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Interpol cop, Anna Leyton, spirals down into a hopeless vortex of sexual and emotional passion as she fights to keep her professional cool. Who is deceiving who in this fast moving ride across continents?

What motivates her art loving prize-bull of a lover Freddie La Salle? The power of love and trust stands against greed and crime as conflicting forces grapple for that knockout punch.

Knockout! A romance novel with a twist of suspense that will take you on a roller coaster ride of passion, deception and love.

## **Knockout! (Passion Patrol, #1) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Knockout! (Passion Patrol, #1) for online ebook**

### **Jill says**

This is a well written romance set in the midst of a police investigation into international fraud in sport and gambling. The heroine is a modern career woman working for Interpol trying to crack illegal match fixing and money laundering. Her life is turned upside down when a chance encounter in her private life becomes the key to her success in her current assignment as a detective and she has to make choices about her own personal satisfaction against her duty to her job. It's a fast paced book with very little padding - which I personally like. It has some very well crafted passionate encounters with the hero/villain that make you wish you were there (!) - although be warned, they are quite explicit but in a refreshingly poetic and almost philosophical style. If you enjoy a more sophisticated romantic read than your average shopping-mall obsessed chick-lit romp then I would recommend this book.

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### **Barbara Mack says**

Wow. This book kept me reading into the wee hours of the night. Not only is it a compelling mystery, it's also a sexy love story. The passion between Anna and Freddie is worth reading just for itself, but the Interpol/police story line was extremely interesting. Great book; just the thing for a summer read. It's well written and I was totally swept up in the world of the book. That's what reading a good book is all about, isn't it? You get to leave your life for a while and be entertained by someone else and their problems. Anna is a strong woman, and it makes for great reading as she struggles to overcome problems, both past and present. Powerful love story with a punch.

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### **Frederick Brooke says**

A friend recommended this book to me, knowing I like both mysteries and romances, and I am so glad she did. Anna Leyton is a Metropolitan Police Detective in London on assignment to Interpol. In the tradition of romances, she meets her man by pure chance (well, almost), competing for a London cab on one of those rainy evenings when cabs are scarce. When she shares a cab with Freddie La Salle and breathing in his male fragrance and his aura of ... something ... her life has already undergone the change that we expect in romances. The rest, as they say, is history.

I really found three things about this book extraordinary, the first being the originality of the plot. Freddie La Salle turns out to be a famous boxing champion, and Anna's department has launched an investigation into illegal betting and money laundering connected with professional sports. Horse racing, yes. Football, basketball, Formula 1 racing ... when was the last time you read a mystery that centered on corruption in the boxing world? The originality of beautiful Anna falling for a crooked boxer drew me in and never let me go.

The love story juxtaposed with an unfolding crime-solving drama creates an impossible dilemma for the beautiful detective, and this is the second thing about Knockout that really works. Anna falls in love with Freddie before even learning he's a famous boxer, let alone before finding out that her department will identify him as a prime suspect in the mafia ring. The police assign her to watch him, ostensibly to bring him

in at the first hint of proof of his involvement, and the stage is set for an impossible choice. Will she choose love, or will she fulfill her duty as a cop? The author carries this fine-spun dilemma to the absolute limit.

But the most extraordinary thing about Knockout is its poetic language. When was the last time you read a mystery with sentences like this: "It was a short walk to the National Criminal Intelligence Service offices just off the Embankment in Spring Gardens, near the Lambeth Bridge. The first leaves of autumn drifted along the footway. The pushing tongue of the Thames licked around the pillars of the bridges." Note all those gorgeous words rooted in old English, words like "embankment" and "lambeth" and "bridges" and "pushing" and "licked". The author has no inhibition about mixing a genre story with extraordinarily well-crafted language. Although you might not even notice it, she is stripping the English language down to its most beautiful, basic, original equipment and making gorgeous prose out of it. The language is sensual and gripping and powerful all at once, launching you on a roller coaster of emotions even as the story unfolds.

Knockout will surprise you with its qualities, but do not be surprised if you put it down wishing for more. I did.

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### **Lynn Thompson says**

Great Read! Ever believe in love at first sight? Ever meet someone that makes your heart stop and toes tingle before you even know their name? Ever wonder if love can last when based on deceit? Anna and La Salle were destined to meet, but Anna is a cop and cop instincts come first. La Salle is a world champion boxer hiding something that leaves Anna asking more questions than getting answers. Take a wild ride with Anna and La Salle. Highly Recommended.

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### **Georgiann Hennelly says**

Anna Leyton is an Interpol Police Women. She meets Freddie Lasalle a World Champion Boxer, its love at first sight, Only problem both of them are keeping secrets from the other. Freddie has the Fight of his life coming up only problem he is a suspect in a case that Anna is investigating. Only he doesn't know that Anna is a Police Officer working undercover. Can Anna keep a clear head while investigating this case and not let her love for Freddie get in the way? A very well written Romantic suspense story i look forward to reading Passion Patrol 2.

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### **Deborah says**

#### **Is It Love Or Not**

This is an entertaining read about duplicitous actions from both of these main characters. But they end up falling in love and finally finding out the truth about each other. It was a little slow in the beginning but it got exciting about two thirds through. Enjoy I did.

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### **Duchess Nicole says**

Great storyline, a bit different from what I'm used to. You could definitely tell the author isn't American. The language was a bit different, and it was a little hard to understand some of the subtleties. It also seemed more of a sophisticated read than most romantic suspense that I normally come across. I'd definitely recommend this to both contemporary and romantic suspense fans.

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### **Petula says**

This book is really good fun. I could not tell if Freddie was a good guy or not. He has something hidden in his past that makes our Anna doubt him. Not a good feeling for an honest cop in love.

Working undercover Anna is used to thinking on the fly . She certainly has to do that here. A old relationship threatens her career and her life. She should have known not to sleep with someone in the police. But good friends in the right places can help a lot.

Freddie is charming, funny and seriously HOT. But is he as good as he seems ? The money that the Mafia types want to make out of his fight would tempt the strongest will-power. The only training he appears interested in before this big fight is making love to Anna. He is very reluctant to talk about anything to do with the fight. But he does show her the way he wants to live after it. There is a totally different side of him. He is not a brute , he is intelligent and determined to finish boxing once this fight is over.

For Anna there is the danger of staying alive around mobsters who want things to go their way. More than one person have already been killed. And the tension of not being honest with the person you love, who really has no idea who you are.

I will definitely be looking for more of this series. I loved it.

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### **Javier Robayo says**

Ana is so likeable as a woman and as a cop. The conflict in her mind between woman and cop draws you into the story, which gets infused with a healthy dose of male spice in Freddie La Salle. The chemistry is palpable, and the story flows on a level surface before plunging into the rapids leading to the climax. Ana defies every imposed expectation of her and ultimately must choose to follow her heart wherever it leads, even if that means letting go of the love of her life. Although I expected much more of the boxing implied on the cover and title, because well, I'm a guy and we like sport, I admire that Emma Calin used it as a vehicle and an aspect of her Freddie, a character who had many different layers that made him very interesting. That said, this novel had several steamy moments, tastefully done. It was total red hot passion.

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### **Diana Hockley says**

I started this novel with high hopes, some of which were engendered by the delectable torso on the front cover! However, I found it pretty unbelievable.

The dialogue was stilted and the heroine who is supposed to be English uses words such as "gonna" and

"wanna" which are distinctly Americanisms. I had the impression that English is not the writer's first language.

There was no real sense of time or space around the characters with scant imagery to set scenes and I think the investigation becomes messy and hard to follow for this reason.

The storyline is highly improbable. The hero is a high-profile and famous man and for him not to know that the woman he loves is a police officer - well, he's supposed to be intelligent and cultured with a sharp mother and plenty of minions to find out things for him. For her to risk her career by having a relationship with a suspect is hardly likely. There is mention of her being photographed with him on several occasions throughout the novel and reporters would have discovered who she is without any trouble.

Except for the rather likeable hero, the characters are fairly stereotyped. I have lost count of the number of heroines who have cut ties with their rich families, have no siblings and who have one or no friends. It would be a nice change for one of these females to have a full-blown family and be relatively normal.

The ending is unsatisfactory and abrupt. The reader is not privy to how the heroine leaves her career behind or what the ramifications were to the investigation.

All in all, a disappointing read.

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### **Diane Rapp says**

Calin delivers a knockout punch!

I doubted that I'd enjoy a mystery novel about boxing but this one surprised me. Anna Leyton, the daughter of a rich boat builder, diverges from the family business and becomes a police officer liaison with Interpol. It's a dangerous job dealing with the seedy underbelly of London, and she's just recovering from a disastrous car chase that almost ended her career. No wonder Anna concealed her profession when she shared a taxi ride with a sexy Frenchman. Freddie is a boxing champion, proclaimed a "ladies man" by the tabloids. He spots Anna and decides to sweep this beautiful woman off her feet. After the romantic encounter, Anna discovers that Freddie is the suspect of her next investigation. Having posed as a salesperson for her father's luxury boat company, she goes undercover to betray a man she'd rather take back to bed.

Anna walks a thin line between investigating the suspect and falling in love with Freddie. Is she willing to risk an already shaky career by sleeping with a suspect? You bet! What if gangsters uncover her identity and decide to kill her? She'll take the risk. If you love a steamy romance, you won't be disappointed. The chemistry between Anna and Freddie nearly melted my Kindle—it was a virtual meltdown. If you love mysteries and suspense, this novel has enough to spare.

If you think this is an ordinary "prize fight corruption" story, you'd be wrong. The lady cop in Anna might send her lover to jail, after she uncovers the secret he's hiding, but the lover inside Anna can't believe he's guilty. Doubt and danger keep a reader's mind engaged (in between the steamy romance scenes) and the finale is worth the wait. Emma Calin delivers a knockout punch with this novel, so buy your copy today.

## Melisa Hamling says

A steamy romance with a well thought out plot and totally likeable characters. Anna falls for Freddie La Salle. When she met him, she had no idea he was a famous boxer, but soon finds out when her department launches an investigation into illegal betting. The prime suspect? Freddie! All bets on! Or is it cuff and protect?! Anna has one heck of a dilemma, plenty of conflict, but will love cloud her judgment or will she stay on task and hold true to her obligations as a cop? A knockout passionate ringside romance that will pull you in and have you begging for more! If you like happy trails ... oh wait. I mean tales, then bite into this treat of a read.

**Sarah says**

Just won this on First Reads! So excited... review to come!

As previously stated I won this thanks to the Goodreads First Reads giveaway competition. Thanks also go to the author Emma Calin who was absolutely lovely and signed it for me, such a lovely person!

Alright now for the review.

3.5 stars

I really enjoyed reading this, I only took time out to go to work in between my reading sessions. It moved fast (very fast) the characters realised love for each other very early on, this meant it left more time in the book for the characters to react to situations with those feelings already established. I really enjoyed the imagery that the author used along with the metaphors she used which a lot of the time had me laughing. Some of the boxing lingo and explanations left me slightly confused and I had to reread them in order to get the gist of it (but that was probably my complete ignorance to anything boxing related, the only understanding I have is the little I picked up from Janet Evanovichs One For The Money :P). I really enjoyed the ending which were so packed full of action I was flying through the pages to get to the end. I also loved the scenes with Freddies mum, they were fantastic.

All in all it was an easy read and it had the steamy love scenes that you want from a book like this. I look forward to seeing more from this author :)

## Carrie K-Ski says

I enjoy a good mystery with romance. This has it but it didn't really deliver a believable plot. The ending was very abrupt and left me unsatisfied. This copy given in exchange for an honest review.

### **Booklover says**

Wonderful romantic suspense, loved the book, started reading at night which was a mistake cause i was so glued to the book just could'nt sleep wanted to know what happens next, as soon as finished work in morning picked it up and completed the book, what a page turner the plot was held perfectly with shocking twist n turns , loved Freddie-Anna, the epilogue was cute

Overall enjoyed the book, it kept me interested from start till end

Looking forward to read more books by Emma Calin

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