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#1 bestselling author Lora Leigh is back--with a vengeance--in her latest novel of passion and intrigue, Dagger's Edge, featuring the men of Brute Force.

Ivan Resnova wants nothing more than to escape his hard, brutal past. Starting over is not so easy once you've been a powerful crime boss but now, instead of being punished for his alleged crimes, Ivan fears that the one woman he can't forget is in danger of paying the price.

Crimsyn "Syn" Delaney thought the danger she'd faced was over, and that she could resume her life. She never imagined it would return with a vengeance and throw her back into Ivan's world. But when an attempt is made on her life, she needs Ivan more than ever to keep her safe--even if she is in danger of falling deeply and dangerously in love. . .

Dagger's Edge Details

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

1 I just can't do it Stars

Sorry but I'm tappin' out at 20%. I don't think I have ever DNFed a Netgalley book, but I honestly can't take anymore of this. I wanted to quit as soon as I got 3 pages into the prologue because I had no clue what was going on. I held out and read 3 more chapters. When I got to chapter 4 and I was still bored, and uninterested I knew it was time to give it up.

The fact of the matter is this book confused and bored me to death. The whole prologue I was thinking what the hell is going on. Who are these people, and why should I care? The start was like being thrown into a wreck. Chaos everywhere. Then chapter one started and I was still trying to figure out what was going on. It was so frustrating. I had no back story for the main characters. No connection to them. It was a hot mess.

Then when I finally did get my bearings of who these people were, I didn't care because there was no depth to them. No back story, nothing to connect me to them. I seen some names from another series by Lora Leigh that I read a few years back. The Elite ops series, but that just confused me again. How the hell do they tie into this series. The plot had no depth either. Ivan and Syn jump into bed in chapter 1. I felt no chemistry between them at all. Therefore the sex felt like flat words. Still I forced myself to keep going. I never got into it. I was bored and didn't care what happened to the main couple. On top of that I don't feel this book can be a stand alone read. It was evident that I was missing things that were either touched on in book one or maybe even The Elite Ops series. Either way it felt like I was punishing myself by reading this book. So I quit. Sorry there are Lora Leigh books that I own and love but this one isn't gonna work for me. Maybe if I didn't spend so much time confused, I would have connected but either way I'm out. DNF @20% chapter 4!

<https://jessicasoverthetopbookobsessi...>

Elizabeth says

★3.5★

"It was all I could do to stay away."

Dagger's Edge is the second book in the Brute Force Series. Each book can be read as a stand-alone. Ivan

Resnova is a Russian Mobster who is considered to be royalty. He has faced great trauma in his life and his experiences have made him hard. Crimsyn "Syn" Delaney also comes from a crime family who is guilty of some of the atrocities committed against Ivan. When Syn finds herself in a forced engagement with a family friend, she will do anything to escape. As her path crosses with Ivan the two are physically and emotionally drawn to one another. Despite the significant age difference and the fact that their families are mortal enemies, the two come together and vow to overcome.

"I want you to fuck my mouth first."

Told in multiple POV, **Dagger's Edge** had a very complex plot. Although the main conflict was clear, there was so much going on that at times I felt myself overwhelmed with sorting all of the details out. Still, I found the physical connection between Syn and Ivan to be smoldering and the love they felt for one another to be authentic and full of passion. The secondary characters enhanced the story and yet, perhaps I would have felt more connected if I had read the first book in the series.

"I wish I had come to you sooner."

Overall, I would recommend **Dagger's Edge** to anyone who enjoys a great deal of action and smoking hot passion!

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Val...Shameless.Skanky.B*tchy. says

Astraycat says

Not recommend to read as standalone.

H was the father of h in Collision Point (Brute Force, #1). Both H and h's families were dark and sad and twist. If you were familiar with the author's previous series, you'd understand how evil that can be. Still, they fell in love under a dangerous circumstance although it took a while for them to believe they had the ability to love.

Stubborn H and h, check. Alpha male H, check. Strong-willed h, check. A lot of hot scenes, check.

If you've read Elite Ops series, you'll enjoy this book.

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

I was so excited to have been given the opportunity to read the second book in the series, but I'm sad to say that I didn't enjoy it as I was hoping too. It didn't even feel like a Lora Leigh book, it felt as some one else wrote this story and she just stamped her name on it. Over the many years I have been reading, I have read a lot of this authors work, and this just was not up to par.

The plot to this one was just off, I like the idea but it didn't do anything to make it stand out. The love story its self was okay, I found myself skimming at times.

Overall, I know Lora Leigh can do better then this, maybe its just me but I have to be in the minority here and just at nope not for me, and hope that with her New Breed book due to come out this year that it will be 50% better then this one!

2.5-3 stars.

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

After meeting Journey (aka Syn) in book one, I was definitely interested in the intense chemistry brewing between her and Ivan. I loved that this opens up almost immediately after the events of Collision Point and that we get such a potent history that connects the MCs on a level deeper then just the physical.

"Believe in me, Syn, as I believe in you . . . just believe."

Their bonkers courtship worked for me and I found myself really enjoying Ivan and Journey's love story. It was sexy and angsty and the drama kept me rooted to my kindle. Not to mention the yummy tension that caused sparks every time they were together :)

It wasn't an illusion. This was her reality. She loved. And she was loved in turn.

It really helped that we get both MCs' POVs because I loved knowing that although Journey was torn about their arrangement (since she asked for an illusion but was in fact in love with him) that Ivan knew it wasn't a game, he really was treating her like the love of his life and not as a role he was playing. It went a long way, knowing that Ivan never planned to let Journey go. He was my favorite type of Hero, protective, caring and wickedly alpha.

Quick Summary:

Journey has been on the run, trying to stay one step ahead of her crazy psycho family for the last four years. Years that have been hard on her, both physically and mentally. When fates places her in Ivan's orbit again, she is torn between wanting to turn and run and staying to grasp as much pleasure as she can with the only man she's ever wanted. But it's a bit tricky when he is the same man who has made a career of hunting and exacting revenge on her father and grandfather for a terrible betrayal.

When Ivan proposes they team up, Journey doesn't see any other option but to take him up on his offer, but not before deciding she should get something out of this arrange. Having been fascinated with Ivan for years, Journey figures if they're going to pretend to be lovers to enrage and hopefully get her family to slip up, the least Ivan can do is give her the illusion of the real thing.

Lora Leigh is the queen of crazy over the top plot devices and she has a flare for writing villains who really are insane and straight up horrible people and she doesn't disappoint in this latest book. It also still delivers explosive chemistry and scorching heat between the MCs.

Would I recommend?

If the May/December trope is your trope of choice, you'll enjoy this one. I really liked Journey and Ivan. The chemistry between them is undeniable and has the best kind of tension simmering between them 24/7

*** * * ARC provided for an honest review * * ***

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

SAFETY INFO: (view spoiler)

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Great story full of passion and suspense. Definitely read book 1 first!

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I have to say it took me a few chapters to get into the story. The prologue completely lost me. I actually thought about not continuing the book because I had no idea what it was trying to say. I felt like I was thrown into the middle of a scene. This book is obviously a part two in the series.

Thankfully, I decided to put aside trying to find follow plot and just read. Once I did that and opened myself up to the writing, the story turned out to be awesome.

The author gave us a story of family feud, hate, control, violence. I'm sure that doesn't sound intriguing on its own. However, she also gave us a story of amazing heat, fire, passion, and intrinsic love.

Balanced together, this story was one that was complex and very hard to put down. It also made me realize that I definitely have to read book one and then come back and read this again.

One thing I've seen many times in a series of books is that it's not clearly stated that reading the prior books is critical to the full enjoyment for the reader.

While the author did a good job blending and giving you some of the backstory throughout this book, it's obvious that so much more is missing. Definitely read book one first.

I'm glad I found a new romantic suspense author to add to my one click list. Lora Leigh has fabulous storytelling abilities that stand out amongst the crowd.

\* copy received for review consideration  
full review - <https://amidlifewife.com/daggers-edge...>

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## **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

I am a lover of Lora Leigh and her various series. This just happens to be my first read in this series. Ivan was hot and sexy and could be a very cruel and brutal man. One way to see that side of him was the threatening the one person in the world he loved more than life, Syn. Syn found herself able to breath again. To live life like it should have been, but someone does not want her to step too far in to freedom and light. Syn soon finds that she was not away from the life she left behind. She finds that she must return to continue to life. Brute Force was a novel that I could get deep into. There was an intensity, a touch of suspense, and romance. The characters were good, the plot came along, the pacing was so-so, and sensual steamy connection between Ivan and Syn were all in place.

Dagger's Edge was not a quick read but it was one that would engage you and take you on an adventure that was not so pleasant for Syn or Ivan. Then again it depends on which side of this dangerously intense adventure you were on. I will not say that my heart was stolen, but I did find a series that has peeked my interest a bit more. I will seek out and read book on of the Brute Force series.

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## **Dianne says**

Well, THAT sent my Kindle into meltdown! Who says your knight in shining armor can't be a brutal and powerful crime boss? I mean, come on, is anyone perfect?

Lora Leigh's **DAGGER'S EDGE** is an erotic love story, so leave your blush at the door and grab the fan as one crime boss' daughter goes on the run to avoid becoming the "grand prize bride" and falls into the arms and bed of her father's greatest enemy, the older man she secretly fell for years ago. Toss in some suspense, a mob shoot out or two and one certainly can't blame Journey for running from an arranged marriage, but apparently she didn't get the family gene for covering her trail and Ivan may be the only person who has the connections to save her.

The street action is secondary to the bedroom action, but Lora Leigh is known for her intense sizzle and burn between the sheets! Not sure I bought Journey's character 100%, but Ivan made up for it with his anti-hero,

alpha ways. High energy reading, and two lovers who finally find happiness in spite of the dangerous world around them.

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## Melanie says

### 3.5 Stars

*Dagger's Edge* was an exciting and fast-paced read with a great suspense plot and an incredibly sexy romance.

Crimsyn "Syn" Delaney thought she managed to outrun the danger that has plagued her for the last four years. When danger finds her again, she turns to Ivan Resnova for help. Syn thought her time with Ivan had passed and never expected to see him again, but with danger at every turn Ivan may be the only one who can help Syn to safety even if it means risking her heart in the process.

The romance in this book weirded me out a bit at first as Ivan is the father of the first book's heroine. As the book went on though, the age difference was easier to overlook and I found myself enjoying Syn and Ivan's romance. Ivan finds himself unexpectedly falling for Syn and has a hard time convincing her of that due to trust issues she has. One area without any problems though is in their physical relationship. Their physical chemistry is off the charts and the scenes between Syn and Ivan are incredibly sexy with the perfect amount of steaminess. Fair warning to those who like their romances less explicit, the sex scenes in this book are very frequent with a lot of detail.

The book starts out with a flashback to four years prior to the rest of the book which ended up just confusing me. There's no explanation for the scene or who anyone is and you're essentially just dropped into the middle of it and expected to figure it out. If you haven't read the first book in this series, you may be a bit confused as to who everyone is plus the scenes in the present pick up immediately after the first book. I found the plot with Syn's family to be compelling and enjoyed it more as time went on and I was able to work out what was happening. The ending held a few surprises and I found myself liking the latter half of the book more than the first half.

Overall *Dagger's Edge* ended up being a fun, sexy read and I'll definitely read future books in the series. While this series isn't my favorite, it perfectly hits the spot for a sexy romantic suspense read and I'd recommend it if you're in the mood for one.



*\*\*I received an advance copy of this book from Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.\*\**

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Dagger's Edge is a steamy adventure story, with likable characters, a straightforward but captivating plot, suspense, and off-the-charts hot sex scenes.

While on the run from her family, Journey "Syn" Delaney stumbles across her teenage crush, Ivan Resnova, father of her friend, Amara. The attraction between them is too strong for either of them to ignore, and Syn revels in the night they spend together. But someone is still after her, and since she has been betrayed by everyone in her life, rather than drag Ivan into her mess, she runs again. When Ivan finds her again, she isn't doing as well, and is on the verge of being captured. He takes her under his wing, promising her the illusion that he's in love with her. What neither of them realize is that for both of them, the illusion is becoming real. But love isn't going to keep her safe from her criminal family or from the man to whom she was sold while still a child. Can Ivan neutralize the threat to his woman-and convince her that they belong together?

There are some surprises in the plot, but the real story here is the sexual attraction between Ivan and Syn. Lora Leigh captures the emotions, the physical pull, and the entire encounter with her usual flair.

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## **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

Dagger's Edge by Lora Leigh is book Two in the Brute Force series. This is the story of Journey "Syn" Delaney and Ivan Resnova. I have read the previous book but feel you can make this a standalone book if you wish to do so.

Ivan worked his way out of his criminal past but then he meet up with Syn again. Syn is on the run to save her life after being betrayed. Along the way she runs into Ivan her friend Amara's father Ivan. Syn has always had a slight crush on Ivan. Now, with danger closing in on her moves to isolate herself from him and others to keep them safe. But Ivan moves forward to help her and their feelings grow. This was a page turner for me and couldn't put it down.

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## **Jennifer says**

ARC received for this review

When I was looking at this book before I requested it, I saw it was an author I liked and the hero was a Russian, so of course I requested it. When I got it, I saw it was a second book. I had to go see if I had read the first....I had and oh no, I said I didn't want to read this one. I said I try it and if I have to DNF it I will. But I loved it.

The prologue messed me up. I'm like who are these people, but it all becomes clear. I was prepared to hate

Ivan, but he was a yummy Russian teddy bear. Journey/Crimsyn is awesome and holds her own against his grumpiness. They were great together and smokin' hot even with him being much older. The bad guy totally took me by surprise.

I'm glad I gave this one a chance. Now the next book, I will give a chance since I'm pretty sure I figured out who it will be....

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## **Vikki Vaught says**

3.5 stars

This is the second book I have read by Lora Leigh, and I enjoyed it for the most part. Thanks go to the publisher, via Net-Galley, for the chance to read and review in advance of publication. *Dagger's Edge* is an action-packed romantic suspense novel that walks the edge of erotica.

Ms. Leigh writes fantastic suspense scenes that had me nibbling on my nails, waiting to find out what would happen next. It quickly drew me in, and I had a hard time putting it down. This is a plot-driven story, and for anyone who loves hot, steamy sexual scenes, there are plenty of those.

Regarding the characters, I never truly became vested in either of them. I would have liked more inner thoughts from both of them. The relationship was all about sex with very little emotional connection between the pair, so as a romance this book didn't work for me. At times, the sexual scenes seemed out of place. I found myself flipping through them to get onto the action. I'm sure other readers may not agree because reading is very subjective.

What did work for me, is the high suspense and the startling surprise at the end when I found out who the villain was. I could feel the heroine's pain at this realization. If I were to give two ratings for this book, I'd give 5 Gold Crowns for the suspense and 2 for the romance, hence my 3.5 rating.

If you love high suspense and lots of sexual scenes, then you will enjoy *Dagger's Edge*. While the romance didn't work for me, the suspenseful aspect of this novel kept me engaged and on the edge of my seat and made it a worth-while read. Happy reading!

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## **Beth says**

Holy Hotness Batman!!!!

Known for explosive, erotic, suspense-filled romances, Lora Leigh brings it all, fast and hard in **Dagger's Edge**.

**Dagger's Edge** is a story about the daughter of a ruthless and corrupt businessman, who gets caught up in a war for power. Her only hope is another criminal...an older man...from her past...that she fell for years ago...

Heavy on the steam, Leigh totes that fine line of balancing plot with pleasure in this sizzling hot romantic

suspense. This is not a light-hearted read, but a brutal, erotic, white knuckle reading adventure.

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My Rating: 4.5 stars

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