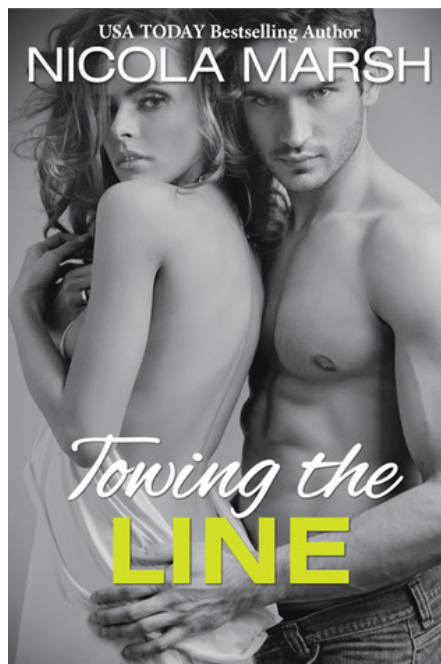




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I need a new start. Anonymity. In a country where no one will know me, and the havoc I create.

Not all the rumors about me are true. But I made one mistake too many in LA and attending an Australian college for a few semesters is the perfect solution.

I plan on avoiding guys. But the part-time tutor and sexy Aussie artist Ashton? Has me re-evaluating the wisdom of being a reformed bad girl.

Ash is aloof, dedicated, serious, and I must corrupt him. So I seduce him. Not expecting to fall in love for the first time. And the last.

Because Ash has high standards and when he learns the truth about me, he'll join the long list of people in my life pretending I don't exist.

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Bree says

Another book by Nicola Marsh that didn't disappoint! I absolutely loved this one. I'm not sure if I loved it as much as the 1st one but definitely close! In a way I kind of wish she would have had a bigger conversation between the two of them about Dani's past because I think she really needed to talk more about it after all the time she had spent running from it. Anyways I can't wait to recommend this to my friends! Thanks again!

FicCentral says

Practically ignored by her parents, Dani's been doing everything she can to be the center of attention her whole life. And it's gotten her nowhere but hungover. Realizing she's never going to make anything of herself if she stays on the same destructive path, she enrolls in college on the other side of the world and swears off guys, drinking, and drugs. But you know what they say about the best laid plans...

Ashton barely has time to breathe, much less for a relationship. With work, art, and his mother's rapidly diminishing health, he's been too wrapped up in making ends meet, and his own happiness has fallen by the wayside. But when an American girl on a bicycle named Clarice knocks him off his feet — literally — something bright sparks, and for once, he's considering that relationship he didn't think he had time for.

Judging Covers: Ummm...why is Ashton glaring at me?

The Verdict: Dani's situation is just heartbreaking. She's the spoiled little rich girl whose parents don't seem to give a damn about her, and she's been spiraling out of control for years. An unplanned pregnancy followed by a devastating miscarriage added another layer to her self-loathing, and she was nothing short of a mess. It really sounded like she should have been a cliché, and I guess in the most basic definition, she was, but her character stood out as a lot more than that. She knew what her problem was and that her ways of dealing with it were all wrong, and while she ruminated in angst, she struggled to overcome it and grasp onto some bit of happiness — which Ashton was perfect for. Ashton had his own issues, and his life had been pretty damned difficult for quite some time. But he was quick to see that same sense of loss in Dani, and he couldn't stay away from her. It was more about understanding than misery loving company, and when they were together, despite all their misgivings and difficulties, they seemed to pull each other out of that dismal place.

Their relationship was so sweet but not at all overdone. Half the time, Dani was so busy running away from her feelings that I would have been annoyed with her if I hadn't understood her so well. And while Ashton could easily have been written as that guy who says all the right things at all the right times, I love that he struggled with the same tendencies and then called her on it when she tried pushing him away. I also love that money didn't come into play. With Dani swimming in funds and Ashton struggling to keep his mother in a fairly luxurious facility, I half expected Dani to come to his financial rescue and was relieved that card wasn't played. Instead, their relationship was built entirely on what they felt for each other, the understanding and friendship they could give each other (not to mention the sexual chemistry!), and the only swooping in and saving was done emotionally.

Crossing the Line was a great story, but I think I love Towing the Line even more. It's a quick read that

doesn't feel too short, and the extra difficulties faced by both Dani and Ashton made it all the more realistic. And let's be honest... Any book that starts out with a note about proper grammar is going to suck me right in!

*I received this book for free in exchange for an unbiased review.

Wendy Dudley says

Pretty good

Started out great. Got a little bored with the back and forth relationship. Overall a spicy romance that's worth reading.

Maria Rose says

This delightful new adult romance is the story of Dani and Ash. Dani has travelled halfway across the world to Australia in an effort to clean up her life and get serious about her future. There she meets Ash, an artist working hard to support himself and his ill mother. Though they seem to be a mismatched pair, there is an attraction between them that neither can deny and a no-strings attached affair seems like a great idea. Until they each realize that somehow their hearts have gotten involved and when Dani's time in Australia is up, going their separate ways might be harder than they thought.

It was fun to read a book with a role reversal from the norm - usually the guy is cast as the playboy and the girl is on the straight and narrow. Not so with this story! Dani is the ultimate party girl - drinking, drugs and too much sex, a consequence of being a rich kid with parents who ignored her. Travelling to Australia to go to college may have been an extreme choice but it's what she needs to buckle down and make something of herself. She has a negative self image, one brought on by disastrous decisions in her past, but at heart she is a kind person who wants to make up for her mistakes. Ash on the other hand is studious, serious about his studies and his art. He's doing his best to provide for his mother's care. He is portrayed as a friendly, caring man. Meeting a beautiful girl like Dani and having a relationship with her isn't in the cards for either of them. I really liked both of these characters and how they were able to meet in the middle and enjoy each other's company. Over the course of the book they both change in positive ways and this enabled them to see each other as more than just bed buddies. The sexual attraction between them is obvious from their first meeting and the love scenes between them were a perfect blend of steamy heat and tender emotion.

Overall I found this to be a quick and entertaining read with an interesting setting, likeable characters and a sweet romance. 4 stars!

Erica says

What a great start a chance meeting and and a whole lotta spark!!

I like how Dani, gives as good as she gets. She is troubled but strong enough to come through

Ashton is a refreshing new character, His Aussieisms are hilarious, he is sadly burdened but seeing life differently through Dani.

Their easy friendship is nice and their teasing flirting is so cute, I like that they have so much in common at the get go.

Their easy banter and flirting takes you on a fluffy cloud getaway I enjoyed it immensely, their strong connection at the beginning is refreshing and stimulating, and all the way through you can see their connection build and their relationship (unbeknownst to them) get more interesting. I really liked the simplicity in which there romance is told.

How nice is the world that Nicola Marsh creates to be in a foreign country and to pick up a total stranger and connect instantly and on a believable level, she makes you want to believe and be their in that moment and gives you the next best thing you get to share the moment with the characters.

All up a great addition to the series and completely loved it, it was a nice quick read with plenty of bang for your buck. Looking forward to the next in the series. Will most definitely be continuing on with the series.

Kelly says

Loved this book!!!! Ashton and Dani's story is amazing! I enjoyed book 1 in this series, but LOVED book 2 Towing the Line. Dani and Ashton are both struggling to overcome their past and trying to better themselves for the future. This is a great read! I don't like to give spoilers away, but I will say Nicola Marsh did a fantastic job with the story line. The story flowed very nicely and the characters were very easy to relate to. I can not wait to read the 3rd book in this series!!!

Rachel says

Really liked the first one and really enjoyed Ash in this one but I just didn't like Dani. Didn't like her in the first book and still didn't in this one. Worth reading but just couldn't connect with Dani at all.

Siona says

This was an okay read. I didn't like it as much as the first book in the series though...Ashton and Dani were so good for each other!

Abby says

Cute, fast read.

Marisela Chavez says

Can't believe I read this book in a day and half. I couldn't put it down Ashton and Dani story was so incredible. Can't wait to read the next one that follows!

Shiran says

3,5 stars

I really enjoyed the first book in this series but I did mention that I wasn't too fond of Dani as a character. I was hoping that reading her book would enamor her to me. I'm not saying I didn't like her, I just couldn't connect with her character. Having said that Marsh is a great storyteller and I enjoyed reading another book by her. Ash was a well written character and you couldn't help but fall a little in love with him.

Overall this was a fun read with well built characters (despite my disconnect with Dani). I think Marsh is a phenomenal writer and I'm excited to start the next on.

Iris says

Dani has been dealing with something so personally devastating its caused her to live life sleeping around and being drunk to just be numb to forget the pain. She now wants to start fresh and new, somewhere where no one knows her. She decides to go to Australia to take art classes at Melbourne University. First goal no guys. First rule broke she literally runs over a guy. Meet Ashton. He's an artist selling pieces and tutoring at Melbourne Uni to pay for his mother to live in a nursing home due to her suffering from dementia. He has no life trying to make enough money to live and pay for his mom's care. When he and Dani talk they're really comfortable with each other, they share similar back grounds and both suffer from a recent life changing event. Dani tries hard to avoid Ash and he agrees to just being friends with benefits but their chemistry is so strong, and the sex to amazing, that he can't do it. He has to figure out a way to make Dani a part of his life.
