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From the author of *All the Right Places*, a sweet and sexy romance about finding the right words and the perfect fit...

Love can take some time to break in...

Teagan O'Brien, heiress to the Riley O'Brien & Co. denim empire, is anything but a spoiled rich girl. She's worked hard to secure her place in the family business and can hold her own, in and out of the office. Only one man has ever been able to get under her skin—sexy football star Nick Priest. Years ago they crossed the line from friends to lovers, but he left her heartbroken. Since then, she's been determined to keep him at arm's length—no matter how tempting he looks in his jeans...

Nick has fortune, fame, and looks that make most women hot and bothered. But he doesn't have the woman he really wants. He knows he screwed up when he walked away from Teagan, and now that he has a second chance, he'll do whatever it takes to win her over—no matter how tongue-tied he gets...

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Carra says

After reading the first book in this series, the author had definitely piqued my interest in Teagan and Nick. I can honestly say that she did a fantastic job at telling their story here in *Coming Apart at the Seams*.

Nick...oh, wow. I absolutely adored him. The way he is written, it's almost impossible not to--he's the kind of guy that you're sympathetic toward due to his impediment, but still lust after thanks to him being exceedingly hot and sexy--and a football player to boot. He's also incredibly sweet...with one small interaction with Teagan though he blows everything to hell.

Teagan is pretty sweet herself, and it's easy to commiserate with her in her unrequited love (or so she thinks). She's smart and determined, and I love that she's also a curvy female since it makes it so much easier to identify with her character for me. Put Teagan and Nick together and what you get is simply explosive.

The way Teagan and Nick delicately dance around each other as we learn about the first half of their story makes for some pretty heavy sexual tension, along with some interesting interactions between them...and it definitely keeps you glued to the pages. I really liked getting to hear their background story in complete detail--when the story returns to present day, it makes it so much easier to understand why they react to each other the way they do. There was some frustration on my part when I just wanted to yell at them to TALK to each other.

The present day scenes did feel a little drawn out to me, which is the only reason I didn't rate this 5 stars (my final rating is 4.5). It's a definite must read in the series, and I can easily see myself re-reading this multiple times in the future, if only to get more of Nick--I just didn't get enough of him the first time around. I'm really glad the author gave us both his and Teagan's points of view, it really gave the story so much depth!

Recommended for 18+ only for adult language and several deliciously explicit sexual content that will require you to have fans and ice-cold drinks on hand while you read. I'm excited to hear Cal's story next!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

When *Coming Apart at the Seams* showed up on my doorstep, I really didn't know what I was getting into with it. I hadn't read book one in the series, but the cover, the blurb and the punny title definitely piqued my interest, so I went in open-minded, and came out feeling pretty happy...

Years after she took her relationship with Nick Priest from friends to lovers—and he broke her heart into tiny pieces—Teagan O'Brien wants nothing to do with him. No matter how well he fills out her company's signature jeans.

Nick knows that he messed up with Teagan. Years of regret and trying to make amends haven't changed that—or the fact that he can't get her to give him the time of day. But he's not about to waste his second chance with her. He knows what he wants, and it's Teagan.

Now all he has to do is prove to her that he is the man she thought he was before his big mistake—and that

what they share is the perfect fit.

This was a really sweet, pretty sexy and charming book. Was it perfect? No—there were moments when Nick’s inability to communicate, which made up a large part of the story and therefore, I can’t really elaborate on without dreaded spoilers, got to be a little *too* much for me. I was frustrated with him, and also with Teagan for being so blind to his plight. However, in this case, those quirks—those frustrations—were outweighed by all the good about this story.

I loved the way that Jenna Sutton structured this story. Starting in the present, Ms. Sutton took us back to the beginning of Teagan and Nick’s friendship, and alongside them, we got to experience the joy of a deep and true connection. This couple were perfect together—he complemented her, just as she complemented him. Their chemistry was palpable, and I was rooting for them from the moment he knocked on her door and ate her...brownies. (What did you think I was gonna say?!) Should he have been more honest? Yes. Should she have been more observant? Absolutely. Would this story have been the same if those things had happened? No—and I think that would have been a shame.

These characters, despite their aforementioned flaws, were very likeable. Teagan was no princess—she wasn’t spoiled, nor did she capitulate in the face of Nick’s onslaught. She (kinda) stood firm in her resolve to not let him all the way back in, and I would have been annoyed with anything less. Nick’s actions, although somewhat understandable when looking at his situation solely from *his* point of view, were not the stuff of dreams. But they sure did make for a nice turnaround when he aimed for forgiveness and his second chance, and when he wasn’t messing up, he was a good man, a sexy, gruff and caring friend/lover.

I’m intrigued enough by this book to want to check out what comes next. I enjoyed the slight interplay between Teagan’s brother, Cal and her best friend, Bebe (I really loved Bebe, actually), and how it’s shaping up to be something of an enemies-to-lovers story. I think that, like *Coming Apart at the Seams*, is going to make be pretty damn happy. ~ Beth, 3.5 stars

Talltree says

Disgusting . H cheats.

H is a huge manho he also apparently has a partner for every day of the week whom he refers to by that day.

Also see this:

<http://www.amazon.com/review/R3T1DPYD...>

sraxe says

If you're thinking about reading this book:

Ugh...this book was so bad. I should've just kept it as a do-not-read rather than getting curious in order to

find out if it was really that bad. And it was. OMG was it ever. And I love that my original remarks about this book were right on the mark ("Manwhore H who's a sexist douche.") about the so-called "hero." The only positive thing I have to say about this is THANK GOD I borrowed it and didn't pay.

The "hero"/zero is a total sexist manwhore. He has a harem of fuck-buddies who he has on-call in his phone. Oh, and he doesn't just refer to them with their names -- he's too cool for that, you see. Instead, he refers to them by the days of the week...because that's when he has sex with them. And if you don't think that's disgusting and sexist, go fucking check yourself. Anyway, the author felt the need to tell us about "Monday" at one point. During his budding attraction and friendship with Teagan, he texted "Monday" up and they "met in a hotel room downtown where he'd done her against the wall, on the bed, and in the shower." Thanks for that visual, author!! Lovely! Just what I need in a romance book.

Anyway, after he and Teagan eventually end up having sex, he's a complete asshole to her. He sneaks out of her place in the middle of the night while she's sleeping and doesn't contact her for a month. She thought he needed time to sort his feelings out, so she let him have that space. And then she finds out her dad has cancer and she needs someone to talk to, someone to be with. She shows up at Nick's apartment and is basically told that their night was a mistake, she should forget it happened, and that it meant nothing. When she confesses that she loves him, he backs away from her. When she gets pathetically desperate and tells him forget the relationship, a friendship is fine with her, he tells her no. He then walks away from her and leaves her standing there. Oh, and then he has someone kick her out of his apartment. Then he disappears for three weeks.

Teagan finds out she's pregnant in this time and tries to contact him, but that's no good because he's off in some cabin and has his phone turned off. He's trying to figure out his feelings or some BS like that. She has a miscarriage and he's still not there.

And then they're apart for a couple of years. Nick is not celibate during this time because, again, the author feels the need to tell the reader that Nick "picked up women, fucked them in hotel rooms, and forgotten them." Awwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww what a totally not!sexist and lovable sweetheart, huh?? Gosh, isn't he just the most sweetest and loving man and totally respectful to women?! He even tells Teagan at one point that "[he] thought about [her] all the time, even when [he] fucked other women." Because it's always such a dream to hear about how he thought about you the entire time he was sticking his dick in other women, right?? My goodness, he just makes my heart gush with joy and happiness and...God, I can't even write this BS without wanting to gag.

I guess I can't expect Nick to be not sexist when the author clearly has issues with internalized sexism herself. While Nick is allowed to fuck other women both before and after sleeping with Teagan, Teagan isn't allowed the same. Teagan has a boyfriend, Marshall, who she's been seeing for MONTHS and hasn't slept with yet. Why? Because "she refused to have sex with one man while she was in love with another." And maybe I missed it, but I don't recall there being mention of Teagan sleeping with others in those years she was apart from Nick. I don't think she did because she's still stuck on Nick, even marking "the months that passed by how far along in her pregnancy she would have been or how old their baby would have been." (She miscarried just before the two month mark, btw, so she does this for like three years.)

When Teagan and Nick are reunited, the author tries to push that Nick always saw them as a "long-term relationship" during their 10 month friendship.

(view spoiler)

The author even gets Teagan's bff to say the same thing:

(view spoiler)

This is either going to go two ways: either the author is trying to push this complete and utter bullshit...or Nick is a fucking cheater. You can't have one without the other, author. Why? Because we're told at one point that Nick called "Tuesday, a woman he'd been screwing on and off for months." THIS happens post-Teagan sex. And if he's been screwing "Tuesday" for MONTHS, that means that he was fucking her during his entire ten-month "long-term romantic relationship" with Teagan. (Oh, and that's only the mention of "Tuesday." Who knows how many others he's fucked in that time.)

How about a little fucking consistency, yeah, author?

And Nick is fucking unreliable so fuck him. When he's talking to Teagan's brothers and it's admitted that he's sleeping with their sister, they ask if she had been a one night stand. He tells the brothers that "[Teagan] thinks it was." What? What the fuck? What else was she supposed to think when you fuck her, crawl out of bed in the middle of the night, don't talk to her for a month, and then send her packing from your apartment? Oh, and don't forget that he's been fucking other women both before and after his night with her.

On top of just being a complete unlikable manwhore, he does other things that piss me off. When he's trying to win her back and she says things he doesn't like? He curls "his hand over her mouth to silence her." And when "she would ignore him, or she **would say things he didn't want to hear, and the only way he could shut her up was by filling her mouth with his tongue.**" Because it's always so fucking attractive when a man puts his hands on you to shut you up, right? How positively knee-weakening.

I don't even have much to say about Teagan because she's pathetic. This is Teagan in a nutshell:

She might tell Nick to stay away from her, but her words rang hollow, since she forgot who she was and why she hated him the moment he touched her. She couldn't find the strength to resist him.

When he kissed her, she kissed him back. When he grabbed her butt, she rubbed against his erection. When he put his hands between her legs, she came.

And that's about all there is to know about her.

When he tries to win her back, he does so in cornering her in dark hallways and other places and just sexing her up. Practically every encounter of theirs consists of them getting it on in some way or another, even if it doesn't get to penetrative sex each time. They have sex more than once in this time, and once even without protection. When she tells him she's on birth control, he felt "overwhelmed with disappointment instead of relief" because "he had become obsessed with the thought of making her pregnant." Yes, because that's so desirable for a woman who tells you again and again that she wants you to stay away from her. You know what that's called, honey? It's called reproductive coercion, which falls directly under domestic violence, and is a form of sexual violence.

And I bet someone reading this is gonna be all *WHY ARE YOU BEING SO SERIOUS?? It's just fiction!!* Well, I'm being serious because it is fucking serious. Why is it okay to perpetuate these disgusting, harmful and poisonous ideas? This shit needs to be called out because **IT'S NOT OK**. I've read these awful notions of reproductive coercion in far too many books, and it's always presented as adorable and *OMG HE WANTS TO HAVE KIDS WITH HER AND MAKE A LIFE WITH HER*. No! It's not fucking okay!

Anyway, when he's done trying to sex her up, he goes and whines to Teagan's brothers. After this, he goes from trying to sex her every time he sees her, to avoiding her and sending gifts instead. I didn't consider this "grovelling" because the presents aren't a big deal for him, considering that he's rich and all. And this gift-giving "grovelling" barely lasts a page or two, that's it. And that gift giving? It wasn't even his idea. Teagan's brothers are the ones who suggest it after they also tell him he needs a new strategy to win her back. Not only do her brothers suggest her needs a new strategy, they also tell him exactly what he should do.

After his gift-giving, the story jumps and the author tells us they've been having sex for a month. Nick is

unhappy because he wants more than just sex. Teagan refuses to give more, so he breaks it off. LOL!! I thought it was really fucking rich coming from someone like him, who treats women as objects, having sex and tossing them aside, but he barely lasts a month before he puts an end to Teagan treating him in a similar manner. But hey, at least she knows his name, right? He's a sexist douche who referred to women he was sleeping with as days of the week, instead of by their names despite sleeping with them for months and months, and he has a problem with an FWB arrangement? lol of course he does. Douche.

ANYWAY! By the end, the author tries to push it aaaaaaaaaaaaaaall away and not make him take any of the blame. Nick says that, when he gets upset, he can't talk properly, which is why he screwed up when she showed up at his place. And you know what that doesn't work, dear author?? Because it didn't matter if he did or didn't talk. What happened was that Teagan made statements and he simply nodded or shook his head at them.

(view spoiler)

So the author can try and excuse it as much as she wants, try and blame his stuttering and say he couldn't talk...but he didn't need to. All he did was nod and shake his head to her statements. And then he threw her out of his apartment.

And if that weren't bad enough, they even put the entire blame on Marshall, Teagan's ex who she never slept with because she was too busy panting after Nick. Marshall told Nick exactly what he needed to hear after he ditched Teagan not only for the three weeks after that above exchange at his place, but also the month before that when he didn't contact her post-sex. And they put the blame on Marshall. The author used him as a scapegoat because she couldn't bear to put the blame on poor ol' sexist douche Nick.

And one last thing that has nothing to do with the above. Teagan's Indian bff Bebe? Why does she say "kanya"?? The author tells us that: "although she'd grown up in the United States, Bebe spoke several languages that were native to India, and she often called Teagan *kanya*, which meant "girl" in Hindi. It was the way she showed affection." And I have never in my life heard the word, other than in relation to astrology or in a compound, like *kanyaadan*. I know the word "girl" in many languages from South Asia, but I've never fucking heard this word before used like this. If someone has heard it before being used as simply "girl," please let me know, because I am fucking drawing a blank here. The author uses it like this:

"You need to relax, *kanya*."

"You're leading him on, *kanya*."

"You're going to be a great mother, *kanya*. This baby won the mommy lotto."

Why does this bother me so much? Because it's just another time that a white author couldn't just write a POC character as being just like some other character. Instead, they feel the need to throw "ethnic" elements in there, like Bebe using a supposed Hindi word all the time, in order to authenticate their POC character. You know what POC people are like, both raised in NA and back in their home country? They're like fucking everyone else. They don't need to be exoticized in order to bring out their POCness.

Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

Sometimes, you read a book where the characters are so perfect for each other but just can't get it right and all you want to do is shake some sense into them - that's exactly how I felt as I was reading this book.

Teagan O'Brien took a risk getting involved with her best friend and it blew up in her face when he walked away and broke her heart. It's been a few years since then and now he's back wanting a second chance, something she is definitely not willing to give him, but her body does not seem to have received that memo. Oh, and her brother just gave him a job, working under her (pun intended) so it's about to get even harder

resisting him.

Nick Priest knew that he messed up badly with Teagan when he pushed her away, but his insecurities were overwhelming at the time and now all he wants is a future with her and he's willing to take anything she dishes out as long as she gives him a second chance.

COMING APART AT THE SEAMS is a love story done just right! With enough heartache, drama and sexy interludes, Ms. Sutton takes you from anticipation to laughter to tears and back again, over and over and it never gets old. The words to express just how much I enjoyed Nick and Teagan's story are hard to come by but one thing is sure: I loved it.

I'm not usually a fan of the angst and drama in relationships, but there was just something about this one that drew me in and had me rooting for them from the very first page. Maybe it's Nick's communication issues and his cold upbringing, or Teagan's fearless way of going after what she wants and the time they spent enjoying each other's company, but these two stole my heart. Were they perfect? Definitely not! For such a take charge, sexy man and fearless athlete, Nick was not bold when and where it counted and I really wish Teagan had been more observant and pushy with Nick. If only they had been a bit more honest with each other and actually talked, they may have saved themselves years of heartache.

I love how this story played out, starting in the present and taking us back to the beginning of Nick and Teagan as friends and then lovers. Every single piece of their history shows just how right they are for each other and just how deep their connection is - from their shared interest in history to their effortless and easy friendship.

With COMING APART AT THE SEAMS, Ms. Sutton has secured a place as one of my favorite authors and I will be looking forward to more from her.

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Jeananna says

OH MY HEART! this story and the love that these 2 have for each other was so heart wrenching! This story proved that opening your heart and putting yourself out there and facing the chance of rejection is one of the scariest, bravest, most daring things that a person can do but OH MAN the rewards can be life-altering!

Look for my series review at <http://thebookreadinggals.com/> on 12/1 - release date for book 2 in this fantastic HOT Contemporary Romance series!

12/1/15:

Series Review:

What a fantastic new series that I cannot wait to read more of!!

In *All the Right Places*, Quinn has a lot of responsibility weighing on his shoulders and while he takes these responsibilities and his job and his family seriously he's beginning to realize that something or someone is missing in his life.

Amelia has spent so much of her life trying not to make wrong choices that she has shut herself off from the world. When she and Quinn are thrown together by a scheming O'Brien sister they not only find a chemistry that is off the charts but they find that missing piece in the other and now have to figure out what they will sacrifice to keep it!

The misunderstandings and miscommunication tore at my heart for these two and I was so happy to read the wrap up! and as a bonus I had the ARC for book 2 loaded and waiting on my Kindle!!

Coming Apart at the Seams is Teagan and Nick's story. In *All the Right Places* we saw brief glimpses of Nick and what we saw of Teagan kind of left me on the fence as to whether I would like her or not... it's a sign of great writing for an author to take a character who made some questionable moves in book 1 and make me root for her, cry for her and finally applaud her!

I loved Nick from the start and when he opened himself up and decided that Teagan was the one, he went full force! Little did he know the uphill fight that he would have and my heart was so torn between supporting Teagan in her battle to keep Nick out (you will have to read the story to know more – not giving this twist away) but also wanting to see the healing that both of the characters needed to truly love one another!

and here I go again talking about fictional characters as if they are real... I love when a book/series/author draws that kind of response from me! This series and author are a true gem in the Contemporary Romance genre!

Grade A

- See more at: <http://thebookreadinggals.com/release...>

Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/1IBmq3W>

Oh yes. Sutton has charmed me completely!

Okay so the quick of it is that Nick was best friends with Teagan's brothers and while the two of them were living away from home for a few years they struck up a friendship of their own. One that, of course, led to more...and a spectacularly bad break up. And, now, years later, Nick is ready to make amends and try to win back the woman he's never stopped loving. She however? Still mightily pissed. Even if she still, damn her, wants to lick him all over.

I loved the hero. He has a speech impediment and it made him such an interesting character. He's had a severe stutter his entire life and it's really shaped him as a person. His insecurities, how he interacts with people, things he thinks are barred to him because of it, etc. He was a good guy, smart, talented (he was a football player for half the book) and determined.

The heroine. She's a force. Lively. And she can hold a grudge. My kinda girl! lol I actually really liked her even if she was a spot stubborn now and again. She was caring and funny and pretty dang strong.

The two were interesting. She's very much a talker which complimented his quiet nature and really seemed to get him and how he thought. I loved watching them become friends while they were away from home years earlier, seeing the attraction build and finally something coming of it before it all (holy crap) crashed and burned. They had amazing chemistry and, whew, the naughty bits when they were together...niiice. The romance was pretty slow building, had the glorious going up in flames moment and then brought the fire when he tried to make amends years later and she just wasn't having it. It definitely kept a girl on her toes.

My only quip was something we talked about on here a few weeks back. Heroines who slap their hero when they're angry. I wasn't loving the scene where it happened in here. Or after when another woman told him he deserved it and he agreed.

Overall, though, *Coming Apart at the Seams* was fresh, unique, and left me totally smitten. I'm loving the O'Brien clan and can't wait for more.

Mignon Mykel says

When this series first crossed my radar, I passed it up.

I thought about it a few times, but I passed it up again. Nothing truly grabbed me with the synopsis of book one and my TBR list was simply too long. But one day I was grocery shopping and *ALL THE RIGHT PLACES* was sitting on the shelves. Epilogue reader that I am read the end and just. Like. That...

I knew that this was a series I dumbly put to the side.

I absolutely loved this newest O'Brien to hit the scene -- Teagan is a lovely heroine who has been in love with her brothers' best friend for as long as she can remember. Nick has had a thing for Teagan, too, since she's grown up especially. But he has something he's been hiding, and he's always been terrified that he wasn't good enough, not man enough, would never simply be enough, so he let that opportunity pass.

As much as I liked Teagan and the O'Brien's who filter through the pages, it was Nick and his vulnerabilities that had me begging for more. I loved that when he and Teagan first started truly talking, she was ok with his short answers because she was able to finish his sentences. They simply jived well together. The more he opened up to her, the more his fears came to surface for him, but I absolutely loved watching him open up, call her 'T', and let her in.

Like (what I read) in the first book, this epilogue takes us a few years in the future and I. LOVED. It. Just loved it. Regardless, though, Teagan and Nick have some hurdles to get through, and watching them conquer them made this an endearing read.

*received a copy in exchange for an honest review

Tash says

Reviewed @ Confessions From Romaholics

Review copy kindly provided by author in exchange for a honest review

NICK!!!!

I have been dying for his story ever since I first met him in the previous book All The Right Places when he was introduced as the best friend of Quinn and there was hints he had broken the cardinal rule of best friends.

Sister off limits and there was a story waiting to be told for Nick as he may have it all with his charm and good looks. There was hidden hurt and the stutter that has impacted his life and himself personally more then he would ever admit up front. So I was waiting to get into his head and Sutton didn't disappoint.

Coming Apart at the Seams starts off where we left the characters , however it takes a turn by going back into the past and learning how things happened that lead us to the point that we are now.

What happened that lead to Nick trying his hardest to get a second chance and what no better way then now given how things are.

However Teagan wants nothing to do with him. Years may of past since they crossed the boundaries and took a chance when they become lovers but she is still heartbroken and wants nothing to do with Nick despite his association on a personal and professional level with the family company and the family.

It doesn't matter Nick knows he let her get away and messed up , Teagan is no pushover and is dictating things.

It going to take a big ask of Nick and is he up for the job?

Coming Apart at the Seam wasn't perfect but does deliver a story that makes it believable and allows to understand what happened by giving us full access by delving into the past and spending a good chunk of the first bit of this book exploring how they began from friends to lovers. Whilst raising up issues that shapes the book with Nick problems of communication figuratively and literally and how it affects everything. As a stutter is nothing to be ashamed of but my heart for this man who has to face mor then his first share of problems because of it.

Teagan was perfect for him, an intelligent woman who saw past that and saw him for who he was an ordinary person who happened to be a pro footballer . The fact that she focused on that rather then what drove him to do what was slightly disappointing given that she didn't quickly pick up that he was hurting bad.

I loved my second visit to this company and Sutton didn't disappoint with Nick's and Teagan's story. I can't wait for the third book knowing the characters and the fact I can relate on some levels to Bebe.

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Barb Lie says

Coming Apart at the Seams by Jenna Sutton is the 2nd book in her Riley O' Brien & Co. series. Teagan O'Brien is our heroine in this book; she played a big part in the first book. Teagan is now fully working for Riley O'Brien, and to her dismay, she finds out that Nick, the man she loved and lost was coming to work for the firm.

Nick Priest is a famous pro football player, who is best friends with Quinn and Cal (Teagan's brothers), and he is also a heartrob. Nick knows he hurt Teagan years before, but he is determined win her back; all he wants is a second chance. But even if their chemistry is scorching and she can't resist him sexually, Teagan hates him now. Nick also doesn't talk a lot, as he has a stuttering problem, which he tries to hide. Teagan never really notices it, as Nick seems to be a one word man.

The story then flips to the past, when Teagan was in law school in Boston, and Nick is traded to the Boston team. Nick always considered Teagan his best friends younger sister, and when he sees her again, she is all grown up. He finds himself visiting Teagan often, just being friends. Teagan has a crush on the gorgeous and sexy Nick, but understands they are just friends, and they enjoy each other's company. Their friendship was very nicely done, even though you can see that Nick is having a hard time not being turned on by the luscious Teagan. We do hear his private thoughts, which he is desperately trying to control, as he does not want to lose her friendship, not to mention all the O'Brien family members.

Then one night, both give in to their lustful feelings, with Nick leaving in the middle of the night. Teagan realizes she loves Nick, but after a week or two passes without hearing from him, she goes to see him. What Nick tells her breaks her heart, and shortly thereafter, when she tries to contact him as a friend, he does not answer her calls. Why did Nick turn her away? Will Teagan ever forgive him for breaking her heart?

What follows returns to the present, where Nick is doing everything in his power to make Teagan let him explain, and forgive him. She refuses to listen to him, and does her best to be able to work with him and still ignore that she still has feelings for him.

This was a very good, fun story, and a sweet romance. I did think too much time was spent in the past, and as much as I loved Nick, I was not thrilled with his actions at times (Sex is not the only answer to win Teagan back). I loved Teagan in the first book, and continued in this one. It was great to spend time with the O'Briens again. I look forward to the next book in this series, which is expected to be Cal's story.

Barb

The Reading Cafe

Steffanie Schreiber says

A phenomenal follow-up to *All the Right Places*. I love a romance where the characters have a history--it

creates a richer story that can explore the evolution of love rather than a spontaneous big bang of love.

There's nothing sweet about this story--it's raw, emotional, and complex. Nick and Teagan's story is a journey of friendship, love, regret, grace, commitment, and perseverance.

Nick and Teagan are both flawed, imperfect, but aren't we all??? It's refreshing to read a novel where the characters aren't perfect and their stories get messy and, then, they manage to find their happily ever after!

Coming Apart at the Seams is a story of redemption and second chances. Buy this book--you won't regret it!

Lynn Brooks says

I so loved this book! From the beginning until the end, it's super sexy. Nick & Teagan are electrifying together! Then there is the sweet side to the book. I can't even tell you how many "awww"'s passed through my mind as I read it. I won't forget them anytime soon!

Teagan O'Brien has worked hard to earn her position at Riley O'Brien & Company even though she's an heir to the founder and her entire family works there. She never wanted anything handed to her, and only wanted to work there if she was an asset.

Nick Priest met the O'Brien family when he was playing college football with Quinn O'Brien. They basically adopted him to be there anytime he could be for family functions, etc. He went on to play for years for various NFL teams and made time to come back to visit when he could.

Nick is given an opportunity to come work at O'Brien's and jumps on it. He and Teagan have a past. They were best friends years ago until things turned romantic, and then Nick walked away. He wants a second chance with her, but she's emphatic that she wants no part of him. Will he be able to change her mind?

**** Received free in exchange for an honest review ****

Poppy says

I read a couple of the negative reviews that have been posted about this book after I had already read Coming Apart at the Seams. I have to wonder if those people actually read the book because I have a completely different take on the hero. I thought he was one of the more nuanced characters I've read in a romance, and by the end of the book, I absolutely loved him.

I thought the author portrayed Nick very realistically given his status as a pro athlete who is good looking, wealthy, and unattached. In reality, women throw themselves at guys like Nick with the specific goal of having sex with a famous athlete. And if Nick is a manwhore, then what are the women who seek him out?

As for Nick being sexist... again, I disagree. Sexism is one of my hot buttons because I think women can be just as sexist as men. Likewise, women can be just as guilty as men when it comes to objectifying the opposite sex. And as far as Nick goes, he respected his sexual partners as much as they respected him. The author makes it clear that most people view Nick as a dumb jock and treat him like a body with no brain.

I'm an avid romance reader, and let me tell you, Nick is no more promiscuous than the majority of heroes that populate the romance genre today. Seriously, have you seen all the books out there with Manwhore in the title?

I also think it's worth mentioning that there is no cheating in this book, contrary to a couple of the other reviews. Nick doesn't cheat on the heroine at any point in the book. In fact, it's quite the opposite. During the entire time he's trying to win Teagan back, he's celibate. There's even a scene in the book where he tells her he's been celibate for two years or so because of her.

I wasn't planning on leaving a review for this book; I was just going to rate it. But then I saw the reviews slamming the hero, and I decided to take the time to write a review.

All in all, I think Coming Apart at the Seams is one of the best books I've read this year, and Nick and Teagan are a great couple.

Erin Paige Bixby says

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