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Best Friends. Competition. Secrets. Tragedy. Forbidden love.

Dash and Slade were best friends since high school. Their fathers both champion racers and well known enemies. Dash and Slade were to compete against each other, to become enemies, to become champions. Hiding a forbidden friendship, they found comfort in each other. Their love knew no boundaries. Until one night changed everything. Dash's world was turned upside down and when she needed her friend to lean on, he was gone. Left alone and broken, Dash was forced to move on with her life and deal with her tragedy. Alone.

Now he's back and the friendship they once shared is filled with hurt and secrets. His once kind words are now taunts. His once loving eyes are now competitive. The boy she once loved, is now a man and he's back to win. Forced to race against him once more, Dash knows it's going to be tough. How do you race against someone you once loved so deeply? When emotions begin running high and passion reignites between them, they'll be forced to face the past. Secrets, lies, betrayal and hurt will rise up once more and a forbidden love will form again.

It will be a freedom race, for both of them.

## **Racing for Freedom Details**

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## From Reader Review Racing for Freedom for online ebook

### Vicci says

HELLO ALL!

WOW WOW AND DOUBLE TRIPLE WOW!

This was one FAST, HARD, DRIVEN, READ! It really takes you on a wild ride of emotions and secrets! It is no big secret that I love Bec's work. Still, this was a little bit different from her normal dark, sexy, erotic, reads. I was a little hesitant to read this one, so I took it for a test drive! I am so glad I did. I LOVED it!

Great, fast, and sexy read!

I am not going to give away spoilers but it was really fun to read. The pages just sort of flew by. I was so wrapped up in Dash and Slade that before I was ready, it was over. I was still wanting more!

Dash was such a strong amazing woman. Her hot temper was nice to see.

I like how she took care of herself and pursued her dreams! Even with all the mess around her, she was still true to herself. I LOVE IT!

Slade and Dash's story will pull you in and next thing you know, you're hooked. Fair Warning, you may hate Slade at first but he will worm his way into your heart (and panties). I'm just saying!! I finished this book a couple of hours ago and I can't stop smiling and thinking about what a great read this was. I will definitely be giving this book another spin and reading it a couple of more times after

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### Belle Aurora says

What can I say about this book?

Well, first things first...Bec is such a great writer that whenever something happened to make someone upset or angry, I was right there with them. I love Bec's writing style. The story easily flows and keeps the reader engaged.

I loved Dasha, a woman trying to make it in a man's world. She is my kind of chick. Ballsy and feisty. Slade, however...I had ideas about this man. During the first 50% of the book I wanted to knee him in the Jingle Bells BUT after the halfway mark, I fell in love with him and my heart wrenched for the both of them. Overall, a great story that had my chest squeezing, my gut wrenching and my heart soaring.

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### ??SS??iA says

[1. Both protagonists pissed me off. The story starts with them hating each other, they can't even say two words without fighting and then *boom*. *We should live together. Because I, Slade, don't have where to and I, Dash, had to make a bet that I'm not afraid of living with him.* Oh, and I lost the race so I had to live with him.

***Pull out Dash, you can't let him move in with you."***

***"Payton, you don't know Slade.***

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### **Helen says**

I couldn't agree more with Arabella. This author often has good ideas, but poor execution. This one however, was lacking in both.

From now on she's going on my only if it's a freebie list.

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### **Rosie Siemer says**

This was a beautiful, quick read for me. A great in between book that I thoroughly enjoyed! The foundations were there, the story just lacked guts, lacked emotion.

LOVED the characters. Dasha was a strong independant female lead which I must say was refreshing. And Slade, well, let's just say I fell fast!

"You won't always spoil her, or treat her like a princess. You won't tell her she's beautiful every day. You won't make her smile every night and you won't always want her the way you do now. That fades. Those giddy little stomach flutters fade and you're then left with reality. There will be days you will forget to tell her she's beautiful, even though she needs to hear it. There will be days you'll forget to say I love you. There will be days when you forget a birthday or an anniversary. There will be a time when she will walk past you, and you won't want to ravish her, the way you do now. Those things fade, and when they do, what's left is what's truly worth fighting for. Love isn't always beautiful, heck, it's not even close to being perfect half the time. Feelings change, the spark dies down and what you're left with is something you either chose to fight for or you don't. When you know that even though those things are gone, you're still willing to fight for her every breath, then you know the love is real."

To view my blog 'Rosie's Reading' <http://rsiemer.wordpress.com/>

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### **Tina says**

2 Stars!

#### **WARNING: SPOILERS!**

Loved the idea, but not a fan of the execution. If PMS were in the form of a novel, it'd be this book. If someone isn't sad, they're angry. If they're not angry, they're horny for sex. I don't think I ever felt a moment of calm as I read the story so I'm currently recovering from overuse of emotions.

I was pissed off with almost every character in the book. The only people who I wasn't mad at were Payton, Dean, and John and that's because they were barely in there (compared to the others). I was frustrated with Dash because of her temper and immature stubbornness. She also annoyed me. One example would be when

she was angry about making the bet with Slade and losing. I know what she means when she said pride wouldn't let her back out and yadda yadda, but don't whine about it so much when deep down inside there's a part of you that does want him to be closer to you. Every time where I felt she was redeemed in my favor, I hate her again. One example would be when she admitted to giving up her dream because she couldn't bear to be away from Slade after the accident. I loved her for that until later she admits she doesn't want to do it because she's scared of being in an accident herself. DON'T GET ME WRONG, I don't blame her for being scared because of that (god knows there were times where I was too scared to go back into the pool after drowning), but since she didn't bring back that she didn't want to leave Slade, it made it her seem a tiny bit self-centered. I also hated her for breaking Lucas' heart. Yes, Lucas is partly to blame since she did tell him a few times it was strictly friendship, but she wasn't reinforcing it as much as she should have with certain actions like when he kissed her on the forehead. Yes friends can do that, but if you really want to reiterate to your friend that you don't want anything more than friendship, then you shouldn't let the guy who's lovesick over you to do that.

I had a love/hate relationship with Slade. Douche bag in the beginning, a hero when he took the fall for her dad, then just plain WTF when he immediately seduces her after confessing the horrifying truth about what really happened in the accident, then some love/hate when he'd switch from being a romantic to a guy with a temper. Also, I felt like the a few of the sex scenes were thrown in at the wrong time (one obviously right after that confession about Dash's mother's death and another being).

The only time I hated Lucas (which was very small) was when he threw the first punch in his fight with Slade. Lucas has been a sweetheart throughout the entire book and suddenly he starts the fight? Slade I would expect it from, but not Lucas. With his character, I think it would've been more believable if Lucas stuck to spitting words of anger and having Slade throw the punch. I also thought it was a bit cliche/cheesy to have guys fighting over the lead girl, but I guess you can't always avoid it in romance novels. And as for Michael and Dash's dad, it's pretty obvious why I hate both (or at least why I hated Dash's dad in the beginning) so I won't go into explanation about them.

Also, one line struck me as strange.

*He's an Asian doctor, but he has a kind face."*

What exactly is that but for? Is there some asian stereotype that I'm unaware of? Is it that Asians have stoic faces or something? I believe it wasn't intended to be offended, but it did strike a tiny nerve when I read that sentence. While I was a tiny bit butt hurt about it, I'm just mostly curious as to the purpose of this sentence.

In general, This book was just lacking in character likability and lack of connection to the plot (which could be fixed if the book was longer/some scenes were expanded). I'm sorry if I sound like a snob/bitch (which I'm sure I do), but this book just wasn't for me. I do hope the author does continue writing books though because this story wasn't hopeless, it did have some moments where I was enraptured in the story. But the way it is right now, this particular story wasn't my favorite. I'm sad to be one of those reviewers who aren't apart of the "I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!" Club, but maybe my bitter review is because I've been reading a lot lately so it's hard to be thoroughly interested when you see a lot of the same things in other romance novels. If you're just starting to add to your library collection, you might be interested in reading this book. If you've been reading a lot for ages and are looking for something new and refreshing, I wouldn't recommend this book. Of course, don't be completely deterred from checking it out just because I didn't like it. Everyone has their own opinion as to what they like so if you don't agree with some of my dislikes, by all means do check out the book so you can develop your own opinion on the matter.

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### **CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says**

It has the signature bad ass alpha male... the ever running female... the story was okay... once you start reading it'll keep you going... the end leans on kinda cheesy for me... all in all, it was alright.... still a huge Bec Botefuhr fan...

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### **Krissy says**

Loved this book sooooo much!

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### **Sbell says**

Okay, first let me say, I am a Bec Botefuhr fan. I love reading her books and all the craziness!! Where this was a fun, quick read, it was not her usual. I am aware that this was not her normal Erotica, and I am totally fine with that. My problem was that I did not connect to her characters and their relationship like I normally do. Also, this was a racing book and I felt like she really didn't do her research on racing so that the book had a "real feel" to it.

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### **Chantal says**

Loved this book <3

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### **Say says**

This is hard really hard.....coz **I LOVE BEC!** She's one of my favorite aussie authors. I have read all of her books and this is her first take outside the erotica genre. I guess the story was just ok. There was no "big reveal" for me, it's kinda predictable and for me the characters (Dash and Slade) didn't connect with me.

But since I love Bec.....I would continue on reading her books. =)

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### **Pam says**

**3 stars** \*\*\*Review completed on 05.23.2013

***"Love isn't always beautiful, heck, it's not even close to being perfect half the time. Feelings change, the spark dies down and what you're left with is something you either chose to fight for or you don't. When you know that even though those things are gone, you're still willing***

*to fight for her every breath, then you know the love is real.”*

Dash and Slade, we best friends, growing up they were the brats of the race track, their fathers were enemies and they always had to keep their friendship a secret. It all changed the night he took her heart and left her all alone.

*My life, became anything but simple the day Slade Devaroe entered it, he came like a hurricane. He threw heartache and love into my life, in the most complicated of ways. He became my everything, and yet, he was the thing that broke me.*

Scheduled to race against each other, Dash and Slade both hope that this will be the one to make their dreams come true. Slade's not making it easy on Dash, taunting her every step of the way, he is nothing but a big asshole to her

*“What did I ever do to you Slade? I loved you, I cherished you, you were my best friend and now... now I hate you. I hope you know that. I hate you so much it burns.”*

Too much time has passed since he broke her heart, the pain still there, what she doesn't realize is that he's hurting too. He's tired of living a lie and uses her hate for him to trick her into an agreement that forces them to spend even more time with each other. His plan is to slowly try and get back to the friendship they once had, but they could never be just friends, there is too much history between them. All the secrets and lies that come out are a true test...is it all worth it in the end?

This is the author's first Romance novel, funny thing is when I picked it up, I didn't realize that it was different from her other work. There was a part of me as I was reading it, that was looking for her usual erotic style, but at the end it didn't matter, it still had her brand of storytelling. It was full of secrets, some were a little harder to believe than the others, but I went with it, in the end I wasn't disappointed, it was a good read and I liked it well enough.

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### **Arabella ~?AB?~ says**

This started off OK but then went a bit downhill.

Dash and Slade are racing car drivers who compete against each other and have known each other since they were kids. They used to be best friends but one night something happens to change that and now they pretty much hate each other.

Conveniently, Dash loses a bet and Slade ends up as her roommate and they get close again, although Dash is pretty much angry and stroppy most of the time. Meanwhile they both have fathers who are arch enemies, hers is an alcoholic, his is an angry psycho. Secrets get revealed and then even more secrets get revealed, then there is an accident but they all make up and live happily ever after.

This author's writing is quite basic (a bit like mine) but she usually writes a good story and so I try to overlook this fact. Unfortunately, I thought this was a bit bland.

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### **Moon Love says**

Dash and Slade had a hidden friendship when they were children. Being competitors on the racing track and parents who couldn't stand each other meant they had to hide it away from everyone. The only adult who knew was Dash's mother and with her tragic death, the friendship fell apart. Now Slade is back and with his return lots of truths will be revealed, rocking both Dash and Slade's worlds. Dash doesn't understand what happened to make Slade abandon her and return being cruel.

Slade really brought an intensity to this story. His return in to Dash's life is interesting. He leaves no stone un-turned trying to hurt Dash's feelings. It isn't until Dash cracks and lets him know she hates him, does Slade feel like he's crossed a line. There were times when I wanted to hit him. Nothing too hard, but a tap on the back of his head to try and knock some sense into him. I liked Dash. She was strong and willing to do what was right for the most part. You can feel her pain when she realizes what's been kept from her for so long and whose responsible for it. There are some serious issues that are an intrinsic part of this book. They bring a gravity to the story that just added to how intense the story is.

Bec Botefuhr is really good at writing characters who are tortured and addressing issues not normally seen in romances. Her stories are lightly dark to dark and their enjoyable.

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### **Sammy ?? says**

Like most of Bec Botefuhr books the storys have real potential, I love childhood friends who end up lovers and I have a real passion for Racing so to me this was the perfect book but it just felt rushed.

Dash and Slade have grown up in the racing circuit and had to hide their friendship from their fathers who are racing rivals until one night changes everything and Slade leaves town.

Slade comes back to take part in a race and they rekindle their friendship/love until secrets of the night in the past are revealed.

This book does have a HEA and is a stand alone.

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