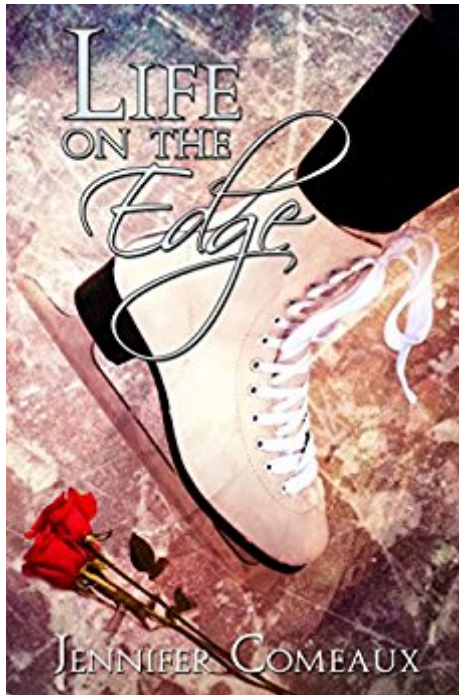




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Will Emily follow her dreams or her heart? Emily is new to pairs skating, but she and her partner Chris have a big dreamâ “to be the first American team to win Olympic gold. Their young coach Sergei, who left Russia after a mysterious end to his skating career, believes they can break through and make history. Emily and Chris are on track to be top contenders at the Winter Games. But when forbidden feelings spark between Emily and Sergei, broken trust and an unexpected enemy threaten to derail Emilyâ™s dreams of gold.

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Customer Reviews

I have to admit, this book surprised me. It's the first contemporary romance I've ever read, and I was a bit worried about the MC only being nineteen and whether or not I'd be able to relate to her. However, the premise intrigued me, so I bought it. I shouldn't have worried. I couldn't put this book down! I read it in two days and loved every minute of it. While the main plot of the story is Emily and her pairs skating partner, Chris, trying to fight their way to the 2002 Olympics, the love story is a

perfect blend of fiery chemistry, tender love, and incredible heartbreak. Emily and Sergei (Emily and Chris's skating coach) struggle against the attraction between them, knowing their relationship is forbidden and could ruin everything they've worked for. This is a sweet romance that draws the reader into Emily's world. I also really enjoyed the ice skating routines and performances, even though I don't know an awful lot about the sport. It was exciting to live the dream through Emily's eyes. This one is headed to my re-read pile. I know I will enjoy it again in the future. I'll be on the lookout for more books from Jennifer Comeaux.

Yes! *Life on the Edge* is a sweet, thought provoking, funny, sports story. Emily Butler has been skating her whole life, yet horrible competition anxiety has kept her from being successful. So, she agrees to try pairs skating and meets with an up and coming young pairs coach, Sergei Petrov. They agree to work together and a star is made. Sergei is wonderful at helping Emily overcome her issues. As is her partner, Chris. I thoroughly enjoyed the daily grind, hours of practice, and tremendous effort from all three. Talent and hard work turns into success for the young team. Off the ice, Emily and Sergei start meeting at a coffee shop to discuss books. Yes! I love that their both avid readers. It adds another element to a great story. As Sergei and Emily's friendship deepens, they start to fall in love. With Sergei being Emily's coach, it would be a taboo and, possibly, career ender for them both. Do they fight their growing love? Does Sergei remain the coach for Emily and Chris? Or do they do the unthinkable and try keeping it a secret from everyone, even Chris? Does it work for them, personally and/or professionally? What a fascinating dilemma. I've read about students and teachers, a psychologist and her client in the book *With Good Behavior*, etc. A coach and his athlete, though? Oh, wow. Thought provoking, indeed. *Life on the Edge* made me ask a lot of questions and think about issues I never had before. Chris is an awesome, talented, partner. Sergei is a tall, good-looking, Russian who has lived in America for five years. He's also a great coach. Emily is a sweet, determined, hard working, very talented, petite, blue eyed blonde American. Aubrey is Emily's roommate, friend and an ice dancer. Courtney and Mark are a fun juniors team coached by Sergei and Emily. Emily's parents and relatives are a close knit, loving, family. Victor is a not at all likeable coach. The characters have depth. *Life on the Edge* is clean, fun, powerful, funny, sweet, and just wonderful. To state that it's well written is an understatement. Recommended for readers 12-up, sports fans, parents, and women everywhere.

Here go my random disjointed thoughts. It's been so long since I've read an author's books out of order, and it was interesting to see how much Jennifer Comeaux's writing has grown from her first

book to her most recent. I really enjoyed this book, even if the writing was simpler and the story a bit unoriginal. But since I already knew the main plot points of the story, and I still enjoyed it, that says something about the writing. The pacing bothered me a bit, sometimes it seemed to jump too far ahead but I know it was necessary for the timeline. I don't know. I do really like how realistic Jennifer's characters fall for each other. Sergei and Emily liked each other not only for their looks/smarts/humor but for their conversations and their common interests--apart from skating

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