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Anna's goal in life had been set when she was ten years old: she was going to become a principal dancer at the New York City Ballet, and she made it. Her entire life revolved around dancing, and she loved every second of it. But after a split-second lapse of attention, she lost it all.

Now, with a heart as broken as her leg, she agrees to follow her aunt Irina back home—to Greenville, Arizona.

Mitch lived family life vicariously through his older brother, Mac, and even if he envied Mac's devotion to his wife, he'd never even been close to feeling anything similar to a woman, and he wasn't looking for it, either. When their friend Lisa asks him to show her friend Anna a good time, he's very intrigued about the possibilities a flexible ballerina would present.

Then he gets to truly know her, and that's when things become complicated.

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Sophia says

Ok!!!! I read that it will be another book in the series, called "Resonance", so, I hope that book is about Sisco and Lisa! Please??!!!! ;-) I want/need their story!! :-)

Loz says

3.5 stars

Victoria says

4.25 RATING- I've chatted with a couple GR friends about this book and was surprised to find, it didn't rate as high with them. I liked Center of Gravity and thought it was a quality addition to a series that I love. Mitch and Anna were a cute couple. I loved the fact that some bad ass bikers could get wrapped up watching ballet. I don't want to give anything away but I did have an issue related to one of the main characters and decision they made. However, both were really young and I didn't let it sway my overall feeling for the book or their love story. People make mistakes and life goes on.

One character that I continue to love and wish would get his very own book is Brick! I read the short story on the FCP website but it just made me want more! His sense of humor, his care for his kids, his wife, and his club all make me want to know this MC President more.

Can't wait to see what's next.

BookAddict says

I loved it. I have found that all the books in the series are very rich in character detail, which I have really liked. I think there may be a bit less focus on the MC in this one, or at least the MC stuff seemed more like building blocks for future books, setting up future scenarios. I admit that I enjoyed the book so much that I didn't really give it much thought until I was finished and was reflecting back. I'm not usually analytical about my reading material and I don't know what specific elements within a book make it an enjoyable read for me, but whatever they are, this one had them...lol. I guess what I consider most important would be that I like the characters and really want good things for them. In this series there are so many characters I love, and I hope Lina tells each of their stories. When I finished this book I felt like I was leaving friends that I would not be seeing for a long time. Obviously I can't wait for the next one.

Emily says

Anna led a very structured life as the principal dancer for the New York City Ballet. It was ripped from her in an instant and now Anna has returned home to her aunt Irina in Greenville, Arizona. Anna won't deny that she had a soft crush on Mitch while in school, but she always avoided him as she knew he was a bad boy through and through.

With the help of a friend and a few embarrassing lonely confessions, her close friend sets her up with Mitch. It is supposed to be a one time roll in the hay, but Mitch sees no reason to continue seeing one another. Mitch quickly realizes his feelings are involved, he doesn't want to admit it and with issues in the club he is not sure where he wants it to go. Mitch's role in the Marauder's MC is important and he is in danger and so is Anna. However Mitch's closed mouth about his feelings can cause everything to ruin apart, will he be able to survive the storm that is brewing?

This became an immediate favorite. I loved Anna, she is trying to heal and is struggling with what path she wants to take. Mitch comes off as a laid back bad boy but there is a lot more to him that you didn't see in the previous books. One of the best couples in the series so far. Excellent read.

Susan says

Lina Andersson is a friend and fellow writer in the Freak Circle Press.

I love Mitch. I want to put that right out front. He's gorgeous, of course, and his sense of humor is an absolute delight. He's a bit of a hound, but he's so comfortable with it, and almost gallant about it, that it's not even a flaw.

When he meets Anna, a former ballerina, his first thought is that she's probably so flexible he could try out any number of unique positions with her.

Anna is going through a major life transition that's painful in all sorts of ways. She's not as open to her feelings as Mitch is. But when they click, they really, really do.

The Marauder men are all fantastic, and the club is a family that is loyal and funny and loving and just totally wonderful. Every book in this series makes me love them all more.

Laurie says

I love the Marauder's Series. Edie and Dawg's and Mac and Vi's stories just really drew me in. I thought Mac and Vi's book was one of the sweetest biker stories of all time so I was pretty stoked when I heard this one released. I loved Mitch, I loved Anna, and I liked them together. Mitch was such a horndog, one of his best friends used to pretty much pimp him out to her friends who just needed to get laid. One of the best parts of the book was Mitch falling for a girl who wasn't ready for a relationship beyond fuck buddies. Anna went

from realizing her dream to losing it all so her story was heartbreaking but she showed a strength that not many characters have. These two had a lot of heat too. The first thing Mitch thought of when he found out Anna was a dancer was all the many, many strange positions he could nail her in, and they tried them all. I did occasionally read about a position that made me think “ouch” but then I would wish I was limber enough to pull that off so it all worked out.

I adored seeing more of Mac and Vi and the little glimpses that we got of Edie and Dawg. One of the reasons I love reading a good series so much is that I can revisit my old friends.

I just thought this story dragged. I found myself constantly checking the status bar to see how much I had left to read. I did finally get to see some revenge action from the one handed guy which perked me up a little but then it went completely off the rails for me. When a bad guy from your past goes after your woman, the first thing you need to do is tell her what he looks like. This major oversight almost ruined the book for me. All my disappointment aside, even though this book was not my favorite, I can't wait for the next one so write fast L.A., write very fast.

What song should you have in your playlist while reading this book? Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You by Bob Dylan

Lynea says

Love your writing Lina...!!

C.D. says

Lina Andersson is a friend and fellow author of the Freak Circle Press.

There's a real sweetness to this book, and it's not coming from Anna the darling ballerina. It's coming from Mitch Baxter, which is totally unexpected. I adored how Anna was so shy, unsure, and lacking in confidence. She was quite different from a lot of female leads in MC novels, and that meant our hero had to handle her with care.

But, it's Mitch Baxter. The eternal horn dog was interested in how "bendy" she was, but the girl got under his skin and rather than run off like a child he decided she was interesting enough to spend more time with. I can't get into the storyline too much without risking spoilers, and I really think any book worth its salt deserves to be read and enjoyed with no expectations or obvious conclusions. But one of the "signature" aspects of a Lina Andersson book is how these normal characters fall into this very unusually MC world and it just works in all ways.

I can't wait for the next Marauders book and what Lina has in store for us.

Kristina says

I really REALLY wanted to love this. This particular book was about Mitch (one of Brick's sons). I liked

what I knew of Mitch in previous books - horndog, good-looking, and bored because he's close to an intellectual genius.

The chick paired up with him (Anna), was just not likable and thus the 3.5 stars. I really REALLY tried to like her but some of her behaviors (e.g. trip to New York - hey no spoilers) was the point of no return for her/me.

Mitch was wonderful. Beautiful. Lovable. A great book boyfriend.

Varied Books says

2.5 stars

ok book. Didn't feel the connection between the MC until the 85% mark. loved the epilogue. H was to laid back for me. Passive in dealing w/ the h.

Jillian says

Really enjoyed this

This book was good, Mitch is a great character. Anna annoyed me a little mid book. I did notice some random typos but still a good read. Book 2 is still my favorite so far. Really hoping book three is Sisco and Lisa.

Judy says

A prima ballerina and a biker? Doesn't sound like a good match, but the author pulled it off excellently and delivered a story of a deep love between two totally different people who started off in a purely sexual relationship. First, I highly recommend that you read the first two books in the series so that you are familiar with all of the characters. With that said, the book could be read as a standalone. Mitch is the son of the Marauders president, a young man with a genius level IQ who has been raised in the club. The close, loving relationship between Mitch and his brother (Mac) and his father (Brick) jumps out of the book and makes you feel the family connection. That's one of the things I like about this author, it's not just about the two main characters, it's about all of the other people who are in their life. Mitch has always been a man-ho and has no intentions of settling down with one woman. Anna was a prima ballerina with the NY Ballet when a car accident mangled her leg and took her from the thing she loved most in her life, dancing. The relationship develops slowly and escalates from being friends with benefits to deep love. There's angst, suspense, violence, heart wrenching emotional scenes and some pretty hot sex. The book kept me turning pages and I look forward to the next one in the series. I'm ready to find out what's between Lisa and Sisco.

If you like the Freak Circle Press writing style I highly recommend this book. There were some editing issues but definitely not overwhelming. I love Ms. Anderson's writing style and her ability to make her characters come to life for me.

Deb B says

This series of books is amazingly well written. The back stories of the individual characters have been so well researched and are extremely detailed and the author has chosen to address issues that are often avoided by many authors - conditions such as attention deficit disorder, emotional child abuse & dyslexia. In this particular book the attention to details of computer programming and hacking, European and Russian culture, ballet, and physics & math are astounding and add so much to the basic biker storyline and the individual romance. This is definitely one of my favourite series in this genre.

re-read prior to reading the latest addition to the series

TeriLyn says

5 "Never been a time when you couldn't." Stars

Each book of the Marauders series by Lina Andersson of the Freak Circle Press proves to be a really enjoyable MC romance. I'm impressed with the quality of writing from Andersson because while her plots and characters have been on point from the beginning her writing gets better with each book.

Center of Gravity continues the story of the Marauders from where Book Two *Perfect Collision* ended and focuses on the other Baxter brother - the hound - Mitch. Fun loving, easy going, intelligent, charming, slutty Mitch. I absolutely adored his character. He's a man boy still finding his wings, he knows who he is but he's yet to meet his match so while he waits, he playboys. He meets Anna through Bear's daughter Lisa and is immediately intrigued by his sudden attraction. What I love about Mitch is that he carries his care-free attitude into his friendship with Anna. He doesn't judge, he listens, he contemplates, and he makes her better. Anna a quiet, reserved, dancer and the complete opposite of Mitch but she needs Mitch's brand of TLC after suffering a terribly traumatic accident that's left her feeling short in life. The beautiful friendship with benefits ensues and their story takes off from that point with twists, turns, and two people learning who they are with each other. It seems they are incompatibly matched in their dispositions but the characters compliment each other so well. From the very beginning it's easy for the reader to feel their connection.

A theme that runs rampant through the books of this series is the MC family within the Marauders. This book's hero is Mitch Baxter, second son of the Marauders President Brick. The way Andersson chose to unfold this series by choosing the President's sons to star in their books has been a really intriguing aspect to the MC. The two boys have a relationship so strong it enhances their Brotherhood within the MC and with their father. I loved the parts where the boys were together or them with Brick. It's been a great two books to get to know within their own little family and within the MC as a whole. These are characters with whom it's easy to connect and easy to root for some semblance of a happy ending.

Andersson accelerated the plot of the Marauders MC in this book as well giving us a new look at what the Brothers are facing in their future as a club. I'm looking forward to where that goes, indeed. But more so I'm looking forward to learning about more of the secondary characters I've grown to love in the Marauders. I want to meet all their perfect matches. The Marauders are a great club to read for any fan of the genre. It's easy to get lost in their world for a while especially with great characters so developed as Lina Andersson's.

My reviews of Marauders Series:

Short Story 0 *M-Theory*

Book One *Arrow of Time*

Book Two *Perfect Collision*

Novella 2.5 *S-Duality*
