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Genna Fleming's world revolves around her children, Tess and Xavier, and her writing, but events spin out of control when Irish rock star Connor Damon bursts into her life. Connor first alarms, then charms Genna when a hotel mix up - or is it fate? - throws them together. As he and his band kick off their North American tour in Boston, Connor is smitten and begins his pursuit of Genna. Her days of solitary writing, readings at small bookstores, and caring for her horses shifts into the fast-lane of super-models at after-concert parties, crazed fans, and ravenous paparazzi. Genna is soon too caught up in the man and his music to consider the consequences.

Genna's children are thrilled with "all-access" passes and first-class whirlwind trips, but they are even happier that their mom has found a caring and honorable man... well, rock star. Celebrity appears to attract danger when Tess is nearly kidnapped. Genna, it seems, has a secret too. Can Connor and his bare-knuckles entourage protect Genna's family?

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From Reader Review Between Rock n Roll and a Hard Place for online ebook

Faith89 says

HEA

No cliffhanger

This was a switch from the normal rock star romances. The couple was older. Romance went a little fast as with most romances. There was a decent plot with very little angst. Connor was not your typical rock star. He was sweet and thoughtful. Gemma was a widow who was still trying to get over the death of her husband. They connected and had a fun (not wild) ride.

Joy says

I received this ARC in exchange for a honest review

I have to say I love rocker romances and this one did not disappoint. Yes, the attraction and relationship was quick but it really came across as genuine and sweet. Connor was not your typical drunk,cheating rocker. They both were settled and knew what they wanted in life. It was refreshing to see the main characters a little older (40's). So it totally made sense to me why things progressed so fast. The author takes the first half of the novel to get you comfortable and in love with the sweet couple. Then bam...a secret comes out and the action takes off. I really enjoyed this novel and I am a new fan.

Moon Reviews says

I received it in exchange of an honest review. I loved, loved loved this book!!!!!! I loved this book for a lot of reasons: it's funny, steamy, full of action and romance, well written, researched with a great story, plot and twist!!! But also for the characters!!!! I really appreciated the fact they were most older than 20 years old and still amazing, sexy and interesting!!!! Yep!!! The main couples are around 40 and their lives are great!! It changes from most romances where everyone is in their twenties! Don't mind me i love all romances but this one is my first real grown up one!!! Yes love can happen after... careless youth, death of a loved one, divorce, parenting and other life's events!!! Original, sweet but still rock n roll this book is a pure pleasure!!!! Two thumbs up!!!

Sobia says

3 stars, though I don't really know how to explain why. It was enjoyable while I was reading it, though I did get distracted a way from it pretty easily (it took me a few days to get through). Now that I've finished it, I'm already forgetting details.

Um, it seemed to skim over a few details, and it seemed pretty tame for a rocker romance, and iirc there's very little angst, but for the most part, it's a decent read. Maybe a good choice when you're looking for something mindless :)

Charlene Williams reiser says

Love this author. He books are a mixture of do much. Fun, sad, I laugh and I cry.
Geneva list her husband 3 years ago and is now raising teenagers on she is a published author.

Conner is a lead singer in a band. They meet while leaving the sand hotel only to meet shank. In the next location for both her book dugong and his concert.

However Geneva hides a secret that could cost them.

Erin says

i had the pleasure of winning this book as a "first reads giveaway". this book was very well written and I loved the Irish details of the story! the book had a slow start, but it had some unpredictable twists and turns, and it really had a great ending!

the book starts when a widow who is on a book tour, literally bumps into an irish rock star. their love affair starts almost immediately and it becomes a whirlwind romance. the new couple hits some "bumps in the road, but love does always finds away!

Toni says

I received a copy from the author for an honest review.

I loved this book! The storyline was entertaining and unpredictable. It had my attention right away and held it right up to the end. I found myself laughing out loud numerous times! I fell in love with the characters and found myself wishing I could hang out with the band too! I'm very happy that I took a chance on this book. I only wish was that I could do a better Irish brogue in my head while reading!!

Mel B. says

Perfectly enjoyable!

This was a lovely rock star romance. The two main characters were real, honest, free of too much angst, and a good age for each other. The story moved along well, and after the initial "love at first sight," bit, they got to know one another and pursue a relationship each having their own past and baggage. She is a widow, he has an ex-wife and 6 year old son. I enjoyed the balance between "reality," and rock star lifestyle. This was a perfectly enjoyable rock star romance.

Medavis66 says

LOVED this book! Not your typical rocker romance, which made it even better. This one had H and h in their 40s and they had kids, instead of teens and 20s. Thank you, Vanessa! I had a hard time closing this book, trying to read it through a migraine, I was so vested. The connections between band members was more like family. I enjoyed Genna's relationship with her kids and friends, too. The connection Genna and Connor have is immediate and deep. It was a fun ride. The mystery part of this novel was interesting. I have no complaints regarding this book, other than being sad it is over. I'm hoping it turns into a series, so fingers crossed!

ARC provided in exchange for honest review.

Nadine says

Every time I read something by a new author, I am filled with excitement and apprehension, especially if you received the book in return for a review. It is always a gamble, sometimes it is a brilliant discovery of a new author and sometimes you just lose all your self respect because you actually finished reading said book!

Well, people... Vanessa Lennox has a new fan!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading every last page! The fact that it is not just another virgin girl meeting a very dominant male and then she falls for him hard and he struggles with all his very weird ghosts and then finally a door to his heart opens and then he also falls hard....

The story has a few twists and turns, which is always great in a romance, but above all it is about second chances and beautiful love!

Something that stood out for me as well, was the fact that the author wrote a beautiful story without all the curse words and vulgarities used in many books in this genre! Please do not get me wrong, I also enjoy many of those hard core books, but the lack of the usual profanities made the book just so much more special. It speaks to that part of me that says love between two people are sacred and should be cherished!

So do yourself a favour and read this book! I promise you will give a sigh of satisfaction at the end of it! A true happily ever after!

Alexandra Florence says

I was not engaged with this book, I did not find it screaming *READ ME*, nor did I lie in bed at night thinking *I'll just read one more chapter*. This book bored me. I was easily distracted away from this book. I stopped reading it for six days, unusual for me as it never takes me more than a week to finish a book.

I did not connect with the characters at any level. The relationship between the rock star and the author began suddenly, one minute she's lying in the bath when he walks in, and the next their having sex with her kids in the next room. How did it escalate so quickly!

So the band was Irish. Yeah, Genna mentions it a lot, so are the Irish phrases that require a translation really required.

I wouldn't recommend this book. It's not at all memorable and, honestly is quite boring.

Christine says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

I loved the characters in this and the basic story line was ok but a bit unrealistic. It started off at a good pace but I found it slowed down towards the end and I began to lose interest. Also there were some sentences in the book that didn't make sense. Overall a fairly enjoyable read.

Lynn says

The author provided me with a copy of this novel for an honest review.

Between Rock n Roll and a Hard Place, by Vanessa Lennox, is a lovely and satisfying rocker romance which I completely devoured. This sweet story about a writer and lead band singer left me hungry for more about them, their family, and friends.

There are many reasons this story is gratifying: the protagonists are middle-aged, each with a successful career; the protagonists have steamy chemistry; the protagonists and their children and friends exude intelligence, charisma, and empathy; the protagonists and secondary characters all serve as role models for solid, successful relationships; the protagonists display maturity - there is no wild acting out or drug use; there is no tumultuous angst; the story is well written and fluent.

In summary, I liked this novel big time and was unable to put it down until completion. Between Rock n Roll and a Hard Place is an entertaining, thoroughly delightful read. The romance has a happy ending, yet I hope the author will consider writing a sequel as an encore for our reading pleasure.

Mary says

Great highs, low lows....

1/2 way through this book, I was wondering how could I review it? It was a decent story, just the right amount of sex and romance but there were some major concerns that kept me from loving the book, and I

tried. I am a huge U2 fan and enjoyed some of the similarities and comments. I loved how the author didn't exaggerate the Irish accents, making characters sound like they are chasing fairies and leprechauns. But, the story was too perfectly sweet, it was a gigantic love in from the minute Genna and Connor meet. There's no conflict with band members, family, or friends. Genna is the most amazing person anyone has ever met. Connor, despite being a huge rock star with a huge ego, is the perfect Dad to her kids. The kids are not sullen, moody, teens, love everyone they meet, everything they do, all of the time, ad nauseam. Finally, Bubbling Grungies? Really? Probably the worst name of have ever heard for a band, especially since this band is supposed to be as prolific and intense as U2. It sounds ridiculous every time a character says it. It sounds like Bubble Guppies, or worse, rivals for the Fresh Beat Band in a contest held at the local pizza shop. (I have a 6yr old.) The only time I didn't cringe hearing any band was when The Killers graced the stage. And it's O' Brien, not O' Brian.

Still, I enjoyed the basic idea of the story, so if you are in the mood for a light hearted (but not even remotely realistic, although it's true nurses are the back bone of fantastic hospital care.) easy read, a romantic escape, try this book.

Signed, married to a Kerryman, RN. :)

Mary says

Vanessa Lennox surprised me with Between Rock n Roll and a Hard Place. She gave me two well established adults dealing with the realities of life ... death and divorce. A chance meeting at a hotel kicks off a beautiful friendship and an attraction to each other. Where this will go, I don't think either really knew since both were still dealing with past hurts and trying to find their next step or better yet, hiding from it. Genna has always been a fan of Connor's music so getting to meet him and then spend time with him is surreal to her. I loved the conversations that Genna and Connor had, they talked about real life things which made me feel like I could know this people in my daily life. There chemistry is sizzling and Vanessa doesn't disappoint with the love scenes. The supporting cast is incredibly strong and diverse and lends a lot to the story along with the mystery surrounding someone following Genna. Really excited that I got to read this story.
