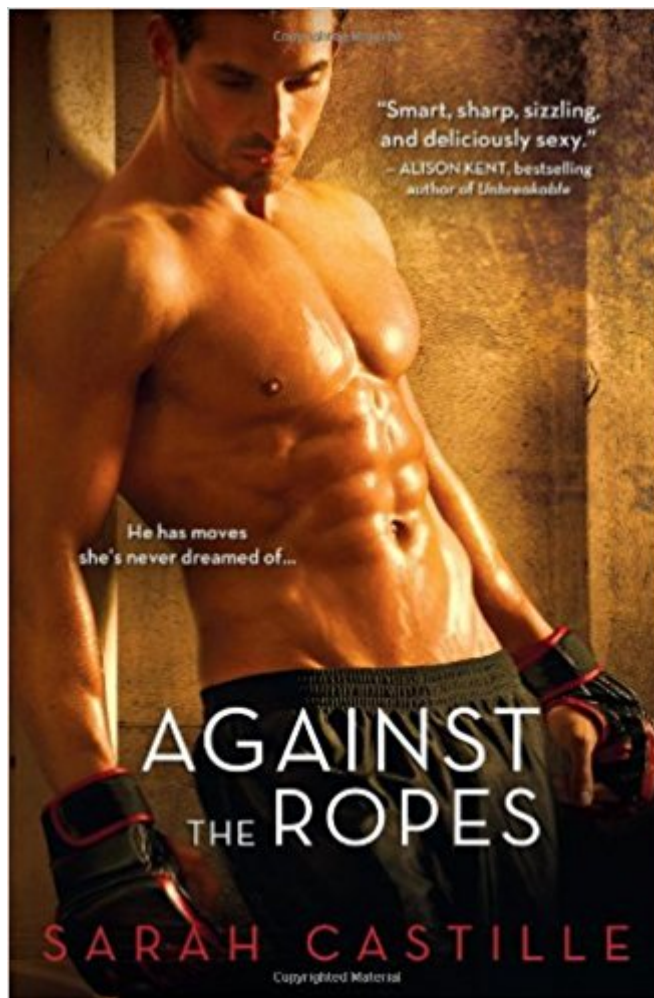


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# Against The Ropes (Redemption)



## Synopsis

"Fifty Shades of Grey meets Fight Club."-RT Book Reviews  
A Publishers Weekly TOP 10 Romance for Fall  
He scared me. He thrilled me. And after one touch, all I could think about was getting more...  
Makayla never thought she'd set foot in an elite mixed martial arts club. But if anyone needs a medic on hand, it's these guys. Then again, at her first sight of the club's owner, she's the one feeling breathless. The man they call Torment is all sleek muscle and restrained power. Whether it's in the ring or in the bedroom, he knows exactly when a soft touch is required and when to launch a full-on assault. He always knows just how far he can push. And he's about to tempt Makayla in ways she never imagined...  
Redemption Series  
Against the Ropes In Your Corner Full Contact Fighting Attraction (coming Spring 2017)  
More praise for Against the Ropes: "Smart, sharp, sizzling and deliciously sexy."-Alison Kent, bestselling author of Unbreakable

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"Smart, sharp, sizzling and deliciously sexy. Against the Ropes is a knockout." - Alison Kent, bestselling author of Unbreakable  
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"Castille's debut is steamy." - Publishers Weekly  
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Paranormal Cravings  
"This story had a lot of things that I love in brain candy: hot, hot, hot lovin', lots of blood and huge muscly fighters." - Nocturne Romance Reads  
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"Hilarious, hot and

occasionally heartbreaking. I loved it!" - Maryse's Book Blog "If you're looking for a book that is way more than meets the eye, *Against the Ropes* may be worth a try." - The Bookish Babe "I really REALLY enjoyed this book :)" - LoveLivLife Reviews "Makayla was sassy, determined, and compassionate, and really stayed true to herself. Torment was sexy, caring and domineering (I love a good alpha-male!). They had a strong connection with one another and great chemistry." - About That Story "I'm so looking forward to reading the next installment" - Book Obsessed "There is a lot of action in this read and a lot of hot sex." - Long and Short Reviews "It was an enjoyable story, and I'd recommend this to anyone that likes heroes that are fighters/athletes" - AYA M. Productions "I really enjoyed the book" - I Love Romantic Fiction "The fight scenes were vivid and the kind of fighting used was well researched. Some of the sex scenes were hot, and I love me a hot sex scene!" - The Reading Cafe

New York Times and USA Today Bestselling author, Sarah Castille, writes contemporary erotic romance and romantic suspense featuring blazingly hot alpha males and the women who tame them. A recovering lawyer and caffeine addict, she worked and traveled abroad before trading in her briefcase and stilettos for a handful of magic beans and a home in shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Readers can find her at [sarahcastille.com](http://sarahcastille.com).

For me, there was just too much happening in this book and it unraveled a bit leading me to skim by the end. It had a really good premise and if we had stayed within the blurb - Makayla falling for the MMA fighter, who tempts her to go outside the boundaries - I would have enjoyed it more. But the MMA fighter turns out to be a secretive CEO/millionaire with a completely different life. We also have a love triangle with the sexy doctor at work, Makayla's debts and the debt collectors harassing her, a psycho supervisor, some mystery after an attack, a kidnapping, and enough of an introduction to the best friend and her men. That is a lot to wade through! On the positive side, she is very good at writing chemistry and Makayla and Torment \Max are sizzling. She can also write a super hot sex scene. However it all got weighed down by too many plotlines. Fingers crossed for book two (Amanda, the BFF, and Jake).

This is a great MMA read. I'm an MMA junkie, so I love the books about it. If you don't know MMA, Sarah Castille does explain the moves and tells what the fighter is doing. This is the first book in the Redemption series. This is my second time reading this and I guess I forgot to leave a review the first time. I decided to reread so I could catch up on this series. I did rate it 5 stars the first time, and

that rating is staying. Makayla is at a point in her life where she's kind of stuck. She owes student loan bills to a collection agency, but doesn't make enough to pay the amount they want. Been there done that. Luckily mine weren't jerks like hers were. She needs another job. Thanks to Amanda, her best friend, she can sell tickets for underground MMA fights. Which is funny for someone that doesn't like violence, at all. She has her reasons, and I understand completely. Torment owns Redemption, he's a fighter. But there's more to him than that. I won't go into details because you need to read this book. Max (Torment) is controlling. It's in a protective way. It may come across as him just being a jerk, but once you get his story, you'll understand. I loved how Makayla didn't back down from him. She stood up to him. She actually learns a lot about herself and does have a lot of growth in this story. She has a huge heart, that's for sure. I can't wait to read the others in this series.

\*spoilers\* Hmm... There were aspects of this book that I liked a lot but honestly there were a lot of parts that were so annoying I almost stopped reading 1/2 into the book. The guys were all great but it seemed like EVERY female in this book was an annoying, selfish stupid idiot. The main female char Makayla knows Torment (Max) has a problem with feeling like he has to protect her due to his past and yet she is so selfish.. like driving a car at almost 200 miles an hour WHILE HE WATCHES HER UNABLE TO STOP HER OR DO ANYTHING. Torment was traumatized due to his past AND SHE KNEW IT! I hated it when every time she puts herself in danger and he gets mad she just turns it into sex (this does not address the problem though and when he is alone he will probably still be bothered by it). Yes when the adrenaline is running high sex is good but you totally disrespecting you man's feeling and even your own safety is crap. If something happened to her on that track then he would of thought it was his fault (even though it was hers) because he brought her there.. at this point I think I hated her... and no ladies I didn't like her any better in the end. She was still stupid and selfish. I felt sorry for him and their future because if they ever had children she still be acting the same way except she would be endangering their children also. Amanda was suppose to be her best friend... NOT! Who needs friends like her when you have enemies!! I couldn't stand her!! Friends are their to support you and help build you up. Not trample on your rights and make you do things you don't want to and then belittle you because you don't like certain things. She was with Jake and because he was MAN enough to be a man and not betray his friend confidence she broke up with him (even though she supposedly really like him.. because to her it was just a power game). She jumps into bed with someone else. Poor Jake actually came over to talk it over and found her with someone else. When I read about her feelings being hurt... OMG!! I couldn't believe she was even daring to play the injured poor me card. Woman! you were caught red handed!! WTH! Oh! and

she was still playing This card like she was pining for him THE WHOLE TIME SHE IS STILL SCREWING THE OTHER GUY!! Amanda is suppose nice because she's a great lawyer (even though she does nothing to help her friend)... I don't care what job she has! She is a cheap two bit skank who doesn't help anyone but herself. If Sarah Castille ever writes a another book with Jake in it I pray she doesn't ever put them back together. Even all the other female chars were horrible! I mean what was with making all the female chars weak and stupid??? I actually did finish this book because I liked all the male chars but now I am left with a feeling that I just wasted a couple of hours that I will never get back.

I truly have mixed thoughts about this book. The beginning was a bit difficult to get into, and I was so disappointed by this because, from the synopsis on 's site, this seemed like a book that I could really enjoy. So, I got through the, early chapters, and the story seemed to take form as Makayla meets Torment/Max. Just as I am enjoying the story and the two seem to be forming a relationship, all kinds of improbable things begin occurring. We discover that Max is filthy rich, had a rich childhood, is estranged from his surviving family, and is over extremely overprotective of Makayla despite the fact that he has only known her for a short time. By the way, his extensive amount of money seems to be his superpower, as he seeks to solve almost all of his and Makayla's problems with it. The other things I found annoying about this book was the lack of cohesion in the writing. This story was all over the place with too many characters and too many settings. I struggled to keep up with characters and locations! In addition, the characters of Max was well developed, and the way he was described didn't match up with his supposed intimidating nature. The author's description doesn't match the cover model, either. I understand the model is just that, a model, but the model doesn't look big or intimidating! Finally, I was annoyed by Makayla. She seemed really immature and a bit flaky. There was nothing about her that I could admire or respect. Overall, I was quite disappointed by this book because I really wanted to like. Sadly, I cannot recommend it.

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