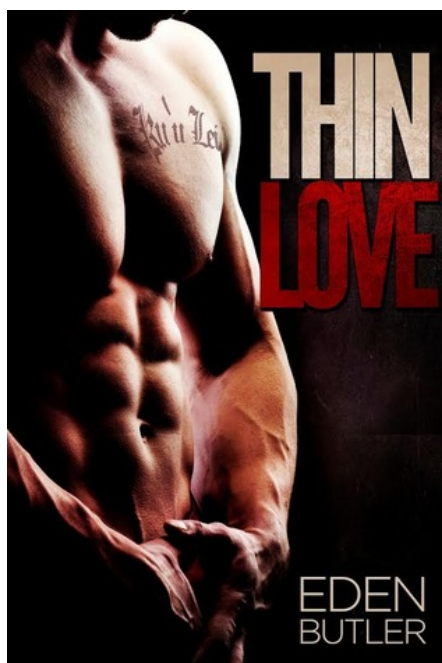




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Love isn't supposed to be an addiction. It isn't supposed to leave you bleeding.

Kona pushed, Keira pulled, and in their wake, they left behind destruction.

She sacrificed everything for him.

It wasn't enough.

But the wounds of the past can never be completely forgotten and still the flame remains, slumbers between the pleasure of yesterday and the thought of what might have been.

Now, sixteen years later, Keira returns home to bury the mother who betrayed her, just as Kona tries to hold onto what remains of his NFL career with the New Orleans Steamers. Across the crowded bustle of a busy French Market, their paths collide, conjuring forgotten memories of a consuming touch, skin on skin, and the still smoldering fire that begs to be rekindled.

When Kona realizes the trifecta of betrayal—his, Keira's and those lies told to keep them apart—his life is irrevocably changed and he once again takes Keira down with him into the fire that threatens to ignite them both.

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From Reader Review Thin Love for online ebook

Kim Bailey says

6 Stars!

I can't believe I've waited so long to read this book. I absolutely loved this sweeping, epic tale. The love, angst, passion and even the anger that are built in this story are so THICK. The characters are rich, vibrant and REAL. The drama seems melodramatic at points, but damn ... it made me FEEL. I won't be writing a full, long review for this book - there are already lots of great ones written. I'll just say ... if the next book is even half as good, I'm in for a great treat. I'm putting this one on my 6 star best-of-the-best shelf ... UNFORGETTABLE.

Sleepless Readmore says

She was *the kind of girlfriend* God
gives you **young**, so you'll
know loss for the **rest** of your *life*.

4.75 GOTTA LOVE A WILDCAT STARS

Kona **and** *Kierra* .. ♥

I ~~don't~~ want **easy**.
I want the *impossible*.
I want **love** so thick,
I *drown in it*;
it's the only thing
worth having.

I can't just **walk** away
and feel ~~nothing~~.
Not **when** it
comes to you.
I'm not *heartless*
that way.

Take me to the *Quarter* .. Seriously it's like the city of **New Orleans** is sending me a sign .. recently I've read *quite a few books* that have made me **fall in love** with this place! A perfect location to set for this *helluva* story. Generally when **a couple** has a past the author ~~writes vaguely~~ about it or has a *series of flashbacks*. Not in this case; Eden Butler takes the **alternative approach** and thoroughly explains the premise. I loved how she did this *because* it was an **extremely clear** understanding of their ~~back story~~. I really enjoyed this story **however** I felt like it was *either* missing something or was slightly **too much** at times (*ESPECIALLY all that anger*). It was on the **longer side** but definitely worth the read.

*Funny you're the broken one
but I'm the only one who needed saving ..??*

An emotional **roller-coaster** would be *fitting* to describe this novel. On the messier side however it was a **unique** and unconventional sort of *love story*. The part that **absolutely gutted** me was the *series of events* that led to the breakup .. **HEARTBREAKING!** I became quite invested with these characters and this book **still** is on my mind .. *hours later*. I certainly will be **reading more** by this author .. starting with *that novella!*

You were mine and I **never**
loved *anything* more.
I never ~~wanted~~ anything
or **anyone** like I *wanted* you.
Like **I still** want you.

This is **always**, *Wildcat*.
You ... you're my *always*.

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*** Meli Mel * says**

♥ ♥ ♥ 5 STARS ♥ ♥ ♥



“This is always, Wildcat. You...you're my always.”



Kona Hale is a college football player working his way into the NFL. Unfortunately, his skills on the field aren't the only ones he is famous for. He is also known for his womanizing ways. When he is partnered with Keira for a project, he thinks he can charm her into doing what he wants but she is not easily swayed, in fact, it seems she can't stand him. Keira is trying to make it through her years of college without upsetting her mother too much, by appeasing her when needed. She is also still quite affected by the death of her father years back. The only way she has to connect with him is through music. She knows what Kona wants, and she doesn't want "thin love" which is only lust. She wants "thick love" that will last and she knows Kona can't give her that.

Kona is determined, no matter how selfish it may seem. When they finally get together it's dangerous and frenetic. They get consumed but what they feel and it can be a scary thing. Especially when they both have problems when it comes to dealing with their tempers. They are both broken by it. But this is also why they get each other so well. They push and pull each other, hurt and heal each other. They have become addicted to one another. Their relationship may not be a healthy one but they can't seem to stay away. That all changes by one event where Kona pushes her away for good and causes their hearts to shatter.



“I will haunt you, Kona. When you think of me, see my face, hear my name, you'll only remember that I loved you. You'll remember that my love for you was never thin. You'll remember this moment because it will be the biggest regret of your life.”



Sixteen years later, fate brings them back together again. They still have strong feelings for each other after all these years. And this may be the chance Kona needs to make things right with Keira again.

This is one of those books where I ask myself 'why in the hell hadn't I read it before?', but I am so glad that I finally did. It was a page turner that's for sure. I didn't want to stop reading it, and when I did, I kept thinking about it. I was completely engrossed by this book. Oh, the angst...I keep telling myself I won't read books with too much angst but I guess I'm glutton for punishment because I keep doing it. I just can't help it. And this drove me completely off the wall with frustration. The relationship between Kona and Keira was an intense one. I would get so damn upset, and angry with them both. Then there were moments that freaking melted my heart. I was all freaking over the place. I wanted things to work between them so bad, that when it didn't, I was a frightful mess and I'm sure there might have been some snot running down my nose from all

the tears. Yeah...it was not pretty.



“This time when you walk away, I won’t let you stay gone. This time, Wildcat, I’ll follow.”



Their journey was a long one and it was definitely not an easy one, but I loved it! Kona, that lovable idiot, was a possessive alpha and very caring which earned him a spot in my heart. Keira frustrated me but I still managed to really like her. They were both immature when they were young which makes sense with how old they were. So, it was great to see how much they had grown since they were nineteen and twenty years old. I was glad how I was really able to feel the connection that they shared. Which is why I was an emotional wreck from this roller coaster ride. I felt everything they were feeling. Their chemistry was explosively hot, something I highly enjoyed. I just plainly loved this book and I can't say it enough. I can't wait to read Ransom's book next. I am hoping it will be equally as amazing as this one. So, go ahead and give this book a read, if you haven't done so already. But, ye be warned, the angst is crazy high.

Geri Reads says

4.5 I really wish GR would allow half-stars for books that are better than a 4 but not quite 5 stars!

I've read three books from Eden Butler so far, but as much as I was excited to read this I was also scared because from the blurb alone, I know that it's going to be an angst-fest.

Welp! I was both right and wrong. I was right about it being an angst fest. But I was wrong about the being scared part because even though I wanted to vomit from the angst and frustration...

Kona Hale met Keira while in college. It was not love at first sight. It was hate at first sight. Kona is the big man on campus. A football player on his way to the NFL and Keira is a serious student who wants nothing more than to get out of the controlling thumb of her mother. She was not the kind of girl that a guy like Kona usually hangs out with.

That is until Kona started noticing Keira. He wants her, she demures. They did the push and pull for a little while until Keira finally gave in to her own attraction to Kona. When these two came together, it was explosive. They were certainly a match. They were both passionate, stubborn and temperamental.

And the very same qualities that attracted them to each other like a moth to flame became their undoing.

Sixteen years later, they are both older and wiser but still very much attracted to each other. Their past is telling them that being together again is a very bad idea but this time, they had to too much to lose not to try again.

My Thoughts

This book really threw me for a loop. Once I started it, I just couldn't put it down. Both Kona and Keira are compelling characters. They made some pretty bad decisions the first time they were together. And sometimes, I had to restrain myself from chucking my Kindle at the wall at some of the things they did to hurt each other. But goodness, I couldn't not ROOT for them. I wanted them to be together at the end. Kona's possessiveness and Keira's temper made for a very passionate yet volatile relationship, and their youth only compounded it.

I have to say, as much as I loved Eden Butler's Seeking Serenity series, this book is definitely my favorite from hers so far. My only gripe was about Keira and Kona's mothers. They both played a huge role in the destruction of Kona and Keira's relationship but I never understood why they were just so, ugh, evil.

So coming from someone who has a pretty close relationship with her mother, I guess I needed more back story. I needed the why simply because I couldn't fathom how a mother could ever do those things to their own flesh and blood. I wanted that. There were some clues here and there, as to why, but I never got a clear picture why they acted the way they did.

Other than that, this one was pretty unforgettable. So if you're in the mood for some possessive alpha, temperamental females, and loads of angst, read this book.

ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Mo says

**At the dark end of the street
That is where we always meet
Hiding in shadows where we don't belong
Living in darkness, to hide alone
You and me, at the dark end of the street
You and me
I know a time has gonna take it's toll
We have to pay for the love we stole
It's a sin and we know it's wrong
Oh, our love keeps going on strong
Steal away to the dark end of the street
You and me
They gonna find us, they gonna find us
They gonna find us love someday**

**You and me, at the dark end of the street
You and me
When the daylight all goes around
And by chance we're both down the town
Please meet, just walk, walk on by
Oh, darling, please don't you cry
You and me, at the dark end of the street
You and me**

Oh, the bloody drama of it all. Seriously wanted to knock their heads together a few times...

Overall a good read. Thought the first half or up to about 70% could have been a bit shorter. Was a tad repetitive for me.

"I don't want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it's the only thing worth having and, I'm sorry Kona, you're a nice guy when you're not acting like an entitled jackass, but I really don't think you're capable of being anything more than that."

The mothers, FFS, are there really people out there like that?

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

4.25 Angsty, Second-Chance Stars!

"This is always, Wildcat. You...you're my always."

Thin Love is broken into two parts...the before and the after. Kona is a star college football player. A player in every sense of the word. When he's paired up with the uptight, smart girl in one of his classes for a group project, he's surprised how intrigued he is by her. She basically thinks he's a manwhore, could give two shits about becoming friends...just needs him to focus and help get this project done.

Kiera was pretty tough on Kona in the beginning. I kinda felt bad for the guy. He's not a dedicated student, for sure, but she had zero issue letting him know what she thought about him. Time passes and their time together begins to pass in an amicable way. Kiera starts to let down her guard but she knows he's not a keeper...

“I don’t want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it’s the only thing worth having and, I’m sorry Kona, you’re a nice guy when you’re not acting like an entitled jackass, but I really don’t think you’re capable of being anything more than that.”

The first half of the book (65%ish) is essentially *young* New Adult. I was a bit nervous going in as I'm not a fan of immature drama. This book did get on my nerves after the third or fourth breakup. It seemed whenever things went crazy (which they often did) someone went running. Granted, Kona has anger issues. He's got a meddling mother from hell (actually, they both do) but come on, already. Stay or go.

I was counting the pages until they grew up...the part 2 of the book. So when I got there, I was a little relieved.

Part two...sixteen years later and THANK GOD for maturity. I loved, loved, loved this part...and it honestly saved my rating. Kona and Kiera reunite and it was refreshing to see two adults talk, work things out, screw like bunnies...oops, did I say that?

I love a second chance romance and this delivered in spades.

One question...Eden Butler... Who are you and where have you been? The writing is BEAUTIFUL. Seriously. When you read hundreds of books a year, it's easy to pick out the elementary from the stellar. This was almost poetic. Not something a reader will see every day.

Looking forward to more from Ms. Butler!

And I thank you!

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

5 Unforgettable Stars

I don't want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it's the only thing worth having.

I cannot tell you the last time I was this invested in a romance between two characters where it drowned out absolutely everything; reason, logic, life, EVERYTHING but the need to keep turning the pages to know what happens next. This story was everything to me. It was beautiful, tragic, emotional, and absolutely unputdownable. If you're an angst whore like me, you will love this book, and even if you're an angst avoider, this book will convert you. This had everything that I absolutely love in a story; an angsty love story between 2 incredibly endearing yet broken characters, a hate at first sight meeting that grows to love, and a lovers reunited story that's so beautiful it's unforgettable.

This is a story about young love and the mistakes that go along with it. A love so thick, it's almost toxic. A love so devastating it's impossible to forget. It's a story of mistakes, regrets, forgiveness and redemption. It's a story with two characters who feel everything as deep as it gets; love and anger. A story of two people that are different yet also so similar that they're almost bad for one another, yet a love that's so strong it's undeniable. This book is a hidden gem that I can only describe to you in 3 short words: **A MUST READ.**

Told in 2 parts, it begins in present day, flashes back to retell the epic love that burned but never burned out 16 years ago, and then picks back up in present day. But before you find out how it ends, you need to know how it all began...

Kona, I get the feeling you might end up being my favorite mistake.

Keira Riley and Kona Hale were not a match made in heaven and they certainly didn't even like each other at first sight. Keira is an 18 year old college student that's felt a weight on her no child should ever feel; first the weight of her father's sickness and addiction, and then the weight of her overbearing mother with little thought to Keira's desires. She focuses on school and escapes in her music, until a chance meeting with the school's resident manwhore and football golden boy changes her life irrevocably.

Kona Hale doesn't do relationships or love, he does football. Living under a weight of his own to constantly prove his worth, he knows that his football career is the most important thing. He doesn't give Keira a second glance until they're put to work on a school project together and her fiery temper finally gets his notice.

That live wire was too damn tempting and he wanted to burn in her. He wanted to burn in her so bad.

Their love story was anything but an easy read, but it will grab you from beginning to end. The chemistry between them is so strong and fiery it practically leaps off the pages and grips you by the heart. They're not perfect, they're hot tempered and make terrible mistakes that hurts more often than not. But when it's good, OH MY GAWD is it good.

She wanted this. Him. Her. Their touch, the magic in every brush of his fingers, the glide of his tongue, with her always. It was needy, desperate and she loved the white hot craving of him, of how her body reacted to him, how her heart hammered hard like an earthquake.

Their love burns hot, until the blaze becomes too much and burns them both in a devastating mistake that leaves both Kona and Keira shattered.

I couldn't put this book down. I honestly don't remember the last time I had such a visceral reaction to a story that I felt everything along with the characters. My enjoyment of the story drowned out everything that I would logically dislike anywhere else. The writing was in 3rd person POV told in present tense, which more often than not, doesn't work for me. But the writing was so brilliant that I was able to completely disregard it. I didn't care that my logical mind wanted a reason behind Kona's mother spiteful and hateful behavior. I couldn't find it in me to care about any slight imperfection beyond this beautifully tragic love story. It was **THAT** good.

The second half of the book gives you the more mature versions of Kona and Keira, who are now in completely different points of their life but fate finds them together again. It gives you a beautiful second chance love story that's also perfectly imperfect.

You were mine and I never loved anything more. I never wanted anything or anyone like I wanted you. Like I still want you. My always, Keira. You're still my always.

I finished this book yesterday and still can't stop myself from thinking about it and it's just one of those books that will stay with me. I simply cannot recommend it enough. After stalking the author I saw that Ransom's book is next, and I'm waiting with bated breath to get my hands on his story.

And if my review hasn't convinced you to give this book a try, let me reiterate it again, **READ IT**. You won't be sorry. It's a love story that will gut you at times, but not one you'll soon be forgetting.

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Brandi says

4.5

"Together. Me and you, Wildcat. Just me and you."

I really enjoyed this second chance romance. At times I wanted to throw my kindle across the room, and/or down a bottle of whisky. But in the two days I spent reading this book, I was completely caught up in Keira and Kona's story. It was messy and full of angst, but beautiful. I couldn't help but pull for these two damaged characters.

Amy | Foxy Blogs says

"I don't want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it's the only thing worth having, and you're a nice guy when you're not acting like an entitled jackass, but I really don't think you're capable of being anything more than that."

THIN LOVE is the angsty love story of Kiera & Kona. Their story is one of second chances that starts in the

present and goes back to the past to fill in the past. As college students these two are a mess. To say they're toxic when together is an understatement. Even though they loved each other the obstacles that stood in their way, at times, were greater than their love could withstand.

Readers who are fans of second chance romances along with an angst filled story will love the story of Kiera & Kona because it delivers both of those things. It grabs you from the start and holds you until the last page.

SERIES:

Each book can be read as a standalone.

Book 1 is the story of the parents of the character in book 2.

Novella:

A follow up to book 1.

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

4.5 stars!!

“Love is or it ain’t. Thin love ain’t love at all.” – Beloved

You know how sometimes you open a book and read just a few lines but you already *know* that it’ll be good for you? Thin Love was that kind of book for me. As a reader who tries to avoid angst and all kinds of drama, I expected this book to be a complete turnoff but instead, the story & the characters hit me hard. It’s difficult to read this book and not be reminded of myself...and just how impetuous and uninhibited young hearts are. Unflinchingly honest and emotionally raw, Thin Love is a heart-pounding story documenting Kona and Keira’s tumultuous relationship – first in college and then 16 years later when a fated encounter brings them together once more.

The book is split into two parts: one focusing on Kona and Keira’s time together in college and another when they see each other again 16 years later. In part 1, **Keira Riley** is introduced as a smart, ambitious but antisocial freshman who knows what she wants out of life. Granted a temporary reprieve from her meddlesome and controlling mother, Keira channels all her energy and focus on getting good grades, getting out of college, and getting away from her family. Being constantly surrounded by wealthy, uptight, and superficial people all her life, Keira knows the importance and value of *real* relationships and love and vows to have nothing less.

Unknown to her, Keira’s world gets shaken up as she’s assigned to work with none other than the campus manwhore **Kona Hale**. A native Hawaiian whose entire focus is on football, Kona is outwardly charming and relaxed but always aware of the pressure to excel in the field from his abrasive mother, demanding

coach, and friends and teammates.

It's hate at first sight for Kona and Keira. She despises his laissez-faire attitude in class and he pities her for being a nerdy and stuck up girl. But at the same time, there's no denying this powerful and intense connection they have that's not just physical attraction. There's a push-and-pull dynamic for a good part of the book which is to be expected for a bad boy falls for good girl storyline. And then comes the part where mistakes are made and lies are told and ultimately, Kona and Keira split apart. It isn't until 16 years later where their gazes collide in the market that they contemplate the idea of being together again.

I have to say, this book was both hard and easy to read. Hard to read because it was devastating to see the extreme lows in their relationship. Easy to read because their chemistry is **THE** most intense and when they were together, they were *together*. It's not every book I read where the couple's love drowns out all logic and reasoning...a love that's so desperate and so unhinged it becomes toxic yet you just can't help but want them to be together. They were drugged on love...heck, I was too and I was swept away in the torrent of emotions this couple evoked. Seriously, they had it *all*: jealousy, lust, love, regret, and the list just goes on...

I think this book could've been a complete 5 star read for me if it hadn't been the odd Hawaiian lingo occasionally used and the 3rd person narration. The tense was just plain weird sometimes and if I hadn't been so emotionally invested in these characters, the 3rd person narration would've caused a huge problem for me. I also would've liked more about Kona's mother and an explanation to why she always had a stick up her ass.

If you're going to read this book, go in knowing these characters make terrible mistakes. They hurt and blame and take but they also give, accept, and heal. For me, it is the hard-earned happy endings that are usually the most rewarding and satisfying to read, and that was the case with this book. Kona and Keira's journey is rife with passion, heartache, and all-consuming love, a combination that makes for an unputdownable and unforgettable read.

[~Ami~]♥Sexy Dexy♥ says

[keep the baby a secret from the baby father (hide spoile

Baba says

1 thin star. DNF @40%. Review posted October 8, 2015

If you were wondering how 338 smiles look in a review, then check this out:

[illegible]

My fingers hurt and my eyes are bleeding.

REPETITIVENESS GALORE

338 x smile, smiles, smiled (sorry but I had to repeat it, just for the record)

166 x laugh, laughs, laughter, laughing, laughed

52 x grin, grinning, grinned

17 x smirk, smirking, smirked

That makes a mind-boggling total of **573** (five hundred and seventy-three) smiles, laughs, grins and smirks.

108 x wildcat (HORRIBLE nickname, it's not worthy of more than one repeat)

25 x growl, growling, growls, growled (a personal pet peeve of mine)

126 x frown, frowned, frowns, frowning

One would think that authors (or editors) do a word count to avoid repetitiveness which, clearly, is a huge pet peeve of plenty of readers. Why can't authors tone down the smiles and laughs?

Well, what else could you expect from these two vapid numbers? People who constantly laugh and smile have to cover their insecurities while their brain cells are taking a break.

And as per usual, I can't stress enough how unsexy and unrealistic a growling woman is. I don't even like it when a man does it (of course both MCs were growling animals). I mean we're not at the zoo, for Pete's sake. When will authors stop using that annoying word?

The poor writing, the trite dialogue and shallow characters made my intestines shrivel and that hormonal, immature teenage drama was ridiculously stylized. I really think that these two vapid characters deserve each other. The heroine blushed and acted like a shy virgin even though she'd been deflowered by another guy. Given the fact that she's barely had any sexual experience, let's be generous and consider her as one. This being said, it doesn't make her any more appealing to me.

Couldn't stop laughing when I read this:

I asked an editor friend of mine what she thinks about the writing. That's her response:

His bottom eyelids curled up?? Is the person human?

Also, to me "cheeks lifting" means that he smiled or grimaced or his facial expression otherwise changed.

Here, instead of describing the facial expression and thus conveying the character's emotions, the author provides the mechanics of it. And quite poorly at that. It's poor writing.

Small detail: the terms 'upper' and 'lower' eyelid are strongly preferred. It's as if there are more eyelids in between if you say 'top' and 'bottom'.

Unless this is some alien species? :P

They're aliens whose eyes wrinkle and their eyelids curl up! No other explanation. Must be butt ugly.

Here are more "lovely" writing samples for your perusal.

It was in that moment, with her heart drumming hard, that something twisted in Keira's brain, something more frightening than being mugged in an alleyway. Instinct should have told her to stop Kona, to plead with him not to hurt the much smaller guy dangling from his hands. But she didn't. Not immediately. The hot whip of pleasure shot through her veins and the inexplicable, uncontrollable sensation of desire hardened her nipples.

It goes without saying that the violence that good ole Kona dished out on that dude hardened the nipples of the almost-virgin. Uh-huh.

And then the flawless Mark Burke laughed. Keira liked the sound. It was melodic, like the vibration of a wineglass, and kept tension from binding up her shoulders.

My shoulders are tensing in dreaded anticipation.

He felt the burn of tears starting behind his eyelids, but managed to keep them on his lashes with a hard squint.

A pulse twitched in Keira's top lip, a little quirk that had Kona's smile retreating.

Yeah, right. Since when does a smile retreat? *smh*

"We're young and irresponsible. We're supposed to do stupid things."

How should I phrase this? That's just plain stupid. Being young isn't an excuse; it's a state of being before you get older and here's hoping that young people still act reasonably and use their brain cells. Because having fun doesn't equal doing stupid things.

Keira bit her lip and stared at a small curl flattened against Mark's forehead.

This scene... *barf*

(view spoiler)

She'd attacked Kona, got turned on - so very turned on - by the scratches and slaps she leveled at him.

Crazy bitch needs her head examined. The jerk too.

The crowd started to clap, but Kona kept his eyes on Ricky, on that not-a-smile grin and the slip of his black eyes behind Kona.

WTH? Not-a-smile grin? When it's not a smile then it's a grin. Jesus.Fucking.Christ.

Keira smelled like heaven, all flowery and delicious and her body was a miracle, fine, strong lines, muscle and soft curves and he brushed her hair away to get to that body.

Yeah, a miracle.

And when he couldn't control his hands, when they came up to cup her breasts, those sounds Keira made were like a symphony; glorious, intoxicating music that made Kona brush his thumbs against her nipples, made him pinch down on them until she was gasping, until she moved her ass against his hard dick.

He'd make her skin sing, just to have her touch him the way she was then, just to hear the happy moan shooting out of her mouth like a melody.

That's bad writing and very cheesy.

"Make me buzz," she said, between kisses, "make my whole body buzz."

(...)

Instinct took over and he picked her up, hands on her ass, directing her legs around him. "I'll make you buzz, Wildcat."

"I get CPU's whormeister in my bed and he just wants to kiss me."

The smile she gave him was wicked, pulled so wide that he could almost see her back teeth. Kona loved that smile. It promised filthy things.

"How do you want to not leave me hanging?"

"Did the hickey monster touch you, Wildcat? Really touch you?"

Who the hell cares about her effin' back teeth!? He isn't a dentist or a doctor who has to check out her pharynx. And I don't give a flying F about that stupid nickname either.

He went down on her...

Keira was embarrassed, refusing to let him uncover her face. "Oh God, that was gross."

"It wasn't gross, Wildcat. It was amazing.

(...)

"You're beautiful when you come, Wildcat. You're beautiful all the time, but especially when you come for me."

Blah.

"Can I kiss you...here?" Keira placed an open-mouth kiss on his pec and Kona's fingers when straight into her hair.

Oh, she kindly asked if she could kiss him. How cute. There are also some editing issues, by the way.

"Kona, you're almost too much. Almost too perfect."

I'd rather not comment.

"You don't want me to go?"

"I wouldn't hate it if you stayed."

Kona tried to ignore the double beat of his heart. "That's tempting, Wildcat, but if I stayed I couldn't promise you'd avoid those bad decisions."

"Kona, I get the feeling you might end up being my favorite mistake."

It doesn't get any more hackneyed.

The scene around the 35% mark was proof what an idiot Kona is (view spoiler) Of course she didn't remain passive prior to that incident. She lent a helping hand by throwing another hissy fit. I take it one must get in the right mood, or something.

They waited side by side for the throng in front of the door to thin, but Keira's temper was at high tide, waving anger and rage inside her chest.

I think I did good waving the white flag...not inside my chest, though.

"Let me go, you gorilla." Kona stopped, turned toward her as though he might pull her against him and Keira saw red and stomped on his foot.

"You were mad," she said. "I was mad. Shit happens."

"Would you listen to yourself?" He stood up then, fingers sliding through his hair. "When are you gonna get it through your head? I'm no fucking good for you."

Well, let's always be harping on the same damn string. Baba breathes with ~~whiny~~ a plea in her voice...'I'm not good enough for you'.

Ugh. Shit happens, all right.

She was mad, distracted by the burn in her eyes, by the collection of tears that stuck on her lashes.

Yeah, a collection of tears that stuck on her lashes beats a collection of stamps anytime.

The words poured from Keira, fell from her mouth like water and she lived inside that melody, brought life and breath to lyric and rhyme like a priestess working a spell.

cringes Cheesy, much?

"(...)You do things to him that messes with his head. I don't think that's a bad thing. And okay, so maybe you both push each other's buttons, but shit, isn't that the way it's supposed to be? Isn't that one person supposed to drive you crazy?"

Nope. Being in a relationship means that I want to keep my sanity. And get this, Keira thinks that Kona's twin is smart. *snort* What a bad joke.

Bottom line

A very *thin* and very tedious read. I gave Thin Love a shot because I got it for free. I actually got the next installment and another of this author's work for free also. But it looks like Butler is not my cup of tea, so I decided to remove the other two ebooks from my Kindle app. Writing my review was definitely more fun than attempting to struggling through that little "gem".

NMmomof4 says

5 Stars (*Originally read 8/31/14*)

4.5 Stars (*Re-read 1/4/17*)

Overall Opinion: This was another re-read for me from books in my favorites shelf and I will keep it there, because I still really enjoyed these two and their fierce love for one another. I will, however, drop it down .5 of a star because of the way the h pushes the H away after they are reunited. It went on a little bit too long for my liking, and I became frustrated with her for it. This is a story that shows us the ugly side of love, and because of that it is full of angst. I felt their connection and even though it wasn't always pretty, I was rooting for them the whole way through their struggles. This is probably not a book for my safety gals, but if you're looking for a book full of angst and second chances -- this might work great for you!

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Keira and Kona's story. They officially meet when they are assigned to be partners for a project in college. Kona is a big football star, and Keira is just focused on keeping her 4.0. They don't get along for a while, but eventually they can no longer deny the connection they feel towards one another. They start dating, and fall in love. Something tragic happens and they are separated for ~16 years, and when they are reunited there are still some big obstacles they have to get around...but they do get a HEA ending.

POV: This alternated between focusing on Keira and Kona in 3rd person narrative.

Overall Pace of Story: Good. I never skimmed and I thought it flowed well. This is a longer book than I usually read, but it has a lot going on so it didn't feel that way to me.

Instalove: No, they take a while to develop stronger feelings.

H rating: 4 stars. Kona. I liked him. I liked his fierce protectiveness. While his jealousy was OTT at times, I appreciated that he was so in love with the h to feel that way.

h rating: 4 stars. Keira. I liked her. I liked how she didn't let Kona get away with things. She did frustrate me some after they are reunited when she was so hesitant to get back together, and she pushes away a little too much for my liking.

Sadness level: High/moderate. I remember being a blubbering mess the first time I read this. I did cry, but it wasn't enough that I needed tissues this go round.

Push/Pull: Yes (view spoiler)

Heat level: Moderate. They have hot tension, chemistry, and scenes -- but not so much that it takes away

from the story.

Descriptive sex: Yes

Safe sex: Yes and no. (view spoiler)

OW/OM drama: Yes (view spoiler)

Sex scene with OW or OM: Not really (view spoiler)

Cheating: No

Separation: Yes (view spoiler)

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This had a good jump ahead epilogue with a HEA ending.

How I got it: I paid \$3.99 for it on Amazon back in 2014, but its free right now!

Safety: This one is probably Not Safe for most of my safety peeps.
(view spoiler)

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

?????????? 5 THICK STARS ??????????

SPOILER FREE REVIEW

WOW. This is how I could resume this book for you. Just. **WOW.**
This was my first book by *Eden Butler* , and it certainly won't be my last!

"I don't do thin love, Kona. I've seen what it does. I've seen how pathetic it is my whole life."

"I don't want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it's the only thing worth having."

I read this book earlier this week and I can safely say that I'm still in state of a book hangover! I know this because I keep looking for similarities in blurbs when I have to choose a new read. (*Okay, this and perving*

on Dwayne "**The Rock**" Johnson on Pinterest.)

If I had to describe this book with actual words, I would say it was **Intense, beautiful, emotional, cataclysmic, heartbreaking, overwhelming, OUTSTANDING.**

Yes, that was quite the angst-fest, and I'm not usually too keen on reading books that will likely make me want to pull all my hair out. But this one made me feel feelings so STRONG, so RIGHT, I literally fell in love with a book, regardless.

This story will grab you within the first pages, so prepare yourself for a long sitting reading session!

This was a wonderful story of second chances at life, love and happiness, covering a 16 years lapse of time, set in two times, past and present.

In the past...

Keira, is a 18 year old young woman, dedicated to her studies, and secretly driven by her passion, music. She lived a lonely childhood at home since her dad passed away, raised by a controlling and cold mother. *(What I mean by that, is that her mom was a nasty bitch.)*

Elle aimait avec d'autant plus de passion qu'elle aimait avec ignorance.

Elle ne savait pas si cela est bon ou mauvais, utile ou dangereux, nécessaire ou mortel, éternel ou passager, permis ou prohibé ; elle aimait.

Victor Hugo.

Les Misérables.

Kona, is a 20 year old ~~man~~ where giant hawaiian football star player, exuding arrogance and hotness. *(perfect combo, in my opinion)* He is used to have his ways on the campus, concentrating his efforts exclusively on the field. Failure is not an option for him.

Nothing could have predicted for these two to cross paths, save for an assignment for their English class' project.

No insta-love for Keira and Kona, and what a pleasant change from the trend in books nowadays.

Kona is intrigued by this fierce and explosive tempered girl who couldn't give a damn about who he is/what he is, and doesn't hesitate to give him hell in front of the whole campus.

I loved, LOVED the slowly built sexual tension, I wouldn't expect less in an enemy to lovers storyline, but Eden Butler really made it work, by gradually unraveling both Keira and Kona's personality layers. She did not try to make them perfect, she made Keira and Kona flawed. And flaws they had!

"I know what you are. I knew that before we were assigned this project."

...He watched her expression, the small curl of her mouth, the tremor that bumped a tiny pulse on her cheek as she pushed him back, still standing too close with that tempting mouth just inches from him. Lips that were sweet, words that were poison. "People like you never fucking change."

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They both have anger and jealousy issues, which initiates some serious sparks in their relationship and the animosity between them is palpable,

As they seem to fuel on each other anger, those sparks fly, lighting up all in its path.

When he slipped his free hand around her arm, pulling her forward, Keira's temper flared bright, hot and she pushed back the buzz on her skin and the thought of how delicious he tasted.

He'd kissed her. Again. No regard for her temper. He was too much, assumed too much, wanted too much and Keira couldn't contain her rage.

... Anger, lust, shame, they all coiled together, shot straight to Keira's core, aching, throbbing and she felt stupid and unstable

That live wire was too damn tempting and he wanted to burn in her. He wanted to burn in her so bad.

While their passion and chemistry is indisputable, these two are tangled in an addictive and destructive romance, which constantly leads to hurtful behavior from both of them, causing heartache and disappointment.

"This is stupid. This, I'm not... this isn't me."

"No. It's not." Kona pulled her legs from his waist and his hands moved back to her face. His voice was level, calm. "This is you with me."

Some dreadful event ensues, causing for Kona and Keira to part ways, with a lot of things left untold, and this will stay that way for 16 years.

I will haunt you, Kona. When you think of me, see my face, hear my name, you'll only remember that I loved you. You'll remember that my love for you was never thin.

Present time

So what happens when they run into each other 16 years later?

It is her. She is just feet from him after nearly two decades. Instinctively, he touches his chest, just over his heart. It's where his tattoo is... the one he got for her. She's always been his beloved.

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Well, this is where I leave it for you to discover, hoping you will enjoy **THIN LOVE** as much as I did.

And I just learned that Ransom will have his book soon, I'm really looking forward to his story!

**His boy looks down, frowning. "That shadow, Dad. It's freaking big."
Kona takes Ransom by the collar, hopes his voice is easy, calm. "Son, it's just a shadow. Time to make your own."**

And Miss Butler... This is for you,

And this because, really, this man has one of the nicest smile... ;)

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

UPDATE! 8/23/2015: If you haven't read this yet, now is the time! Book 2 coming out at the end of this month. Get on it!

4.5 Wildcat stars

"This is always, Wildcat. You...you're my always."

Sooooooooo glad that Feifei recommended this to me! Thanks friend! I love angst in my romances. And boy did this book deliver. It gave angst AND drama which I normally don't like but it worked well in this book.

Honestly, sometimes great angst is better than great steam in my book. So that makes me weird? Who cares.

Thin Love is the story of Keira and Kona, the studious girl meets the slacker. But appearances aren't all they

seem to be. When Keira is paired up with Kona for a class project, she's less than thrilled. Kona may be great looking, and he may play football, but he lacks what she needs in the partner department. Kona isn't happy about the arrangement either, but as time goes by the two get to know each other better, and they find out they have more in common than they might have realized.

"I don't want easy. I want the impossible. I want love so thick, I drown in it; it's the only thing worth having."

Of course, something comes between them and devastates both of their worlds. But can their love be thick enough to withstand the test of time?

"This time when you walk away, I won't let you stay gone. This time, Wildcat, I'll follow."

I loved the story this book told, it was unconventional yet beautiful with all of its flaws. I liked the idea that two people could fight to stay together when personal dilemmas such as rage issues come into play. Plus, I also ADORE second chance love stories. I didn't really know going into this one that it was a second chance, so I am super happy it provided me with my second chance angst.

"The past is a slippery vine of regret."

Some of my thoughts on this book:

-Kona's mom:

Seriously. I can't believe that an educated woman would be that narrow minded and racist. Every time that woman entered the scene I wanted to bitch slap her, even though this book had a huge amount of slapping already.

-I couldn't help it, but every single time Keira called Kona "Bebe" I pictured this:

^^^South Park fans will understand.

-OMG the slapping/smacking! This was one of the few things I really didn't like about the book. I understood the rage issues but after a while every time someone got slapped I rolled my eyes a little bit. Yes it happened that often.

-I'm not normally one to point out typos, but the misspelling of Keira's name drove me nuts! Sometimes it was Keira, and at other times it was Kiera. Make a decision!!!

***I would highly recommend this book for fans of the Bad Things series by RK Lilley.
