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Ashley Suzanne follows up *Raven* with the next round in her scorching Fight or Flight series—the story of a damaged MMA fighter from the wrong side of the tracks, and the sizzling affair that forces him to grow up.

Cutter Greer lives at the gym—literally. Abandoned by his parents as a teen, Cutter dropped out of high school and ended up on the streets. In a simple act of kindness, mixed martial arts trainers Garrett and Rian put him up in the apartment above their gym. Now he's got a surrogate family and a shot at MMA stardom—but he still has a lot to learn about women. And he certainly isn't prepared for the earth-shattering consequences that desire can bring.

Josette Morelli believes that she and Cutter have something special—more special than just being hot in bed. So when Cutter is scouted to go big time, the thought of being left behind scares her. And then Josette learns a shattering truth that could change everything between her and Cutter . . . unless she learns to set him free. Instead, she tells a lie that destroys their chances at happiness—and forces them both to fight for a future neither knew was possible.

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Nadine Bookaholic says

While I didn't read the the first book in this series, I do not feel that anything was lost and this book can totally be read as a standalone. That being said I will probably go back and read Raven because Garrett and Rian's story looks like it's a good one.

Josette and Cutter are the main characters in this story and boy oh boy was it an interesting one. I don't want to give to much away but I will tell you there is a HUGE secret that Josette keeps from Cutter and WOW..just WOW, when it is revealed all parties are stunned by the fact that she hid something like this from everyone.

I really enjoyed the way the author Ashley Suzanne gave us Cutter's back story first so we knew about his life before he met Josette, I felt it made me understand so much more about him then just skipping over it and adding a line or two in somewhere during the story.

Their story took me on an emotional rollercoaster ride, I went from happy, to sad, to angry, and a whole lot of other emotions while reading this, I would suggest keeping a box of tissues near by because you will probably need them at some point during the book.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book given to me by Random House Publishing Group - Loveswept through netgalley <https://www.netgalley.com/>

Brandy Castenada says

Cutter by Ashley Suzanne was a first time read for me. Cutter is the second book in the fight or Flight series, and can be read as a standalone read. I really enjoyed reading Cutter the writing was excellent, the pacing was mostly strong and good. The story captivated my attention from beginning to end. Cutter is a MMA fight book and is the story of Cutter and Josette. Cutter didn't have an easy time growing up. He found himself homeless and breaking into a gym so he had a safe place to sleep. Until he gets caught by Garrett. But getting caught turned his life around. Cutter finally has family with Garrett and Rian. Until he meets Josette at a bar on his twenty first birthday. Josette was standoffish and used Cutter to make a creepy guy think he was her boyfriend. They start out as friends but Cutter soon wants more. Josette would keep secrets from cutter, and would constantly come up with excuses for her bad behavior. I love MMA books however there was not much fighting in this book but overall it was a good read.

Linda says

I somehow got the impression it was more adult than NA, so I lost focus. So very sorry, I mistook the book.

Great writing, but just not the story for me. DNF at 35%

Disclaimer; I was given a free copy in exchange for an honest review, so I didn't want to stop reading, but since so much time has passed - I have to give up. So, so sorry!

Might try it another time, and definitely a writer I'll try again.

Kassiah says

1-1/2 stars. But I'll round up since you can't give 0 stars on goodreads and I didn't want this to be the equivalent of a DNF. #logic

This review is also posted on Pretty Sassy Cool.

I like fighter stories and was intrigued as soon as I saw this pop up on NG. This story was okay. It basically begins with a crazy case of #instalove

Now, I'm a fan of instalove in certain cases. But here, I just didn't get it. Anyway, Cutter and Josette fall in love and when he's getting ready to go on the fighting circuit, she breaks up with him. There's other stuff that happens that may be a trigger for some people and some crazy drama, and the two lose touch for a few years. Fast forward to the present and they see each other again. Josette was keeping something huge from Cutter. Will they be able to get over their pasts and the secrets and find love?

I hated Josette. I mean I literally hated her. I don't want to give away anything that happens in this story, but I seriously wish Cutter had just dropped her. Ugh. Since I didn't get the whole appeal in the first place, I just couldn't connect with these characters' story. Also, I can't believe that Garrett and Rian didn't tell Cutter what was going on. Anyway, I just didn't like this book. If you want my opinion, I say skip it.

Becky Rendon says

You know that teen like happy squeal you do when things go your way...I'm making that noise right now.

I just finished Cutter. I may not like his name or his past but I have a huge crush on Cutter. This is one of those stories that makes you feel good all the way through. Yes, bad things happen but you just seem to know it will all work out.

So my happy squeal and I were enjoying the very last words of the book. I enjoyed the sentiment....

Where love's concerned, there is no end, just unbelievable new beginnings . . . so . . . this isn't the end, but just another new start

Sigh... Yup, great read. What are you waiting for? Buy it already.

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Ashley Jasper says

Let it be known that I will read anything Ashley Suzanne puts out. Couple that with the reappearance of my favorite of her characters, Garrett and Rian and it was a match made in reading heaven. Cutter gave me everything I love in a book- humor, steam, a touch of drama and main characters who grow as the story progresses.

I liked Cutter from the first time I met him- a touch desperate and a whole lot of hopeful. Hopeful that he would soon find something better for himself than he's had for quite some time. Enter Garrett- who gives this lost boy the chance he has been seeking. Which, in turn, leads him to meet his best friend Josette. I loved the relationship between these two. It gave them both something they didn't know they were missing- and I'm not just talking about in the bedroom (though that came later). But when push came to shove, they knew deep down that what they were feeling was more than friendship, it was love. And because they loved each other, they never would keep the other from seeking and pursuing their dreams.

Flash forward a few years and Cutter is once again feeling lost in life, his career while flourishing, leaves him wanting more. So he decides to return to the only home he's ever known. Well is ever in for a shock when Josette just happens to be at Rian and Garrett's when he gets there. WOW!! Can't say I saw that little twist coming- especially from the way things were left between the two of them years ago. The surprise brought out Cutter's inner fighter. He now had something and someone to fight for. I loved seeing him go to work and after what he wanted- Josette and their chance to get it right this time.

While Cutter is far from your typical fighter romance, it is a great fast-paced read nonetheless. I flew through the pages because I just had to know what would become of Josette and Cutter once they were back in each others lives. I let out a little "whoop" of joy when they started to finally go after the same thing. It wasn't easy- there were tough choices to be made and hard conversations to be had. It wasn't going to be easy to get past the years of longing, deceit and hurt but if anyone could do, it was these two. Ashley Suzanne took me for quite the ride and left me wanting to go again when all was said and done.

Bette Hansen says

Excellent addition to the series. This is the second in the Fight or Flight series but it is easily read standalone. This one is Cutter's story and it's an excellent one. It will have your emotions all over the place and leave you happy. Josette and Cutter are a great couple and even though they go through some very tough times, you just know they were meant to be together. I really like the way the author gave us Cutter's backstory up front and then moved on with the story in the present. Drives me nuts when the story flips past to present so this was a great way to present it. The backdrop of the story is the MMA fighting world but the actual story has little to do with MMA. This is a book I would recommend to everyone.

S.M. Harshell says

****I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.****

Cutter comes from an abusive past. When he ran away he had no where to go, but he knew he couldn't be at home any longer. He found the safest spot he could, a gym. When the owner finds him, Cutter expects the worst, but for some reason the owner, Garrett gives Cutter a chance. A place to live and a job. When he meets Josette on his twenty first birthday, he knows from the moment he meets her that she is someone he wants in his life. Josette doesn't want a relationship so they agree to be friends...that eventually turns into more.

Cutter's fighting career takes off and takes him to Vegas. When he takes a break and comes home three years later he's shocked to see Josette at Rian's baby shower.

I really enjoyed the story line and characters. I found Cutter to be swoon worthy, but at about the half way point I wanted to murder Josette. She is definitely a character I grew a to have serious hate for. I get why she did what she did, but she still drove me nuts with her excuses.

This is the first book in the series that I read. I am excited to go back and read book one. I can't wait to see what's next from this author.

Kim Mote says

Another winner for Ms. Ashley. I read the first book in this series and this book is just as good. Cutter had a bad childhood and when he ran away he just knew he had to get away from home. When caught breaking into a gym to stay warm he would have never thought his life would change for the better than. When he is offered a warm bed and a food in exchange for a job he is speechless, Garrett who we met in Raven has a great heart and saw good in the kid. Cutter who was determined to do right by Garrett ends up in his ring to help a fighter out and ends up with another surprise. When he leaves town to pursue this adventure his girlfriend unexpectedly breaks up with him. What he doesn't know is that Josette is keeping a secret from him and when he returns years later he stumbles upon the truth. Can the damage be repaired on all ends or did Josette totally end things for them. Great read! Honest review in exchange for ARC. The characters are great in the book, draw you in right away

Megan♦*Steamy Reads Blog*♦ says

*****ARC provided via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review***** I love books where the hero is a fighter..... So excited as this is a MMA fighter book :)

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

I read Cutter (Fight or Flight #2) by Ashley Suzanne without reading Raven first – which is no problem as they can be read separate – and other then facing the obvious ending of Raven you will have no problems in understanding the plot.

In the beginning of the book Cutter goes back thinking how he ended up being where he was. Usually I am no fan of “thinking back” chapters but those were well done, because there was no annoying present / past / present / past switching which I totally dislike.

Cutter is a great guy that basically does everything right from page one, which is interesting as usually “your average male lead” has to at least make one big mistake for a story to pick up in its pace. I really liked the way his character was created.

Garret and Rian from book one (obviously) were great “supporting acts” in this book and I also liked them a lot – which makes me believe that I will go back (when I find the time) and read the first book too.

You wonder why I did not mention Jo ? the female lead in this book ? ... well lets put it this way... If she would cancel her appearance or if there would be at least one real blow up from Cutter and an realization from her that felt real– that book would be a 5 star read.

Can someone hate a book character ? I am not sure – but if so ... she just made my list.

If this book would have been about a BDSM relationship – I would have said Jo is a DOM and Cutter her SUB. Because when it comes to her he is not only BLIND but also glutton for punishment.

I try to be polite in my reviews most of the time but this female lead was just such a selfish bitch – bending her realities the way she liked them.

And Cutter was so in love with her that she could do and say anything and he would forgive her anytime. And if for one second it looked like he finally found courage to give her a piece of his mind (well deserved) she started crying and he was going all sappy again.

I would need to go deep into details and spoiler to explain where I am coming from. But trust me it is not just one tiny thing she said or did that made me come up with my judgement and his behavior towards her felt unrealistic (or I hope at least that it is unrealistic).

So those are my reasons for giving a 5 star plot idea only 3 stars.

LeeAnne says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

This is the first book in the series that I’ve read but I will definitely be going back to read book 1, I absolutely loved Cutter! It’s not your typical MMA read but still great none the less!

Cutter run away from home as a teen and spends 3 year homeless and on the streets. He finally discovers what family really is when he seeks shelter in a gym and is caught by the owner, Garret, and Garret and his wife Rian take Cutter in and offer him a job. On his 21st birthday Cutter meets Josette and the two form an unbreakable bond – becoming best friends... with benefits. Then Cutter’s career as a fighter starts and he’s forced to move across the country, though he wants to make it work between him and Jo, Jo knows that she’d only been holding him back so she cuts all ties... until a few years later when Cutter discovers a secret Jo’s been keeping...

It's hard to write a review for this book without spoilers so I'm going to keep it short and just say that it's an amazing story with a super fast pace. I didn't want it to end! I'm looking forward to the next book in this series!

Danielle says

This is my first book in the Fight or Flight novel by Suzanne and I really got into the story and the characters. This book was definitely different from all other MMA books out there and that's what kept me wanting to read the story of Josette and Cutter.

Josette and Cutter become good friends. These two really get along the more time they spend together but of course that only lasts so long before they are moving their friendship to the bedroom. Neither of them are ready for a serious relationship and are comfortable with their arrangement. Jo knows that their could be so much more between them but she knows it's only a matter of time before he leaves her behind for his career. Jo decides before he leaves to cut things off between them even though it hurts her greatly.

Cutter spent majority of his life alone and hasn't had a real family until Garrett and Rian take him in. He spent his time working in their gym and wants to become a fighter and meets Jo. Cutter is completely head over heels for her but wants more as their relationship starts to grow. Until one day she ends up pregnant and decides to have an abortion. Cutter says it's her choice but he feels sad about her decision. When he is about to leave to become the fighter he wants to be he finds out Jo is gone and even though he tries to contact her many times nothing comes from it. The story then picks up to a few years later and some surprises are in store for the both of them.

What I really loved about these two characters was the progress of their emotional involvement towards one another. While reading you can see the changes they were both going through and while their paths might have been different they were more then lovers they were best friends. These two had great chemistry and passion and were both well written.

As the story starts to unfold I found myself wondering if and when these two would see each other again. Also what it would be like when they came face to face after years with no contact. Would they pick up where they left or would it no matter to either of them? I was surprised by the secrets and the betrayals that came to the surface but without them I wouldn't have enjoyed this read so much.

Suzanne is a new author to me and I can say after reading this story she has a new fan. I enjoyed her writing style and liked how I couldn't put this down and wanted more. Already I am looking for future books from her. I really wanted to give this book a 3.75 and really wish goodreads would add half stars to their ratings. If you're looking for a different type of fight romance reads I would check this one out!

Viollar says

****ARC kindly given in exchange for an honest review****

I liked it... Lacked the 'wow-factor' but wasn't too shabby..

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

I'm pretty sure Niche and Kar are in some kind of experimental phase, screwing their way through all the morons they run across. I'm hoping it passes quickly. No offense - you seem like a nice guy - but your friends are dumb as dirt.

When you tell me someone works with numbers, I automatically picture some frumpy old dude with a terrible toupee, not a sexy-as-sin woman like Josette.

Her eyes light up and her smile widens so big I can count the cavities on her molars.

You are the next chapter in my life, Jo. I have everything else I could ever want. I've achieved every dream I've ever had. You're the one thing missing.

He is my favorite person in the history of ever, and sometimes I get choked up thinking about how much he loves me.

My Review:

Shortly after starting Cutter, I had to groan - it was as if the author gathered every one of my least favorite tropes and put them together in a cauldron. Yet, I could not stop reading... which is a verification of Ms. Suzanne's exceptional writing skills. I remained engaged, entertained, and engrossed throughout this sensual story that swung back and forth from humorous to angsty. I enjoyed the clever banter, amusing observations, and humorous insights that were liberally sprinkled throughout.
