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This is the first part of RECKLESS - a five part steamy new adult series by Alice Ward.

Even the best laid plans can be derailed.

Andrea Mercer had her entire life mapped out—everything from her career as a top journalist to her future CEO husband, white picket fence, and two-point five children. All she had to do was make it to graduation—three more months—and that perfect life would begin.

But Andrea isn't immune to the life-altering forces that can derail even the best-laid plans... In Andrea's case, that force is Jace Richardson, the tattooed sexy rocker god on campus. Cocky, suave, and chauvinistic, Jace is everything that she can't stand in a man. But it's either cover the story on Jace's band, Reckless, or lose the one thing that matters to her the most: her position at the campus paper. Only, as she begins to work on the column, Andrea learns that there's more to the campus god than meets the eye.

Will Andrea be able to hold onto her dreams for the future as the sexy vocal guitarist flips her entire life upside down? Or will Jace light a fire in her that she never knew existed?

The RECKLESS Series is intended for a mature audience, 18+ only.

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Laura Saunders says

Great start to the series. I actually read all the books in the series prior to my review.

I am a huge Alice Ward fan. I read all of her books.

This series happens to be one of my favorite. I love Jace. He is surprisingly sweet. I thought the story was extremely well written. I loved the way the conversation flowed, which happens to be a pet peeve of mine when it is written in a way that is believable. Andrea was a little whiny at times but I loved her all the same. And life doesn't always go the way we plan but in some cases, as this story it works out for the best.

Definite must read series

~lil maso~ says

Andrea, aka Andy is a little bit of a stubborn, over the top, control freak. She and her fiancé, Sean, have everything planned out. The house with the white picket fence and the kiddies in toe. After her career in Journalism, of course. But things aren't as perfect as their plans, things are a miss with these two, regardless of the love.

When Andy is pulled off her political column for the campus paper and handed an assignment, to attend and write about Reckless, the rock band playing on campus, she is less than thrilled, and after a rather rude chance encounter with the delicious lead singer, Andy is dreading it even more.

Jace Richardson, the sex on legs Rock God comes across as the cocky, tattooed heart breaker. Your typical rockstar with a flock of groupies hanging off his every word. And that may be the case, but there is more to Jace.

After popping her concert cherry, the chemistry between these two are off the charts, until the mention of then fiancé that is.

Finding Andy in a dangerous situation, Jace comes to her rescue and takes her home, his home.

With a now jealous and freaked out fiancé, Andy is left feeling all kinds of emotions.
lust, need, guilt

The more time she spends with Jace, the more she wants to know, the more she can not stop thinking about him. But the guilt is eating away at her, she loves Sean and isn't ready to throw away 5 years over an infatuation. But that doesn't stop her from craving the sexy rocker who is proving to be more of a gentleman with a cocky attitude than a douche.

Will I stick around for part 2? **Yes**, these two have a sweet thing blossoming and I'd like to see where the author takes them in the remaining 4 parts, hopefully somewhere steamy ;)

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TIZZY says

This is pretty much your typical girl meets bad boy book. A little different, but still the same idea. Andrea has her whole life's plan down to a T. Then she meets Jace. The rock star bad boy who shows up and turns her life upside-down. Whoa, never heard of a book like this before. (<- That was sarcasm)

There is a scene in the beginning of the book that made me furious. I'm glad I was able to get over it and finish the book. But honestly, I was really really close to ending the book then and there. Don't get me wrong, I am all for not objectifying women and women equality, but when she exploded in the coffee shop, I got mad at her. She was rude and ridiculous. **Jace was offering to buy Andrea and, her friend, Becca coffee, NOT buying her for the night. She exploded on him for no reason. Why is that considered sexy?** Because she was dramatic? Ugh, Maybe that's why I'm single. Lol.

But what makes me even angrier, is when after the Cafe scene she goes to his concert in a very strappy and revealing top. She wants to make him jealous by showing off her body. Which is counter-intuitive to what she did in the Cafe. She is objectifying her body, to make him jealous. Jealous of what; I have no idea. **That was the point where I had to decide whether I was going to continue or not.** That was horrible. Let's hope fellow readers and women don't find this acceptable behavior and expect a man to love them after it.

The first half of the book she is a fast-witted, strong woman, but after the concert she become a mushy dopey airhead. Why do people think women become brain dead after seeing a handsome man? Lol.

Then Andrea's crazy boyfriend, Sean, comes into play. I get men wanting to be protective and territorial, but what he did was uncalled for, and then she takes him back! I can't even. You've got to be kidding me. I don't care if she was with him for a week or for four years; That behavior is never ok. Never.

After all this ranting and issues with the book, I really did enjoy it. I like Andrea's determination to reach her dreams and goals, whether or not a boy is in the equation. Her dream > Boys. I love Becca. She is blunt, strong, and caring. I wish she could be my friend in real life. I would have loved to see and meet the band members or some of Jace's friends. He brings them up, but we never see them. It felt like Jace, Becca, Andrea, and Sean are the only characters existing in the entire Reckless book world.

I enjoyed the realistic view of Jace and Andrea's, and Andrea and Sean's relationship. It was not overly idealized and fantastical. These relationships show how life can change on a whim. How people change over time; and how sometimes who you are with is not who you are meant to be with. **Showing the difference between who you should love and who you do love.**

J. Ostrowski says

I don't like to write negative reviews but wanted to say I kind of liked the singer. What bothered me was Andy calling her job at the school paper a "career". Honey. That is not a career. Also the whole scene being a bitch over a guy paying for your coffee. That's just bitchy. Then the "sexy" top. ... Yeah, no. This book isn't for me.

Christine Blake says

Andrea was a planner she had everything mapped out in her life, college, married Sean her fiancé and 2.5 kids with Sean as a CEO and Andrea a new editor. However, something has off, she wasn't filling fulfilled in her life. Then she got an assignment for an entertainment piece and as Andrea was getting coffee met a gorgeous rock god of a man smiling at her and Becca her best friend told her who he was, Jace the lead singer and base guitar player from Reckless.

Andrea would teach Jace a lesson and ended up bombing on the interview and was left in awe of Jace until he dismissed her after finding out she was engaged. Within days Andrea made a complete mess of her entire life because she always over think everything. Without having spoilers I will say read the series because now Andrea has to put her life back together and find out which man she wants The save controlling finance or the gorgeous rock god.

Mary Winstead says

Andrea is almost done with college 3 more months. She's engaged to her boyfriend of 4 years Sean. She thinks precludes set to go until her and her roommate go to the coffeehouse to get coffee and that's when a gorgeous guys wants to buy her coffee. Being Mrs independent she goes off on him and walks out. Only to realize she went off on the lead singer of the band she has to interview that weekend. She asks her publisher if she could trade but nope she has to do it or lose her job. What is she gonna do. Need to read. I cannot wait to read the entire series..

Misty Jo says

Good story. It captured my attention. Jace is great. Andrea is a whiny, annoying sap sometimes. I wish that I could reach into the book and slap her sometimes. If I had paid closer attention, I probably wouldn't have read the first two installments that are currently free because a book published in segments is really irritating. However, now I want to know where the story goes, even if I want to still make Andrea's teeth rattle. Well played on hooking a reader, Alice Ward, well played.

Ali says

Full review coming soon!

HG7 says

started off fine...but really unrealistic side bars in the story that were just not plausible. classic storyline but sweet

Ivette Ramirez says

Not the best

Dena says

in love already

Terri West says

I read this as a complete series although I quite enjoyed it I could quite happily have punched Andrea in the face. She is a bit whiny and seriously over thinks everything to the point of nausea.

LaDonna says

As the year comes close to an end, I have been digging back through my Kindle catching on up on books that have been sitting, waiting for much too long. As I plan to kick my rockstar romance blog back up a few notches when the new year begins, a lot of my focus has been on the stories of that genre. I noticed the first 2 books of this series and decided to give them a try.

I liked this, much more than I initially thought I would. Andrea is a college senior, a journalism major with a political focus. She has a fiance back home, her whole life planned out down to the street her house with the white picket fence would be, in proximity to the private schools her 2.5 kids would best overachieve at while being bastions of political correctness and uptight liberal rhetoric. Okay, I exaggerate a bit, but like I said, I truly wasn't prepared to like this book, and I don't remember all the details of how she wound up having to cover a dreaded rock concert for the school paper for the same reason. I do remember her roommate pointing out the guy she had just insulted at the coffee shop as being a misogynistic pig was the same man she was assigned to interview for the paper, their silly revenge plot against him, and everything after that. Jace Richardson is very well portrayed as a rock god with a heart of gold, and a chivalrous gentleman to boot. The book ends on a cliffhanger, making me glad that I have book two already in my library to delve into as soon

as I finish this review (even though I had told myself I was not going to binge on series even though that meant putting off books by some of my favorite authors - I was set on discovering as many new authors as I could this month.)

So, with all this praise, why only 4 stars? The biggest is probably that it could really use a good editor. Some places the wrong word was used (more than once), timeline issues and a few other little things here and there that could be caught and fixed pretty easily with another good run through. As I beta read a lot of books, it rather annoys me to find myself highlighting passages that need to be looked at automatically in books that I am reading because I had picked them up on their own merit. I also can't say that I have really invested in the heroine yet, but I do like the way Ms. Ward has written her discovering and questioning herself and her relationships. I like her best friend and roommate, Becca, a lot - probably more than the heroine herself at this point. While I do hope to see more of Becca as the series progresses, I hope I quickly come to feel more of a connection to Andy.

Probably should recommend for mature audiences, but there are very few explicit passages, and though a main character is drugged, nothing bad happens as a result of it. Overall, a pretty clean read.

Juli Hall says

I really enjoyed this story. Jace seems like a really good guy, hope Andrea can see that and not go back to that douche bag boyfriend of hers. I can't wait for the next installment.

AJ Swen says

Great start to the series..

Andrea is in a long-distance relationship with her fiancé, Sean. She's finishing up her senior year in college, and has a prime job at the school newspaper. Her last assignment is to cover the "Entertainment" section of the paper, and attend the upcoming concert.

Before the concert, she meets Jace Richardson, the lead singer, and she's rude, blunt, and sassy. Now, she has to interview him?

As Andy struggles with her long-distance relationship, she and Jace seem to build onto more than just a "interview".

Great/quick read.
