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I was born a fighter. Abandoned by my parents, I spent my life forging my own path—one guided by my fists and paved with pain.

Untouchable in the ring, I destroyed everyone who faced me, but that's where my victories ended. Outside the ropes, I repeatedly failed the few people who loved me. Including my best friend, Liv James—the one person I'd die to protect.

Even though I didn't deserve her, Liv never stopped believing in me. *Never gave up.* Never let go. After all, she understood what I'd lost, because she'd lost it too.

Liv was everything to me, but she was never truly mine.

That was going to change.

I lost my first love, but I refused to lose my soulmate.

Now, I'm on the ropes during the toughest battles of my life.

Fighting to be the man she deserves.

Fighting the solitude of our pasts.

*Fighting for her.*

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★★★★★ 5 Stars ★★★★☆

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**ALL OF THE STARS!**

Aly Martinez has created yet again another emotional and absolutely beautiful love story, I am in total awe at the way she was able to turn my heart inside out, back to front and then make it double in size with love for the characters in this series.

*May contain spoilers for readers who haven't yet read Fighting Shadows*

I have loved Quarry since the very beginning of this series, he has always held my interest and Fighting Solitude gives us his story, from the potty mouthed ten year old to the honourable man he becomes, his unwavering loyalty to his family, and his love for the two very important women that made an impact on his life.

**"Everyone knew I was trouble. I had a good heart, but I kept it buried under layers of attitude and a million curse words."**

Liv and Quarry have been best friends since they were 10, they have the kind of connection that most people can only dream of, they *get* each other and will always have each others backs. Growing up they always knew that they had a special bond, but when Q betrays the trust of a teenage Liv, their paths take an unexpected turn and it seems that fate has decided that their future together is not quite ready to begin....yet.

This was an epic journey of love and friendship which faced many hurdles but ultimately there is no doubt that Q and Liv were made for each other, and that the devastating events that occurred when they both lost a loved one -Quarry's first girlfriend and Liv's best friend Mia - was set to test them and bring them even closer than before.

I always worry in books like these, that the heroine will always be competing with the lost love, but this book proves that humans have the capacity to love big and hard, and love multiple times, just in different ways. Mia left a legacy in that she brought two people who were very special to her, together like they were always meant to be.

**"Liv James was absolutely everything to me. Well, almost. She wasn't mine. Yet."**

This book brought out a lot of emotions in me, and at times I was sitting there with a huge knot in my chest because my heart absolutely ached for these characters so much, I felt everything that I know the author intended me to feel. I adored how much these two were devoted to each other, and let me tell you that the wait for them to finally realise that their feelings were more than just best friends was **so worth it**.

Without a doubt this whole series is on my list of all time favourites, it was such an absolute pleasure to read, with the faultless writing and the perfectly exhilarating story, to the deep emotional connection that is so easy to make with the characters, there is nothing that I can find issue with.

Top marks for creating an epic love story that I will always remember and hold dear.

**"Every. Single. Day."**

*Fighting Solitude is the last in the series, each of which follow a different brother. Told in dual POV*

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### **Mysza says**

I dunno, I dunno, I wanted to love this book because... duh? ALy Martinez and Page brothers, but I can't fully admit it knocked my socks off. I mean, the writing was great, Aly knows how to write deeply emotional, heart-breaking story, with a touch of angst, sweetness and sexiness, there was just something...

I'm confused because I did enjoy it very much, but it also had one of my biggest pet peeves, which was Mia being present in this book. And damn if I didn't cringe every time she was mentioned.

I don't care how good and saint she was, she took away the greatness of Q and Liv's almost epic love story. And I think Mia not being there at all, would make it so much better.

(view spoiler)

On the other hand, I loved Q and Liv together, I loved them so much! Their relationship was passionate, intense and they had tons of chemistry. First friends then lovers, always having each other's back and so so hot for each other. As a couple they were simply perfection, you could feel the friendship, the love. I just couldn't get over Mia issue, arghhh! But hey, most readers seem to be able to get past it so I may be the

strange one here.

To sum up, everyone who loved first 2 books in this series, should probably love this one too. I did enjoy Q and Liv's story as well, but it wasn't my favourite, which is still Till and Eliza's. I'm sad that the series is over but at the same time happy I got to meet Page brothers and could experience their journey to HEA. These boys didn't have it easy in life and I'm so delighted to see that in the end they achieved the happiness they all well deserved.

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**Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says**

**So, not gonna lie. I did NOT want read this book.**

Yep, that's right you heard me. As much as I OMG *lurved* books one and two, I think I subconsciously had every intention of putting this one off until at least, oh, my 90th birthday.

Which will be here in *no time* in the year 2073.

When I'm sure I would have then been able to read it on my knew "Space Age Super Kindle" that just magically implants the story into your head in three easy seconds.

Why, you say?

Whelp, quite simply put...

**Because SCURRED.**

Yep.

Like. A. Pussy.

**\*\*\*SPOILER FOR BOOKS ONE & TWO\*\*\***

Why so scurred, you say?

Three Words...

The pet peeve-inous, "start-your-story-in-the-hole," monstrosity of a hurdle also known as...

The...drumroll...

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### **Dead. Former. Lover.**

Which just makes me wanna crawl in a hole.

Every. Single. Time.

Why?

Because, as we all know, when faced with the "Dead Former Lover" phenomenon we are left in that horridly awkward situation in which one party - in this case the Hero - has the ex-girlfriend from hell situation that is hardest for the reader to swallow.

Because, nine times out of ten, the Hero is no longer with said heroine, not because she was a bitch and they broke up, not because she cheated on him, not because she suddenly decided she was a lesbian, and not because they "grew apart."

But because she's fucking *DEAD*."

Meaning, if she *wasn't* dead...he would probably *still* be with her.

Leaving us to experience that oh-so-self-esteem-boosting experience of joining the heroine in feeling like, what?

Oh, yes...

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### THE CONSOLATION PRIZE

Or in other words...

Now *usually* this blow is muted a little by the fact that said wife/girlfriend/lover is, well...dead.

And we don't have to meet her.

Well not so here, homies, not so here.

Because, in *this* case, not only did we have the ~~displeasure~~ opportunity in book two to MEET said paragon...we actually *LIKED* said paragon.

Oh. *Joy*

So, not only do we have what in itself is just a shiteous situation, we now have the added dimension of having built a bond with said dead girlfriend.

And have now left the last book feeling perhaps a *smidge* of resentment for whom will be our heroine in the book we are supposed to be excited to read next.

Sounds like a good time, right?

No.

And on top of THAT, because we actually LIKED said dead girl - but she's DEAD - we now have the added GRIEF angle.

Which I typically prefer to avoid.

At all costs.

Like Donald Trump and his hair prefer to avoid wind...

..And apparently a normal, non-neon orange skin tone.

**But I digress.**

Long story short: I was not all that excited to read this.

But - it being the sometimes miraculous world we live in - somehow, someway, Aly Martinez herself apparently ran across my review of her previous book, Fighting Shadows, liked it, and gave little ole me a shout out on Facebook!

**LOLZ.**

In all sincerity though, I was super flattered that an author I dig actually noticed something I wrote. And

liked it enough to SAY so somewhere. Just like I truly am super flattered whenever any of my GR buddies said they liked my review and/or that it made them laugh.

Because, quite honestly, I'm fucking crazy.

And I know it. And half of the time I'm convinced that none of the shit I spew even makes sense.

But I digress. Again. Sorry!

Anysqueee, Aly noticing my review must have been just straight divine intervention by the book gods.

Because as a result of that interplay, I got this ARC. And therefore got to read a book that I might otherwise have been too chicken shit to read any time soon.

Which would have been a travesty.

Because seriously?

I should never have doubted Homie Aly.

Somehow, she took all the above mentioned issues...

..faced them head ON...

...and fucking smashed them all to smithereens.

Smithereens I tell you.

Now, I am trying not to just uncontrollably gush here - not because this isn't absolutely 100% gush-worthy - but because I don't want to blow anyone's expectations so high that a mere mortal story can't compare.

Regardless, though - this book was just phenomenal.

Aly Martinez's writing is seriously some of my favorite out there.

It's smooth, it's flawless, and you can't help but get lost in the story and the characters.

On top of that, she is able to achieve that perfect blend of drama and poignancy that has ALL of the feels and ALL of the good angst - but without being cheesy and *Days of Our Lives*.

I LOVED Quarry and I LOVED Liv.

The way Martinez was able to build the foundation for their relationship throughout the years, while also somehow managing to avoid making it feel like constant flashbacks or the dreaded "Five Years Earlier" shtick that I hate - SCORE!!! - was seriously impressive.

And on that note, I'm going to stop here. I really want to avoid spoilers of any kind so that everyone can experience firsthand how Liv and Quarry come together.

Because any explanation I provide just wouldn't do it any justice anyway.

**For those on the fence about reading this - those peeps who I know are scared to tackle this just like me and my pussy up there were too?**

**My advice to you is this:**

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**JUMP.**

**Jump over to the "read it" side.**

**Because you won't be sorry.**

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**Me and FROP-Cat are so excited to start this, it's unreal.**

"FROP," for those not in THE KNOW, is what my college teammates and I used to coin the unfortunate "fat roll over pu\$\$y" phenomenon.

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**I'm on the fence with this one. I adored Quarry and Mia and I know he will probably end up with Liv, but it's all just so depressing.**

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**Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says**

**5 Every. Single. Day. Stars**

*You, Quarry Page, are the embodiment of my greatest fear.*

Aly, I don't know how you do it but damn but you do it well. This book was simply AMAZING. Easily my favorite in the series and my favorite the author has written to date. It was everything I had hoped it would be and so much more. I cried, I laughed, I swooned, and I fell so freaking hard for Quarry and Liv.

*I refuse to let you fight me on this. I refuse to deny the way I feel about you. And I absolutely refuse to let you deny what you feel for me. You want this. I get that you're scared, but trust me. I WILL make this work for us.*

Quarry "The Stone Fist" Page. \*Pervy sigh\* Just saying his name out loud gives me shivers. After falling hard for the older Page brothers, I was almost afraid to read Quarry's story. With everything that happened in the previous book, my reasons could be narrowed to two concerns.

1. I was afraid that Liv would feel like a consolation prize after everything that he had with Mia.  
and

2. I was afraid that the author may resort to something that I've seen too much of in other books, and not giving Mia's memory justice or even villainizing her to serve as the catalyst for the hero moving on.  
Don't look at me like that. You know you've read your share of those. Well if you were anything like me, set those fears away, oh doubtful ones, because Aly is about to serve all the feels and she will do it flawlessly.

*I loved her- like family. Unfortunately my body had gotten a few wires crossed and now thought I should love her in that hey-let-me-make-you-come-until-you-forget-the-English-language kind of way.*

You may remember Liv as Leo's daughter in Broken Course. She also made a small appearance as Quarry and Mia's best friend in Fighting Shadows. But Fighting Solitude will take you back to the very beginning. To the moment that set everything in motion and take you through the years to come. It will give the readers front row seats to Quarry and Liv's beautiful but also volatile friendship and love. Volatile, because they were just kids when they met. And beautiful because it's a story of soulmates unlike any I've read before.

*My lungs burned for the exhale I refused them. I'd waited my entire life for this moment with Liv. Air could wait.*

The author did such an incredible job mixing deep emotions with quirky humor that all flows together into one phenomenal romance. Yes there's heavy emotional situations that made me cry like a baby. But with that right touch of humor, Aly took something that would have been almost too hard to read about and made it work. It just...worked.

Aly and Quarry together are absolute perfection. I couldn't get enough of them. But truly the star of the show

was Quarry. He stole my heart as a young and tortured boy and he totally enraptured me as a grown man. I don't even have the words to describe him. The way he dealt with Mia's death, the way he dealt with Liv's doubts, the way he dealt with protecting his family...all of it made it impossible not to love him. I never thought anyone would top Till for me, but I have myself a favorite Page brother after this book.

Everything about Fighting Solitude worked; the pace, the writing, the romance, the emotion, the romance and did I mention the romance? I read it with butterflies in my stomach and I swear Aly's writing was practically sizzling with electric currents in this one. It was that good. It was flawless, gripping, emotional, magnetic, and just so effortlessly done. The woman is a true rock star in my eyes. This book is exactly the reason why she's been on my auto-buy list since the very first book I read by her. She just gets better with each new book she writes. But I think she outdid herself with this one.

My favorite book I've read of Aly's to date.

One of my favorite books I've read this year.

One of my favorite soulmate romances I've ever read.

One of my favorite heroes that I will take with me for years to come.

And a book I'd recommend everyone reads if you're looking for an unforgettable romance.

Period.

Fighting Solitude made my heart hurt and then made it feel so full it could burst. I still can't stop thinking about it. I feel the mother of all book hangovers to follow.

I highly recommend reading the books in order to get the full effect of the story and certain nuances that happen here.

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**Sophie \*\*2 Greek Girls Reading\*\* says**

**5 "Every. Single. Day" stars**

Quarry Page, the youngest Page brother, is a professional boxer and has overcomed many difficulties in his short life. He's barely 24, but he has suffered a lot since he was born. Now he's finally in a good place economically, but then comes a tragedy that will take him down emotionally.

Liv James is his childhood best friend who will stand by him through the tough times and the good times. Tragedy hits both of them and affects their lives. Can they both leave behind the ghosts of their past and find what they have been missing on each other? Are they willing to fight for each other?

"I lost my first love, but I refused to lose my soulmate."

## **I FREAKING LOVE THIS SERIES!!!!**

(Please proceed with caution. Fangirling and emotional outburst may occur. )

I don't know how she has done that, but Aly has made me love these brothers and their stories have touched me deep in my heart. I grew to love each one of these characters since the first book, when Q was a little kid, who would follow his older brother out of the building and he would ask him all these questions and he would claim that he loved and wanted to marry Eliza. So freaking cute!!

At the same time, he was a little devil growing up, with cursing to be his most characteristic trait. I mean I loved getting to look at his life since the early stage of that, how everything that happened to him shaped him to be the man he now was. Fighting Silence and Till was my favorite in the series, but now I can't say, because I love Q equally as much and I'm not even kidding, when I say that they both share 1st place and Flint comes after them.

Fighting Solitude is **heartbreaking, angsty, but also super hot and swoon worthy!!** It's an **amazing friends to lovers story**, with flashbacks from their childhood and how this friendship progressed with time and how it developed after everything that happened to them. Q was probably the dirtiest brother and gave us some really sexy scenes that I had to fan myself and Liv was one of my favorite heroines in this series. I liked the transition to their relationship and the dialogues were also **well written** as always.

Liv James had never been just my best friend. No matter what I'd told myself.

Aly has truly the gift to take you with her and makes you enjoy her books, even when there are a few things that should make you worried. You simply cannot not love them. Page brothers will definitely stay with me and their stories will be **special** and listed as my **favorites**. The part at the ring with the three of them, just gutted me. I started crying as the emotional shit I am.

I wasn't the only champion in the ring that night. So, with Till on my right and Flint on my left, I lifted all of our fits in victory.

I dare you to give them a chance if you haven't done that already! Preferably, read them in order. Trust me when I say you don't want to miss this experience. Thank you, Aly Martinez for bringing life in this family and making us meet Till, Flint & Quarry. I will never forget those fighters.

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## **Brandi says**

### **4.25 Stars**

*Fighting Solitude* is Quarry's book, the youngest Page brother, and let me tell you - I have been anxiously waiting to get my hands on this book. This has been a solid series for me - Aly's writing, the emotion, the journey - I feel like I know these boys, so their stories, their HEA's are very dear to me. And, Quarry, just like his brothers has not had it easy. While he has excelled in the ring, all he sees are failures in his personal life.

Q and Liv. I loved these two together. Their early friendship, the connection they shared, it was easy to pull for them. BUT...

Enter in the mixed feelings.

**\*\* Spoiler for book 1 & 2 \*\***

Mia, \*Sigh\* the ex who dies. I always struggle with this trope. Mainly because most of the story tends to revolve around moving past this lost love, and their greatness. It becomes hard for me not to view the current love story as having that unfortunate label of consolation prize.

***"I'm scared that I'll never be her."***

Personally, Mia took away from the epic love story that could have been Quarry and Liv. Don't get me wrong, I did enjoy them. Their story had a great combination of angst, heartbreak, and swoon. I absolutely loved them together. I just wish the ghost of Mia hadn't been floating around.

***"Every. Single. Day."***

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**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince  
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

**\*\*\*\*\*4.5 STARS\*\*\*\*\***

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**EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.**

I seriously loved this one more than I thought was possible. I must preface this by saying I have not read books 1 & 2 yet, but still was able to follow the story without any issues. I definitely plan on reading the other books now that I've met the youngest of the Page brothers. At the beginning of the story I thought I had a clear picture of who the love interests were but then, BAM, a curve ball gets thrown at me, and honestly I was disappointed because I already was invested in the little girl that Quarry befriended outside the On The Ropes gym – Liv. I was not expecting that he would fall in love with another.

The story starts off with Quarry rushing to get his girlfriend, Mia, to the hospital and then in the next chapter, we go back to when he was a little boy and he meets this cute but spunky girl named Liv. Right from the start they form a special bond and it was clear to everyone except for Liv and Quarry, that there was more than just friendship between them. They both had absentee parents and were deeply affected by it. The two become inseparable and when Quarry learns that he will lose his hearing in the future, just as his older brother Till had, Liv is right by his side to comfort him and makes it her priority to learn ASL. But one day tragedy strikes the Page family and Quarry feels so much guilt over what happened that he does the unthinkable to push Liv away. He thought that someday he would let her down as well and that she'd be better off without him. But he does something so harsh and it rocks Liv to the core. The end result is years of silence between them.

Even though they stop speaking to one another, not a day goes by that they're not in each other's thoughts. Liv still has deep feelings for Quarry and when she learns that he has lost all his hearing, she rushes to Chicago to see him. He welcomes her with open arms but Liv is blindsided by the news that Quarry is in a serious relationship with Mia. At that very second, I hated this girl because she was interfering with my vision of Quarry and Liv riding off into the sunset!! But Aly Martinez succeeds in taking the story in a direction that I seriously didn't see coming.

A huge loss will have Quarry and Liv seeking comfort in each other and eventually old feelings resurface. I thought it odd that they both were able to repress their true feelings for so long. Quarry is one hell of a charismatic book boyfriend. Once he opened his eyes to what had always been right in front of his face, he was determined to make Liv see that they were true soul mates and belonged with each other. Liv drove me a little nuts with her insane loyalty to Mia. In my eyes, she was always Quarry's true love because if there had never been those years of separation, there is no doubt in my mind that there would never have been a Mia. Everyone else could see it, except Liv, and so she frustrated me to no end.

I have to give kudos to Aly for writing some freaking **HOT** shmexy time scenes. Quarry was a heavy weight champion in the boxing ring and in the bedroom!! YOWZA!! Now it leaves me wondering how the other two Page brothers rank in that department!!

**Fighting Solitude** releases on Feb 2nd!! Be sure to pick this one up.

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**Maida»-(`v`)-» says**

**RATING: 4.5 "Nothing Changes" Hearts!! :D <3**

*Fighting Solitude* is a deeply satisfying end to this series, giving us a new Page brother to swoon over and a best friends to lovers romance that brings a smile to our faces and heat to our cheeks.

**“You watch my back, and I watch yours.”**

Quarry and Liv have been best friends since they were little, but before we see them get their inevitable, a misstep causes them to drift apart. It's only after they reconnect, years later, that their relationship heads into uncharted waters, bringing the kind of tension that can only exist between longtime friends. Though Liv is hesitant to become romantically involved given their past, she's upfront as she can be with him, telling him where she stands even as she holds the full depth of her feelings back as a means of self-preservation. Quarry (once acclimated to the fact that he always had feelings for his best friend) is just as much sweet as he is alpha, reassuring Liv's every doubt and facing the intimacy that accompanies their shifting relationship head on while keeping intact what made them best friends in the first place. Their relationship is so very well done, nothing between them feeling manufactured rather heartfelt on an emotional level as well as the physical one.

***Some things were better seen than heard. And I wanted to witness the moment I claimed her as my own. Then I wanted to witness the moment when she realized she didn't need to claim me at all. I was already hers.***

Additionally, the viewpoints of Till and Flint bring a smile to our faces as we see them happily living their fairytale endings. The only drawback is that the addition of Mia (Quarry's past girlfriend) throughout the book seems largely unnecessary, feeling more like something added for the sake of a small bit of drama rather than to further the romance.

***"We're still a family, Rocky. We go home together and keep living, no matter what the outcome is. It's what we do. Together. Always together."***

That minor complaint aside though, this is a story easily devoured, Ms. Martinez ensuring with genuine characters and a hot romance that the chapters fly by until we find ourselves on the last page before we're ready to let the Page family go. Definitely going to miss this family!

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**Posted: September 13, 2016**

**Katy Loves Romance ♥? says**

**5 Every. Single. Day Stars**

Ohhhh Myyyy Gawddddd I love this series.. Lordy what do I say.. I'm going to be a total FANGIRL here so I totally apologise right now!!

I love this series just because it's not just about the romance but also about family and unity and bonds between sisters, brothers and between each other... I can't explain it other than this is the deal here.

**So What's it about?**

I have been looking forward to Quarry Pages story ever since I finished fighting Shadows and after the turmoil and pain that Q was in after he lost his girlfriend and Love of his life Mia!! I was gasping for air and dying to see where this went.. So to say I'm happy is an understatement!!

This begins when Quarry and Liv are children at aged 8 they start to develop a friendship and it spans over time till they get to their 20's therefore we get the bigger picture In my opinion this was just the biggest icing on the cake.. For me anyways. I truly felt deep in with these two because your with them every step of the way.. How they lost Mia **Together** and how they learnt to build their lives Together. But ultimately how they loved each other as friends, as buddies, as Lovers and as Soulmates.. **Every. Single. Day**

Once that picture was built and I was with them in everything and every decision and emotion. Then I saw them truly as adults once they got there, and also how much they really needed each other.

**Liv**

Liv does not want to give into her feelings truly as she feels she's letting Mia down and go and is sooo worried and anxious about that. Yet Quarry has ways of making her see sense...

**"She was so fucking beautiful.**

**My cock inside her.**

**My hand teasing her breast.**

**Her eyes aimed at me taking her body.**

**Needy for me.  
All fucking mine.  
Liv**

### **Quarry**

With the Heavyweight Championship title to aim for, to work for, he has a lot on his mind, yet he NEEDS LIV in his life and he undoubtedly unconditionally loves Liv like he needs to breathe. Once Liv is willing to **Give them a chance** gah it was pure bliss to read.

Guys this is why I loveeee MMA fighter reads, they're raw, Hot, seductive, Alpha heroes and strong Ass men! Yet Aly also knows how to write real emotions and with that combined I 120% have loved this book and this series.. And Quarry was everything I wanted. Really he has a hugeee heart. These two people need each other, their love was just so FULL! That's the only way I can explain it.

So to sum up.. You love Sexy Alpha heroes that need to feel too, love Fiesty heroines that fight to the end in a good way. You like raw sex scenes, friendship, family, love. Then this is your next read.

### **Read it**

This is the last book in this series and although they're standalones of each couple of the Page brothers, I'd advice to read them in order...

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### **Sharon ☠ is an emotional book junkie ☠ says**

You ever have a certain idea of how a story will go and come to find out, it doesn't happen that way At. All? Well, that was this story for me and I can't help but feel a little disappointed.

It also doesn't help that I have a problem...

I'm definitely an addict...I wanted heart break, I expected heart break and I didn't get it. ~sigh~

However, I'm pretty happy with the story...overall. The biggest issue is Mia. She's just infused into everything...and how could she not be?

Luckily, we get a lot of background info...from when Quarry and Liv first meet to their big fight, from what happens to Till and Flint to what happens to Quarry and from when Quarry and Liv make up to Liv meeting Mia and them becoming best friends...yes, *best* friends. ugh!

Then you-know-what happens and we have to struggle though all that. Again, not gut wrenching enough for me...*but* it was headed in the right direction. What was surprising and a total turn off was the affect it had on Liv instead of Quarry!

Liv and Quarry have always been best friends, Liv always wanting more and thank goodness by getting both their POVs we get to find out what Quarry's wanted.

There's some other drama involving another boxer that I could have done without. The only positive in that was Liv's assistant, which was **no** surprise.

By far, my favorite thing was the family. I loved seeing all the guys loved and happy...they were so deserving. And it was really nice how all the women got along so well.

So overall, I enjoyed Q and "Rocky" even though I would have liked more heart break. I'll just have to settle for being sad that the series is over.

### **Favorite quote:**

♥ "Every. Single. Day."

*(Prior to review...)*

Poor Quarry!! she really puts these guys through the ringer! :(

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### **Christy says**

#### **5 “Every. Single. Day.” Stars!**

Last year I read this book called *Fighting Silence* by an author who was new to me. I heard the hero was deaf and I knew right away I had to pick it up. It was the best decision I ever made. I ended up falling in love with

that book so hard, it was one of the best books I read in 2015. *Fighting Solitude* is the third book about the Page brothers. I know these characters. I love these characters. I feel so connected to them. And it makes me feel so much more when I'm reading!!! This book was **perfection**. Even though we aren't very far into the year, I can already tell it's going to be a top favorite read of 2016.

I had been a fighter from the day I'd taken my first breath on earth.

Quarry Page has not had an easy life. None of the Page brothers have. Quarry always had his older brothers there for him, and his best friend Liv. Those were his constants in life. When Quarry lost someone important to him, Liv was there. Liv has always been his best friend. But she's always been more than just a friend, too. Even if Quarry was blind to it for a while.

Liv James had never just been my best friend. No matter what I'd told myself.

Like the majority of readers, at the end of *Fighting Solitude* my heart didn't just break for Q, it shattered. I had no idea how Aly would pick up the pieces and make everything okay for him. I was a bit nervous on how she would do it. No one likes for the heroine they're reading about to feel second best. Like they were never the first choice etc. Let me tell you, it didn't feel like that at all. It felt natural, perfect, like Quarry and Liv were always meant to be together. Because they were. They were never just best friends. They have always been soulmates.

Getting Liv on the same page as Quarry wasn't easy at first. She is hesitant to go there no matter how long she's wanted Q and how deep she feels for him. And it's totally understandable. If that were me, I would be terrified of that change and what it could bring to the one constant person/friendship in my life.

“This doesn’t change. It’s you and me to the core. I’m not going anywhere and neither are you. If it happens to you, it happens to me, remember. And this is definitely happening to us. Please don’t fight it.”

Liv and Quarry were flawless together. Quarry had a heart of gold and Liv was spunky and sassy in the best way. They were both amazing people. They care deeply not only for each other, but the others in their lives. I love the job Liv has. I love how she gives back in that way. Even though what happened with Mia was sad, I can't imagine a world where Q and Liv aren't together so I guess everything really does happen for a reason.

The flow of this book was perfect. The way Martinez paced the book, the past and present chapters, the dual pov. All of it. I kind of want to cry right now just thinking of this series being over. I'm so attached to these characters. You know I cried while reading this book... especially in the epilogue with all the Page brothers... sigh.

I hadn't won that fight alone. I wouldn't have even made it to the fight without them.

This series. These characters. This book. **UNFORGETTABLE**. I realize I'm going on and on like a crazy fan girl, but I can't help it. If you haven't read these books, you don't know what you're missing out on. *Fighting Solitude* is a beautiful conclusion to an amazing series. I can't recommend it enough. I'm sad that it's over, but I'll be re-reading in the future, I know that for certain! 5+ stars and a 2016 favorite!!!

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### **Beverly says**

*On the Ropes* has been an epic series. Every book I read I love more than the last and that's impressive because the Page brothers are pretty epic. This is Quarry's story, the final story, the brother I have been waiting for since I read *Fighting Silence*.

From that moment we learned Quarry was going to lose his hearing, too. Since the moment he broke down and ran, because he was heartbroken. Then in *Fighting Shadows* when we learned that his long time girlfriend was dying. I knew this book would break me, but I wanted it just the same.

I had been a fighter from the day I'd taken my first breath on earth.

I wasn't sure how Aly was going to pull this story off, I had no doubt she could, but how? The story is told in dual point of view and begins in the past. Quarry and Liv, two kids from completely different worlds, meet at *On the Ropes*. Liv is the daughter of Slate's head of security. She lives in Chicago with her affluent family. Quarry is at the gym, because of his brother and is participating in the youth program.

Quarry and Liv may come from different places and backgrounds, but they have a lot in common. They are both fighters. They are strong, loving, protective and giving. Liv and Quarry's friendship grows throughout the years, but there are a lot of growing pains. Though we didn't really see it at the time, Liv was around through so many heartaches the brothers endured. Now we get to see their reactions and consequences from things that happened in *Fighting Silence* and *Fighting Shadows*. Then with Quarry and Liv losing Mia, they have so many things to overcome not just romantically, but in life.

This story is so unique in the fact that Liv and Q know each other. They are best friends and have no real secrets. They don't have to get to know each other, but they do have to let go of the past and move forward. These two are by far my favorite couple. I don't know if it's the fact that I have always been the guy's best friend or if it's because I just love Q, regardless I could feel their love.

These two are completely sure in their love and love without condition. Their story is one of heart ache, tragedy, but they are fighters and refuse to give in.

I am so impressed with Aly, this series has been epic and I am going to truly miss these characters. I am so attached that while reading the epilogue I was tearing up. It's hard to say goodbye to everyone, especially when you can see and feel all they endured. You see how crazy I sound right now...I don't even blame myself, it's all Aly. Because when you read this series you will get it, these characters feel real.

I hadn't won that fight alone. I wouldn't have even made it to the fight without them.

Obviously I recommend this book, I want to shout it from the rough top to read this book. BUT I also want to shout from the rough top that you should read them all.

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**Amy | Foxy Blogs says**

**"EVERY SINGLE DAY"**

I loved this book and everything about it. Out of the 3 books in the series, this one is my favorite. I knew from the moment we met Quarry as a little guy in the first book that I wanted to know how his story turned out.

**On The Ropes series** is an excellent series about 3 brothers and how they overcome hardships in their lives. Till is the oldest of the three and because of their neglectful parents, he takes it upon himself to raise his brothers. The sacrifice and discipline he endures to make sure his younger brothers are well taken care of are honorable.

**FIGHTING SOLITUDE** is Quarry's story of finding love and success within in the confines of life's obstacles. Quarry "**The Stone Fist**" Page is my favorite of the three brothers. His story touched me so deeply that I'm still thinking about it days later. While I may not know what it's like to be deaf or to have a close relationship with someone who is, I do know what it's like to watch someone who you love overcome a disability. The willingness to be "normal" and fit in is human nature.

The complexities of the story from being raised by his older brother -to- losing someone you love -to- knowing you're going deaf -to- becoming a professional fighter was the right mix of awesomeness. It had everything I had hoped for plus more. I'm not a crier but when I read the *notes* left behind I couldn't help but

break down and cry.

This is definitely **a favorite book of 2016** for me. I'm excited to see what Ms. Martinez brings us next because if it's anywhere close to being as good as this one... she'll have another winner.

#### **SERIES:**

Each book focuses on one of the three brothers.

Book 1 - Till | Book 2 - Flint | Book 3 - Quarry

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#### **Lisa Jayne says**

#### **FIVE SOULMATE STARS.**

*"I lost my first love, but I refused to lose my soulmate."*

I didn't think it was possible for Aly Martinez to make me fall harder for this series. I was wrong, 'Fighting solitude' was everything and nothing that I expected all at the same time.

This author has the gorgeous talent of building her stories piece by piece and cleverly combining her gift of dramatic action and soul searching romance. I was left with nothing more to ask for and the overwhelming feeling of being wholly satisfied with this epic, Page brothers journey that quite honestly stole my heart. This is the kind of book that you want to talk, share and gossip about with others. The feels, the passion, the creativity and the imagination that this author has dropped into the series is nothing short of perfection. Liv James and Quarry Page are soul mates that I don't ever want to fail to remember. Their love story is one to be treasured and if it were possible this book would be getting a whole lot more recognition than just a five star review.

#### **What's it all about?**

'Fighting Solitude' is the third book to the fantastic, on the ropes series by the hugely talented, Aly Martinez. Book three concludes the series with the story of the youngest of the Page brothers, Quarry. After facing hardships that most young men don't even have to dream of this fighting hero is making a come back.

Successful, determined and making his mark in the boxing world he finds himself happier than he has been in darker years. But the battle for his heart is not over yet and decisions are to be made for the future of his love. Liv James carries torment and the scars of her past where no one can reach them, her love for Quarry Page has been long lasting and unquestioned. Her best friend and soulmate just doesn't know the depth of her feelings ... Yet. But will Liv be able to let go of what tortures her most? Follow the story of Quarry the fighter and his matching girl, two beautiful souls who just need to find their way to each other and let go of their tragic beginnings.

#### **What did I love?**

When I fall in love with a book, which embarrassingly, let's face it is quite frequent. I'm always met straight

after with the feeling of jealousy. And I'll tell you why, there are future readers who have yet to encounter the experience I've just devoured and now they will get the opportunity to feel all that I have felt for the first time. That's exactly how I feel right now after finishing this stunning end to the 'on the ropes series'. Aly Martinez has created a story that is emotional, hot and beautifully crafted. It's rare that I have time or the excitement to read a novel in one sitting but this story had me in a tangled mess of excited, addicted and desperate to see where Martinez would take these unforgettable characters. The timeline of the story telling is on point and I couldn't even begin to understand how this author is able to connect the story telling so brilliantly. The twists are subtle but impacting and the depth of the plot was both emotional and impressive. This series has become one of my all time favourites and I'm hoping to make time in the future to read them all over again. To the author, Aly Martinez thank you for creating a series worth falling in love with.

### **Final thoughts ...**

Martinez has obviously given her heart over to this series. Quite honestly, I can say with utter sincerity that I believe this author has wrapped up with the perfect conclusion. Get your tissues and wine ready and be prepared to fall hook, line and kindle in love with this stronger than life hero and his sassy but lovingly vulnerable love match. If you have yet to start this series, then I can't persuade you enough to stop what you are doing and start that journey. Aly Martinez is prize worthy and I can only sit back with the biggest smile and applaud her ingenuity. Readers, Quarry and Liv have won me over, no doubt about it, I can't wait to see if you feel the same. Enjoy ... Kisses.

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### **Jennifer Kyle says**

#### **4 ~ “Q & Rocky” STARS**

It seems that this will be the last book in this series as we have sadly ran out of Page brothers to swoon over. This is the youngest Page brother, Quarry's story and it's heartbreakingly angsty, and wraps up the series very nicely for fans!

Liv James is such a wonderful heroine and she sure grows into a fantastic woman during this story. We follow her relationship with Quarry from young kids to adults. From the moment I met her in her father's story I wanted her to have an epic, soulmate kind of love. This is it, however, when she shows up and there seems to be sparks and distant violins playing, our boy Q already has the girlfriend slot filled with a hearing impaired girl named Mia March.

I know I was supposed to get over Mia being there and seriously I'm in my damn forties but UGGGH I didn't give a crap about Mia March and I wanted her to disappear further than being dead if possible. I'm still not quite sure what the hell my issue is with a sainted dead character but I didn't want her impact. I'm exposing my bratty side because no matter how wonderful or insightful she was I didn't want to hear about Mia March.

So back to Liv and Quarry, Aly Martinez sure delivers on friends moving towards more with all the sexual attraction and chemistry. I adored their friendship and once they cross the line they are completely perfection together.

***"I refuse to let you fight me on this. I refuse to deny the way I feel about you. And I absolutely refuse to let you deny what you feel for me. You want this. I get that you're scared, but trust me. I WILL make this work for us.***

***"Some things were better seen than heard. And I wanted her to witness the moment I claimed her as my own. Then I wanted to witness the moment when she realized she didn't need to claim me at all. I was already hers."***

Quarry's hearing is at risk just like his brothers due to a genetic disability but he turns out to be the one of best fighter of the family. Liv has always been in Quarry's corner with the added aspect to their friendship they are both fully complete. This story has added hard to believe drama centering around Quarry's boxing world --- which wasn't needed since I was already stressed about their relationship but does bring to light a character from the book's past.

Overall, Quarry and Liv were well suited, utterly swoon-worthy and the whole gang was included in this story, though I think Sarah's character could have been utilized more since she was my favorite of the prior series. Overall, fans of the series will adore Liv and Quarry and that's all that matters!

***"Every. Single. Day."***

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