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He's Paxton Wilder.

Twenty-two-year-old, tattooed, smoking-hot leader of the Renegades.

Five time X Games medalist.

The world is his playground—especially this year—and for the next nine months I'm stuck as his tutor on the Study at Sea program.

He's too busy staging worldwide stunts for his documentary to get to class.

But if I can't get him to take academics seriously, I'll lose my scholarship...if I don't lose my heart first.

Six unlikely friends on a nine-month cruise with the Study at Sea program will learn that chemistry is more than a subject and the best lessons aren't taught in the classroom...but in the heart.

## **Wilder Details**

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## From Reader Review Wilder for online ebook

### Sabrina says

This book was one wild ride. From the first moment Paxton enters the story you're taken on an unpredictable journey that includes death defying stunts, romantic mini vacations, and some very hot moments.

I really liked Leah's character and how brave she was. She wasn't crazy like Paxton was and didn't do all these stunts that he did, but she faced her fears and didn't back down. She had the help from Paxton, of course, but the courage it took to go out of her comfort zone was all hers and really admirable. Paxton was, obviously, a very nice character and made this book likable. His craziness was addicting and I loved reading about the things he would do without even a second thought. But even more amazing was how dedicated he was to his sports and friends. He was just overall an amazing character,

Bottom line, this book was a winner. I already can't wait to see what else the author will bring to this series, but I just know it's going to be great.

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### Christie«SHBBblogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

4.5 Red Flag Stars

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Leah has been accepted as a tutor for Paxton Wilder in the study abroad program. The location? A cruising ship that will take the students to fascinating destinations like Madagascar, Morocco and, the one Leah is looking forward to most, Mykonos in Greece. The catch? She has to tutor an X Games gold medalist, Wilder. And nomen est omen, right? He does the wildest and most dangerous stunts on bikes, parachutes, jumps from cliffs. You name it, he does it.

*"Are you ready for an adventure???"*

Leah doesn't do heights. A traumatic experience has cured her from everything that sounds remotely like danger. Unfortunately Wilder promises exactly that. On top of it, her success at school is tied to his and he doesn't seem to take it seriously. Too bad he is deliciously hot and almost makes her forget about studying.

But with Wilder come a lot of groupies and he is not known to say no to them.

The setting of this story is as unusual as it is intriguing. I have never heard of a sports romance taking place on a cruising ship. Rebecca Yarros takes us to places we dream about seeing and describes them with wonderful colors. The attraction between the two main characters is instant but it takes a while for them to find common ground.

Then there is the not so minor secret Wilder is holding back from the girl he is falling in love with. The author hints at it pretty much from the beginning and towards the middle of the story I got a pretty clear picture what it exactly was that Paxton wanted to keep hidden away. It's like everytime Rebecca Yarros dropped a hint that a layer of the secret was peeled away. And of course it is supposed to blow up in his face.

***"Tell her. Kiss her. Pray to God you can make it through the storm you're headed for, then marry her and make pretty little Wilder babies."***

Yet, the angst is pretty low, which I enjoyed immensely. Woven in between is a mystery that is not as obvious and I loved how the solution totally took me by surprise.

The main and secondary cast are extremely likeable characters. The camaderie between the members of the Renegades is fabulous and you just want to be part of their group.

Leah is very responsible, she isn't a spoil sport though, she has her own streak of wildness in her and she is far away from being a push over. I was happy to see that she had a backbone. With somebody like Paxton Wilder you really have to be strong.

***"Everything about you scares the shit out of me."***

***"When are you going to understand that's where life begins? Right at the edge of that fear."***

Pax is super sweet. I know! I thought he'd be a jerk with all the money, success and women he had in his life. But that was another surprise, he is a friendly, even thoughtful guy with the best intentions at heart. And he is utterly delicious and swoonworthy. One thing I was wondering about and whether it would influence my rating was how Pax kept pushing Leah to do things she wasn't ready for, repeatedly, even after he knew why she was scared of heights. But I got it, I understood that he would do everything to keep her safe.

One quibble I wanted to mention: The beach on Zakynthos where the shipwreck is located and Pax and his Renegades base-jump doesn't have a sandy beach. It's all rocks, small and white, and those hurt like a bitch. I know because I was there ;)

In a nutshell this was an enjoyable fast read and I loved every second of it. It was thrilling, exciting, breathtaking at times and incredibly sexy. The writing was flawless and I loved the almost poetic description this author used to adorn the prose.

*His weight was exquisite, holding my body to the earth while he gave my soul the freedom to fly.*

I can't wait to get my hands on Landon's book. I am wondering how many stories we will get. Either way, I'll be making sure to read all of them!

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### **Wendy says**

When I first started reading this series I skipped this book. I went straight to book 2 "Nova", and after loving the shit out of that one, I read book 3 "Rebel", which was also pretty awesome. Now why would I do that, you ask.... Well because I could :P

What can I say...I am known for my "out of order" reading :P

So when I started this one, I already knew who Wilder and Leah were. They play big parts in the other books as well. What I didn't know, was how exactly they came to be together. Especially, since there were times I really hated Wilder in "Nova" and didn't understand, how Leah could pick him over her best friend...or so it seemed.

Reading this book with his POV helped me understand him a bit more and his relationship with Leah. Rachel and Landon from "Nova" are still my fav couple though...I don't think anything could have changed that. And Wilder... well I like him more, but I still don't love him.

Paxton Wilder is one of the 4 "**Original Renegades**". These 4 members, Pax, Nova, Rebel and Nitro have been friends since they were very little. They have also been involved in extreme sports, since they were very young. They are hardcore adrenaline junkies, chasing the high of pulling off impossible stunts. Think motorcross and snowboarding, paragliding etc etc).

Now for the next 9 months, they (along with other UCLA students and Renegades), are on a "Study at Sea" cruise, which was organised by Paxton Wilder himself. They are also shooting a documentary of their life at sea and the stunts they do, in honor of their team-member Nitro, who got paralized while doing a stunt.

This documentary is being produced by Paxton's dad, who also own the ship ;) There is a catch though...he needs to pass all classes or the whole thing is off !!

This is were Leah comes in. She has been lured onto the ship with a full ride...for her and her best friend, as long as she is willing to tutor Paxton Wilder. What she doesn't know is that there is another rason for her being on board the ship.....

I really love this series, but I am sticking with my previous opinion. Even though Wilder and Leah's story was very good...I just loved "**Nova**" and "**Rebel**" just a bit more.

I highly recommend this series !!

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### **Jennifer Kyle says**

#### **3.75 STARS**

***"Are you ready for an adventure?"***

Rebecca Yarros starts her new series centered around EXTREME sports, with this new group of characters called The Renegades. The story starts with our heroine, Leah Baxter, boarding a ship to tutor Paxton Wilder in a study at sea school. This totally reminded me of *Sweet life on Deck* yet these characters are in their twenties. They perform death defying stunts, and well the Sprouse brothers only wished they were written sex scenes like these!

Once Leah arrives at the *Athena*, she quickly meets Paxton Wilder and the rest of the Renegades. From the get go, she's expected to participate in one hell of a crazy entrance. As the Renegades are producing a film, performing stunts, and trying to pass classes during this year long cruise.

Leah truly surprises herself by facing her fear of heights (which she doesn't really seem to have) and the scars of a horrific car accident she survived. As for the love connection, it's pretty hot and steamy as Leah falls for both the adventurer Wilder and the man Paxton.

***"You can have me, Leah. I'm your's for the asking."***

There's a ton of wonderful places visited, extreme stunts performed, a trader in the ranks, and one big ass twist.

The story was very different and interesting though it was too long and at times drawn out for my tastes, it still made for a good read. Rebecca Yarros writes one hell of a hero and Paxton Wilder is no exception. This couple's fall was well done and with the cast of characters a promising start to a new series!

***"The hardest battles- the most meaningful ones- they're fought against ourselves. Against our own fears, our own weaknesses, our own shattered expectations of what we thought this life would be."***

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## **Karen Mc says**

**"In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take."** ~Unknown

Every day is a new beginning. A chance to love. A chance to live. A chance to dream. A chance to do! We live through our actions. We live through our memories. Sometimes we live through stories. **I lived and loved through Wilder, a beautiful and broken love story by Rebecca Yarros, where I went on the emotional adventure of a lifetime—one of hope, heartbreak, and happiness.**

I wanted to wait...taking my time to soak up every powerful and poignant word of Wilder. I wanted to rush...tearing through these pages like the adrenaline from this thrilling tale coursed through the story straight to me. **After just a few pages, Wilder became my addiction. My ache. My adrenaline. MY ALL.**

The story started out slow but a burn built that beckoned me right into the flames as my heart caught fire, a slow burn seeping into my soul, as Wilder bled into me. My emotions were amplified, a fusion of hope, heartbreak, and happiness swirling around in my head like a hurricane, waiting to hit where they would flood...all over this book...all over me.

These characters claimed me, captivated me, and catapulted me into their lives—this dare-devil adventure—where I wanted to free-fall off a cliff into the sea and float away with them and Wilder. This story sunk itself into me fast and furiously. The feels flowed through me in Wilder like waves, crashing over me and into me, highs and lows where I rose and fell like the tide. **I lived and breathed this book as Wilder won me over quickly, extracting every emotion, stealing every piece of me.**

Paxton 'Pax' Wilder is the world's #1 dare devil, chasing that rush with death-defying stunts that would give Evil Knievel a heart attack. Dark-haired, blue-eyed, tall, muscular, and inked, Wilder with his looks, talent, and money, is every woman's fantasy including MINE! Panty-melting hot with mad passion for life made me melt for this man!!!

***"He wasn't just hot, he was beautiful."***

In a last-ditch effort by his father to boost his grades before they impact his stunt show and team, The Renegades, Wilder enlists in a special study program run on a ship where he is assigned a tutor, the beautiful dark-haired and whiskey-eyed, Eleanor 'Leah' Baxter, who needs the money and the push out of her comfort zone to take an adventure and live a little.

When the cautious Leah meets the wild, Paxton, a current crashes through the air, circling them like a cloud of dust, an attraction too powerful to ignore. Fire meets ice. Paxton as a Renegade doing death-defying stunts is always on the top of this game. One meeting with Leah, and he's almost thrown off track.

***“Why did I suspect this slip of a woman was going to be my kryptonite?”***

Leah doesn't want to like the panty-melting hot playboy, but his dirty words bring out her inner wanton woman, whether she wants to admit that chemistry crashing through them or not.

***“Look at you, up on my pipe.”***

***“Your pipe is distracting you from class.”***

***“It always does.”***

Paxton is used to a bevy of beauties worshipping him, lining up to spend one night with the legendary Wilder. One night is all he gives. Leah has him rethinking his ‘one-and-done’ mantra. Leah has him forgetting who he was and focusing on who he is...the man he should be...the man who would deserve a kind, caring, and beautiful woman like Leah.

***“I was going to have to work for Lea like I did every single stunt, with a plan and a ton of balls. Half-assed got you hurt. It was all-in or watch from the sidelines. I was all-in.”***

Already I WAS ALL IN as this story quickly captured me. Leah vows to not mix business with pleasure. Remain Paxton's tutor...even his friend...but nothing more. Though the force called Wilder may be one hurricane hitting her with a force she may not be able to fight.

***“I knew why everyone got sucked in. He was magnetic, hypnotizing. It wasn't just the body, the face or the tattoos. He made me feel anything was possible, like there was a whole shiny world waiting for me to step inside and explore. He was everything I wasn't, but he made me feel like I could be.”***

For once, Leah wants to throw caution to the wind and kiss this beautiful and bold man who is making her broken heart beat again.

***“The man kissed like he rode—with a single-minded focus that made everything else in the world pale in comparison—and I could only go along for the ride.”***

I felt that intense kiss surge from the story straight to me. Oh my wow! Leah has no choice to surrender to this passion that permeates between Paxton and her, pouring off the pages where I felt this passion too. The steam stirred with swoon as I could not stop SWOONING all over this story.

***“I want you know that I have you on the same f\*\*\*king edge you've had me dangling on for weeks now, desperate to know how you feel, taste, sound when you're coming apart.”***

I LOVE PAXTON SO MUCH. This man falls from cliffs and everything high, but his heart and body are racing for this woman who has shaken him up more than any scary stunt. Leah grounds Paxton while he sets her free from the walls she's built to protect herself from a painful past.

***“Everything about you scares the s\*\*\*t out of me.”***

***“When are you going to understand that’s where life begins? Right at the edge of that fear.”***

Leah and Paxton are each other's air. Each other's heart. Each other's hope. Each other's salvation. Leah is almost ready to take that leap, no longer caring if she falls for she knows that Paxton will catch her. Before Leah can leap and finally live, secrets are exposed. The painful past brings smoke, and they veer off course, possibly sending them into a collision before they've even begun the journey.

***“This was the decimation of my f\*\*\*king heart.”***

My heart was cut in half as it lay bleeding in the aftermath with hope hanging by a thread for happiness. The feels flowed as did my tears—fast and furiously—as I hoped the race for love had a happy ending.

***“I was nothing more than the means to his end.”***

**Electrifying and enthralling, Wilder is a tale of guts and glory that hit my heart hard, seizing my soul, where I could not help but explode in emotions.** This spellbinding and spine-tingling story surged through me like lightning, fast and furiously, where its touch was felt everywhere. OH THE FEELS. My feels were free-falling through this story where I FELT EVERYTHING.

**Wilder wielded itself into my heart, hijacking it...hijacking me.** I was a prisoner to these passionate pages that pounded that passion straight through me. I was broken. I was breathless. I was branded. I became everything Wilder. **Intoxicating and incredible, I could not help but become besotted with this book that blasted my emotions like a cannon, each explosive one making me fall harder and harder for Wilder.** I FELL FAST. I FELL HARD. I FELL IN LOVE WITH EVERYTHING WILDER.

I don't know why I waited so long to meet Rebecca Yarros' words, but I was a fool to procrastinate. This author is one of my new favorites: those who write from the heart where their hearts are poured into those beautiful and brilliant words. **Wilder is not simply a broken and beautiful romance; it's a story about LIFE AND LIVING.** It's about taking that LEAP OF FAITH...LIVING FOR THE MOMENT...LIVING LIFE NOW. I quickly learned that EVERY WORD MATTERS that Rebecca Yarros writes. Meaningful. Mesmerizing. Magnificent.

Those devastatingly beautiful books that authors pen like paint to a canvas, so vivid and valuable...THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT STEAL MY SOUL AND OWN ME FOR LIFE. Rebecca Yarros is one of those wondrous writers of books that break you, bind you, and brandish themselves to you in a bath of beauty where you'll remember them forever. Oh did Wilder steal a piece of my soul that may remain stuck in this story forever.

***“The best part isn’t the end. It’s what happens in between.”***

5 devastatingly beautiful stars

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**Irene says**

5 stars

Wilder was such a great read, loved the characters and the storyline had me turning the pages late into the

night.

I loved Pax/Wilder and Leah. They were passionate, likable and endearing characters that made me laugh, they entertained me with their banter and made me swoon on more than one occasion.

These two seriously belonged together, loved watching them connect, learn to trust and open their hearts to each other. All the feels!

*Pax, how I love you*

*swoooooon*

Overall, Wilder is a well written and entertaining read with amazing hot characters that will capture your heart & mind and take you on a wild thrill seeking trip while watching them fall in love.

And lastly, the secondary characters are just as entertaining and memorable, setting us up for the next books to come in The Renegades series.

**\*CANNOT wait to read Landon's book next in Nova\***

I'm a huge fan of Rebecca Yarros and once again this talented author has delivered another fabulous read.

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\*A big thank you to the publisher for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.\*

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**NiCoLeTa E. says**

**\*\*\*5 "You're my everything!!!!" stars\*\*\***

**OMG!!!! I LOVED THIS BOOK!!!! IT WAS SOOOO AWESOME!!!!**

*Steamy, adventurous, sexy, emotional, unique, full of suspense!!!*

You can pick one word from above and you will find it in this book!!!

I think that this series will be my new obsession!!! And I need the next book ASAP!!!

***"The best part isn't the end. It's what happens in between."***

To be honest, i was flirting for very long time with Rebecca Yarros's series ***"Flight and Glory"***, but i haven't take the time to read them yet...

So when i saw her name on NetGalley with a brand new series, i jumped in the opportunity!!!  
And yep, it was worth it!!!  
I fell in love with the story and the characters from the first chapter and i just couldn't put down my kindle...

Even i felt sadness when i arrived at the last page... I wanted more and more and more...

The story was setting on college, but the difference in here was that the "college" wasn't what we use to know!!! It was a ship that was sailing around the world, but don't fool yourselves, they still had to study and to go to classes!!!

The wonderful thing was that in every port, there was a new adventure for our heroes and with them, we were travelling too!!!

And my biggest joy was when they land on my country and to two wonderful islands... Mykonos and Zakynthos!!!

But except from my country, they travelled in too many wonderful places...

***"Are you ready for an adventure?"***

The second awesome thing that we witnessed in this book were **The Renegades!!!**

*Who were they???*

Well, there was a team of athletes that they were in all kind of extreme sports and all the damn time, they were pulling new stunts that left you breathless and in awe!!!

Renegades were very popular and famous and in this 9months trip at the sea, they were about to film a documentary for what they were doing!!!

*But enough with that... I have to tell you some things about Paxton and Leah!!!!*

***"They all want to be just like the Renegades. Well, until they realize what it costs."***

Leah Baxter had hard times before a couple of years... and from that moment she was struggling to get over what happened back then and she was staying isolated from the rest of the world...

***"It was time to step out of the comfort zone I'd walled myself into the last two years."***

This 9months trip with "Athena" will be an opportunity for her to get out of her shell and to start living again... but she wasn't expecting that Paxton Wilder will come into her life and turn everything upside down!!!

She had to be his tutor for the next 9months and her scholarship was depending on him, but he wasn't what she was expecting for.... and she didn't expect to be attracted to him almost instantly!!!

***"Why did he have to have such different sides to him?"***

***"Wilder I could shut out. He was a pompous, reckless ass who would no doubt get me hurt in more ways than one."***

***"But Paxton? Yeah. I was defenseless against him, and that was even more dangerous."***

Paxton Wilder doesn't care for much things in his life, except the Renegades and the next stunt that he will pull. School and women doesn't mean anything for him, but in order to complete his project, he had to have good grades and that means that he needs a tutor...

Everything were going great, until Leah Baxter stepped into his life and everything changed...

*"I was always in control, it was how I survived, how I thrived and excelled, but this girl—this woman—had the power to shred that control if I wasn't careful."*

Even though that he had to stay away from her, he just couldn't...

But there are many things that are hidden in the background...

*So there will be a hope for those two, when they are so opposite personalities???*

*"Feel us. Feel what we can be like together. I do, and it's nothing like I've ever known. You're right. I've never been a relationship guy, but I'm ready to take that risk."*

Well, Paxton and Leah were polar opposites...

Leah didn't let go easily and she was responsible and serious about everything in her life... She had some big fears that was keeping her behind!!! But damn, if that girl wasn't a fighter!!!

Paxton scared her as anything in her life, but she couldn't stay away from him...

*"I knew he was a shooting star—too hot, too intense, too reckless for me.*

*He'd burn me alive, then consume the ashes...*

*But it didn't stop me from wanting him.*

*And that was the scariest part of being around him. Not what he did to me, or how he made me feel, but the way I abandoned all sense of the caution that had kept me functioning these last couple of years.*

*He made me think there was a possibility I could live again outside the carefully constructed walls I'd built.*

*I just wasn't sure I could survive when he inevitably left."*

Paxton was reckless and fearless. His stunts were dangerous but nothing was stopping him... He was living his life to the fullest, but he had some issues with love!!! He had also many skeletons in his closet!!!

Leah was everything that he wasn't expecting in his life!!!

*"Liking her was one thing.*

*Wanting her was a base, sexual need that I fully understood.*

*But this feeling? I didn't know what the hell to do with this."*

Leah and Paxton had a huge attraction toward each other from the first moment, but they were having a long road to walk for reaching the point to be together...

They were many things that were standing in their way...

*"There's the difference between us. I saw you and I wanted you. I talked to you and I liked you. I felt this connection between us and I jumped. You're the one on the fucking fence, as usual."*

*"Everything about you scares the shit out of me," I said honestly.*

***“When are you going to understand that’s where life begins? Right at the edge of that fear.”***

Leah made Paxton to realize that there are more things in life beyond the Renegades and the next stunt...  
Things that means much more...

And Paxton made Leah get out of her shell and live... With him, she could do even the craziest things and i loved them so much for that!!!

When those two were together, everything was shining, nothing else has matter!!!!

*But reality sucks most of the time...*

***“What scares you the most?”***

*He looked into my eyes for what seemed like an eternity. “You. You scare the shit out of me.”*

*My heart lurched, instinctively reaching for his. “I’m not scary.”*

*“No, you’re terrifying. On paper you’re everything I shouldn’t mesh with, but I look at you, touch you, or get my mouth on you, and you’re the only thing I see, the only one I want, and that’s by far the scariest thought I’ve ever had.”*

I think that i already told you too much and i would like for you to have your own opinion about this story...  
The only thing that i will add is that i loved everything inside this book...

I loved the crazy stunts, the secondary characters, the suspense that was surrounding the story...  
I adored Paxton and Leah... I even liked the hidden secrets which at the end, made me lose my shit!!! Even though that i had understand some things!!!

*Rebecca Yaros knows how to built a wonderful story that will suck you in...*

*“The draw I felt toward her was incredible, indescribable. Stronger than magnets, than chemistry, it was a primal, clawing need in me—not necessarily for her to be mine, but for me to be hers. To be worthy of being hers after all the shit I’d done, the fuckups of epic proportions that never went away.*

*And once she realized what I’d done...why I’d really chosen her...*

*I was so fucked.”*

Finally, i want to add that i loved all the Original Renegades and i can't wait for their own stories!!!

God, I'm so curious about Landon and his girl.... (*Nope, i won't reveal her name!!!*)

They will have also a hell of a story!!!

*Please February come earlier!!!!*

***“Wanting what I couldn’t have was a bitch.”***

**\*\*\*ARC generously provided via NetGalley for the exchange of an honest review\*\*\***

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**Nicola says**

Rebecca Yarros kicks off *The Renegades* series with a bang and we're brought a fantastic group of adrenaline junkies fighting their own battles as well as fighting to be at the top of their game. Heading up the team is

Paxton Wilder, and I'll be completely honest here, he unleashed the cougar in me.

Paxton needs to graduate whilst hopping from country-to-country filming a documentary and performing stunts to his hungry fans, which is where Leah Baxter enters the equation: part of the reason she's gained her place on the *Study at Sea* programme, is to tutor Pax and if he fails, she loses her spot on the programme. Beautiful settings plus a beautiful man equals a woman fighting a losing battle as Pax begins to prove to Leah that there's far more to him than the public persona.

The setup for this series is fresh, new and the possibilities of what could come are endless. Romance is perfectly balanced with passion, action and some drama and whilst the emotion didn't hit as hard as it has when I've read Yarros' books in the past, it's still there, tugging on the heartstrings and bringing depth to the story. I loved Paxton and Leah; both are strong-willed and determined but also have a vulnerable side, and nestled amongst their story are developing plots involving the secondary characters. Characters who are each important, add value and have already endeared themselves completely.

***"Tell her. Kiss her. Pray to God you can make it through the storm you're headed for..."***

Whoever gets their story next, I'll be there because if *Wilder* is any indication of what's to come, we're in for one hell of a journey. And I can't wait.

*Copy received courtesy of Sassy Savvy Fabulous PR for an honest and unbiased opinion.*

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### **Claire Robinson says**

**5 - "You had me from the first moment."** Stars!

Rebecca Yarros starts her new *The Renegades* series in outstanding form. I couldn't put this book down, and I pretty much fell in love with every character that you are introduced to, *Renegades* specifically.

There is a little amount of set-up going on in *Wilder* you are introduced to the *Renegades* team and their hangers-on as a whole, and their particular brand of crazy that comes in the form of adrenaline fueled stunts, tricks and high jinx. Each member of the team has their own particular skill-set, as well as their own set of personal demons that they are battling with.

***"I've never been a relationship guy... but I'm ready to take that risk."***

Paxton Wilder, will have your thong elastic twanging from the first page, and it doesn't take Leah Baxter long to realize that her panties are edging in the same direction as many, many women before her. Difference being, she's not ready willing and able initially, and as such proves to be a bit of a challenge to the front man of the *Renegades*.

The sweet and sexy relationship that develops between them as he tries to prove to her he isn't just looking to add her as another notch to his bedpost was wholly engrossing especially as the story being told is set against such a new and unusual backdrop, and that they are also dealing with their own personal relationship demons they are both initially reluctant to talk about.

***It was time to step out of the comfort zone I'd walled myself into the last two years.***

*Study at Sea* allows the *Renegades* to travel around Europe, whilst performing their most daring stunts in various capital cities, and Leah is tasked with keeping Wilder's grades up as his tutor, and interested in his education otherwise her place on the ship is forfeit, as well as fighting off her attraction to him, and dealing with the possibility that there may be someone in their midst who is trying to cause potentially life threatening accidents by tampering with equipment.

There is a massive amount going on in this book that plays out around Wilder and Leah's developing relationship, and I am amazed at how the author pulled everything together cohesively to be honest with you, this is a story you need to pay attention to as I think that a lot of what was revealed in relation to the other team members will bear importance in the future books, but a lot of what happens in the first half of *Wilder* then has even more relevance in the latter stages of this story. I was literally on the edge of my seat as the author threw each new piece of the puzzle at me, and pretty much all of them came out of left-field because I was so engrossed in the reading of it, to sit back and try to figure out the relevance of things as they cropped up.

**"Are you ready for an adventure?"**

Buckle up your Kindles, because I think the *Renegades* series is going to be a bumpy ride, but in such a good, *good* way. The world is literally Rebecca's oyster with this series, seeing as the team travel around by cruise ship. I am dying to see who gets their story next and where we travel to in the telling of it.

**"I'm not just anyone... Don't you know who I am."**

ARC generously provided by the author via *Sassy Savvy Fabulous PR*, and it was my absolute pleasure to provide the above honest review.

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### **Beverly says**

*Wilder* is the first book in the new *Renegades* series. The *Renegades* are a group of friends into extreme sports. They are X Games champions and thrive on pushing themselves harder. The more extreme and dangerous the bigger the rush and that's what they are after.

Paxton Wilder is the definition of a bad boy and thrives on everything that comes with his reputation. Regardless of his reputation he values his friends most and will do anything for them. That unwavering friendship is how he finds himself on a ship traveling the world completing a *Study at Sea* program. This program is supposed to accomplish a few things, he can complete his degree and film various stunts for the *Renegades*'s movie.

Leah is the opposite of the Renegades. She evaluates risk and tries to avoid any situations that could put her in danger. I totally related to Leah, while her issues are deeper and more personal, I too am not a huge risk taker either. I understood her fear and motivations. The only reason Leah is even on the ship to work on her degree and tutor Paxton.

Once Leah arrives nothing is as it seems. She is thrust into a luxuries life and immediately immersed in the Renegade culture. She befriends them all, but feelings really develop between her and Pax. You can only imagine how an extreme sports enthusiast would pursue a girl who is hellbent on keeping things professional. I definitely admired how he wanted to help Leah come out of her shell and live.

The relationship between Leah and Paxton moved pretty quickly, which I loved. I didn't feel like there was a lot of back and forth or wasted time. Even while their relationship was moving forward they were both holding back secrets and pieces of themselves.

I loved how the story was about more than that just Leah and Paxton. We also have the Renegade family as a whole who are super easy to fall in love with! There is this mystery and suspense when we learn someone is out to sabotage them. The added mystery really kept me guessing what was coming next.

*Wilder* is highly entertaining and takes you on a journey of finding yourself and love through extreme sports. I have loved every book Yarros's has ever written, my only complaint here is I wanted more feels. It's just something I have come to expect from her books and I was just waiting to feel that overwhelming heart. Regardless, I will definitely check out the next book in the series!

*ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.*

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**Karlie (cozyreadsandtea) says**

**4.5 stars**

**“What do you say, Leah? Are you ready for an adventure?”**

ummmmm wilder.... I AM

AHHHH guys I absolutely loved this book so much! I had high expectations going in but I'm always wary of a new to me author for obvious reasons. The thing I loved most about this book was the cruise ship and all the adventures that took place. Traveling all over the world and I really felt like I was living with these characters.

**“She loves that quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, the one that says women are like tea bags, because you never know how strong we are until we’re in hot water. We both had rough freshman years, and it**

**kind of became our thing.”**

The book started off so quick and I felt like I was being thrown into this crazy world along side Leah, which I loved. I thought Leah was a well spoken girl and what she went through in the past was horrible and was talked through in a heartfelt manor. Leah was such a relatable character, I adored her.

The angst was really fun, but stressful lol. I really wanted them to get together soon bad! The first kiss was so adorable.

**“Then she slipped her hand into mine, and my stomach flipped like a thirteen-year-old girl.”**

Wilder was so freaking charming and suave. I haven’t felt so smitten with a man in a book for so long. He was going through so much, and all the guilt he and his friend group had I really felt for them.

I also really loved Nova and Rebel. They were such delight to read about. They brought such good banter, and depth to the story. Basically Rebel was kiss ass and I’m so excited to get to her story!

**“He’d burn me alive, then consume the ashes—the kiss had shown me that. But it didn’t stop me from wanting him.”**

That plot twist in the end, I did have a slight idea about it, but I was still shocked. The ending/climax was suspenseful and everything was well put together.

**“The hardest battles—the most meaningful ones—they’re fought against ourselves. Against our own fears, our own weaknesses, our own shattered expectations of what we thought this life would be.”**

Rebecca’s writing was perfect, it flowed very well together. Sometimes when I’m reading I start to skim the page towards the end. However that didn’t happen to me when reading Wilder. So basically I definitely recommend this series and I’m excited to see where it leads to.

#### **Detailed Ratings**

**Hero: 4.75**

**Heroine: 4**

**Plot: 4.75**

**Angst: 4.75**

**Steam level: 4.5**

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## Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

To be completely honest with you, I was not expecting to love this book the way that I did. I don't know why my expectations weren't crazy high, but I just didn't go into *Wilder* thinking it could be one of my most **FAVORITE** reads of the year! But man, was I wrong. I was blown away. And even now, days after finishing, I'm still getting full body shivers at just the thought of these characters. I'm telling you, this is one of those books you just **DON'T SEE COMING**. It's one of those novels that sweeps you off your feet, totally **BLOWING YOU AWAY**. These characters are such a treat for the reader. They take charge and steal your attention completely.

Heart, sizzle, feels and so much swoon, *Wilder* is a unique, refreshing, charming, suspenseful, sexy and addicting ride. A full-on "*on the edge of your seat*" read. Once I opened the novel and started reading, I was **DONE**. I could not put it down. I didn't want to put it down. And when it was over, I was left **GASPING**, thinking, "**WHOA. I FREAKING LOVED THAT!**" An utter delight! It's everything you want in a read and more. The **FULL PACKAGE** from start to finish.

Impeccable writing.

Sexy, organic dialogue.

A fun, **UNIQUE** and captivating plot line that I have **NEVER** seen in a book.

And **ALPHAS** that leave you weak-kneed.

Just fantastic. I cannot say enough good things.

Paxton Wilder is a daredevil! A reckless, charming ladies man with a grin and a hardy dose of charisma that has the ladies swooning by the dozens. As the son of an extremely wealthy business man, the world is Pax's oyster, so to speak. He lives each moment to the fullest, taking all the risks he can with his team called *The Renegades*.

*The Renegades* consist of Wilder (Paxton), Nova (Landon), Penna (Penelope) and Nick. They run a YouTube channel that showcases their wild tricks via motocross, skydiving, zip lining, etc etc. It's *Nitro Circus* on crack. And if it hasn't been done before, *The Renegades* want to try it. They're the most well known adrenaline junkies in the world and they have an extreme following!

Paxton's father, however, is set on Paxton finishing his last year of college. That's all he's asking of his son. So he buys a cruise ship, sets up a college, and *The Renegades* are placed on board the Athena for a year long study at sea program.

Leah (our leading lady) is brought in as Pax's tutor. He needs a little help. And if Pax doesn't pass his last year of schooling, his father will pull funding for a documentary that he's desperate to make. But the moment that Pax lays eyes on Leah, it's interest and lust at first sight. She's not what he was expecting and he likes that. She's a challenge. One he wants to conquer!

Leah is excited for this year abroad. She was supposed to go on the trip with her friend Rachel, but Rachel is out sick with mono for the next 3 months, so Leah is on her own and this opportunity is one she could not pass it up! However, the moment she lays eyes on Paxton Wilder, she can sense trouble. And she knows she needs to be careful, or else the upcoming months are going to be a little more than interesting.

Paxton and Leah have a chemistry that literally burns the pages of your kindle. The two of them are down

right intoxicating. Like I said above, once you start reading, you cannot stop. Every page, every word, gets better and better and better. You almost can't believe how much, how deep, and how far you're falling! It's a wild, thrilling and heart tugging ride that you want to last forever. These characters are charming, endearing, and captivating.

I truly fell in love with this book. With the unique story line. The pacing. The writing. The dynamic between the characters. The dialogue. The steamy scenes. With just every single thing. I wasn't expecting it. I wasn't expecting to be completely and utterly blown away! But I am. I was. And it is no doubt one of **my FAVORITES for 2016! I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT.**

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### **MELISSA \*Mel Reader\* says**

4 Stars!

(ARC provided by author)

Leah Baxter grew up an only child & was raised in Southern California. About two years ago she went through something very traumatic & has been broken since. She's grieving & lives in fear. Her memories still haunt her & rule her daily life. Leah attends Dartmouth in New Hampshire. She's a junior majoring in international relations. Desperate for a change & wanting to step out of her comfort zone, Leah applies for a Study at Sea program on the cruise ship the Athena. She's accepted and in exchange for tuition, room & board, she will tutor a student.

Leah soon finds out her work study is to tutor 22 yr. old college senior Paxton Wilder. Paxton is a gorgeous extreme sports athlete who has a YouTube channel & is a five time X Games medalist. He's the leader of the Renegades who share his love of being in the spotlight. He's a tattooed, Greek hottie that is an adrenaline junkie. He's made a name for himself & his life is about taking risks. Paxton & his team are taking a break to study & stage worldwide stunts for a documentary they are working on.

Leah needs to make sure Paxton keeps his grades up & attends classes or she could lose her scholarship. For the next nine months, this ship is home, & she has to spend time with this sexy, wealthy, privileged playboy so she can get into grad school. She's driven & brilliant & determined not to let anything get in the way of her academics.

Suddenly Leah is spending more & more time with Paxton. She is getting sucked in to his demanding schedule & surrounded by the Renegades family. She is having adventures, traveling to exotic places, and being pushed to the limits of her comfort zone. The more time they spend together, the more they feel a strong connection & attraction for one another. Paxton needs to graduate so he can get his trust fund, not fall for his tutor. She should be untouchable & off limits, but he can't fight how badly he wants her. He likes being with her & craves her the more they are together.

-He was magnetic, hypnotizing.

-He wasn't just hot, he was beautiful.

-What would it be like to have his complete attention on me?

- "That kind of intensity is captivating." Even the thought of him applying that same focus, drive, and passion to sex was enough to send a flash of pure want through me.

-With the simple touch of his lips, he'd awoken something in me I'd thought long dead, and I wanted more.

As Paxton & Leah grow closer, & they share more about themselves, Paxton starts to challenge Leah to face her fears & not let her past rule her present. Paxton makes Leah want to live life to the fullest. Even though they are opposites & he's this daredevil, Leah really admires how fearless he is. She begins to open herself up to Paxton & they have tons of fun. Just as she's starting to put her trust in him secrets & lies threaten to end the relationship that has become so precious to them both. I really enjoyed this book, & can't wait to get Landon's story next!

- The draw I felt towards her was incredible, indescribable. Stronger than magnets, than chemistry, it was a primal, clawing need in me- not necessarily for her to be mine, but for me to be hers.

-I had to treat our relationship like I did everything else: with full dedication and concentration. As of this moment, I was committed, and I'd never failed at something I worked for. Eleanor Baxter wouldn't know what hit her.

-I wanted to touch her heart, to claim a piece for my own, and that was something I'd never wanted from another woman.

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### **JewelsyGoolsy says**

#### **3.75 -I did it for Nova- Stars**

Not gonna lie. I wasn't very excited to read this one, but a little birdie told me that this book *had* to be read in order to get more background info, prior to starting book #2 Nova (I'm talking bout you, TheresaDK). And since I really, really want to read book #2, I took her advice, and endured this 630 page journey, to clutch at any snippets of info that would allow me to understand book #2 better.

I'm glad I did read this story, as it was so much better than I anticipated. Yes, there were some niggles in the storyline that I wasn't keen on, but it has only served to fuel my need to read book #2 even more and I am now dying for more answers!

Told in dual POV, this ends with a HFN straight after conflict resolution, bridging us straight into book #2, and is the first book in a continuing series. I would agree with TheresaDK, that this story should be read before jumping into book #2, because even though we get ZERO together-time with the MC's of book #2 (I'm still shaking my head in frustration about that TheresaDK), we are still given an engaging build up and background history that will help further understanding of the connection between the MC's in Nova. Ok, enough rambling reviewing. It's now time for me to drop everything and enjoy the grovel fest that is NOVA! Jewelsy out!

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