about a journalist captured by an African terrorist group whilst unmasking a massive political conspiracy who's rescued from an Ethiopian prison by a French Foreign Legionnaire, the story is surprisingly plodding. Seriously, 400+ pages, and it only gets exciting in the last ~40. This is my second lacklustre experience with a Brynn Kelly book, so I think I'll be giving her work a pass in the future.

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### **Michele says**

Actual Rating: 4.5 Stars

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### **Book Him Danno says**

Brynn Kelly is able to create a action packed story with a feisty female reporter who won't stop from getting her story out and a Alpha Male who wants nothing to do with her but survive. someone between being imprisoned together and saving each others lives they fall madly in love. Your traditional Harlequin romance story.

Yet this story stand out in so many different way. The author is able to take an action pack story that many times feels like readers are on a roller coaster and blend a background story of Flynn that will hook readers in wanting to know more about the mystery man and his desire to keep his secret and his past silent and boy I didn't see that one coming.

Brynn Kelly creates a vivid Africa nation where men and woman are sold for food and the thrill of war. The story is over the top but the author is able to create such amazing characters anything silly is pushed aside.

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher Harlequin Books for the copy of Edge of Truth.

I can't wait to read the next in the series.

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### **Alexa Rowan says**

Couldn't put it down! Brynn Kelly really knows how to write a page-turner.

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### **Sonya Heaney says**

Originally posted **HERE** .

It took me a while to read this book, not because it was bad or boring, but because I liked it so much and was enjoying the characters and all the research so much, I wanted to make the most of it.

*Edge of Truth* is \*everything\* I've been asking for in romantic suspense for years, all there in one book. I think some of the mixed reaction to it has been because it IS about the suspense, and the setting is everything; no random "terrorist-riddled non-American country" cliché here. The research is fantastic, the author's obvious local knowledge of Africa makes all the difference, and it's not all about some hot-guy-romance.

However, the romance IS very strong. Hero and heroine are thrown together right from the outset, and are together more or less without a break for the entire book. Both are captured by a terror group, and both have good reasons for their involvement in the unfolding drama.

Television journalist Tess has been digging into US political connections to the terror group and the war they are trying to provoke. She has world-changing information to get out to the public, but she is trapped, imprisoned.

French Foreign Legion soldier Flynn is hiding some major secrets of his own, but he can't bring himself to walk away from Tess when he helps her escape her captors.

I've been saying I wanted real-world issues in my books, and I always, always appreciate an author who knows her setting inside out. This book created a sense of place more than almost anything I've ever read, and that is one of the reasons I'm going to remember it long after more generic suspense books.

Everything about *Edge of Truth* comes across as relevant to right now, to the corruption and double-sided dealings of many powerful people in world (and especially US) politics.

However, this would all be nothing without the great characters. The Kiwi author manages to create a totally realistic Australian hero and an American heroine. Their relationship is built on desperate situations and a lot

of clever conversation. The dialogue is natural and believable.

The story unfolds over only a few days, and yet I bought into the relationship. Perhaps there was a time or two where the focus on the growing attraction between the two might have seemed slightly out of place, but as the book unfolded I realised I was fine with it.

Africa isn't the most popular setting for Western stories, romances or otherwise, but I strongly encourage readers to bury their fears of the foreign and give this one a go.

I just knew from the first time I read the blurb that this was going to be a book I'd love, and I was correct.

*Review copy provided by NetGalley.*

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### **Tracey says**

Fast-paced, sexy, adventurous, thrilling.....these are some words to describe this new novel by Brynn Kelly.

The leading lady, Tess, is an American journalist who has been kidnapped and imprisoned in East Africa. Tess was on the brink of exposing a conspiracy that would shock Americans and bring down many of those in power.

Tess is joined in her cell/dungeon by the hunky, Flynn. Their escape and evasion from being captured is the basis of this novel which is set over only two days.

The banter between the two main characters is great and the chemistry between them is sizzling.

Tess is a fabulous character, she is a strong woman and as much the hero as Flynn. Both Tess and Flynn have inherent flaws which are explored and exposed during their time together. Their pasts contain secrets and regrets but by being thrust into an intense relationship they are forced to explore and face up to their emotional "baggage". The life and death situation is a perfect catalyst to re-evaluate what is important in their lives.

The environment and the location is described vividly so even if you have never been to Africa you get a sense of the environment, community and landscape.

If you're after something different in the romance genre with a lot of action, drama, heroics and adventure then definitely pick up this book, get transported to Africa and enjoy the intrigue.

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### **Kari Lemor says**

Brynn Kelly certainly can write suspense. Wow, this book kept you sitting on the edge of your seat the entire ride. And boy, was it a wild one! Totally action packed with a hero who makes you sigh in appreciation and a gutsy heroine who never gives up and is totally worthy of the hero. This book just ran from dangerous

scene to dangerous scene and I barely had time to breath. But when the main characters finally had a chance to explore their new feelings, bam, it was explosive. The chemistry between them was believable and so hot. This is a book you can't put down and I know this author will be on my auto-buy list for anything new she writes. Excellent job!

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