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San Francisco is heating up for Aspen Adams this summer.

With grad school under my belt I'm ready to start the next chapter of my life. San Francisco is a brand new city. I have an amazing apartment, a new job, family, and friends to keep me occupied. Life in the city will be easy.

Keep my head down, don't break any of the ridiculous rules in my lease agreement, get my best friend through her nasty relationship drama, and stick to my five year plan. I've got this. Or at least I would if I could figure out why my heart skips a beat every time I see my hot neighbor.

Handsome, funny, and always around right when I need him, Finnegan McRyan is my own personal knight in shining armor. The tousled hair and sexy glasses don't hurt his appeal either. Finn acts like the perfect man, but there's something about him that has me questioning if it's too good to be true.

Can I count on him when it really matters or is Finn using his good guy image to hide the truth?

## Rush Details

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## From Reader Review Rush for online ebook

### Amber says

This is the first book in the series. Aspen Adams has just moved to San Francisco. Her brother and his wife live there and it's pretty nice to have some family around even if San Francisco is a bit to get used to. She's having a real bad day when she steps off the curb and is falling when Finnegan McRyan swoops in and becomes her knight and shining armor. He is sexy with his lumberjack/nerd look, Green eyes and glasses. It's instant attraction between the two of them. As they spend more and more time together things grow. Finnegan is a part owner in a video game making company. There is some secrets that threaten to tear them apart and you wonder if they will figure out everything. I really enjoyed this book. It was a fast read for me and I was able to fly through it quickly. I love the author's writing style and how well the characters are developed and the story flows. I never felt at any point the story was slow in my opinion it kept moving along and I was hooked! It was hard to stop reading once I started. I also love the main male character's name Finnegan. It is actually my son's name so I am probably pretty biased but I am ok with it. I am definitely looking forward to the rest of the series!

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### Kristen says

I adored getting to know Aspen and Finn.

Aspen is new to the San Fran area. While walking home she falls, literally, into Finn's arms. Aspen is a strong girl, a little naive at times, but who isn't at the tender age of 23? She finds herself falling more and more for Finn, who from the get go has your heart. he's sweet, a little strange, but he's a gamer. they're all a little strange.

Finn is awesome. he had me chuckling and the author was on point with her humor with him. He's sweet, kind, but you get the feeling that there's more going on behind his horned rimmed glasses. he's hiding something and while his secret isn't big and scary, it does give more insight to the way that Finn acts.

This book shows us just how great communication is. Things get crossed in the wires, and things down spiral from there. The drama picked up towards the end of the book, and we got a good resolution to everything.

This book has an awesome group of secondary characters, that I can't wait to read more from.

Check out this book for a light, fun read, that lets you into the gaming world for a few hours

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### Jennifer Dale says

3 stars. A pretty good book.

This is one of those books that u don't necessarily get to know any of the characters. It's more of a basic quick read with little, stupid conflict that could have easily been avoided. Not much depth .

You get just enough info about everyone and everything to make a quick read.

All the side characters were ok. Again, u don't get to really know any of them either. Just a little to help cause drama.

I did find myself skimming here and there just to keep the story moving.

Not a bad read. And would recommend, if u need a quick read that allows u to put the book down.

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## Gaufre says

DNF 30%

Good: The male lead, Finn, is a thoughtful funny smart guy. All around well adjusted.

Bad: Aspen, our female lead, comes off as ignorant and at times condescending. Her jokes about his work are not funny.

Finn: *It's complicated, but I help create video games for an up-and-coming design company.*  
*"Is that a professional way of saying you play video games for a living?"*

... when he explains what he does (again)

*"I design and develop the games our company puts out. Either for mobile devices, computers or more recently game consoles. [...] Does it bother you that I work in gaming?"*

*"It doesn't bother me, Finn. It's clear you love what you do. **I think it's cute.** You've all found a way to never grow up and get paid for it."*

Do people think that film directors watch movies all day for a living? Can we stop with the nerd cliché already? To be fair, Finn calls her on that and says she has horrible stereotypes. But it didn't seem to register because later on, she says (to Finn's driver no less) *"I want to see where these boys sit around and play video games all day."* \*Sigh\*

Of course, she will realize slowly that she is mistaken - slowly being the operative word here. It's ok but I won't continue.

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## Carol says

Typical romance novel with a little smut! I usually don't read this genre, or at least I haven't in years! Quick read, finished it in less than 24 hours!!

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## Lindsey says

This book is sort of a roller coaster... like it starts off strong and then goes flat, then it picks up again, then it goes flat... I'm sort of let down. Lots of overly dramatic and slightly unrealistic dialogue and interactions...

## Kay says

I feel like this book definitely had promise. Aspen recently moved to San Francisco, and meets Finn--a neighbour in her apartment building. They feel a connection immediately, and I thought that they were both cute with each other. Megan Matthews sets up a strong best friend for Aspen, and I really liked meeting her brother. But the promise at the beginning faded pretty quickly. While I generally liked the development of the relationship between Aspen and Finn, I couldn't quite believe her naivety. The fact that she didn't question Finn, and didn't figure out the big "twist" seemed silly since the reader could guess it immediately. I find it hard to like books where the reader knows more than the main character--especially when we gain this knowledge through seeing the world through HER POV. It makes the reader smarter than the main character, and therefore, a bit harder to empathize with when she becomes distraught upon finding out the "truth."

The book definitely has cute moments, and is an easy read--but perhaps has more potential for a good story than the actual book delivers.

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## Felicia says

This is the story of Aspen who is new to San Francisco. She is living in a tiny apartment in an expensive building. She has a ridiculous list of rules to follow while living in the building.

Finn is staying in the pent house apartment in the same building as Aspen. They meet when she slips in a puddle and he helps her up. They then see one another every day going forward.

Their relationship is weird af. They have like instalust. Which, okay, that's fine. But like the way these two act it's like they've been seeing each other for years. There really wasn't any growth for their relationship.

I feel like there wasn't really anything to the story line... It was kinda just them doing whatever for 75% of the book. And then 200 pages in, literally on the two hundredth page you find out wtf is going on. By that point it's like, what?!

This was just a meh book... Not continuing with this series...

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## Alisha Kreider says

Rush!

This is the first book of the series. It's about a woman who is trying to get her life started after finishing college and starting her dream career (kinda). She moved in a small apartment in the city of San Francisco close to her brother. One day it's raining and Aspen is walking into her apartment slips and falls. When a guy ask if she was okay. Then he opens his umbrella for her and she tells him that it is okay because she going in to her apartment and drink her embarrassment away. Finn tells her they are neighbors. Aspen started talking about renting her apartment from someone who had a lot of rules. When she asked what floor he don't answer when he put the code In for her floor she got more embarrassed when she was thought talking

her new landlord because they are the only ones that can get to that floor. Finn tells her that he is not your landlord that he just staying in the his friends apartment until his is finished. He says he will not say anything as long as she tells him about some of the crazy rules. The next morning she finds pink poke a dot umbrella by her door. She walks down to head out for work and Finn is waiting to give her a ride. Than offers to pick her up if it is raining. Well will this be the beginning to an amazing love story? Or will they just be friends and it take off in a different direction? I know that you want to find out so pick up this book and find out!!

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### **Stephanie Mae says**

Well I want to start off with I loved the names Megan gave her characters Aspen and Finnegan, Finn as he is known to Aspen, they are names I haven't heard before in the book world and I enjoyed using there names in my head while reading. Right so we have met Aspen and Finn and together they heat up the pages with a story that some may find predictable, but I was so engrossed in there lives and the story that I didn't really notice what was really in front.

I could not believe what Finn did at around 30% to say I was surprised and a little miffed, that I wanted to throat punch him, I sat that there and went 'Huh, what did I just read?' It did take me a little bit further in to forgive him, actually I think it took me longer than Aspen to forgive. With that all being said the only thing I craved MORE of was our resident nerd to give us more of his domineering, dirty talk and more sexy times, I would definitely have been down with that.

So in Rush we get a male nerd, love, dirty talk, sexy smexy scenes, low angst and a story that is perfect to read in one sitting. We didn't get a lot of Grant in this book, more of Trey so I am just surmising that the next Game Changer book will be about Trey. Would I recommend to my friends? You bet I would!!!! Reviewed for HeadTripping Books by Carolyn

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### **Khanique McDaniel says**

I don't know why this book is called Rush because it is the most laid back novel with laid back characters who stock their closet like Steve Jobs and only hurry for Sunday brunch in the park. Everything is savoured and is basically a day by day recollection of Aspen and Finn's relationship.

A super sweet and nerdy romance, I can honestly say that Finn is the perfect boyfriend, despite his often times childish and oblivious nature. If you want a simple, thoughtful, funny guy who is loaded, then Finn is your guy! He knew when to be a nerd and when to be the star in your wet dreams. There was no awkward behavior from this gamer who marveled at gold controllers the way he did tits bouncing in his face. Plus, how many stories have you read about a billionaire gamer who literally wears glasses? Me? ... not so much.

If Finn is my dream guy, then Marissa is my best friend. Honestly, Aspen lucked out in the support system department and she really didn't need the added character of Amanda. Though I do want to find out what happened with Cody but I guess that's for another novel.

Aspen was a great narrator and I loved her inner musings. Something about this cast just felt real. Like you could relate to them all. Even the billionaire.

Despite all this though, there is nothing exciting about this story. It has a good flow but there is no climax or

fireworks moment. I am still waiting on that thing to push it over the edge because as is, it's just a novel about a gaming tycoon, his girlfriend and her silly friends. I would have loved to even explore the apartment rules but I believe that has been reserved for Marissa's story.

My reaction to this story could be the fact that I broke my cardinal rule and read way too many reviews before I read the book and as such, I kept waiting for the things highlighted and discussed in said reviews. Needless to say, they weren't as terrible as I was lead to believe but they were all I had to look forward to and it turns out they were the "climax" but not so exciting ones.

What was exciting for me was the emphasis placed on the San Fran - yes I said it - scene. I love to experience new places, real or fake; and she did a very good job of capturing what is or what she believes to be San Francisco. Plus, a change of pace and location from New York or California was nice.

Still, I have to call a spade a spade and this novel was not very exciting or enticing in its delivery. I fell asleep a lot and if not for the character's personality and banter, it could easily have been a DNF. A spark of any kind was needed. It was too safe but I can guarantee that you will definitely catch me reading book 2.

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### **Jade Lally says**

Rush by Megan Matthews, is the first book in The Gaming series and I'm not going to lie, I think I'm a little bit in love with Finn. I mean come on what's not to like about a sexy nerd who's sweet, attentive. caring yet also dominating, protective and just the right amount of possessive? Now I'm not really into video games but my fella is and he works for a gaming company, so I totally get the whole who cares if he spends his day playing games thing that Aspen has going on.

This book is a great read and the relationship between Mr McRyan and Ms Adams is so relatable (well until the end, then I was just like dam why can't my man be like that!). In fact, I adored all the characters in this book bar two, Britany just needs a good ol' fashioned beat down and Trey needs to sort himself out (although I do think there's more going on with his character than just what's portrayed in this book, so I'm kinda looking forward to reading his story).

When Aspen finishes collage and moves to San Francisco, to be closer to her brother Ben, she's decided to take a year's sabbatical from all men. She needs to focus on her career. But after a few encounters with the hunk next door, she soon changes her mind. But with a massive revelation and one manipulative ex, doubts start to creep in. Can this work? Can she trust him? Will Britany even get smacked in the face (preferably with a bus!)?

I would highly recommend this book and I can't wait to read the next in the series. That said there are some sexual scenes so I would have to say this book is not suitable for anyone younger than a young adult.

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### **Janna Chauvin says**

4 star review

Rush by Megan Matthews is the first book in her Boys of RDA series. This novel follows the live of recent grad school graduate Aspen Adams. Aspen is adjusting to having a brand new start. New city, new apartment, new job. She has a five year plan that will put her on top of the advertising game. With family and friends nearby, life is supposed to be easy.

Enter the handsome and funny Finnegan McRyan, her new neighbor. He always seems to show up right

when Aspen needs help. He is a serious gamer, working in software development, and not the kind of guy that Aspen thought she would be with. But the glasses, messy hair, and t-shirts somehow seem just right on him. On the surface, he seems to be the perfect man. But there always seems to be something going on in the background that he is hiding, making him seem too good to be true. When Finn's secrets are finally revealed, Aspen has to question if she can live with the man that Finn really is.

I enjoyed reading this book. The characters were well written and entertaining. I found the dialogue easy to follow and very fast-paced. There were a few sections (cough, ex-girlfriend, cough) that I found a bit predictable, but still did not detract from the fact that this was a good story. I look forward to reading the next novel in this series as I found the background characters (The other "boys") quite interesting and want to see how their stories will play out as well.

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### **Coco.V says**

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### **Janna ♥ I'm A Sweet And Sassy Book Whore ♥ says**

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Rush is the first book in The Gaming series and I must say that I was really hooked into the storyline fairly quickly. I love having a geeky/nerd hero and Finn fits that description perfectly but he is also sexy, smart and works in the gaming industry. Aspen keeps running into Finn, they live in the same building and he helps her out more than once when she gets a little clumsy.

The attraction and chemistry between Aspen and Finn is there from the start. When certain events happen you hate it because you know that these two are meant for one another. Finn has secrets, ones he has for a reason but it's those secrets that could cause Finn and Aspen's relationship to be over before it really has a chance to begin.

You can't help but love Aspen and Finn as well as the other secondary characters. I hope that we will be getting books for them all. Rush was a strong start to a new series, one that I think will only become better with each book and the characters that you can't help but want to know more of.

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