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Not since JFK, has a political candidate used his wit and charm to such an advantage as Peter “the Rock”. On the other hand, there hasn’t been a woman so admired as a crusader against corrupt power since Joan of Arc... until “Mad” Madeline. Madeline is running for Governor of Massachusetts against Peter. Madeline and Peter were once in love—before she broke his heart.

In the midst of the campaign battle they reignite their volatile relationship, but on warring sides of the ticket, they can’t afford for the media to find out too. As they fight each other for office they find they have an enemy in common. When their enemy drives up the stakes, Peter must decide if he’ll risk his career and fight with Madeline to overcome the political crisis. Madeline has to decide if she trusts Peter—and whether she still loves him

Between a Rock and a Mad Woman Details

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Thomas says

I purchased this as a complete set because it was a good price.

Romantic Suspense??? 6 chapters in, still no suspense. Lots of back and forth between two gubernatorial candidates who once upon a time ago were engaged to be married.

Multiple grammatical errors, a couple of paragraphs where the author forgets who is doing the talking. She is asking a question to one of her support staff, and uses her own name in the same sentence.

Boring and slow paced. It's not worth the effort to read the rest of this book or the others in this set.

Tee Morris says

This book was surprisingly good. I wasn't sure what to expect as I am unfamiliar with the author. The plot offered romance, deceit, action, politics, and a bit of action. Well done!

Nicole Barnes says

Between a possible good story line and a not so good story

This author had all the ingredients for a good story, but unfortunately for me she did not quite deliver. It was never quite explained why the main characters broke up 6 years ago. One of the characters is accused of blackmailing?!... Well, unless I missed something while reading, that character did indeed provided a reporter with some incriminating information but I could not say that this qualified has blackmailing. Political and media scenes, all the right ingredient for an interesting story. Maybe with more continuity, more flow and more imagination concerning the mystery plot it would have provided a better story.

Anne OK says

FULL REVIEW POSTED

You don't have to care about election-year politics to enjoy this well-written and superbly developed contemporary romance – along with a good dose of suspense. After all, what would a campaign trail be without some skeleton scattered along the way?

Between A Rock and A Mad Woman offers a unique, fun-to-read, and well-written accounting of the world of politics, a peek at behind the scene shockers surrounding candidates and the news media, and a romance worth reading when love reignites. Two former lovers go toe-to-toe against each other in the bid for the governorship of Massachusetts. Madeline Grace and Peter John Douglas have enough charm and appeal to

keep you cheering each of them on, while on the other hand trying to determine who'll end up getting your vote – “Mad Woman” or “The Rock.” At heart, this story centers itself around the question of whether or not the love between Mad and Peter can withstand the accusations and strains, both past and current. Even if love prevails, there can be only one winner in the election. How do they plan on living happily ever after? Simply by applying “synergy,” of course!

This is my second book by Stephanie Queen and, just as in the first one, “Playing the Game,” I was not disappointed. Queen writes well-developed complex, intelligent, and mature characters. They are flawed, funny and witty, as well. Additionally, the author hands us a great cast of secondary characters more than willing to rev up the good vibes in this gem. Her talent further shines in the smart, sassy and intellectually appealing dialogue she writes.

An outstanding and terrific read – one that I was completely absorbed in from the moment I began reading and the momentum was never lost. That’s exactly why I cast my five-star vote for Stephanie Queen's latest.

Veronica Sandtoes says

The first half was dragging. Pace picked up in the second half. I'm not too crazy about romance themes so I would have rated this higher had it not turned into a "and they lived happily ever after" type of book. The political campaign focus was interesting and I especially appreciated that it was a female figure running for office. Good idea yet it all came crashing down....because of a man? Really, a woman's place is in the home, writing a book instead of in politics?

Amy (BW) says

Wow! I almost missed reading a great book because of my fear of one word....POLITICAL! I'm so glad I went through and read some of the reviews and let them sway me. The characters are extremely developed and so easy to love. I found myself wrong so many times when it came to figuring out who was involved. This is one book that will be going on my faves list and be recommended to anyone who asks.

Teaguem2005 says

3.5 stars actually. Unfortunately, if you're not from New England I'm afraid some of the location details will be a little confusing because the story relied heavily on the Berkshires and then Boston. This is a political story revolving around Peter & Madeline who are not only political opponents in the governor's race but former lovers. What was never quite explained is why they broke up 6 years ago.

Celia says

I am not normally a fan of romance books however this one had the right amount of romance coupled with enough action to make it a good read.

Jeanie Jackson says

Stephanie Queen is an outstanding writer; between a Rock and a Mad Woman drew me through the story while I was trying to decide if this was the next book I wanted to read. I read it as part of the Malice, Mischief & Men collection. The characters are strong, witty and well developed. Both were raised to be politicians, the serve, but they have diametrically opposite philosophies of politics. Maddy is an idealist who believes that she can make great changes in the government and that the people will support her. Peter believes that you have to work within the system and give a little to get anything. The one thing they do agree on is that they love each other, but they know that it would destroy their chances at governor if people discovered that they had a strong connection while running for the same position. I was expecting this book to be primarily romantic suspense since I got it in a romantic suspense collection but the issue of skullduggery is pretty much background to their relationship and the campaigns.

Alyssa says

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Wow, this book was simply amazing! Stephanie Queen delivered a thought-provoking political romance drama (whew, that was a ~~mouth~~ keyboard full) that kept me on the edge of of seat until the very end. Her characters were smart, witty, and they made you want to know more. The dialogue and plot flowed & built wonderfully and for me, there was never a lag & I was totally sucked in and loved it ♥

Madeline is a extremely smart (think prodigy) & beautiful Harvard professor who is running for the Governor of Massachusetts. You start the book as she loses her parties nomination for the Governor's race and you follow her as she plans to continue and follows through with her campaign. What unfolds is her struggle, as a woman, in running for such a powerful office. She not only has to face the same normal issues as her running mates but also has to fight extra hard to be accepted seriously and not just as a beautiful woman. The campaign takes on a tabloid feel and you get to see first hand her heartache & strong will as she battles to keep the issues, not her love life, in the forefront. Her opponent, Peter, is her biggest competitor and the man she once loved. She has deliberately distanced herself from him for the past six years and now she is forced to have him in her life. This makes her realize that maybe her love for him never ended - and that she wants another chance with him. However, someone wants to keep them apart and will use their past relationship against them and ruin both of their bids for Governor.

I tend to try and stay away from political campaigns because I feel that it becomes more like a three ring circus when it should be about what the candidate(s) can do for the community they are trying to represent. So, I was a little unsure as to whether I would like this story. However, Stephanie does an amazing job at taking us, the reader, behind the scenes to show us a little about what that candidate must go through and has to face day-to-day while campaigning. I was riveted! The twists, turns, surprises & the love story that resulted were outstanding and I can't wait to read more on this subject.

Sandy Lipinski says

Well written romance with a little adventure. Politicians who are almost polar opposites running against each

other and madly in love. How do you have a love life? They will show you how. Some profanity.

Aislynn says

Madeline is sexy and brilliant - an amazing combination, that everyone seems to underestimate. A published author with a PhD seems to put most men off, except Peter. The one man she is trying to keep her distance from! Running mates in the election for Governor, and exes... can they keep personal and private separate? Or will it be the undoing of both of them?

I really really enjoyed this book. Madeline is probably one of my favorite characters, she's smart, and keeps the men around her on their toes. She isn't afraid to go for what she wants in life, and isn't willing to take a backseat when it comes to politics. While this does get her into a bit of trouble, she sticks to her guns!

While this book had a lot of political chat and information I didn't feel overwhelmed by it, which was great! Sometimes in books like this you feel like you're bombarded with technical information and have a hard time grasping at what is going on.

I loved the "relationship" between Madeline and Peter. They had some great banter, which made the story all the more entertaining. Everything flowed nicely, you didn't feel a drag in the story. The secondary characters were funny and engaging. All and all this was a fantastic read and I will definitely be picking up more by this author.

For someone who loves a great contemporary romance, this is definitely one you should pick up!

Damona says

while i did like this book, i also felt that it was fairly predictable. there were some twists and turns, and it was overall a good read, but still... i saw the ending coming from about a third of the way through, and i was a bit disappointed by that.

Jenni Bishop says

Between a Rock and a Mad Woman is an enjoyable read. Stephanie's characters are strong and smart, funny and engaging and their storie are well developed. This story is a political romantic suspense that keeps you intrigued as you try to work through the twists that get thrown up at every turn. The political aspect was interesting to read but sometimes I would have liked to knock them down a peg or two, but hey I know nothing about politics.

Whilst our political candidates have differing opinions it's the sub plots going on behind the scenes that cause the most trouble for our main characters. Can they forget the past and move on? Truth become lies and lies become truth, but who can they trust?

Christy says

It was cute, just a little overwhelmed by all of the elements - special ops, politics, suspense, romantic comedy, love triangles, multiple bad guys, insider betrayal, blackmail. It was good but I don't feel compelled to read anything else by this author.
